

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
FEBRUARY 15, 2018

At 6:30 PM, Mayor Sullivan gave a briefing to the full Council of items on the current agenda under Communications from the Mayor.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA at 7:00 PM by President Beltrandi.

The City Clerk called the roll. Councilor Paul was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was led by the President.

President Beltrandi asked if anyone, other than Channel 15, was recording the meeting and if so to state whether it is an audio or video recording and whether the recording is being live streamed. No one responded.

Upon motion of Councilor Bean, it was
VOTED: That the record of the meeting of February 1, 2018 be ACCEPTED.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that a gift of \$57.00 to the Westfield Animal Shelter from Lori Charette for paint and paint supplies be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershy	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Absent
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was
VOTED: That the rules of the City Council be SUSPENDED in order to allow immediate consideration on items received at tonight's meeting.

Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that both City Council Rule #37 (No measure relative to the appropriation of money shall be passed at the meeting of the council at which it is first presented unless the mayor or head of the department making such request shall appear in person and publicly state the reason for such action and it is adopted by unanimous consent as specified in City Charter) and Rule #38 - (a - In case any order, resolution or vote involves the borrowing, appropriation or expenditure of money in an amount that may exceed \$2,000.00, or the laying of a special tax assessment, or the granting to a person or corporation of any right in, over or under any street or other public ground of the city, the affirmative vote of the majority of all the members of the council shall be necessary for its passage. Every such order, resolution or vote shall be read twice, with an interval of at least ten days between the two readings, before being finally passed, and the vote on the final passage shall be by roll call; provided, however, that upon and after the written recommendation of the mayor, the city council may pass such order, resolution or vote upon the same day by a roll-call vote, with two-thirds of the members of the entire council voting in the affirmative) both need to be suspended.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the sum of \$6,500.00 be transferred within the Veterans Department from Purchase of Services account #15430000-520000 to Part-time Hourly account #15430000-511110.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershay	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Absent
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	No
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: Per Rule #38, the following be given second reading and final passage, that the sum of \$6,500.00 be transferred within the Veterans Department from Purchase of Services account #15430000-520000 to Part-time Hourly account #15430000-511110.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershy	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Absent
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	No
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Allie informed the Council that the Veteran's Director will be retiring in June and that this position is to allow for training for four months. Councilor Bean questioned why this transfer is being given immediate consideration because the Mayor did not request immediate consideration. Councilor Allie informed the Council that he and Council President Beltrandi met with the Mayor and he informed the Mayor that as Chair of the Finance Committee he would ask for immediate consideration, therefore, the Mayor did not ask for immediate consideration.

Councilor Allie offered a motion which was duly seconded for immediate consideration on the transfer of \$3,000.00 within the Airport Department from the Capital Project account #11990000-580000 to Overtime account #11990000-513000.

Councilor Bean questioned why this item needs to have immediate consideration and that if the Mayor wanted immediate consideration he would have asked for immediate consideration.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was
VOTED: That the transfer of \$3,000.00 within the Airport Department from the Capital Project account #11990000-580000 to Overtime account #11990000-513000 be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the Resolution entitled: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NEW VOTING MACHINES" be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Absent
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that per MGL Chapter 54 Section 34, the Council must approve the use of the new voting machines (ImageCast Tabulator) and discontinue the use of the current machines (Accu-Vote machines). Councilor Figy read the Resolution in its entirety.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that an Order entitled "AN ORDER ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ACCOUNT TITLED "SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR PLANNING BOARD CONSULTANT FEES" be given first reading.

The Order was given first reading in its entirety and upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the Order be passed to second reading.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Absent
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That the Order be given second reading by title only.

The Order was given second reading by title and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.
The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershy	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Absent
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the account is needed for a traffic study for a proposed school on Root Road at Roots and that the applicant will pay for the study and the account is needed so the applicant may deposit the money to the City. Councilor Harris questioned what/ who will be running the school. Councilor Allie informed the Council that there is no one in particular at this time that will be running the school. Councilor Morganelli informed the Council that at this time it is a proposed building which will be a two or three story building and that the traffic study is being conducted to address concerns of traffic and parking relative to a proposed school.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: Under immediate consideration that a Resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Schools to submit a Statement of Interest (SOI) with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for an Accelerated Repair project at Westfield High School and Councilor Flaherty read the Resolution as follows: a Resolution entitled "Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on February 15, 2018, the City Council of the City of Westfield, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated prior to February 16, 2018 for the Westfield High School located at 177 Montgomery Road, Westfield, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority categories for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future for an Accelerated Repair project to replace the roof of the gym, locker rooms, boiler room and pool areas and the replacement of entry doors to secure access to the facility and, hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School

Building Authority, or commits the Westfield Public Schools to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Absent
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Councilor Morganelli, Liaison to the Park and Rec Commission, reported from on their meeting of February 12, 2018, as follows: He informed the Council that the Park and Recreation Commission has been in existence since 1929, it is made up of eight members, their purpose is to set policy relative to parks, to advice city council on programs, open space and plan facilities. Their topics at their meeting was creating pickle board courts, usage of the green for music and family festivals and the usage of parks and the Green for the 350th next year.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration that G.L. Disclosure for Christopher Bard, Chief Mechanic in the Fire Department to also serve as an announcer for the School Department, Athletic Department be APPROVED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Absent
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: That the meeting return to regular order.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the notification from PERAC (Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission) submitting the Fiscal Year 2019 appropriation of \$10,457,590.00 be ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE.

Councilor Allie informed the Council that Lynn Rea, Retirement Administrator, informed the Finance Committee that as of January 1, 2017 the City's retirement fund is increasing 7% each year, it's 69.5% funded and will be fully funded in 2034. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that the liability is growing at 5% every year on \$10 million, which is about half of new growth every year and that it is a concern that there is more spending every year and is concerned that the target date of 2034 is not on track and that something is wrong with the whole picture. He informed the Council the report can be looked up on-line on the State's webpage. Councilor Surprise informed the Council that he asked the question relative to the return estimates are not actually adding up.

Upon motion of Councilor Surprise, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That a Special Purpose Stabilization Fund in accordance with Chapter 40 Section 5B of the MGL dedicated to the purpose of repair and maintenance of city-owned roads and sidewalks, to be funded by use of the total revenues of the Westfield Local Option Meals Tax and Room Occupancy Tax, as instituted under MGL Chapter 64L and Chapter 64G Section 3 be established and that this matter be REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

Councilor Surprise informed the Council that there was supposed to be a conference call during the Finance Committee meeting between the Law Department and the Department of Revenue, that did not happen and will take place at the February 28th, 2018 Finance Committee meeting. He informed the Council that it is in the right of the Council to set up the fund. Councilor Onyski questioned if the Law Department approved that the City Council could establish the fund. Councilor Surprise informed the Council that the Law Department is himming and hawing about it. He informed the Council that the Council has to accept the MGL Chapter 40, Section 5B to set up the fund. Councilor Figy informed the Council that the Legislative and Ordinance Committee will wait for the Law Department to approve it before writing the Order establishing the fund. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that the dedication of revenue stream component will stay in Finance Committee. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that there are four components to this matter, the creation of the fund and the acceptance of the State law and those two components are being referred to Legislative and Ordinance Committee. He informed the Council that the sticking points are the stabilization piece and the appropriation portion. Councilor Surprise informed the Council that two of the components will be moved to Legislative

and Ordinance Committee and the Finance is still sitting on the other two components. He informed the Council that needs to be done prior to the budget. Councilor Allie informed the Council that the Finance Committee will meet on February 28th, and that the Mayor agreed to attend to discuss this matter. He informed the Council that he wanted to hold up this item in Finance Committee until the Mayor addressed the issue. He informed the Council that he was not aware that this item was coming out of committee at tonight's meeting. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that the item has to go to Legislative and Ordinance. Councilor Emmershly agreed that it has to go to Legislative and Ordinance Committee and that the Mayor can address the issue in Legislative and Ordinance Committee. Councilor Surprise informed the Council that there is a second part and that there needs to be two separate votes. Councilor Figy informed the Council that the motion was a single motion, it was not separated into the different components, therefore, the whole matter is referred to Legislative and Ordinance Committee.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$175,000.00 be appropriated from Free Cash to the Police Department, Overtime, account #12100000-513000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Absent
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Allie informed the Council that reason for the appropriation is there are officers on long term disability, extended military leave, short term military leave, extended sick leave and in the full time academy and that these shifts need be covered with overtime.

Councilor Allie, for the Finance Committee, offered a motion which was duly seconded, to appropriate \$41,723.82 from Free Cash to the Technology Center, Purchase of Services, account #11550000-520000 with no recommendation from the Finance Committee. He informed the Council that funds were cut from the FY18 budget during the budget process. He informed the Council the appropriation is for service renewals, backup server, copiers and the MUNIS system. Councilor Flaherty informed the

Council that Councilor Paul had a strong opinion relative to this matter and he would suggest tabling the matter. He informed the Council that Councilor Paul informed him, via email, that the budget was cut and that it is not appropriate to use Free Cash to fund it. Councilor Surprise informed the Council he read the email from Councilor Paul and agreed the matter should be tabled. Councilor Bean questioned Councilor Allie why there was no recommendation from the Finance Committee. Councilor Allie informed the Council that he was not happy about doing the appropriation, but that his back was against the wall because it is for service renewals that need to be renewed. Councilor Emmershly agreed that the motion should be not be acted upon tonight.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was
 VOTED: That the appropriation of \$41,723.82 from Free Cash to the Technology Center, Purchase of Services, account #11550000-520000 be TABLED to the next regular meeting of the City Council.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, for the Finance Committee, it was
 VOTED: That the sum of \$11,000.00 be transferred from the Technology Center, Full-Time Salary account #11550000-511000 to the Technology Center, Purchase of Services, account #11550000-520000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Absent
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Allie informed the Council that this transfer is from an unfilled position. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that Councilor Paul won't challenge this because it's an internal transfer.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, for the Finance Committee, it was
 VOTED: That the sum of \$29,400.00 be transferred from the Engineering Department from Full-Time Salary account #14110000-511000 to the following:

- \$26,755.00 to Engineering Department, Purchase of Services account #14110000-520000
- \$2,645.00 to Flood Control Commission, Purchase of Services account #12990000-520000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Absent
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Allie informed the Council that this transfer is for professional services for GIS needs and design services related to a traffic signal on Union Street.

Upon motion of Councilor Emmershly, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the summary of last year's activities and accomplishments, presented by Director of Facilities, Bryan Forrette, be ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE.

Councilor Emmershly informed the Council that Mr. Forrette outlined what he accomplished last year, where he's headed in the future and the cost savings of the department. Councilor Surprise informed the Council that Mr. Forrette has received green community grants and is working on receiving more. Councilor Surprise informed the Council that the Mayor also attended the meeting with the Mayor and reported that they are looking into creating a facilities division within the building department. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that this was a good informational meeting. Councilor Bean agreed with Councilor Flaherty and expressed his appreciation that the Mayor attended the meeting also because Mr. Forrette reports to the Mayor. He informed the Council that he does not believe Mr. Forrette was outfitted properly to be successful because he does not have a budget. He plays a vital role in the health of the City facilities. Councilor Onyski questioned if other departments will be called into Finance Committee and who will be called in next. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that Finance Committee is working on a list. He informed the Council that the facilities department was called in first because it's a new department and the Council needed to know if it's successful and that the City may have to invest a little to get more done such as a centralized depot and that a lot of good information came from this meeting. Councilor Emmershly informed the Council that this department was called in first because the Finance Committee wanted to know if there would be any large capital expenditures for FY19. He informed the Council that Mr. Forrette gave an evaluation report on the facilities and reported that they are in ok shape. Councilor Emmershly informed the Council he will be looking to bring in the

revenue generating departments next. Councilor Surprise informed the Council that there is a tracking list of all the facilities and the supplies used for each facilities. Councilor Babinski concurred with Councilor Flaherty and agreed that the Council needs to support him to be successful and the green communities' grants took a lot work and time and have been successful and now that the process is known more grants will be applied for. Councilor Harris thanked Bryan Forrette for doing a wonderful job, as well as thanking the Police Department for everything they do.

Councilor Figy, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee offered a motion, which was duly seconded, that a motion by Councilors Bean, Paul, and Harris, for a traffic light on the intersection of Ridgecrest Drive and Little River Road to be investigated (3-5-15) be removed from committee. Councilor Figy informed the Council that all traffic issues have to go through the Traffic Commission. Councilor Bean informed the Council that the motion was due to safety issues and there was money available from the Little River project, now there is no funding and upon motion of Councilor Bean, it was
VOTED: That the motion by Councilors Bean, Paul, and Harris, for a traffic light on the intersection of Ridgecrest Drive and Little River Road to be investigated (3-5-15) be WITHDRAWN.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was
VOTED: That an order transferring Care, Custody, Management, and Control of the Twiss Street Transfer Station from the Board of Health to the Board of Public Works (10-6-16) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was
VOTED: That a motion by Councilor Figy to rescind the no parking spaces in front of the old Senior Center on Main Street (9-7-17) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE.

Councilor Morganelli, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, with a 1 to 1, negative recommendation offered a motion that the motion by Councilors Bean and Beltrandi, to move the start time of the regularly scheduled City Council meetings from 7:00 PM to 6:30 PM (2-1-18) be removed from committee.

Councilor Morganelli informed the Council that it was a 1 to 1 vote from the committee with pros and cons from each side. The cons were if the Mayor's briefing was earlier the public would have a harder time getting there, committee meetings would have to be earlier on Council meeting nights. Councilor Bean questioned if the committee discussed a ceiling time for the end of the meeting and that there may be an ordinance that does not allow a new item to start after 10:00 PM. Councilor Bean informed the Council that the Mayor's briefing this evening was only 10 minutes and that everyone sat around for 20 minutes waiting for the meeting to start at 7:00 PM.

Councilor Surprise agreed with Councilor Bean. Councilor Bean informed the Council that after 10:00 PM, it's been a long meeting and some things may get rushed after that time. Councilor Beltrandi agreed that it should be left open for discussion to have an end time especially during the budget meetings. Councilor Morganelli agreed that a meeting lasting beyond 10:00 PM does get to you, but that this evening he used all of the available time between the Mayor's briefing and the starting of the meeting to prepare for the meeting. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that since the meetings are being taped, the public can watch it any time. Councilor Allie informed the Council that having the meetings start earlier is going in the opposite direction of greater public access. He informed the Council that getting from his day job in East Longmeadow can be very difficult and it may be hard to be here any earlier. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that it may be hard to start the Mayor's briefing earlier, but that if the Mayor's briefing could be part of the City Council meeting during "Communications from the Mayor" it may work having the meeting starting at 6:30 PM and Public Participation could be changed to come after "Communications from the Mayor". Councilor Burns agreed that a meeting starting at 7:00 PM and going beyond 10:00 PM is too long and that with taping of the meetings it meets the goal of transparency. Upon motion of Councilor Bean, it was VOTED: That the motion be AMENDED to have the start time of the regularly scheduled City Council meetings from 7:00 PM to 6:30 PM REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the appointment of Douglas A. Morash, 7 Gloria Drive as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Ward 6, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2021, replacing Renee Wroth be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershy	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Absent
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Morash is employed by MassMutual. He is a Retirement Services Professional with extensive experience in the industry. He has a Masters Degree in Finance and has received many awards for Excellence in his field. In the past he has been involved with being a United

Way Coordinator, Reading Aloud Volunteer for Springfield Schools, Junior Achievement and now wants to serve the Community in this Commission. His children have taken part in many Park and Rec programs. He appreciates what the Park and Rec Department does for our City providing quality programs for citizens at an affordable cost. Councilor Harris thanked outgoing Commissioner Renee Wroth for doing a standout job and thanked her for her service.

Upon motion of Councilor Morganelli, for the Public Health and Safety Committee, it was

VOTED: That a motion of Councilor Allie to review alternatives to chlorination for the city's water supply (5/7/15) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Morganelli, for the Public Health and Safety Committee, it was

VOTED: That a motion of Councilor Allie to study the impact of banning Styrofoam in restaurants (5/7/15) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE. The item was acted upon by the Board of Health.

Upon motion of Councilor Morganelli, for the Public Health and Safety Committee, it was

VOTED: That a Presentation relative to Westfield Ban the Bag Project (5/5/16) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Morganelli, for the Public Health and Safety Committee, it was

VOTED: That a motion upon motion of Councilor Allie that the handicap accessibility and use of sidewalks be evaluated (6/2/16) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE. Councilor Allie informed the Council that the issue was pillars on Arnold Street and wheelchairs could not get down the sidewalks and that the issue has been resolved by repositioning the pillars.

Upon motion of Councilor Morganelli, for the Public Health and Safety Committee, it was

VOTED: That a response from Assistant City Solicitor Meghan Bristol relative to the Ordinance regarding Open Burning. 4/6/17 relative to amending the City ordinance concerning open burning Chapter 7 Fire Prevention and Protection, Article 1, Sec. 7-1 (Fire Pit) (6-2-16) (6/16/16) be REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Babinski, for the Public Health and Safety Committee, it was

VOTED: That a motion of Councilors Babinski and Allie that the options needed to

implement additional safeguards for protecting the Barnes Aquifer water resource be reviewed (10/6/16) REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, ADOPTED JUNE 17, 1993" (Delete Chapter 10 Article III. - Sex Offenders) be given second reading by title only.

The Ordinance was given second reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	No
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Absent
Andrew Surprise	No
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that this is a lose lose ordinance and no one wants it, but legal is legal.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, (and Harris), and amended to include the whole Council, it was

VOTED: That a resolution from the City Council from the City of Westfield, to Senator Humason and Representative Velis, strongly supporting any and all efforts to review and strengthen the State's Sex Offender Registry be developed and it was further voted, upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, to add strengthen sex offender sentencing and be REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE and LAW DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, (and Paul, Beltrandi, and Figy), it was VOTED: That compensation of Mayor be reviewed and make recommendations and be REFERRED TO LONG RANGE FINANCE.

Upon motion of Councilor Emmershly, (and Morganelli, Surprise, and Flaherty), it was

VOTED: That a review of city trash services (curbside pick-up, bulk pick-up, recycling,

and Twiss Street drop-off) be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Councilor Emmershy informed the Council that there may be tipping fee increases and that this matter needs to be looked at. He informed the Council that he speaks highly of the trash pick-up program in Westfield.

Councilor Figy reminded everyone that the Senior Center will have a Veteran's Town Hall meeting on February 22nd, 2018 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

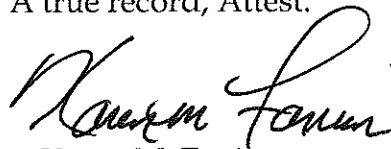
Councilor Figy invited everyone to the Career Center at Westfield High School now being operated by Career Point.

Councilor Flaherty informed everyone of the 350th Comedy Show fundraiser on March 9th, 2018.

Councilor informed the Council that he had a nice tour of the tech center.

At 8:51 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

A true record, Attest:



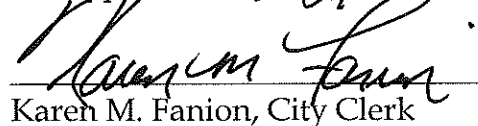
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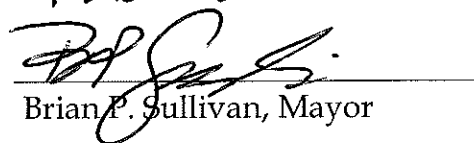
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Approved by the Mayor

For approval Feb 21 2018


Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

FEB 23 2018


Brian P. Sullivan, Mayor