Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the City of Westfield CITY COUNCIL will be conducted via remote participation. Specific information can be found on the City of Westfield website at www.cityofwestfield.org. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so by tuning into Channel 15 or online at westfieldtv.org. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the City’s website an audio recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING OF RECORD OF MEETING OF March 19, 2020

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Requesting immediate consideration of the acceptance of Grant in the amount of $32,346.77 from Mass DOT Aeronautics Division under Airport Safety and Maintenance Program (ASMP) to the Airport Department for the purchase of two new tow-behind mower decks to maintain grass height which is compliant with the FAA safety requirements. Airport share (20%) $8,086.70 budgeted in expense account #11990000-587000 replacement equipment.

2. Requesting immediate consideration on the transfer of $100,000.00 from the Ambulance Designated Fund Account #2100-340000 to the Ambulance Overtime Account #21002310-513000 for overtime for the hiring of off-duty firefighters and paramedics during this current COVID-19 pandemic situation.

3. Requesting immediate consideration of an appropriation of $40,000.00 from Free Cash to the COVID-19 Technology account #1550000-529999 for additional purchases of equipment and remote licenses.

4. Submitting a Grant in the amount of $5,663.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security through the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for the S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness of Fire Education) program for the Westfield schools. There are no matching funds.
5. Submitting a Grant in the amount of $2,730.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security through the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for the S.A.F.E. program to run in partnership with the Senior Center. There are no matching funds.

6. Appropriation of $113,821.66 from Department of Public Works, Water Division, Undesignated Fund Balance, account #6800-359000 to the following: $22,821.66 to Department of Public Works, Water Division, Long Term Principal, account #68004500-591000 and $91,000.00 to Department of Public Works, Water Division, Temporary Interest, account #68004500-592500.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

7. Transfer of $20,000.00 from the Department of Public Works, Waste Collection Division, Full Time Hourly account #14330000-511100 to the Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Recycling Division, Purchase of Services account #14340000-520000.

Legislative and Ordinance Committee


9. Ordinance relative to compensation for the members of the Westfield School Committee according to Ordinance 1279.

10. Resolution allowing consolidation of school and city functions; an Ordinance amending the Department of Facilities to create a stand-alone Department; and an updated job description of the Director of Facilities.

Personnel Action Committee

11. Appointment of Robert Florek, 171 City View Road, as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. TABLED: Transfer of $18,945.00 from DPW, Stormwater Division, Fiscal Year 2020 Construction account #68504550-589200 to Stormwater Division, Fiscal Year 2016 Construction account #68504550-589200 (prior year bill).

MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS