



MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
FEBRUARY 04, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bean.

The Clerk called the roll. All thirteen Councilors were present.

Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was

VOTED: That the reading of record of the meeting of January 21, 2021 be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the reimbursable grant in the amount of \$11,400.00 from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to the Westfield Emergency Management Agency be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that this is a reimbursable grant and the Auditor will set up accounts in order to expend the money and then the expenditures will be reimbursed by the grant.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the reimbursable grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to the Westfield Emergency Management Agency be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that this is the same type of grant as above.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated from Free Cash (#1000-359000) to Emergency Management, Purchase of Services account #12910000-520000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the appropriation is needed to pay the phone bill as well as other daily office expenses in order for the department to function.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the rules of the City Council be SUSPENDED in order to allow IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION of the acceptance of gift donation from Mr. Alex Dawicki donating twelve bat boxes he made for his project to obtain his Eagle Scout Certification.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That a gift donation from Mr. Alex Dawicki donating twelve bat boxes he made for his project to obtain his Eagle Scout Certification be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that Alex is a Scout from St. Mary's and this was his environmental project for his Eagle Scout certification and that he is a great young man and thanked him for his gift to the City. Councilor Mello informed the Council that she attended a Flood Control Commission meeting in which the subject of bats being displaced due to construction was discussed and that this is a great useful gift for the City.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: While under suspension, to take items out of order and that items 9. and 10. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

9. Appropriation of \$628,458.00 from Free Cash (#1000-359000) to School Department, Purchase of Land and Building/Capital account #50082720-580000.
10. Appropriation of \$62,405.20 from the Community Preservation Undesignated (FY21) account #24101770-580000 to the CPA Boys and Girls Club Playground (Recreation) account #24101770-580400-5311.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Abstained
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that he is abstaining on the above items due to personal conflicts, as his brother works for the Boys and Girls Club and his wife is the seller's real estate agent relative to the land purchase. Councilor Sullivan left the meeting.

Councilor Sullivan returned to the meeting after the vote.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That items 5., 6., 7., 8., 11. and 12. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

5. Appropriation of \$73,000.00 from Free Cash (#1000-359000) to Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Recycling Division, as follows:
\$65,000.00 to Purchase of Services, account #14340000-520000
\$8,000.00 to Supplies, account #14340000-540000.
6. Appropriation of \$306,000.00 from the Department of Public Works, Water Division Undesignated account #6800-359000 to the Department of Public Works, Water Division, as follows:
\$240,000.00 to Purchase of Services, account #68004500-520000
\$10,000.00 to Supplies, account #68004500-540000
\$40,000.00 to Overtime, account #68004500-513000
\$16,000.00 to Gasoline, account #68004500-548001

7. Appropriation of \$8,500.00 from Department of Public Works, Stormwater Division Undesignated account #6850-359000 to Department of Public Works, Stormwater, Purchase of Services, account #68504550-520000.
8. Appropriation of \$700,000.00 from Free Cash (#1000-359000) to Department of Public Works, Water Division, Construction account #68004500-589200.
11. Appropriation of \$350,000.00 from Free Cash (#1000-359000) to Stabilization account #8303-392000.
12. Appropriation of \$50,000.00 from Free Cash (#1000-359000) to Community Development Department, Cross Street Playground Renovation account #11820000-585005.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the meeting return to regular order.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: That the rules of the City Council be SUSPENDED in order to allow IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION of the reappointment of Cynthia Bronson, 53 Jefferson Street, as a member of the Historical Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the reappointment of Cynthia Bronson, 53 Jefferson Street, as a member of the Historical Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024, be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Ms. Bronson's love of Westfield and all of its history is evident in her words and her actions. She is a member of the Western Hampden Historical Society and volunteers for every opportunity offered with the Historical Commission, including the Ghost Tours at the Old Burying Ground, the Holiday House Tours, the Clean-Up Cemetery events, Dickins Days, Lantern Parade and the 350th

Anniversary Events. She grew up in the downtown area, was fascinated as a child with the history of Westfield, and continues to investigate and learn the history even now. Chair Cindy Gaylord highly recommends her reappointment.

Councilor Figy, Liaison to Council on Aging, gave a Council on Aging COVID update from Tina Gorman, Executive Director of the Council on Aging as follows: There has been a flurry of phone calls this week at the Senior Center from older adults who would like to know if the vaccine will be offered locally in the future. Concerns are primarily focused on the following:

Online registration.

- Even for those who have *some* computer skills, they are very hesitant to share personal information online because of the fear of scams. For those who have no computer skills, the problems are obvious.
- The State is in the process of setting up a telephone registration system. The COA is working with Representative Pease on the testing of that new system with a handful of our clients.
- The COA staff is helping those clients who request assistance with registration after a brief screening.
 - Do you have family who can assist you with registration? They do not have to live close by to do so. (The COA should be a last resort, not a first resort.)
 - Do you have transportation for both appointments?
 - Are you flexible with where and when you'll go?
 - Are you willing to wait a few weeks when more should open up locally here in Westfield?
 - If they're willing to wait, (and most are) we tell them to check the City website, cable Channel 15, and The Westfield News for updates.
- In many cases, seniors are calling the COA at the urging of their children who have decided that they need the vaccine immediately. Most of those seniors are willing to wait for options within the City.
- Many families are assisting with online registration and transportation to the vaccine sites.
- There has been a surge in requests for transfer wheelchairs for use at the Eastfield Mall site. In order to accommodate as many people as possible, the Senior Center is loaning out wheelchairs for one-week at a time. (Most of our medical equipment loans are for up to six months.)
- Tina is in contact with Joe Rouse on a daily basis for updates and planning strategies.
- Tina is working with Lenore from IT to set up a dedicated Vaccine Information voicemail at the Senior Center. That way when seniors or family members call after hours or on the weekend, the greeting will provide some basic information that can be updated frequently.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, as Liaison to Council on Aging, it was
VOTED: That the Council on Aging COVID update be ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$1,000,000.00 be appropriated from Stabilization account #8303-397000 to the Engineering Department, Construction account #14110000-589200 for the following construction projects: \$430,000.00 to Pave City View Boulevard; \$300,000.00 to Pave Hillside Road; \$270,000.00 to Reconstruct Union Street Sidewalks.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that the paving projects were chosen because they are heavily traveled and have been in poor condition for a number of years. The streets will not be reconstructed but instead will be rehabilitated with mill and over lay process. The Union Street sidewalks were prioritized as residents and disability advocates have complained as to the condition of the sidewalks and the sidewalks will connect around Powdermill Village which are heavily used and connect to the PVTA bus stop. There will be a community outreach forum scheduled relative to the sidewalk construction once approved. Councilor Sullivan added that per the City Engineer the paving projects were recommended and high on the list of the pavement management program. He

informed the Council that the Engineering Department budget was cut in June and if it was not cut the projects would have moved forward then. Councilor Onyski, for Ward 6, informed the Council that he appreciates the work being done on the sidewalks on Union Street as he has received many calls over the years to have those sidewalks fixed. Councilor Adams questioned if the City View Boulevard and Hillside Road repaving is needed due to the truck traffic that is being rerouted due the (Cowles) bridge work that is being done and should that paving wait until after the bridge is done. President Bean allowed City Engineer Mark Cressotti to address the Council. Mr. Cressotti informed the Council that the bridge work may not be done until 2025 and those roads are in much need to be repaved and if they are not repaved now they will be in considerably worse condition. Councilor Morganelli informed the Council that he is in agreement that the sidewalks on Union Street are in absolute need of being fixed especially for the gentleman in a wheelchair that has to travel in the road. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council there will be a public process relative to the Union Street sidewalks because some of the sidewalks will be new and with sidewalks there are maintenance responsibilities of the residents. Councilor Allie questioned if the sidewalks at the triangle park on Union Street is part of the project. Mr. Cressotti informed the Council that the project is being concentrated on at the Powdermill Village area and will extend as much westward as can. Councilor Mello questioned if the sidewalk project will impact the businesses on Union Street. Mr. Cressotti informed the Council that there is not any expected impact to the businesses other than lane closures due to the construction. Councilor Burns agreed that City View Boulevard is in need of repaving due to all the potholes.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was
VOTED: That the sum of \$46,028.00 be appropriated from the Stabilization account #8303-397000 (other financing uses) to the Technology Center as follows:

Allocation for one technician position

\$15,175.00 to Full Time Salary account #11550000-511000

\$222.00 to Travel stipend account #11550000-519061

Allocation to Part-time hourly position

\$8,000.00 to Part Time Hourly account #11550000-511110

Allocation to one database admin position

\$22,520 to Full Time Salary account #11550000-511000

\$111.00 to Travel stipend account #11550000-519061

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	No
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that the appropriations are for positions that were cut in the 2021 budget. The positions are much needed due to the significant increase in Chromebooks, the time demands on the current staff and inability for current staff to take vacations and/or sick time. Councilor Sullivan explained that there was much discussion relative to taking the money out of Stabilization since these would be reoccurring expenditures. And due to under calculations of revenue the money was cut from the budget in June and if the under calculations of revenue did not happen the money would have been in the budget and since money has now been received due to the under calculations that money was put into Stabilization and since the budget is the Mayor's responsibility and it is his recommendation, he will support it, but did agree that usually a reoccurring expense should not be taken out of Stabilization. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he would not support a reoccurring expense from Stabilization and questioned why Free Cash was not being used. Councilors Allie and Bean agreed with Councilor Sullivan.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the appointment of Peter Cowles, 18 Egleston Road, as a member of the Public Safety Communications Commission, for a term to expire the first Monday of February 2024, replacing Hipolito Nunez, who wished not to be reappointed, be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Cowles has 15 years of experience in municipal dispatching and brings to the position the viewpoint of a person experienced in a job of a Public Safety Communicator. For years, Mr. Cowles was a dispatcher for the Holyoke Police Department and Westfield Police Dept. He is totally familiar with all that is involved with this job. He is proficient in all Technology Systems and is a Committee member of Spectrum Management and committee member for Public Safety IT Security including 911 Enhancement. He also is on the Western Mass. Radio Interoperability Committee which addresses the needs within the Commonwealth, including municipality needs, provides guidance to MEMA and supports National Homeland Security Guidelines used by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As most of the Council and many Citizens know, he was instrumental in the Babe Ruth International Softball World Series, and currently is Executive Producer responsible for streaming and broadcasting the series. Currently, Mr. Cowles is crucial in his role of Westfield's Media Specialist with responsibilities that involves every department of the City and Community Groups - a more than 12 hour a day job. Previous to that, he was an IT Communications Specialist for Westfield with involvement in all technologies throughout the City including the start-up of this Dispatch Center. There will be no compensation, and we thank Mr. Cowles for offering to help our City. A disclosure statement accepted by the State Ethics Office was approved.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of John Niedzielski, 28 Heritage Lane, as a member of the Water Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	No
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Niedzielski's impeccable background remains an asset to the Water Commission. She read the minutes of 4/22/2019 when he was appointed as follows: Mr. Niedzielski has approximately 30 years of Environmental project related experience including work plan development and implementation of site investigations, Brownfields project management, selecting appropriate remedial technologies, pilot testing technologies, remedial action projects, negotiating with regulatory, agency representatives, waste management, technical support and evaluation. He has an M.S. in Environmental Technology and a B.S. in Biology/Biotechnology from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He is a licensed Site Professional, Drinking Water Supply Operator and Solid Waste Third Party Inspector. He has specialized training in OSHA Regulations and is a member of MA Rural Water Assoc., MA Licensed Site Professionals Organization and Environmental Professionals Organization. He is employed by ACT, as a Senior Project manager and has had extensive experiences in Drinking Water Operations, Knowledge of Collection of water samples, system maintenance to maintain water quality, meter readings, reviewing of system components, backflow device testing as required by DEP and involved in a meter installation project. Lastly he has authored many articles on bacteria in regards to water, heavy metal removal from wastewater, and other technical articles specific to this field.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Thomas H. Pereira, 150 Hillside Road, as a member of the Board of Public Works for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Pereira was first appointed in April 2016, and reappointed March 2018 at which time Mayor Brian Sullivan and the Director of Public Works both recommended his reappointment. He takes the position seriously and has participated in, along with the other board members, various important decisions regarding a varied range of concerns over those years. He would like to continue on this Board and Mayor Humason asks for his reappointment. His ability to interact with people of diverse backgrounds and cultures, and his creative problem solving ability to resolve situations quickly, is an asset. He has a B.S. in Regional Planning, and has been involved in education and competitive coaching. He has taught many grades, English and Science for many, which included differently abled students. His coaching background includes College Level. Mr. Pereira communicates extremely well with the public, and the Public Works Dept., and has a manner which represents the City in the best possible way.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Sara Unger, 24 Kane Brothers Circle, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Ward 1, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Ms. Unger is a great asset to the Commission, Ms. Unger was appointed in 2006 and reappointed many times since then. Her roles here have included being Secretary, many subcommittees including budget and land use, the Hampton Ponds/Playground Revitalization, Signage, Facilities, and proudly serves as our Ward 1 representative. She is a Social Worker for 30+ years for the Commonwealth of Mass. Dealing with many difficult situations of abuse and neglect of children, has a B.S. in Social Work, and has been very involved over the years in the Westfield Public School System activities such as PTO and Fundraising for many events. She has Co-Chaired Arts and Music Festivals. Westfield is fortunate to have her continued involvement on this Commission with her historical knowledge of this Commission's endeavors.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Michael Tirrell, 36 Darby Drive, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Ward 5, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Tirrell is an integral part of this commission representing Ward 5. He is employed by NBC Universal as Director of Data Services, has coached various Westfield Sports teams over 10+ years so is familiar with the City's parks and gives insight to the Commission on the use and maintenance of Westfield's facilities, has served on the Westfield School Committee, and served as the Website Administrator and Board Member for Westfield Little League. Mr. Tirrell is well-known in the sports arena in Westfield and thus his familiarity with Parks and Recreation activities benefits this commission.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Douglas Morash, 9 Gloria Drive, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Ward 6, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Morash is employed by Marsh and McLennan Agency in Worcester as a Retirement Services Consultant. Previously, he had worked for Mass Mutual. He has extensive experience in that industry and has received many awards for Excellence in his field. In the past, he has been involved in being a United Way Coordinator, in the Reading Aloud Volunteer program in schools, in Junior Achievement in mentoring, and is looking forward to continuing on this Commission to serve his Community. All his children have taken part in many Parks and Rec programs and he has helped out in many areas with those programs and he has helped out in many areas with those programs. He states he truly appreciates what the Parks and Rec Department does for our City, providing quality programs for our Citizens at an affordable cost. He wants to continue on this Commission and is honored to continue to represent Ward 6.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Grace Sullivan, 684 Holyoke Road, as a member of the Board of Assessors, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Ms. Sullivan has been on the Board of Assessors for over 30 years and is the Chair of this Board. She has a vast knowledge of all circumstances and aspects of assessing properties, which benefits our City. She has been a realtor for 40+ years and understands the real estate market and values. Her historical knowledge is invaluable to this Board. She has worked with and helped a large portion of Westfield's population. City Assessor Robin Johnson, as in the past, highly recommends Ms. Sullivan's reappointment and states that she is a valuable member of the Board and has been involved in all assessing situations and acts fairly and legally on all issues. The City is fortunate to have Ms. Sullivan want to continue on this Board and for her outstanding service to the City on a Board which sometimes deals with extremely sensitive situations with high emotions. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that he had appointed Grace Sullivan when he was Mayor, that the City is fortunate to have her for all these years, and it's an honor to approve her this evening. Councilor Figy commended her for her service. Councilors Beltrandi and Onyski thanked Ms. Sullivan for her 30 plus years of service.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the motion submitted by Councilor Bean relative to residence requirement for City employment, including Westfield Public Schools and Westfield Gas and Electric be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that the Law Department's Atty. Fitzgerald has written a lengthy response to this motion, citing legal framework and reasons for the unattainability of such requirement. All Councilors received the response. Councilor Bean informed the Council that the motion was really for hiring more Westfield people and not for strict guidelines.

Upon motion of Councilor Mello, for Natural Resources Committee, it was VOTED: That the motion relative to Article III, Section 3-170 - The Water Resources Protection District. Specific attention to but not limited to Section 3-170.3, 3-170.5 and Section 3-170.6 be reviewed originally submitted 10/6/16 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Mello, for Natural Resources Committee, it was VOTED: That the motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane (and Morganelli) to investigate restarting the Barnes Aquifer Protection Advisory Committee (BAPAC) so it can provide

Westfield recommendations for planned land use and development projects over the Barnes Aquifer in Westfield REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Councilor Mello informed the Council that First Assistant Shanna Reed submitted a letter relative to how the BAPAC was created which was per MGL Chapter 40 Section 4A in that the authority is with chief executive officer (Mayor) and it has a duration of 25 years and that the Committee is communicating with the Mayor as to whether or not the Mayor wants to bring BAPAC alive again. At this time there has been no response from the Mayor.

Upon motion of Councilor Burns, it was VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$37,040.00 FROM THE ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT #14110000-589200 FOR THE TAKING OF REAL ESTATE BY RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE WESTERN AVENUE ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION-EAST (PHASE 2)" be given second reading by title only. The Order was given second reading and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Burns, it was VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER OF TAKING OF REAL ESTATE BY RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE WESTERN AVENUE ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION-EAST (PHASE 2)" be given second reading by title only. The Order was given second reading and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "'AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, ADOPTED JUNE 17, 1993" (Chapter 17-82 Speed Limits by adding the following: (c) Thirty miles per hour. Holyoke Road, both directions from 65 Holyoke Road to 325 Holyoke Road) be given second reading by title only. The Ordinance was given second reading and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Adams, it was VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "'AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, ADOPTED JUNE 17, 1993" (Chapter 17-82 Speed

Limits by adding the following: (d) Thirty-five miles per hour. Western Avenue, both directions from the intersection of Granville Road to the intersection of Bates Road) be given second reading by title only. The Ordinance was given second reading and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Adams, it was VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, ADOPTED JUNE 17, 1993" (Chapter 17-115 Parking Prohibited at all times on certain streets by adding Kellogg Street: No Parking northbound from Franklin Street for a distance of 150 feet) be given second reading by title only. The Ordinance was given second reading and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

Councilor Matthews-Kane requested that the City Clerk read item 32. Under Motions, Orders or Resolutions.

The Clerk read as follows: Motion of Councilors Figy, Matthews-Kane and Mello requesting approval of a Resolution Opposing Comcast's Internet Data Cap be refer to

Government Relations and Law Department. Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that the Resolution requests that Comcast reconsider their proposal of the internet data cap. This affects the downtown area which does not have Whip City Fiber and therefore they have no other choice but to use Comcast. With many people already suffering from financial losses during the pandemic, this would be another financial hardship on a necessity for people working from home and students doing remote learning. And this would be joining other local communities opposing the data cap. However, as of yesterday Comcast announced it would delay the internet data cap therefore negating the need of the Resolution. Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council she will make a motion to put the Resolution on file. She addressed the issue of inequity of neighborhoods that have Whip City Fiber and do not have this unfair burden. She expressed that it is her hope that Whip City Fiber will reevaluate their roll out plan and resolve this issue of inequality. And she informed the Council that after the discussion she would make a motion to place the Resolution on file and refer it to the Municipal Light Board. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he is opposed to this Resolution because the Council should not be telling private companies how to run their businesses. Councilor Harris agreed with Councilor Flaherty and informed the Council that if Councilors, as individuals, are opposed to the data cap, they should submit letters on their own. And that Comcast announced in addition to delaying the cap it would not affect lower income or subsidized areas. She expressed her understanding of those that would be affected by this and agreed that she does not want anyone to have to pay any more for internet. She agreed with Councilor Matthews-Kane in referring the matter to the Municipal Light Board with respect to the getting the Whip City Fiber in the lower income neighborhoods. Councilor Morganelli informed the Council that the Resolution has merit, but on the other hand the Council should not be telling businesses how to run their businesses. And it's an opportunity for Whip City Fiber to get their fiber in areas where it is needed. He questioned if there is money out there for families relative to education because the internet is a necessity for education. Councilor Figy informed the Council that former Mayor Brian Sullivan and his partner (Sonia) did a fundraiser to make sure all families have access to the internet and that the Westfield Gas and Electric also contributed. Councilor Adams informed the Council that it would cost \$12,000.00 to get Whip City Fiber at his Broad Street business location and he expressed his concern that some hill town communities are getting fiber before Westfield neighborhoods. Councilor Allie agreed with Councilor Adams and that the Council is not telling Comcast or Whip City Fiber what to do but just lobbying for the residents. Councilor Figy informed the Council that the Resolution is to address an inequity not to tell businesses what to do. Councilor Mello informed the Council that if the decisions of private companies adversely affects the education of the residents of the community it is in the Council's jurisdiction to say something. Councilor Bean informed the Council that this is more about a Whip City Fiber issue and with fiber in the hill towns it makes the company stronger and with this to be referred to the MLB hopefully it will push the matter along.

Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, it was

VOTED: That the motion of Councilors Figy, Matthews-Kane and Mello requesting approval of a Resolution Opposing Comcast's Internet Data Cap be PLACED ON FILE and REFER TO THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

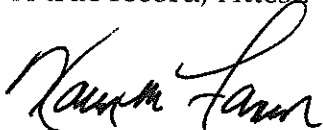
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

At 8:34 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes

A true record, Attest:



Karen M. Fanion
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

Presented to the Mayor

For approval Feb 16 2021

Karen M. Fanion
Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor

Feb 18 2021
Donald F. Humason Jr
Donald F. Humason, Jr., Mayor