



City of Westfield
City Council
Finance Subcommittee
Notice of meeting & agenda

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

TIME: 5:15 p.m.

LOCATION: MUNICIPAL BUILDING
59 COURT STREET, WESTFIELD, MA
ROOM 315

AGENDA ITEMS



1. Roll Call
2. Public Participation
3. Approval of the minutes from January 27, 2026
4. Requesting approval of the funds required to fulfill year one of the ratified Successor Agreement for the International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local S574.
5. Appropriation in the amount of \$11,900.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Health Department Purchase of Service Account (15100000-520000) for costs associated with repairs to the landfill groundwater monitoring well.
6. Appropriation in the amount of \$44,500.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Health Department Purchase of Service (15100000-520000) for engineering costs associated with landfill cap repairs.
7. Appropriation in the amount of \$170,720.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Health Department Purchase of Service (15100000-520000) for construction costs associated with landfill cap repairs
8. Appropriation in the amount of \$27,321.25 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Animal Control Purchase of Services Account (12920000-520000-9900) for the replacement of the heating and cooling systems at the Animal Shelter.
9. Appropriation in the amount of \$9,500.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the City Council Purchase of Service Account (11110000-520000) to reframe historic portraits of City Council in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
10. Appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Field Improvement Athletic Field Capital Construction Account (45138730-589200-3215) for costs associated with the construction of the Athletic Fields.

11. Appropriation in the amount of \$637,791.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the School Department FY26 Land and Building Capital Projects Account (54082710-580000) to replace and repair four restrooms at Westfield Technical Academy.
12. Appropriation in the amount of \$131,400.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Parks and Recreation Bullens Improvements Account (45703138-45663010) for renovations to the dugouts at Bullens Field.
13. Appropriation in the amount of \$55,704.00 from the Department of Public Works, Sewer and Wastewater Division Undesignated Fund Account (6700-359000) to the FY26 Vehicle Equipment Account (67004400-585001) to purchase a new truck for the SCADA Technician.
14. Appropriation in the amount of \$15,865.00 from the Department of Public Works, Sewer and Wastewater Division Undesignated Fund Account (6700-359000) to the FY26 Capital Equipment Account (67004400-585000) for the purchase of a new enclosed trailer for the SCADA Technician.
15. Appropriation in the amount of \$47,132.52 from the Department of Public Works Sewer Wastewater Division Undesignated Account (6700-359000) to the FY26 Purchase of Service Account (67004400-520000) to replenish funds used to replace a broken forklift.
16. Appropriation in the amount of \$49,918.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Personnel Department Purchase of Service Account (11520000-520000) to digitize payroll documents for retention in accordance with state laws.
17. Appropriation in the amount of \$6,211.30 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the FY25 Medicare/Medicaid Intergovernmental Account (19160000-560000) to pay a prior year bill that was received in FY26.
18. Appropriation in the amount of \$4,730.04 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the FY25 Medicare/Medicaid Intergovernmental Account (19160000-560000) to pay an invoice that was misplaced when administration of this program was transferred from the School Department to the City.
19. Transfer in the amount of \$40,971.00 within the Westfield Regional Public Safety Communications Center (Dispatch) from the Full-Time Salaries Account (12250000-511000) to the Capital Project Account (12250000-580000) to cover costs associated with the installation of the Southwick Fire Department's Station Alerting System.
20. Transfer in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport Department Full-time Hourly Employees Account (11990000-511100) to the Purchase of Service Account (11990000-520000) for maintenance and repairs to the HVAC System.
21. Transfer in the amount of \$1,201.20 within the Police Department from the FY26 Out of Grade Account (12100000-514200) to the FY25 Out of Grade Account (12100000-514200) to cover costs related to a shift change incurred between August 2024 through June 2025 that was not properly accounted for.
22. Investigate potential avenues and mechanisms for sewer rate rebates or reductions for Westfield residents experiencing financial hardship.

23. Discuss and receive clarification regarding the specific process and rights when ratifying city contracts. In particular, the Finance Committee ask for legal guidance about how City of Somerville v. Somerville Municipal Employees Association, 418 Mass. 21 (1994) and the Office of the Inspector General's December 2020 report entitled "Leadership Failures in Methuen Police Contracts" should impact their work.
24. Transfer of \$18,876.00 from the Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport FT Hourly Employee Account (11990000-511100) to the Purchase of Service Account (11990000-520000) for airport signage improvements in compliance with Westfield Sign Ordinance requirements.

Respectfully submitted,
Councilor Knapik