



## MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE  
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
APRIL 01, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the City of Westfield **City Council** will be conducted via remote participation. Specific information can be found on the City of Westfield website at [www.cityofwestfield.org](http://www.cityofwestfield.org). For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so by tuning into Channel 15 or Channel 12 or online at [westfieldtv.org](http://westfieldtv.org) or online at Youtube.com - Westfield Community Programming Channel. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the City's website an audio recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

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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 18, 2021 be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Ralph Figy	Yes

Under "Public Participation" Councilor Allie referred to a letter submitted by Donna Liese relative to the necessity of wearing of masks based her document that she submitted relative to an unsubstantiated State of Emergency that existed on 3-16-20 and continues to exist. Councilor Allie requested that all Councilors read the six page document that she submitted that contains 8 questions for the Councilors and the Mayor.

Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was

VOTED: That the letter submitted by Donna Liese be PLACED ON FILE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Ralph Figy	Yes

1. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that that the following four (4) Grants totaling the amount of \$88,852.43 from MassDOT to the Airport, as follows, be ACCEPTED.

Additional Airport Signs

Total Cost - \$27,814.29

State Share - \$22,251.43

Local Share - \$5,562.86

HVAC Rooftop Unit

Total Cost - \$60,000.00

State Share - \$48,000.00

Local Share - \$12,000.00

Purchase UHF Radios

Total Cost - \$14,200.00

State Share - \$11,360.00

Local Share - \$2,840.00

Replace Gate #42 Electric Motor

Total Cost - \$7,241.00

State Share - \$7,241.00

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Ralph Figy	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That item 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:

2. Appropriation of \$42,411.99 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to Police Department, Additional Capital Equipment, account #12700000-585000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Ralph Figy	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That items 3. and 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:

3. Submitting a Resolution for a Historic Preservation Restriction for the YMCA Taylor Mansion building, 67 Court Street, Westfield, MA.

4. Submitting a Resolution for a Historic Preservation Restriction for the Lambson Furniture building, 89 Elm Street, Westfield, MA.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Ralph Figy	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was

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

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

5. Submitting the reappointment of Daniel Smith, 15 Hamilton Way, as a member of the Board of Registrars, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023.
6. Submitting the reappointment of Linda Saltus, 117 Hillside Road, as a member of the Board of Registrars, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023.
7. Submitting the reappointment of Kerry Ann Kielbasa, 117 Crescent Ridge Road as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Ralph Figy	Yes

8. Health Director Joe Rouse was present to give a COVID update. Joe informed the Council that the opening day of City Hall has been delayed from April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 due to the increase in COVID cases. He encouraged everyone to still remain careful in following regulations. He informed the Council that he is not comfortable at this time in moving forward with in person meetings. He reported that plans are underway for the Big E to become a vaccine location for area communities. Councilor Adams questioned if you have to be a resident of the participating communities. Joe responded that it is open to all Massachusetts residents. Councilor Morganelli questioned where the City stands now in the numbers compared to other times. Joe responded that it compares to last summer and this past January when the numbers spiked. He informed the Council that his department is reacting to the increase in numbers by delaying the opening of City Hall. Councilor Flaherty questioned if one dose of the vaccine is enough. Joe responded that it is necessary to have the two doses to be fully protected. Councilor Flaherty questioned that when City Hall does open and meetings are in person are the current set of rules for remote participation going to be in effect still. Joe responded that that is a logistical IT question. Councilor Allie questioned if the Board of Health received the letter from Donna Liese. Joe responded that the Board did receive the letter and the answers to the questions in the letter need to come from different sources and he would need to consult and collaborate with different agencies if directed to answer the questions.

9. Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was VOTED: That Ordinance amendments relative to traffic for the Western Avenue Phase 2 project, as recommended by the Traffic Commission and submitted First Assistant City Solicitor Shanna Reed be REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE and LAW DEPARTMENT.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Ralph Figy	Yes

10. A PUBLIC HEARING was held on an 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. Mr. Hannoush was present to represent the application. He informed the Council that he will be buying estate jewelry and gold at that location and there will be no selling at that location. He will have another Giftology business

that will be only retail and he will also be moving his corporate offices to the Westfield location. With no questions from the Councilors and no one on the line for questions or to speak in favor or opposition and upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was VOTED: That the Public Hearing be CLOSED and be REFERRED TO LICENSE COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Ralph Figy	Yes

11. A PUBLIC HEARING was held on a petition (#C-259-21) submitted by the Planning Board, for a zoning amendment at Sections 1-10.1,3; 1-40.6, 4-10.3; 1-50.3,9; 6-10.4,5 relative to strengthen/codify wording regarding enforcement; extend permit validity times. Mr. Jay Vinskey, City Planner, was present to represent the application. He informed the Council that the purpose of the amendment is to strengthen the zoning ordinances at the above sections. The first is to give more detailed verbiage of clarity to assist with enforcement and to add an additional section that allows the permit granting authority to revoke the permit if there are repeated non-compliances and to add a section that extends the validity of the permit to change the time period to commence construction or use from either 6 months to 12 months or from 2 years to 3 years. This is put in the decision on each permit, but the Planning Board would like it to be made part of the ordinance. Councilor Allie questioned if this effects permits already issued or just new ones. Mr. Vinskey informed the Council that this information is written as part the decision on already issued permits and going forward it will be codified as an ordinance for every permit to follow. Councilor Allie agreed with the extension of the timeline of the permit because it takes insurance companies a long time to respond. Councilor Flaherty agreed with the added enforcement and questioned if the Building Inspector is the enforcer or is there going to be an added zoning enforcement officer. Mr. Vinskey informed the Council that the addition of an enforcement officer would up to the Mayor and per state statue the Building Inspector is the enforcement officer. Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that the Building Department is stretched to the limit and there needs to be more money to attract someone to the assistant's position. He informed the Council that he speaks with Carissa Liesee, the Building Inspection on a regular basis and she is very frustrated personally and professionally with the situation of the Building Department and that they can't attract a candidate for the open assistant's position and that the Union issues need to be resolved to get this position filled. Councilor Harris informed the Council

that Councilor Beltrandi should be intimately involved in this ordinance amendment due to his expertise in building/construction. Councilor Flaherty agreed and Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that he would certainly be available to work on this amendment.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That the Public Hearing REMAIN OPEN until after the Planning Board has their public hearing on the petition and then refer it to Zoning, Planning and Development.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Ralph Figy	Yes

12. Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That 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 be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that the Grant will be used for medical supplies used on overdose related calls, such as gloves, masks, IV equipment, AED equipment, trainings for staff, community events related to substance use and overdose.

13. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$300,000.00 be appropriated from Stabilization account #8303-397000 to Stabilization Reserve for debt decline account.#8303-345000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that Treasurer/Collector Matt Barnes explained at the committee meeting that as the City’s annual debt service declines, it is good financial management to contribute the amount of the decrease to the debt decline stabilization account.

14. Upon motion of Councilor Allie, for the License Committee, it was VOTED: That the annual City Council license renewals for 2021, as follows, were APPROVED.

2021 RENEWAL LICENSES FOR APPROVAL			
NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE	OWNERS
Eastern Vehicle Recycling	88 Neck Road	Junk Dealer	Paul Ferretti
EcoATM	141 Springfield Road	Junk Dealer	EcoATM, LLC
I buy Stuff	53 Pontoosic Road	Junk Dealer/collector	Bob & Sue Plummer
Restore	301 East Main Street	Junk Dealer/collector	Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity
Game City	77 Elm Street	Junk Dealer/collector/ Pawnbroker	Truong Nguyen
Richard's Fine Jewelers	461 East Main Street	Junk Dealer/collector	Michael Rinaldi



Talk More Wireless New England	261 East Main Street	Junk Dealer	The Retail Optimization Co
Black Hole Guitars	2 Montgomery Street	Junk Dealer/collector	Michael J Flynn
Jim & Sams	200 Southampton Road	Junk Dealer/collector	James Duclos
Game Stop	423 East Main Street	Junk Dealer/collector	Game Stop, Inc.
Meadowbrook Antiques	658 Montgomery Road	Junk Dealer/collector	Susan & Timothy Crane
Patton Firearms	24 Old Holyoke Road	Junk Dealer/collector	Michael Patton
Gr8onlinestuff	180 Root Road	Junk Dealer/collector	Neil Petrucelli
Route 202 Antiques	869 North Road	Junk Dealer/collector	Scan Odabashian
New England Coins & Collectibles	7 Day Avenue	Junk Dealer	David Fisk
Blended Vintage Market Place	48 Elm Street	Junk Dealer	Andrea Bruno
Whip City Music	126 Elm Street	Junk Dealer/collector	Douglas Cotton
Jdog Removal & Hauling	30 Toledo Avenue	Junk Collector	Wade Rivest

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Ralph Figy	Yes

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

VOTED: That the review options for adjusting the current crosswalk signals at the intersection of North Elm and Pochassic Street to allow for safer and more convenient pedestrian crossings (7/18/19) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Morganelli informed the Council that per the Traffic Commission no additional crosswalks or adjustments to the traffic lights can be added. There is parking on both sides of the street to alleviate the need for crossing.

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

VOTED: That COVID-19 vaccine timeline and plan for distribution for the City of Westfield be discussed REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that with the reports from Health Director Joe Rouse these questions have been answered.

17. Upon motion of Councilor Burns, for the Public Health and Safety Committee, it was VOTED: That the Updates on PFAS testing and report from the Water Department with the answers to the questions that were submitted be PLACED ON FILE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	No
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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Burns informed the Council that the questions that were submitted by Councilors Figy, Matthews-Kane and Mello in regulation with Section 26, were given to the Mayor and sent to the Water Department and answered by Water Systems Engineer Heather Stayton. Councilor Morganelli informed the Council that the questions and answers are on the share file and will also be submitted with the minutes of the Public Health and Safety Committee minutes which will be online. Councilor Mello read the following statement: "First, I would like to remind the Chair that 3 questions, very pertinent to public health and safety remain unanswered. I refer you to page 133 on your council share document. These questions refer to PFAS breakthrough and carbon changeout. They are relevant because in September 2019, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry tested the blood of 459 North side residents and found 92% of us, yes, mine was one of the households randomly selected to participate, have more PFHxS than average. Residents like us need to stop consuming PFHxS for our blood concentration to decrease. PFHxS was one of the PFAS detected in Well 2 finish water in the November 2, 2020 sampling. These questions are relevant to the public health and safety of the City's residents. They were asked in accordance with the Chair's instructions, the City Charter, and State Law. I ask that they be answered, and if they will not be... why not? Second, I do not believe this is the end of the conversation. On page 142 of your council share document, the Operator asks the Lab about seeing an analyte in the point of entry that had not been previously seen in the GAC filter. Both the laboratory and MassDEP explain to the Operator that reporting any results below the reporting limit as "Non Detect" could have shielded such "valid, low level detects" from them, as seen on page 147 and 162 of your council share document. My question regarding educational opportunities could have been an opportunity for the department to request funding for such, or to display its efforts to keep our employees up to date. Instead, it was used as an opportunity to insult me, my academic pedigree, and my dozens of hours of PFAS State approved continuing education credit hours... the same educational opportunities our water department employees could be pursuing. My questions were not accusations, and they were based on the emails

that are a matter of the public record. You don't need to take my word for any of it. It's all right there, in the document that the Councilors and Mayor received along with my questions on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the question of Public Health and the question of Water Regulation are not identical. Water that "meets all State and Federal guidelines and regulations" is not necessarily "safe". When drinking water regulations are set, the contaminant concentrations that are safe must be weighed against the concentrations that are actually achievable. Between the time that the November samples were taken from Well 2 and the time it was last run and "run to waste", 1.83 Million gallons of this water with PFBS, PFHxA, PFHxS, and PFOS detected in it was sent into the system, according to the Chemicals Additions Reports submitted to MassDEP. Do those detections count toward the State MCL? No. Will those PFAS add to our already toxic body burden? Yes.

Residents with higher-than-average PFAS concentrations need to reduce their PFAS exposure. Information about PFAS in their drinking water should not be hidden from them.

People fear what they do not understand and cannot control. We should not remove their informed consent regarding their PFAS exposure through their drinking water.

Massachusetts residents have a right to clean water. Clean water has no man-made, persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic compounds in it. We should be having conversations about how to get safe, clean water to our over exposed residents, particularly those with health conditions and/or in our Environmental Justice communities. Instead, the Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was used as a platform to slander me for what I firmly agree must have been political purposes." She requested that her questions that were not answered to be answered and requested that the Public Health and Safety Committee have them answered.

Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that he is resentful of Councilor Mello's comments saying that he as a member of the Public Health and Safety Committee did anything detrimental to her. Councilor Flaherty expressed his appreciation to the Committee for getting the questions answered but did agree that not all of the questions were answered. He expressed his concern that the general public may not be able to call the Water Department and get their questions answered and that the public does have concerns relative their drinking water and there are residents who may have negative consequences to even tiny amounts of pollutants in the water. He informed the Council that maybe CARES Act money could be used for residents at risk for bottled water or for reverse osmosis systems in their homes. He thanked Councilor Mello for all of her efforts. Councilor Burns informed the Council that the scope of the questions got answered and that he spent a lot of time coordinating the efforts of getting the questions to the Mayor, meeting with the Law Department and the Water department. He resented the fact that Councilors thought the questions did not get answered. Councilor Beltrandi expressed his appreciation to Councilor Mello for her efforts but that he takes exception to the accusation that things are being covered up or that people do not care. He informed the Council that he spends a lot of time in the Water Department and everyone from that department is working hard for clean water for the City. That the options that were chosen in 2018 were the best possible options to clean the water and nothing has changed since then and nothing is being hidden. Councilor Mello informed the Council that people may feel they are being accused but no accusations were being made and what was done was that a public records document included a Westfield Water Department employee instructing a lab employee to remove the J value and replace it with a ND for non-detect. And that on page 133 of the Council share file there are three

questions that all have the same answer that those questions are operational questions and have nothing to do with public health and safety. Councilor Mello disagreed with that answer and informed the Council that those questions do have to do with public safety and would like those questions answered according to the law.

The following are the questions Councilor Mello is referring to:

2. At what concentration, and from where specifically in the system, is the threshold for ordering replacement carbon?

3. Do these protocols for monitoring/testing for PFAS in the GAC filters differ between the temporary GAC at Well 2 and those at Wells 7 & 8? If so, how?

4. Do the protocols for testing/monitoring for PFAS breakthrough leave room for subjective choices, and if so, with whom does the responsibility and authority for those choices rest?

These are operational questions regarding ordering protocols and as such have nothing to do with the public's health and safety. Westfield meets and exceeds all regulatory requirements and recommendations for clean and safe public drinking water.

Councilor Morganelli thanked Councilor Mello for her research and informed the Council that according to Councilor Burns those questions were answered but it's dependent upon people's comfort level and their health issues and that they do not want anything detrimental in their water as to whether or not those answers were complete. And he also informed the Council that it goes back to having a second source of water for wells 1, 2, 7 and 8. And that he liked that the questions were answered within a Council meeting so that everyone has access to the meeting either live or can go back and watch it. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that subcommittee meetings are not posted and must be requested through a public record request. He informed the Council that he voted for the bond because he was convinced by the experts that the filters would work and would be able to detect PFAS and that the filters would be changed so that nothing got in the water, not limits below a certain point. And that the report from November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 did show there were PFAS in the water, but the answer from the Water Department was that there were no PFAS in the water, and that is clearly a concern. And that he will not vote for any more money for that department until the filters show non-detect. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that in talking with the professional in the Water Department that water did not enter the system and that the PFAS were detected at the filter and the filter was changed and that Well 2 has been off since November and that the filters are working the way they are supposed to. He reiterated that the systems engineer in the Water Department is a professional and is trained in this area and that if Councilors want information they should go to her and speak to her. He agreed there may be issues with field blanks at test sites and that is a concern but that is happening across the Commonwealth and it may be something that is being marked wrong or a testing problem and now the water is going to three different test labs. He reiterated that he is confident with the professionals running the Water Department. Councilor Figy also encouraged the Councilors to call the Water Department and the Water Commissioners and ask their questions. Councilor Mello informed the Council that she has forwarded several emails sent to the Water Department and has not received answers and that one email was answered by the Acting Public Works Director that answered the email saying he did not have to answer the email. She informed the Council that there were 155,000 gallons of water run from Well 2 on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, and reported other dates in November of water running

through well 2. She requested that the Councilors read the public record request documents as there is a fine line as what is being said and what the documents say and the documents are not wrong.

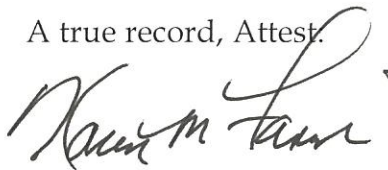
18. Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was VOTED: That the appropriation of \$700,000.00 from Free Cash (#1000-359000) to Department of Public Works, Water Division, Construction account #68004500-589200 be REMOVED FROM THE TABLE and be further VOT ED: That the item be REMOVED WITH NO ACTION.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Ralph Figy	Yes

At 8:39 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

A true record, Attest.

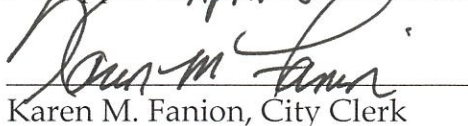


Karen M. Fanion  
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

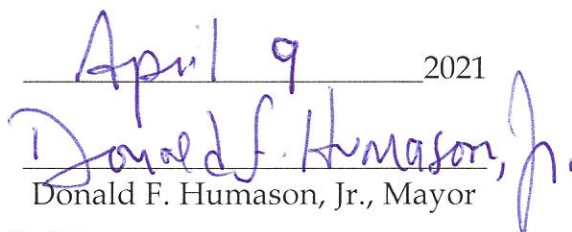
Presented to the Mayor

Approved by the Mayor

For approval April 8 2021



Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

April 9 2021  
  
Donald F. Humason, Jr., Mayor