



**AGENDA OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL  
(TELECONFERENCE)**  
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WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
AUGUST 04, 2020 AT 6:00 PM

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WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

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](http://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](http://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 June 18, 2020 and July 2, 2020**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

1. Requesting immediate consideration on the acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Air National Guard to the Westfield Barnes Regional Airport to paint Runway 2-20 markings and to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Military Construction Cooperative Agreement (MCCA) which is the financial mechanism for the project.
2. Appropriation of \$5,223.04 from Community Preservation Undesignated (FY21) account #24101770-580000 to Community Preservation Account Paper Mill Playground (Recreation) account #24101770-580400-5310.
3. Appropriation of \$100,000.00 from Community Preservation Historic (FY21) account #24101770-580200 (\$50,000.00) and Community Preservation Undesignated (FY21) account #24101770-580000 (\$50,000.00) to Community Preservation Westfield Woman's Club Building (Historic) account #24101770-580200-5120.
4. Appropriation of \$150,000.00 from the Community Preservation Undesignated (FY21) account #24101770-580000 to Community Preservation Account Country Club Drive Greenway Connector (Recreation) account #24101770-580400-5309.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

5. Update on water filtration system - Mayor Humason
6. City Clerk Karen Fanion submitting an Order designating the polling locations for September 1, 2020 and November 3, 2020 elections.
7. City Clerk Karen Fanion submitting the Order calling the State Primary election to be held September 1, 2020.

## **PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS**

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### Finance Committee

8. Motion of Councilor Allie, amended by Councilor Onyski, that the view tax be eliminated, limited, or reduced and that the water tax be also reviewed.
9. Motion of Councilor Flaherty requesting that the Capital Plan be updated by the first meeting in May and such plan should include edits and status updates for items that were listed on the most current capital plan.
10. Transfer of \$30,000.00 within the Law Department from Full Time Salary account #11510000-511000 to Purchase of Services account #11510000-520000 to be used for depositions, mediation, and other costs of litigation.

#### Legislative and Ordinance Committee

11. Order of Taking of Real Estate at 47.5 Shepard Street as it relates to the Westfield River Levee Right-of-Way by right of eminent domain for the purpose of maintenance of the flood control dike structure and an Order of Appropriation in the amount of \$52,000 from the Flood Control Department, Judgments, account #12990000-576000
12. Ordinances and licensing around outdoor dining be reviewed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS**

11. Motion of Councilor Bean requesting update on the hiring of two positions:  
Personnel Director & City Solicitor refer to Mayor Humason
12. Motion of Councilor Bean requesting update on plans and procedures to open City Hall to the public refer to Mayor Humason
13. Motion of Councilor Bean requesting update on the hiring of the Auditor's position refer to Councilor Figy
14. Motion of Councilor Bean to request the Mayor to create a "grant writer's" position for the City of Westfield, including job description, posting and funding source and refer to Mayor Humason.
15. Motion of Councilors Adams, Allie, Bean, Beltrandi, Burns, Figy, Flaherty, Morganelli, and Sullivan to investigate the process for removing the Fire Chief position out of civil service and refer to Law, Personnel and Mayor.