



MINUTES OF LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WESTFIELD, MA
TELECONFERENCE
JANUARY 18, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, certain Covid-19 protection measures were extended as they relate to M.G.L. c. 30A, §20, the Open Meeting Law. This meeting of the City Council, **Legislative and Ordinance Subcommittee** 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 Channel 12 or online at westfieldtv.org or online at Youtube.com - Westfield Community Programming Channel. 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.

1. The meeting was called to order by Councilor Figy at 5:30 PM.
2. Councilor Figy called the Roll. The following committee members were present: Chair, Ralph Figy, James Adams and Michael Burns. Mayor McCabe was also in attendance.
3. Councilor Figy opened the meeting for public participation. There was no one present to speak.

Upon Motion of Councilor Adams it was
VOTED: to close public participation.
Motion seconded by Councilor Burns.
Approved by Roll Call 3-0

4. Upon Motion of Councilor Adams, it was
VOTED: That the L&O Minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting be accepted.
Motion seconded by Councilor Burns.
Approved by Roll Call 3-0

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the committee that he received confirmation from First Assistant City Solicitor Shanna Reed that one does not have to be present at the meeting to vote on the approval of minutes.

5. Upon motion of Councilor Adams, it was
VOTED: to SUBMIT a Resolution for an easement over a portion of the right-of-way known as Sycamore Street with a POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

James Adams	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy gave the committee a brief history of 11 Sycamore St. When the house was originally built, a porch and staircase were placed on City Property. The house has changed ownership 3 times and this has never been noticed at closing. When the most recent owner put the house on the market, the mortgagee determined that a portion of the porch and staircase were on City Property. The City has been asked to grant an easement so the mortgage can be finalized. Councilor Adams commented that while looking at the property in question, he noticed the stairs didn't look original to the home and there was an addition put on as well. He doesn't want to hold up a mortgage but wants to make sure there is no liability on the city if the easement is granted. Councilor Figy stated he believed the easement gives the city more protection. He referred to Attorney Reed's memo, which addressed everything except that. He will follow up with her prior to Thursday's Council meeting.

At 5:38PM, and upon motion of Councilor Burns, it was VOTED to ADJOURN.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

James Adams	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Kaitlyn Bruce, Scribe for the Legislative and Ordinance Subcommittee