



MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 07, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

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

The Clerk called the roll. Councilor Beltrandi was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That the record of the meeting of March 17, 2022 be ACCEPTED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Jessica Britton, 36 Casmir Street. She spoke in opposition of the complete streets ordinance. She informed the Council that the wording is vague and uncertain relative to the funding, the limit for funding is \$400,000 and the DOT can decide how to use it for the streets. She questioned if this is reasonable for Westfield.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Jonathan McHatton, 42 Arnold Street. He spoke in support of the complete streets ordinance. He informed the Council that the City has a duty to have safe travel on its streets and that Westfield is one of the few communities that does not have complete streets. He reiterated his support for the complete streets ordinance.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Paul Cacolice, 29 Westwood Drive, a member of the Friends of the Columbia Greenway. He spoke in support of complete streets. He informed the Council that streets must be safe for all users either by driving, walking or biking. The concept on Western Avenue that is happening now is getting people where they need to be safer. He reiterated his support of the complete streets ordinance.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Tina Gorman, Executive Director of the Council on Aging. She spoke in support of the complete streets ordinance. She informed the Council that complete streets is an excellent opportunity for safer walking conditions for older adults. It will encourage physical activity of older adults as the sidewalks will be a safer place to walk and will eliminate the falling and injuries of older adults. She reiterated her support of the complete streets ordinance.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was
VOTED: To extend the time for public participation.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mark Cressotti, City Engineer. He spoke in support of the complete streets ordinance. He informed the Council that all modes of transportation that is in complete streets is already being done and with complete streets the City has the opportunity to receive funding for it and there is discretion in complete streets to opt-out of certain projects. And that complete streets is a continuation of good government and reiterated his support.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mark Gedraitis, 270 Papermill Road. He spoke in support of the complete streets ordinance. He informed the Council that he had a major bike injury on East Mountain Road where he suffered major injuries. Complete streets would make the streets safer and requested that the Council support the complete streets ordinance.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Pete Lurgio, 51 Overlook Drive, Assistant Principal of the Westfield Middle School. He spoke in support of the reduced speed on Western Ave. As Assistant Principal he sees a lot of students walking and a lot of parents picking up their children and with the complete streets ordinance it will make walking and driving safer. He requested that the Council keep the safety of students in mind relative to the complete streets ordinance.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Chris Johnson, 111 Western Avenue. He spoke in opposition of the complete streets ordinance. He informed the Council that he sees many accidents due to the islands on Western Ave and does not see the point of the complete streets ordinance.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Katrina Ripka, 65 Janis Road. She spoke in opposition of the complete streets ordinance. She informed the Council that she loves sidewalks and a bike lane here or there, but does not like that there are strings attached to the funding from complete streets. Bike lanes provide a false sense of security. She requested that excise tax be used for maintenance of streets and sidewalks. She reiterated her opposition to the complete streets ordinance.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by James Avalone, 471 North Road. He spoke in opposition to the complete streets ordinance. He informed the Council that he is a life time resident of Westfield and has completed his career as an electrical worker with the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers. He has witnessed the UN Agenda 21 now 2030 initiatives weave their way into local governments and that the complete streets ordinance is a part of that and that Westfield should manage its own affairs. He reiterated that he is opposed to the complete streets ordinance.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Adam Ripka, 65 Janis Road. He spoke in opposition of complete streets. He informed the Council that bike lanes are not safe as drivers turn into bike lanes, only a physical barrier would make a bike lane safe. He

questioned if bicyclists would be taxed for using the bike lanes as drivers are taxed for using the roads. He referenced information submitted by Councilor Matthews-Kane at the Legislative and Ordinance Committee meeting relative to pedestrian bicycle accidents in the past 20 years and questioned if any research has been done to prove that bike lanes or complete streets would have prevented those accidents. He informed the Council that complete streets is coming down from the UN and CDC and questioned what the CDC knows about safe streets for Westfield. He requested that the City not give up its local control and reiterated that he is opposed to the complete streets ordinance.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by William Carellas, 16 Wildflower, Chair of the Planning Board. He spoke in support of the complete streets ordinance. He referenced West Springfield that uses complete streets, and that it looks fabulous and is safe and that people need bikes as a mode of transportation. Westfield has done good stuff with the new bridges and the Green and that Westfield needs to keep the momentum going. He reiterated that he supports complete streets.

Upon motion of Councilor Mello, it was
VOTED: That public participation be extended another 10 minutes.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Richard Salois, 220 Russellville Road. He spoke in opposition to the complete streets ordinance. He informed the Council that he is opposed to another state funded program that the City may be responsible for in the future. He referenced the Quinn Bill in that now the City is responsible for that. He requested that the City keep local control of its streets.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mary Ann Babinski, 114 Rogers Avenue. She spoke in support of the complete streets ordinance. She informed the Council that she was in support of complete streets in 2016 and the program has grown since then and has worthwhile benefits. She applauded the Legislative and Ordinance Committee for their support for Westfield to have the opportunity for safe streets for all people of all ages. She reiterated her support for complete streets.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Laura Pisano, 28 Caitlyn Way. She spoke in opposition of the complete streets ordinance. She informed the Council that everyone wants to be taken care of but shouldn't be dependent upon government. She informed the Council to look deeper to into UN Agenda 21 as it wants to control every aspects of American lives. She requested the Councilors to protect its freedoms and reiterated her opposition to complete streets.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Dan Call, 78 Granville Road. He spoke in support of complete streets. He informed the Council that it is about total safety for people doing what they want to do outdoors. A lot has changed from the 2016 version. Today's version has an opt-out clause whereas the 2016 one did not. Chapter 90 money is for streets and complete streets is for fixing of bike paths, bike lanes and pedestrian paths. He reiterated that he is in support of complete streets and it is to build things better and right.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, it was

VOTED: That items 1., 2., 3., 4., 5. and 6. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and be REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

1. Requesting acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$20,150.00 from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to the Westfield Emergency Management Agency to be used by June 30, 2022.
2. Requesting acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$5,502.00 from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to the Westfield Emergency Management Agency for the extended deadline for unused funds from an FY20 grant which needs to be used by June 30, 2022.
3. Requesting acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$59,800.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and the Department of Homeland Security to the Police Department for a virtual training simulator.
4. Appropriation of \$200,000.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Engineering Department, Construction account #14110000-589200 for new pavement on Union Street.
5. Appropriation of \$14,000.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to Council on Aging, Purchase of Services account #15410000-520000 for estimated last quarter of FY22 gas and electric costs.
6. Transfer of \$9,000.00 within the Police Department, from Full Time Hourly account #12100000-511100 to Intergovernmental account #12100000-560000 for the tuition of three officers to attend the Western Mass Police Academy.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That item 7. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and be REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE and LAW DEPARTMENT.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

7. Submitting a proposed Ordinance change relative to the job description of the City Engineer and a job description for the City Engineer. The change removes the job description language from the ordinance since it is covered by the job description which is subject to Council approval.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS - None

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS - None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Councilor Sullivan recused himself due to a professional conflict.

8. Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That a Grant in the amount of \$19,000.00 from the Western Mass Economic Development Council under a Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO) grant program enabled by a program offered by the Massachusetts Office of Business Development (MOBD) to the Community Development Department for a Downtown Signage Improvement Program.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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	Absent
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that the grant will allow the Community Development to operate a program to assist up to nine downtown businesses with graphic design, fabrication and installation of signs in the City's Rapid Recovery Area, generally the Elm Street, Main Street and North Elm Street corridor. There is a \$5,000.00 match that will be paid out of the FY22 Community Development operating budget.

Councilor Sullivan returned to the meeting.

9. Upon motion of Councilor Bean, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the Grant in the amount of \$95,904.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Westfield Council on Aging to fund positions in the Council on Aging be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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	Absent
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Bean informed the Council that the grant will be used for the following positions at the Senior Center: Greeter, Kitchen Assistant, Companion Program Coordinator, Clerk and Group Exercise Instructor. Councilor Figy informed the Council that the positions have been budgeted, they are not new positions.

10. Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$175,000.00 be appropriated from the DPW Sewer and Wastewater Division Undesignated account (67004400-35900) to Purchase of Service account (67004400-520000) to handle unanticipated increase to the Sludge Management Contract.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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	Absent
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that the appropriation will be used for unanticipated increases in the sludge management contract due to the current contracted vendor, Naugatuck WPCI will undergo major capital equipment upgrades and other repairs that will necessitate alternative handling of the City's sludge and the alternative plan increases the cost of the disposal temporarily. Councilor Flaherty questioned if

Southwick will have to help pay the increase. Councilor Sullivan replied that the Committee did not ask that question.

Legislative and Ordinance Committee

11. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was

VOTED: That the City NOT exercise its First Right of Refusal on the Notice of Intent for Helen A. Allen (deceased), Linda A. Vaughen and Jeffrey R. Allen, Trustees of the Robert S. Allen Funding Trust to Convert land to other use pursuant to MGL 61A Section 14 for land on North Road into Residential use

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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	Absent
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the City is choosing to not purchase the property. The Conservation Commission may be interested in the other 90 acre parcel on North Road that is in 61A, but is not interested in this piece. Five years of back taxes will be paid to the City. Councilor Adams informed the Council that the City will be seeing more of the conversion of farmland because farming is not what it used to be. Councilor Mello questioned if there is plan for when the City does want to purchase this type of land and what kind of funding does the City have in place. There is matter in Natural Resources Committee relative to creating a conservation plan and it will be discussed in an upcoming meeting of the committee. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that there used to be a plan and that any Notice of Intent would be sent to all departments. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that a conservation plan should be added to the Master Plan.

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

VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING ACCOUNT ENTITLED "OFF STREET PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE COSTS ACCOUNT", replacing a previously adopted order, be given first reading by title only.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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	Absent
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

The Order was given first reading by title only and upon motion of Councilor Burns, it was

VOTED: That the Order be PASSED TO SECOND READING and final passage at the next regular meeting of the Council to be held April 21st, 2022.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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	Absent
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane, liaison to Off-Street, informed the Council that this Order will replace an existing order to allow for the purchase of cameras.

13. Councilor Adams, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, offered a motion, which was duly seconded, to give first reading to the Complete Streets ordinance. He informed the Council that Chapter 90 money is for roads and that the money from complete streets goes for other things. Other surrounding communities that participate in complete streets agree it's a great thing. Councilor Allie informed the Council that roads are not being maintained now and not every street needs a bike lane. The City does not need another government program. The complete streets ordinance was rejected in 2016 and that the

Natural Resources Committee would only support it if certain language was taken out. The language in the sidewalk section is the same as it was in 2016. He informed the Council that he distrusts the government and its politicians, the cost is too high for the taxpayers, the State has a reputation of changing the rules of a program and removes funding. Excise tax goes to the general fund and it should go to maintain the roads. It was the people of Western Ave that got the bike lane moved from the center of the road to the side of the road. Complete streets takes away local control and it should not be supported. Councilor Mello informed the Council and those present from public participation that she is encouraged by their participation, no matter what side they are on, but had a real problem with those that referenced it as a hypocrisy. She informed them that she thoroughly looked over the ordinance and there is an opt-out clause. She referenced that State programs and money was used on water treatment when City's wells were out of compliance. She supported that all residents deserve safe passage on streets, sidewalks and bike lanes and that the City does not have the money and that no one wants their taxes to go up. She explained that FEMA is a government program that is being used. She reiterated that there is an opt-out clause or the whole complete streets ordinance can be revoked if the City feels it is not working. Councilor Morganelli questioned the Committee whether or not the Police Department supports the complete streets ordinance. Councilor Figy responded that former Capt. McCabe, now the current Mayor, was against it in 2016 and supported it in 2022. Councilor Morganelli informed the Council that he spoke to Police Chief Valliere and Traffic Commission Chair Juanita Mejias and they did not know anything about it.

Upon motion of Councilor Morganelli, it was VOTED: That the first reading of the Complete Street ordinance be TABLED until the first meeting in May.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The President declared the motion to table LOST.

Discussion continued. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he agrees with everyone, except the conspiracy theorists, that there are a lot of wills and shalls in the ordinance and that the opt-out may be contradicting, but there may be some wiggle room for the Council to rescind the ordinance. Westfield is being short-changed on Chapter 90 money

and there is never enough money for maintenance of streets and it is a crazy system to rely on the State for money, but he trusts the Mayor to opt-out if it doesn't work for a particular area/road. Councilor Bean agreed with Councilor Flaherty and he did not support it in 2016, but \$400,000 is too much money to leave on the table and will give it a shot this time. Councilor Figy informed the Council that it's not the same ordinance as in 2016, it is a friendlier version and that he spoke with Mayors of surrounding communities and they all agreed it was a good program. It was supported by the Engineer and Planning Board in 2016 and is still being supported and they play a pivotal piece and that complete street ideas are already being incorporated in the construction/reconstruction of streets and sidewalks. And that UN Agenda 21 is about Africa not the US. Councilor Matthews-Kane spoke in support of the ordinance as it is an established, vetted program that contains best practices. And, also that she is motivated for safer streets. She reported that there have been 400 accidents in the past 20 years involving pedestrians and/or bicyclists and if complete streets can help reduce that number she is in support. Councilor Burns spoke in support of the ordinance due to the opt-out provision. Councilor Allie reiterated that the State has not increased the City's Chapter 90 money, it has stopped funding the Quinn bill and the meals/hotel tax is not being used for what it was promised. The complete streets ordinance will not prevent bicycle/pedestrian accidents. Accidents are caused by distracted drivers and that most bike lanes are dangerous and most of his bicyclists' friends do not like bike lanes. Councilor Allie offered an amendment to eliminate language at Section 16-182 #4, second sentence "Cost alone shall not be considered a valid reason for rejecting further pursuit of such principles or options." And that he would support the ordinance if that language was removed. President Onyski did not recognize the amendment at this time. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he thinks it is a good program and that areas on Franklin Street near CVS and the Springdale Road and Holyoke Road intersection are dangerous areas and need to be earmarked. The goal is for safety but even with the program it still may not be safe to be in a bike lane on East Main Street. Councilor Matthews-Kane reiterated that bike lanes do not have to be put on every street and that there are some people that do not have a car and their only mode of transportation is a bike and they need a bike lane wherever possible. She expressed her concern if the ordinance is amended as the State may kick it back. Councilor Figy informed the Council that Section 16-183-Implementation takes into account a cooperative effort among many City departments in the development of the plan to maintain local control. President Onyski recognized Councilor Allie's amendment at this time.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was
VOTED: That language at Section 16-182 #4, second sentence "Cost alone shall not be considered a valid reason for rejecting further pursuit of such principles or options." be eliminated.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The President declared the motion to amend LOST.

Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that the City was never required to support the Quinn Bill and with the Green Community the Stretch Code had to be followed and there are different consequences after each election. The complete streets was generated by bike communities and it is an opportunity to bring money into the City and overall its intent is positive.

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

VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, ADOPTED JUNE 17, 1993" (Amending Chapter 16- Streets and Sidewalks by adding Article VI: Complete Streets sections) be given first reading by title only.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The Ordinance was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Adams, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO SECOND READING and final passage at the next regular meeting of the City Council to be held April 21st, 2022.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

14. Councilor Burns, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, informed the Council that items 14. and 15. will be taken together as they were presented in one Ordinance. He explained that item 14. is for No Parking on the north side of Pearl Street westerly from Holland Avenue to Pleasant Street. Councilor Matthews-Kane, Ward 3 Councilor spoke in support of the ordinance and informed the Council that the residents of the area petitioned for this change and are in support of it and it is a recommendation of the Traffic Commission.

15. Councilor Burns, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, informed the Council that item 15. is for No Parking on the north side of Linden Avenue from the intersection of Dudley Avenue to the driveway of #7 Linden Ave. Councilor Figy, Ward 2 Councilor, spoke in support of the ordinance and informed the Council that the residents of the area are in support of it and it is a recommendation of the Traffic Commission.

Upon motion of Councilor Burns, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was

VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, ADOPTED JUNE 17, 1993" (Amending Chapter 17-115 No Parking Pearl Street and Linden Avenue) be given first reading by title only.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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	Absent
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

The Ordinance was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Burns, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO SECOND READING and final passage at the next regular meeting of the City Council to be held April 21st, 2022.

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

VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, ADOPTED JUNE 17, 1993" (Amending Chapter 2, Section 2-5 - Wards and Section 2-6 - Precincts by deleting the sections in their entirety and inserting in place thereof the amended Wards and Precincts as a result of the redistricting which became effective December 31, 2021) be given first reading by title only.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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	Absent
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

The Ordinance was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Adams, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO SECOND READING and final passage at the next regular meeting of the City Council to be held April 21st, 2022.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Adams informed the Council that the Ordinance is the description of the wards and precincts of the redistricting map previously accepted by the Council on October 21, 2021. Councilor Figy informed the Council that redistricting is the result of the Federal Census 2020 and it is done every 10 years. Councilor Sullivan, through the Chair, asked the City Clerk when the voters affected by the changes in the wards/precincts will be notified. The City Clerk replied that they will be notified this summer, at least 30 days prior to the State Preliminary as required by State statute. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that there is a change in the Representative District for part of Ward 6B (and a small portion of 2A) from Representative District 4th Hampden to 6th Hampden.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17. TABLED: Councilor Morganelli, Liaison to the Park and Recreation, submitting a notification from the Park and Rec Commission that the Commission voted to name a field in memory of Bob Veronesi.

Upon motion of Councilor Morganelli, it was

VOTED: That the above motion be REMOVED FROM THE TABLE.

Councilor Morganelli informed the Council that Park and Rec is requesting that a field at Whitney Park be named in memory Bob "Chico" Veronesi as he has been a commissioner since 1987. Councilor Morganelli informed the Council he will keep the Council posted. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was

VOTED: That the naming of a field at Whitney Park in memory Bob "Chico" Veronesi be REFERRED TO THE CITY PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

18 TABLED: Reappointment of William R Parks, 78 Granville Road, as a member of the Westfield Redevelopment Authority, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2027.

Upon motion of Councilor Bean, it was

VOTED: That the above motion be REMOVED FROM THE TABLE.

Upon motion of Councilor Bean, it was

VOTED: That the reappointment of William R. Parks, 78 Granville Road, as a member of the Westfield Redevelopment Authority, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2027 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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	Absent
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Bean informed the Council that the appointment was tabled because Mr. Parks was the State appointee and it was unclear if he would continue to be the State appointee or an appointment of the Council. Councilor Bean explained that Mr. Parks will fill an open seat on the commission and the Governor will appoint a new State appointee.

MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

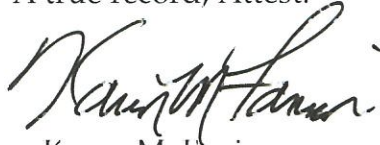
Councilor Figy announced that the School Committee cut \$1.5 million from the school budget in prospective cuts, if needed. The School budget can be viewed on the School's webpage.

Councilor Morganelli announced that he will have a Ward 1 community meeting at the Intermediate School on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Councilor Flaherty wished everyone a Happy Easter and reminded everyone of the Mayor's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9th, 2022 at Westfield High School from 10 am to 12 noon, additional info is on the City's website.

At 9:21 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was
VOTED: To ADJOURN.

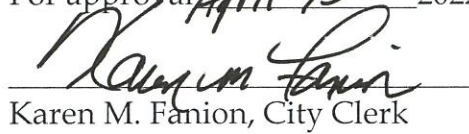
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Karen M. Fanion
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

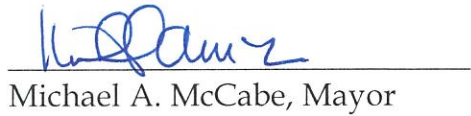
Presented to the Mayor

For approval April 15 2022


Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor

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Michael A. McCabe, Mayor