



MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 15, 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. 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 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 April 1, 2021 be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Carmel T. Steger speaking in support of item 3 on the Agenda as follows: Requesting acceptance of a gift donation of Historical Signs donated by Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail to be placed along the rail trail.

Under "Public Participation" Councilor Matthews-Kane read a letter submitted by the Westfield Taxpayers Association relative to City of Westfield water enterprise funds.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Donna Liese, 287 Shaker Road. She expressed her concerns that this last year has been an exceedingly difficult time for businesses, parents and especially the children. People are having difficulty breathing due to wearing masks, evidenced by wearing them under their noses, and needing to take breathing breaks during work. Citizens who are unable to wear a mask have been denied entry into places of public accommodation. The mental, physical, and psychological damage to the children may not be known for years. She submitted questions to be sent to Health Director Joe Rouse to be answered.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Councilor Harris. She informed the Council that she has been questioned by the public whether or not the Westfield Taxpayers Association is a City government board or a private entity. She confirmed that the Westfield Taxpayers Association is a private association that was formed in the summer of 2020, not a City Government board. She gave the names of the board members, at that time, as follows: Brian Richards, President, now the President is Jane Okscin, Kathleen Hillman, Clerk, Jane Okscin, Treasurer and Director; Lisa Okscin, Director, Andrew Surprise, Director, Mary O'Connell, Director. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that those are the original officers and that there are over 1,000 members and that he has helped them to obtain information and he endorses the letter that was submitted.

1. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the Airport Coronavirus Relief Grant in the amount of \$57,162.00 from the FAA be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the grant just came in, there is no City match and immediate consideration was requested because it is time sensitive and must be executed no later than May 7th, 2021.

2. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that a Grant in the amount of \$ 11,929.00 to the Fire Department from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the grant will be used for firefighter safety equipment-combustible gas and carbon monoxide detection meters and there is no City match.

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. Requesting acceptance of a gift donation of Historical Signs donated by Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail to be placed along the rail trail.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

4. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That the rules of the City Council be SUSPENDED in order to give to immediate consideration of a gift donation of sliding glass doors for the Senior Center in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Friends of the Westfield Senior Center to the Council on Aging.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That a gift donation of sliding glass doors for the Senior Center in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Friends of the Westfield Senior Center to the Council on Aging be
ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the current doors at the Senior Center are too heavy and cumbersome for the Seniors to open and that with this gift donation new sliding glass doors will be purchased and installed, as well as the old doors to be removed and any carpentry work that may need to be done is included. Councilor Bean questioned if this type of maintenance should be handled within the budget instead of using a gift donation and that the gift donation could be used for something else. Councilor Flaherty agreed that gift donations should be used for optional items not routine maintenance. Councilor Beltrandi clarified that the doors are not broken, they are just too heavy and it is the choice of the Senior Center to replace them so it is not a routine maintenance issue. Councilors Onyski and Sullivan thanked the donor for the generous contribution and questioned if there was a name of the donor. Councilor Figy informed the Council that there was no name on the donation.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That items 5. and 6. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

5. Requesting acceptance of the Sewer Rate Relief Fund Grant in the amount of a \$ 1,710.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Local Services and MassDEP to the Public Works Department.
6. Transfer of \$ 5,562.86 from Auditor's Department, Full time salary account #11350000-511000 to Airport Department, Capital Signs Project account #11990000-58000 4880.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That items 7. and 8. 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:

7. Submitting an Ordinance amendment to the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program.
8. Submitting a Resolution for the acquisition of properties at 129 and 131 Franklin Street.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

9. President Bean informed the Council that Health Director Joe Rouse was unable to attend tonight's meeting to give a COVID update.

10. Councilor Morganelli, Liaison to the Park and Rec Commission gave the following update: The Veterans' Counsel uses the different parks in the City for their events. There is a noise issue at the Hampton Ponds Park and they are working with the Police relative to the matter and that it's a non-lighted park and is open from dawn to dusk. The AED, donated by Kev's Foundation, located at the pickleball court was recently used and saved a life and that the Park & Rec Commission was grateful to have had that donation. The skateboard park located behind the Westfield Middle School is in terrible shape and that a former Westfield resident, an avid skateboarder, is spearheading its renovation. There is discussion of another art sculpture to be located at the 9-11 Memorial Park. Councilor Flaherty expressed his gratitude in having the AED that saved a life and that all parks and fields should have one. Councilor Figy informed the Council that per recent legislation passed, all coaches must have one at all practices and games. Councilor Burns acknowledged the Major family and Sue Canning for the donation of the AED from the Kev's Foundation.

11. The OPEN PUBLIC HEARING continued 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. City Planner Jay Vinskey informed the Council that the Planning Board, at its last meeting, voted for positive recommendation on the petition.

With on others appearing to be heard and upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That the Public Hearing be CLOSED and the petition be REFERRED TO THE ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That items 12, 13, and 14 be REFERRED TO ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE and that a Public Hearing be scheduled for the May 6th, 2021 Council meeting.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

12. Petition for a Zoning amendment submitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals to update the definition of family and related/affected residential living arrangement matters at Sections 2-20, 3-40.3 (1) and 3-50.3 (1). A Public Hearing is required.
13. Petition for Zoning amendment submitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals to update definitions at Article II/2-20, Article III/various and Article IV/various. A Public Hearing is required.
14. Petition for Zoning Amendment submitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals for an update on non-conforming situations at Article II/4-10, Article III/3-91.2 and Article III/3-92.2. A Public Hearing is required.

15. Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, informed the Council that the appropriation of \$42,411.99 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to Police Department, Additional Capital Equipment, account #12100000-585000 will be taken in two separate votes, as follows.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, with 2 in favor and opposed, it was

VOTED: That the sum of \$3,650 be appropriated from Free Cash (1000-359000) to Police Department, Additional Capital Equipment, account #12100000-585000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | No |
| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the \$3,650.00 appropriation is for protective gear for Police Officers, but on the invoices it is listed as riot gear. He explained that the Police were at the Finance Committee meeting and gave a presentation and informed the Finance Committee that the current gear is 30 years old and is obsolete. Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that she was the 1 vote from the Committee not in favor of the appropriation. She explained her concern with the need for riot gear because the only recent riots have been at Westfield State University in 2013, 2015 and 2017 and therefore WSU should be paying for the gear. She explained her concerns that a Police Officer wearing riot gear would be intimidating to someone undergoing a mental health crisis and may escalate a situation. She requested that this money be used for training on how to deescalate a situation. She requested that a written policy be developed for when riot gear should be used and a list of when it was used and who used it. She informed the Council that she has many friends who are officers and she wants all of the officers to go home safely every night as well as protesters to go home safely every night, counter protesters to go home safely every night, the knuckle heads at WSU to go home safely every night and for everyone to go home safely every night. Councilor Adams informed the Council that the current gear is 30 years old and has lasted that long because it has not been used a lot and that is a good thing, but if needed it has to be updated and safe. And also, the City of Westfield has mutual aid agreements with other communities and if they do not have the appropriate gear they will not be able to respond. The Officers train for these kind of incidences and they won't just be wearing it on routine calls. Councilor Mello agreed with Councilor Matthews-Kane comments. She added that if the Officers did not have the equipment then they wouldn't have to go to other communities and that the riots at Westfield State University should be left up to the State Police. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that the protective gear is not only used in riots, it may be used in rescues, intruder situations or domestic violence situations. He also agreed there should be a policy for the use of the riot gear and suggested holding up the appropriation until after the policy is written. Councilor Allie agreed there should be a policy but the gear needs to be purchased now because situations may come up without a warning and the Police Officers need to be protected now. Councilor Morganelli informed the Council that when he grew up a Police Officer was a friendly face and that intimidation is in the eyes of

the beholder and that the gear may not look good but is needed for their protection. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that he is in support of the protective equipment and that it is unfortunate that the timing of this appropriation is when there are turbulent times within this country involving Police Officers.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$38,761.99 be appropriated from Free Cash (1000-359000) to Police Department, Additional Capital Equipment, account #12100000-585000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 | Yes |
| Brent Bean II | Yes |
| John Beltrandi III | Yes |
| Michael Burns | Yes |
| Ralph Figy | Yes |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the above appropriation of \$38,761.99 is for a drone upgrade. The upgrades include twice the flying time before a battery change is needed, it can carry and drop items such as first aid equipment, food, life vests and cellphones and has two controls for two users. The current drone will be sold to Southwick for \$5,000.00. The policy for using a drone is FAA driven and is updated continuously. Councilor Adams thanked the family, who chooses not to be recognized, for the donation of the first drone and that it has been very helpful in emergency situations. Councilor Flaherty agreed it is a good tool for officers. Councilor Matthews-Kane expressed her concerns that a drone could infringe on a peoples civil liberties, but with the robust policy it maintains checks and balances and therefore she will support the appropriation. Councilor Morganelli expressed his concerns that the appropriation is for only one drone. He questioned if the Police could scale back some of the features and get two drones for the appropriation. Councilor Mello spoke in support of the appropriation for the drone because there is a policy and it's used for life saving. Councilor Adams addressed the concerns of Councilor Morganelli by reiterating that the specifications of the drone are needed and that technology has changed since the first drone and it is the most updated technology. Councilor Morganelli thanked Councilor Adams for his explanation but still expressed his concern for the high cost. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that the specifications for the drone came from the Police and they are the experts and their decision should be trusted.

16. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That a Bond Order entitled "a Bond Order FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITY WATER WELLS 1 AND 2 (for construction of a permanent Granulated Activated Carbon

Treatment Facility for Wells 1 & 2 at the Dry Bridge Road Water Treatment Plant Project” in the amount of \$12,257,000.00 be given first reading by title only.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

The Order was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That the Order be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Prior to the votes, Councilor Figy informed the Council that several City employees gave a power point presentation at the March 18th, 2021 meeting and answers to the questions submitted to the Finance Committee have been answered. He highlighted some of the questions as follows: The savings to the ratepayers is approximately \$5,000.00 based on the debt forgiveness of \$19.8%. There is approximately \$5 million left on the previous bonds. No PFAS water has entered the system. Councilor Flaherty spoke in support of the bond and informed the Council that he spoke with Heather Stayton, Systems Engineer in the Water Department, who was very knowledgeable, and that they can't prove there were no PFAS in the water, it was just not detected. He spoke about alternate water supplies such as connecting to Holyoke or Springfield which would be cost prohibitive and there would still be a need for filtering. Councilor Beltrandi spoke in support and informed the Council that the questions have been answered. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that the questions have been answered in detail and there is a breakdown of expenses and spoke in support. Councilor

Burns thanked the Water Department for all their efforts. Councilor Mello informed the Council that there are three questions that were not answered relative to the carbon filters and that the answer that was provided that it's procedural is not an answer. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he originally wanted results that indicated no detect, but after speaking with Heather Stayton he has a better understanding that tests gives false positive results and that the numbers are so tiny they are unquantifiable.

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

VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PRESERVATION RESTRICTION FOR THE YMCA OF GREATER WESTFIELD, INC" (for the Taylor Mansion building located at 67 Court Street) be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

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

VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PRESERVATION RESTRICTION FOR LAMBSON SQUARE PROPERTIES, LLC" (for the Lambson Furniture building, 89 Elm Street) be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

19. Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, 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" (At Chapter 17: TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES By Adding to the following sections: Section 17-73 Stop Intersections Designated; Section 17-93 Left Lane Must Turn Left; Section 17-84 Restricted Street Access designated, Section 17-115 Parking Prohibited at all times on certain streets; Section 17-42 No right turn on red; Section 17-82 Speed limits (b) School Zones)(for the Western Avenue Phase II Project) be given first reading by title only.

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

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

20. Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That 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 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Smith is a registered Democrat which meets the requirement of this board. He has been on several different Boards and Commissions in Westfield, was a teacher, was the Director of Westfield Housing, and has multiple degrees of higher education including an Honorary Doctorate from Westfield State University. He is well-respected throughout the Community. Westfield is fortunate to have this caliber of person on the Board of Registrars since 2005. He is an active member of this Board and is well versed in the Help America Vote Act, and supported and participated in the first-time Early Voting in 2016. City Clerk Fanion, Chair of this Board, highly recommends his reappointment. Councilor Sullivan states that he expresses strong support for this - that Mr. Smith is most dedicated to this City and states he is honored to support his reappointment, also noting that Mr. Smith is a Veteran so dedicated to his Country also. Councilor Figy echoed those comments. Councilor Beltrandi added that Dan Smith is a founding father in giving of his time and energy. Councilor Adams informed the Council that Dan is a very lucky man to have come out of the Holyoke Soldiers' Home and thanked him for all he does for the City.

21. Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That 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 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Ms. Saltus was appointed to the Board of Registrars September 2014. She is a registered Republican which meets the requirements of this Board. She worked in Government for over 30 years including working for former Governor William Weld and former State Representative Steve Pierce. Westfield is fortunate to have someone with this background and experience on this Board. She is an active member of the Board and is well-versed in the Help America Vote Act, supported and participated in the first-time Early Voting in 2016. City Clerk Fanion, Chair of this Board, highly recommends his reappointment. Councilor Sullivan states that we are fortunate to have such capable and dedicated people. Councilor Figy agrees.

22. Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Kerry Ann Kielbasa, 31 Crescent Ridge Road as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Ms. Kielbasa has a passion for working with older adults and has extensive experience in the field of Aging. She was

responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Town of Granby, CT's Senior Center when employed by Granby as Director of Human Services from 1990 to 2015. During that time she was involved in designing and building a new Senior Center and initiated numerous programs and services to enhance the quality of life for seniors. She has an MBA and is affiliated with many memberships regarding seniors. She was first appointed February 2018

23. Upon motion of Councilor Allie, for the License Committee, 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 APPROVED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

24. Upon motion of Councilor Mello, it was VOTED: That the ordinances relevant to the position of "Tree Warden" (sections of Chapters 13, 16, & 18) be reviewed, and potentially amended, for consistency and clarity, at the request of the Acting DPW Director and be REFERRED TO NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, LAW DEPARTMENT, PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Mello informed the Council that Attorney Reed has started working on this to get the ball rolling and once it's all together it will eventually have to go to Legislative and Ordinance Committee for an Ordinance change. Councilor Mello informed the Council that the Tree Warden position is referred to in different Ordinances and this would bring it all together in one ordinance.

25. Upon motion of Councilor Morganelli, (and Councilors Burns, Allie, and Beltrandi), it was

VOTED: To request the 20th anniversary plans for 9-11 and amended to include the date of May 20th, 2021 that the plans be submitted and be REFERRED TO MAYOR'S OFFICE, POLICE COMMISSION, FIRE COMMISSION, and VETERANS' SERVICES DIRECTOR, JULIE BARNES and it was further, VOTED, upon motion of Councilor Harris that all Councilors be included in the motion.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

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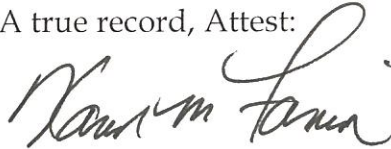
Councilor Flaherty thanked everyone who participated in the recent, very successful bottle and can drive sponsored by the Boy Scouts.

At 9:02 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was
VOTED: To ADJOURN.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

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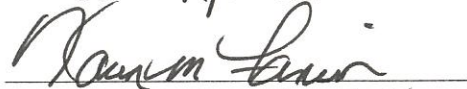


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City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

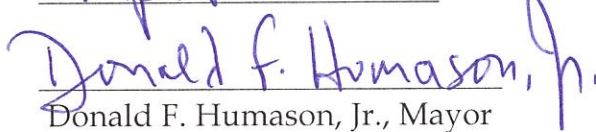
Presented to the Mayor

Approved by the Mayor

For approval April 26 2021


Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

April 26 2021


Donald F. Humason, Jr., Mayor