



MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
MARCH 18, 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was

VOTED: That the reading of record of the meeting of March 4, 2021 be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

Councilor Matthews-Kane addressed the Councilors under "Public Participation" relative to a motion, later in the meeting, for a proposed ordinance for a Public Arts Commission. She read the following letters of support. The first letter is from Cheryl Crowe, 40 New Broadway Street, a member of Artworks of Westfield and a Planning Board member. "The Cultural Arts in Westfield has exploded in the last three years and will continue to thrive for years to come. Thanks to the major efforts of the rapid cultural arts growth through the Non-Profit Organization "ArtWorks of Westfield", in conjunction with Artists, Authors, Musicians, collaborations with the Boys and Girls Club, WOW (Westfield on Weekends), our supportive local businesses, and many others, Westfield has become a new landmark for the Cultural Arts expansion. Currently, to gain approval for artistic projects within Westfield, one has to attend various Board/Commission meetings for a specific City site location depending on which Department jurisdiction the city property falls under. Because of the surge of the arts in Westfield, creating a Westfield Public Arts Council would streamline granting authority to one central location for public art. This will reduce the agenda for the various City Departments in which Parks & Recreation Commission is seeing an increase of public art requests. The proposed Arts Council will represent the City in the granting, care, and custody of all works of art on city property. To incorporate this Council requires that other Department Boards, whom are the care takers of the City, be invested into the proposed Arts Council as they know the city properties and can provide sound advice in protecting the interest of our city. This proposed Ordinance is much needed with the fast growth of Westfield's cultural arts. Thank you Councilors." Councilor Matthews-Kane read the second letter of support as follows: "By way of introduction, my name is Timothea Pham. I am a Program Officer with the Community Initiative at the Mass Cultural Council, where I work to support Festivals, Cultural Districts, and Local Cultural Councils in the Nantucket, Greater Boston, and Greater Springfield regions. I also work closely with the Westfield Cultural Council, which is how I connected with Councilor Matthews-Kane. I want to congratulate her, the City Council, and the City of Westfield for entertaining legislation that will start the process of having a formal public art ordinance. As a city, you are ahead of a current issue that

many other municipalities face. Across the Commonwealth, we have several cities that embrace public art in their municipality. They have moved forward with some significant initiatives, but this has happened via a "gatekeeper" model that starts with one individual within the Town or City but no formal structure to entertain requests efficiently. Municipalities are finding this model to be unsustainable as people come and go within the Town or City. The ordinance creation, including the formation of a Public Arts Commission that you consider, puts you ahead of the curve in this aspect. In our work with communities, we can see how these cultural manifestations positively affect the local community and see a much broader effect on a regional scale. In the same way that people have made Lynn and Salem "must visits" due to their mural initiative, the greater Westfield region can become a magnet for public art staycation tourists. I commend you for your foresight, and my team at Mass Cultural looks forward to assisting any other stakeholders with anything else."

Councilor Harris, Liaison to the Cultural Council" spoke in support of the proposed Ordinance and informed the Council that this is an extremely important ordinance.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mr. Jeff Gosselin, 330 Elm Street Apt. 305. He addressed the Council relative to item #27 on tonight's agenda, second reading and final passage of an ordinance relative to increasing the School Committee members' stipends. He spoke in opposition of the stipend increases for the following reasons, stipend increases should only begin after the next election year, there is no line item in the budget for the increases, the increases should not be automatic, the increases are not solid financial planning, these are hard economic times and there should not be increases in budgets. He requested that the Council reconsider this item and vote not to support it.

Under "Public Participation" Councilor Figy informed the Council that there is a letter on the share file from the Superintendent relative to the dates when the schools will be reopening.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That items 1. and 2. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

1. Requesting acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$4,820.00 from the First Responder Naloxone Grant from Massachusetts Department of Public Health to the Fire Department.
2. Appropriation of \$300,000.00 from Stabilization account #8303-397000 to Stabilization Reserve for debt decline account #8303-345000

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That item 3. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and
REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

3. Submitting a Bond Order in the amount of \$12,257,000.00 for construction of a permanent Granulated Activated Carbon Treatment Facility for wells 1 & 2 at the Dry Bridge Road Water Treatment Plant Project.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Flaherty questioned if the bond order should be referred to Long Range Bonding. Councilor Figy informed the Council that per the Charter bond orders are referred to Finance Committee

The following power point presentation was presented by Acting Director Fran Cain, Water Department Engineer Heather Stayton, Water Department Foreman Steven Hernandez, City Treasurer/Collector Matt Barnes, City Purchaser Tammy Tefft and Mayor Humason.



Upon motion of Councilor Adams, it was
VOTED: That item 4. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and
REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE and LAW
DEPARTMENT.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

- 4. Submitting an Ordinance to amend the Media Systems Specialist term of office by deleting the words "for a one year term" and inserting in place thereof the words "for a three year term".

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

5. Health Director Joe Rouse was present to give a COVID update. He informed the Council that there are new changes relative to the travel advisory, vaccine eligibility, limits on gatherings indoors and outdoors, coming on Monday as Phase 4 begins and are all reviewable online. He was happy to report that there is light at the end of the tunnel but that everyone still must be vigilant in adhering to the precautions of wearing a mask, washing hands and social distancing. There are a few clusters in Westfield that are being monitored to keep the spread down. Councilors Harris commended Joe and his entire staff, Tina Gorman from the Council on Aging and Julie Barnes, the Veterans' Director for all doing an extraordinary job during this pandemic. Councilor Matthews-Kane also commended Joe and his staff and especially thanked him and the Board of Health members for the recent memorial that was held on the Green in memory of everyone from Westfield that was lost due COVID-19. Councilor Mello echoed the comments of Councilors Harris and Matthews-Kane. She asked if he had information relative to reactions due to the vaccines. Joe informed the Council that he has no first-hand information on reactions. Councilor Burns and Adams also recognized Joe and his staff for all they have done. Joe thanked everyone for their acknowledgements.

6. Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was VOTED: That the annual City Council license renewals for 2021 as submitted by City Clerk Karen Fanion be REFERRED TO LICENSE COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

7. Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was VOTED: That the application submitted by 7C Diamonds Inc. d/b/a Gold & Diamond Buyer, 99 Springfield Road applying for Junk Dealer and Junk Collector's license, Camile A. Hannoush, President be REFERRED TO THE LICENSE COMMITTEE and that a Public Hearing be scheduled at the earliest practicable date.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

8. Councilor Flaherty submitted a letter to Attorney Reed relative to the powers of City Council and requested a response from her. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he is frustrated with policies relative to getting information and therefore is requesting a response. He informed the Council that the powers of the City Council is clear in the Charter and in the Rules of the Council. He encouraged everyone to read his letter to Attorney Reed and requested the letter to be placed on file. If there is disagreement of the law then it needs to

be settled. Councilor Allie agreed with Councilor Flaherty's letter relative to Section 26 that gives the Council its jurisdiction of power.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was

VOTED: That the above mentioned letter be ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

9. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was

VOTED: That the Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Department of Fire Services in the amount of \$2,880.00 to the Fire Department for the FY21 Senior S.A.F.E. program be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

10. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was

VOTED: That the Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Department of Fire Services in the amount of \$6,380.00 to the Fire Department for the FY21 Student S.A.F.E. program be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

11. Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$309.90 be transferred from Engineering Department, Purchase of Service account #14110000-520000 FY21 to Engineering Department, Purchase of Service account #14110000-520000 FY20, for a prior year bill.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that it is for a fee that Levesque Associates paid to a state agency at the end of FY20 in order to expedite the effort relative to the project entitled City of Westfield - Westfield River Floodway, and the invoice was not received until August 2020 of FY 21.

12. Upon motion of Councilor Adams, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was

VOTED: That the remaining balance on Bond Order #2734 to be RESCINDED as the project (rehabilitating and reconstructing existing municipal outdoor recreational and athletic fields, original amount \$1.8 million) for which the bond order was passed has been completed and the amount of \$20,000.00 remains unborrowed.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

13. Upon motion of Councilor Adams, for the Legislation and Ordinance Committee, it was

VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WESTFIELD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION" regarding Western Avenue Reconstruction - Phase 2 Project be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Adams informed the Council that there are three parts to the agreement, the Traffic Control Agreement, Nonparticipating Agreement and Cost Overrun Agreement. Councilor Flaherty commented that the paper referred to the island of land at the end of Court Street as a park, but it really is a traffic island and money should not be spent on putting benches in that location. Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council a compromise was made with the State to have sidewalks in the middle of the park instead on both sides of Court and West Silver Street and that the area ties the neighborhood together and she has seen people use this area. Councilor Flaherty reiterated that money will be spent on something that no one will use. Councilor Mello informed the Council that it's a residential neighborhood park and it is used by middle school aged kids. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that he supports using this area as a park and that it is a smart investment.

Councilor Allie informed the Council that the best way to keep parks safe is to make them accessible so they will be utilized.

14. Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Rene Laviolette, 7 Victoria Circle, as a member of the Board of Registrars, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that He has been on the Board since 2016. City Clerk Karen Fanion states he is a great Board member, very reliable, and highly recommends him. He is the President/Owner of MTI Systems in West Springfield which develops computer software for manufacturing companies worldwide. He was a past President of the Westfield Rotary Club and currently serves on their Board of Directors. He also served as Rotary District 2890 Assistant Governor and was Chairman of the Westfield Republican Party. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that Rene Laviolette does a great job and pointed out that this Board must have Republicans and Democrats.

15. Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Richard A. Sypek, 60 Cardinal Lane, as a member of the Police Commission, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that

Attorney Sypek works very closely with our Police Chief and is looking forward to remaining on this Commission, continuing to solve upcoming issues and address appointments in the year ahead. Attorney Sypek is now practicing solo here in Westfield after 30 years as a Principal in the Law Firm of Ross + Ross in Springfield. He has worked with the Westfield Gas + Electric, has represented many clients in front of many Municipal Councils, Planning Boards, Zoning Boards and License Commissions, as his practice focuses on Business Development, Zoning and Real Estate. Repeating his background information from his initial appointment November 2019, he served as Vice Chair of St. Mary's Council from 2001-2006, was on the Board of Westfield Youth Hockey Association and Amelia Park Children's Museum, and was a Coach for many Westfield Youth Sports. Attorney Sypek is well-known throughout our City and is very well-respected. He states it's an honor to assist our Men and Women in blue. Councilor Figy stated that he is a welcomed addition to the Police Commission - Fits right in and they will have many appointments in the coming year. Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that he is the exact candidate for this position and that he has known him for many years and he recommended him when Commissioner Hupfer retired. Councilor Adams spoke in favor of the reappointment.

16. Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of C. Lee Bennett, 57 Jaeger Drive, as a member of the Fire Commission, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Ms. Bennett is a Police Captain, retired from the Springfield Police Dept., a Westfield Citizen stepping up to serve our Community with her knowledge, time and sincerity of helping her neighbors. She is dedicated to supporting our Firefighters so Westfield will continue to be served and protected. As Chair of the Fire Commission, her life experience of being level-headed, analytical and experienced in crisis management as a Police Captain is very reassuring for all our Citizens. With over 30 years of Law Enforcement Service her association with Fire Departments naturally led her to having a great rapport with that brother/sister group, as well as having a brother who is a fire fighter. She understands the important role of our Fire Dept. in our City. Her education, professional background and community service is commendable. She attended the FBI National Academy and has a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. She has been a Consultant Investigator for the Springfield Law Department and is an Investigator for the Office of Safe Environment and Victim Assistance for the Diocese of Springfield. She has taught College Level course in regards to Constitutional Law, Criminal Justice, Ethical Decision Making, and Internal Investigations. She taught at the Criminal Justice Training Academy and Springfield Police Academy and other police academies across the State. She had authored articles on Police Organization, Women and Criminal Justice and many other subjects. She has taught on all aspects of Police Activity. For over 30 years Commissioner Bennett was part of the Springfield Police Department Honor Guard, is on the Hampden County Deputy Sheriff's Board, on Western MA Critical Incident Stress Management Team, is on the Sisters of St. Joseph's Justice and Peace Committee, was President of the YWCA, part of the Springfield College Search and Rescue Team, a School Mentor, and she developed a Leadership Course for Incarcerated Women, restructured the Domestic Violence Unit, and created partnerships with area colleges to prevent underage drinking. Her compassion for others shines through all her endeavors. Her Police work is involved many, many different assignments including Captain of Operations, Internal Investigation Unit Commander and Crime Prevention Bureau Commander. On the Fire Commission she makes decisions after much thought on the situation and takes voting on situations very seriously. At the 3/14/2021 City Council Meeting it was stated that Councilor Mello would send questions that she had on this reappointment to the Personnel Action Committee. She did send her questions to the 3 members but then also

sent them to ALL Councilors. So since all Councilors already have the questions sent by Councilor Mello, I will relay the responses from Fire Commissioner Bennett. The Committee provided Commissioner Bennett's responses to Councilor Mello's questions from City Council Meeting of 3/4/2021. Councilor Mello sent those questions not only to PAC members but to all Councilors. Commissioner Bennett provided information such as to the responsibilities of the Fire Commission, and stated that as a sworn member of the Fire Commission her duty is to vote with a clear conscience on issues for the best outcome for the members of the Fire Department and the Citizens of Westfield, and that the Fire Commission and the Fire Command Staff must respect the parameters of the Legal Process. Councilor Mello thanked Chair of PAC Councilor Harris for the opportunity for her to ask questions of Ms. Bennett and that it was important to her to have her questions in order to make an informed decision.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Government Relations Committee, it was VOTED: That the following items REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

17. To require the human resources departments to post all non-civil service jobs with base salaries in excess of \$40,000 for a minimum of 45 days on high-profile public job posting sites such as Monster.com, CareerBuilder.com, GovernmentJobs.com, JobQuest, and/or SchoolSpring.com (6/4/15) Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that Councilor Flaherty requested that the item remain in committee.
18. To request that the City post the job requirements, board/commission make-up requirements (per Charter), terms, compensation and benefits for each board, commission, and elected body on the City website along with information about how an interested citizen can apply for, or run for, the position. (6/4/15)
19. That a new section in the Personnel Section of the Code of Ordinances for "Personal Service Agreements" that specifies common elements that must be included in Personal Service Agreements, such as: position being subject to annual appropriation, expectations of performance and annual performance reviews by appointing authority, termination clause, consolidation clause, change in scope of duties clause, and other such items as deemed appropriate be reviewed (2/1/18)
20. That the Law Department be requested to explain in writing, within 30 days, how the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruling - that unused accrued sick time does not constitute "wages" that must be paid upon termination under the Massachusetts Wage Act - affects Westfield's employees and Westfield's severance obligations (2/1/18)
23. That the Westfield City Council develop a uniform standard of information required for submission along with all requests from the Executive Branch for Employee Contract approval (3/5/15)
25. Ask Mayor Humason:
 - to require meetings held by City of Westfield Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Committees be recorded in such a way that maximizes the viewers' ability to see diagrams/maps/etc and visually identify who is speaking, captioned, and promptly posted online for public viewing, and further
 - to require that for such meetings held online/virtually, the access link and call-in telephone number for Public Participation be included on the posted agenda. (1/21/2021)

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Government Relations Committee, it was VOTED: That the following items be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE.

21. That a communication be sent to Ellen Cummings, Regional Director External & State Government Affairs at Verizon Wireless to start a conversation about enhancing cell service and reliability in Westfield (10/4/18)

22. Recording and broadcasting of committee meetings (9/19/19)

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

24. Upon motion of Councilor Mello, for the Government Relations Committee, it was VOTED: That a letter be sent to the Mayor to raise awareness about free resources available to help local businesses with changes relative to the Toxics Use Reduction Act.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Mello informed the Council as follows, "That with the addition of 172 Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) to the Toxics Release Inventory, many businesses may find themselves requiring assistance to meet new Tier II reporting requirements. Section 7321 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (NDAA) immediately added certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to the list of chemicals covered by the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) under Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and provided a framework for additional PFAS to be added to TRI on an annual basis. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency offers free resources including online EPCRA (Non-Section 313) Online Training for States, Tribes, LEPCs, Local Planners and Responders and a Tutorial for Tier II submission. EPCRA Tier II reporting for Massachusetts requires businesses to self-identify their need to file with the Massachusetts State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), the local Emergency Planning Committee (EPC), and the local fire department. PFAS chemicals were added to Massachusetts' Toxics Use Reduction Act (TURA) list of Toxic or Hazardous Substances in December 2020, and will be reportable for 2021. The Office of Technical Assistance and Technology (OTA) is a non-regulatory agency within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. OTA provides free, confidential, onsite technical assistance to Massachusetts manufacturers, businesses, and institutions. OTA's winter newsletter has a reminder about these new reporting requirements for PFAS, a link to a template letter to send suppliers to inquire about their PFAS use, and a link to find an OTA specialist for free, confidential assistance."

26. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, for the Long Range Financial Overview Committee, it was

VOTED: That the status update on the motion to review proposed Early Retirement Incentive for Teachers REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

27. 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" (Amending School Committee Compensation) be given second reading by title only and be PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

Councilor Sullivan abstained due to personal reasons.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Onyski informed the Council that at the last meeting of the Council during first reading of the Ordinance the amount for the year effective January 1, 2026 it was read as \$10,500.00 and it should be \$10,050.00. Councilor Flaherty thanked Mr. Jeff Gosselin for his comments during public participation. He informed the Council that the School Committee members have been working at a \$13.00 an hour rate and not only have they done a lot of work this year, but they do a lot in every other year as well. Councilor Allie agreed that they do a tremendous amount of work and the increase should have been done a long time ago. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that they do a lot of work outside the committee meetings. Councilors Figy, Matthews-Kane, Mello and Harris spoke in support of the stipend increase.

28. Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: That Attorney Reed be requested to verify that appointments and reappointments do not need unanimous consent for immediate consideration, just majority vote and refer to Law Department and it was further voted, upon motion of Councilor Flaherty that his motion, item #30 - Motion of Councilor Flaherty requesting a legal opinion, including appropriate legal references, by the 2nd City Council meeting in April, on the applicability of Charter Section 29 ("Prompt passage of order or resolution") with regards to nominations by the Mayor be combined with Councilor Harris' motion as it deals with the same topic and that the matter be REFERRED TO THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

29. Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, it was VOTED: That a proposed ordinance that will create a Public Arts Commission for the City of Westfield be REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, LAW DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, AND THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that a public art ordinance would allow predictability. She thanked Cheryl Crowe for her generous knowledge and time on working on the proposed ordinance. She explained that the proposed ordinance is a draft and looks forward to working on it as a collaborative effort. Councilor Bean questioned if it would be combined with the Cultural Council. Councilor Matthews-Kane explained that she began with the Cultural Council but that they were not super excited to combine roles because they did not want to combine funding and approval together.

Announcements

Councilor Flaherty announced there will be a bottle and can drive on April 10, 2021 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Little River Plaza parking lot.

At 9:14 PM and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes

A true record, Attest:

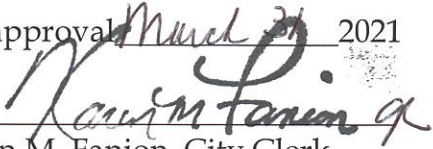
Karen M. Fanion
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

Presented to the Mayor

Approved by the Mayor

For approval March 31 2021

March 31 2021


Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk


Donald F. Humason, Jr., Mayor