



MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAY 19, 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. All thirteen Councilors were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was
VOTED: That the record of the meeting of May 5, 2022 be ACCEPTED.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mayor McCabe. He gave an overview of changes in the budget from the last meeting in that the original projected revenue was \$86 million and now it is \$84 million, and with alternate sources of revenue, a change to OPEB and using Free Cash of \$900,000.00 the budget is balanced. He cautioned that inflation is at its highest since the 1980's and even with the budget being balanced it will be a tight budget and that an additional \$5 million will be needed to cover the inflation, but the good news is that \$200,000.00 will be coming from the State.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Carmel T. Steger, 60 Wood Road, Chair of the Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail. She spoke in favor of the item #5 requesting permission to construct, plant, maintain, and disassemble a series of flower planters on the Rail Trail. She informed the Council that all work and supplies will be done by the Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by John Keilch, 354 Root Road. He spoke in opposition to the reappointment of Carissa Lisee as Superintendent of Buildings. He referenced an alleged illegal automotive business on Root Road in which he had file complaints against and that has not been shut down by the Building Superintendent. He referenced that the DEP has been called in on the complaint. He continued by informing the Council that the alleged illegal automotive business may be contaminating the water supply of the area. During his presentation to the Council and upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was VOTED: That he be allowed to continue beyond his three minutes.

Councilor Flaherty asked Mr. Keilch to inform the Council what his business is that is located on Root Road. Mr. Keilch responded, that his wife's business is the Yellowstone Farmhouse organic farm at 354 Root Road.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Bernie Rosenblum, 39 St. James Avenue. He informed the Council that a street light on the corner of Claremont Street and St. James Avenue has been removed and since then there have been strangers walking

across residents' lawns and cars have been stolen out of driveways. He requested that the street light be replaced and that there be additional police patrols in the area. President Onyski suggested he contact his Ward Councilor. Mr. Rosenblum replied that he has contacted his Councilor.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Kurt Bricault, 46 St. James Avenue. He informed the Council that it was his wife's car that was stolen out of the driveway and that a couple of weeks ago he noticed a car with CT plates in the area at night. There have been other incidents of stolen cars in the Chestnut Street area and in Agawam. He requested that the street light be replaced and that the Police develop a task force to deal with this issue.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Kevin LeClerc, 7 Free Street. He informed the Council that at the intersection of Main and Free Streets many cars are jumping the red light and that it is very dangerous. He requested something be done by the Police to patrol this area a little more.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Pam Keene-Perreault, 181 Barbara Street. She submitted a petition opposing the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail proposed expansion that would travel through Kittredge Drive and Barbara Street. She informed that over 90% of the homeowners have signed the petition. She requested that an alternate route be selected.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Heather Marshall-Brunt, 56 Kittredge Drive. She spoke in opposition to the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail proposed expansion that would travel through Kittredge Drive and Barbara Street. She informed the Council that it will add strangers to the neighborhood, litter, and pet waste.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Robert Kelly, 62 Barbara Street. He spoke in opposition to the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail proposed expansion that would travel through Kittredge Drive and Barbara Street.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Joe Almeida, 32 Kittredge Drive. He spoke in opposition to the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail proposed expansion that would travel through Kittredge Drive and Barbara Street.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by David Perreault, 181 Barbara Street. He spoke in opposition to the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail proposed expansion that would travel through Kittredge Drive and Barbara Street.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by David Clark, 164 Barbara Street. He spoke in opposition to the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail proposed expansion that would travel through Kittredge Drive and Barbara Street. He requested that an alternate route be chosen.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Sharon Blanchard, 203 Barbara Street. She spoke in opposition to the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail proposed expansion that would travel through Kittredge Drive and Barbara Street.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Bette Babinski, 195 Barbara Street. He spoke in opposition to the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail proposed expansion that would travel through Kittredge Drive and Barbara Street.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Rich Roy, 55 St. James Avenue. He informed the Council that the street light that was removed on Claremont Street and St. James Avenue was originally a regular street light and then an LED light replaced it. The LED light was a nuisance as it lit up his whole house, therefore, he requested to have it removed. He informed the Council that he had wished his neighbors had addressed this matter with him instead of coming to a Council meeting about it. He informed the Council that this should be a Westfield Gas and Electric matter. And if Westfield Gas and Electric wants to put a smaller light, not an LED, he would be ok with it.

Mr. Kurt Bricault asked the Council if he could rebut Mr. Roy's comments.

Upon motion of Councilor Bean, it was
VOTED: That rebuttal to Mr. Roy's comments be ALLOWED.
Councilor Figy was OPPOSED.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Kurt Bricault, 46 St. James Avenue. He informed the Council that there was not a neighborhood meeting for when the streetlight was taken down and that he has had a conversation with Mr. Roy about the matter when the car was stolen. Mr. Bricault informed the Council that he had a discussion with the Westfield Gas and Electric and they were willing to put blackout shades in Mr. Roy's house and the offer was turned down. And that public safety trumps the issue of the light in his house.

Mr. Richard Roy ask the Council if he could rebut Mr. Briault's comments.

The President did not allow the rebuttal.

Upon motion of Councilor Morganelli, it was
VOTED: That Public Participation be CLOSED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, it was
VOTED: That item 1. 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. Upon Requesting consideration of the acceptance of the \$70,604.00 in funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health through the

Massachusetts Health Officers Association to assist the Health Department in their efforts to enhance COVID-19 public health response.

Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, it was VOTED: That the rules of the City Council be SUSPENDED in order to act upon Item 2 received at tonight's meeting.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | Yes |
| Kristen Mello | Yes |

2. Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the a Grant in the amount of \$22,400.00 from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Aeronautics Division to the Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport with the local share of \$5,600.00 from the FY22 Airport budget be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | Yes |
| Kristen Mello | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that the grant is for cold storage shelter to house seasonal equipment throughout the year. In the winter the airfield mowers will be stored in the shelter and in the summer the airfield snow removal equipment will be stored in the shelter. The size of the shelter will be 42 x 40 and

approximately 22 feet high. The MassDOT is issuing the grant for the materials and a separate grant will be for the installation of the shelter. It will sit on gravel. The grant needs to be expended by the end of June. Councilor Sullivan acknowledged that Airport Manager Chris Willenborg is present at the meeting. Councilor Mello questioned that since the shelter will sit on gravel what is the insurance that nothing is dripping from the equipment and going into the ground which is in a sensitive area. Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was VOTED: That Airport Manager Chris Willenborg be allowed to address the Council. Airport Manager Chris Willenborg informed the Council that the equipment is washed in a contained area before it is stored for the season. Right now the equipment is stored outside. The grant is to have the equipment stored inside a shelter to protect it. Councilor Mello questioned if all the oil and fluids are removed prior to storing. Mr. Willenborg replied that no, not all fluids are removed, there is antifreeze in there to be winterized and that the area will be periodically checked. Councilor Mello questioned if the surface is impervious. Mr. Willenborg replied that it's on gravel. He added that at this time the grant is for supplies only. The next grant will be for the installation of the structure and at that time whatever the requirements are they will be followed. He explained that this is end of the year money and the Airport would like to purchase the supplies before the prices go up. He explained that this project has been in the Airport's Capital Plan for the past few years. Councilor Bean questioned if there will be any additional equipment purchased at this time. Mr. Willenborg replied no. Councilor Bean reiterated that the equipment is already being stored on grass outside and the shelter would be to store the same equipment inside. Mr. Willenborg replied that is correct.

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

Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, it was VOTED: That items 3. and 4. 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:

3. Appropriation of \$37,000.00 from Free Cash account #1000-359000 to the Purchasing Repair and Maintenance account #11380000-524001 for the removal of three underground fuel/ gas storage tanks per the order of Mass DEP.
4. Requesting approval of an increase to the proposed FY23 Budget in the amount of \$57,000.00 for supervisory training.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

5. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That the Friends of The Columbia Greenway Rail Trail be ALLOWED to construct, plant, maintain, and disassemble a series of flower planters on the Rail Trail.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that this will be no cost to the City. The installation and maintenance will be done by the staff of the Friends of the Columbia Rail Trail. Councilor Mello requested that the planters do not block the trail so to maintain its ADA accessibility.

6. Ward 1 Councilor Morganelli submitted a petition from residents in opposition of the Columbia Rail Trail coming into the Kittredge Drive and Barbara Street area and upon motion of Councilor Morganelli, it was

VOTED: That the petition be REFERRED TO THE CITY ENGINEER and MAYOR.

Councilor Mello questioned if the neighbors suggested preferred route. Councilor Morganelli informed the Council that there is a draft on the website and there are alternate, viable routes but that they may be more expensive to build.

7. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the report from the Planning Board submitted by City Planner Jay Vinskey on Limiting the Number of Marijuana Cultivation Facilities be ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE. Councilor Figy informed the Council that the topic was discussed in the Planning Board and they took it upon themselves to submit the report.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

8. A PUBLIC HEARING was held on a Zone Change petition for Lockhouse Development, LLC c/o Joseph Kelley to amend the zoning map at 0 Lockhouse Road (parcel 230-18-1A) from Residence C-1 & Business A to all Residence C. Mr. Rob Levesque of Levesque Associates was present to represent the application. He informed the Council that the surrounding areas are Residence or Business. Abutting properties include the Willows apartments, Veterinarian hospital and railroad tracks. The purpose of the zone change is for the development of multi-family residences. Councilor Mello questioned if the property is on City water and sewer. Mr. Levesque replied yes. Councilor Flaherty questioned if it has the capacity. Mr. Levesque replied that the study has not been done yet, but all indications point to yes. Councilor Matthews-Kane asked why Residence C and not Residence C1. Mr. Levesque replied that Residence C allows for more density, consistent with an apartment building. Councilor Mello questioned how much space is needed from the rail road. Mr. Levesque replied that it's typically 20 ft and there are specific calculations for open space that are required for different areas and that will be all part of the site planning with the Planning Board. With no 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 ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

9. A PUBLIC HEARING was held on a Zone Change petition at 627 Southampton Road for Hometown Structures, Andrew, Joseph & Margaret Kurtz (owner) to amend the zoning map at 627 Southampton Road from Business A and Industrial A to all Industrial A. Mr. Glenn Martin was present to represent the application. He informed the Council that the petition is for a zone change to all Industrial A. Currently the rear of the property is Industrial A and the front portion is Business A. The purpose of the zone change is to be able to manufacture more storage sheds. Abutting properties are Industrial A and Business A. Councilor Mello questioned why the applicant would not apply for a zoning variance instead

of a zone change. Mr. Martin replied to accomplish the purpose of the petition, a zone change was the recommendation but if a zoning variance will allow him what he wants to do he will look into it. Councilor Allie questioned if the parcel is split into two different zones. Mr. Martin replied yes and with the zone change it makes it all one zone. Councilor Flaherty questioned the size of the current manufacturing area and how much space would be needed to build more 7500 sq. ft. manufacturing buildings. Mr. Martin replied that the first step is to manufacture the 7500 sq. ft. manufacturing buildings (sheds) and the next phase would be to manufacture garage buildings, have a larger showroom and then another phase would be to manufacture residential green houses. Councilor Beltrandi questioned if they have a license to sell trailers. Mr. Martin replied that he is not involved in that part of the business. Councilor Beltrandi advised him to check on the zoning that is needed for the selling of trailers so as not to change the zone if a portion is needed for the selling of the trailers. Councilor Allie questioned if the applicant would consider not rezoning the entire parcel. Mr. Martin replied that he would consider it, but it's not his first preference. Councilor Onyski explained that the application is for the entire parcel and that is what needs to be considered. The Council cannot negotiate. It's up to the applicant if he wants to change it. Councilor Mello asked the applicant if he would consider a variance or a smaller portion of the premises. Mr. Martin replied that the Industrial A zone is in keeping with similar industrial zones in the area. Austin Kurtz informed the Council that he just spoke with the president of the company and that they do have a license to sell the trailers and Industrial A allows it. Councilor Mello informed the Council that former Councilor Mary Ann Babinski is in opposition of the zone change because if there is a zone change, there could potentially be a marijuana establishment at the location if the current owner sells the property and there are residents across the street. With no 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 ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

10. Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, for the Finance Committee, it was
VOTED: That the sum of \$110,000.00 be appropriated to restore the fence around the perimeter of Pine Hill Cemetery from the following: \$75,000.00 from Community Preservation Undesignated FY22 account #24101770-580000 to CPA Pine Hill Cemetery Fence (Historic) account #24101770-580200-5210 and \$35,000.00 from Community Preservation Historic (FY22) account #24101770-580200 to CPA Pine Hill Cemetery Fence (Historic) account #24101770-580200-5210.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | Yes |
| Kristen Mello | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that the fence will be restored on the Court Street, Western Avenue and Tekoa Terrace sides and not the whole perimeter as the communication states. It's desired that the fence project start as soon as possible as costs are going up and that the fence will not be in the way of the new sidewalks being installed Court Street/Western Ave. The cemetery will contribute \$6,000.00 for the fence and there are pledges of contributions should the costs be higher. Councilor Adams expressed his concern that the fence is right near where the sidewalks will be but understands they can't wait another year for the fence.

11. Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the a Federal Emergency Management Agency COVID Project Application reimbursement grant in the amount of \$40,714.55 for 100% of COVID staffing costs at the vaccination clinic in West Springfield be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | Yes |
| Kristen Mello | Yes |

12. Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That a Grant in the amount of \$380,521.00 from the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Plan (MassEVIP) to the Westfield Gas & Electric to obtain 9 charging stations under the MassEVIP Public Access Charging Program be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that there is a match on the grant of \$143,000.00 from the Westfield Gas & Electric which will cover additional installation costs, maintenance of the equipment, engineering and software licensing that is not covered by the grant. The electric costs will be paid by the City which are estimated at \$800.00 a year per meter for a total of \$7,200.00 a year. There is a possibility that there will be billing for the electricity of the meters and that will be negotiated, but initially it's a free service at this time. There was discussion to designate the parking spaces as EV only so that it can be enforced if vehicles are parked there long term and not just parked there for charging of the vehicle. Electric vehicles are getting more popular so at first it will be a free service to charge but may be not be free forever. The nine locations of the charging stations will be at the Westfield Intermediate School, 350 Southampton Road, Westfield Middle School, 30 West Silver Street, Highland School, 34 Western Avenue, Westfield Technical Academy, 33 Smith Avenue, at the Airport at 110 Airport Road, 112 Airport Road, Off street Parking lots at 10 Arnold Street and 29 School Street and on the north side parking lot near the Butcher Block at 16 Union Avenue. The locations of the charging stations are in environmental justice neighborhoods. Once the new Franklin Avenue School is completed a charging station will qualify for that location. Councilor Flaherty questioned why the City is paying for the electric costs and not the Westfield Gas & Electric. Councilor Sullivan replied that there are other incentive programs and that even with the City paying \$7,200.00 a year, the City would come out ahead. And, that there may be a swipe card system at some time. At this time, it's for incentive to use electric vehicles for environmental reasons and more. Councilor Morganelli requested an explanation of why the City is paying for monthly reoccurring landscaping/snow removal costs. Councilor Matthews-Kane replied that the City already is paying those costs for the areas in

which the charging stations will be. Councilor Morganelli agreed with Councilor Flaherty that the City taxpayers should not have to pay for the electricity. Councilor Adams questioned if the charging stations located on school property can be used at any time. Councilor Sullivan replied that yes they can be used 24/7. Councilor Harris agreed with Councilors Flaherty and Morganelli that the taxpayers should not have to pay for others to charge their cars. Councilor Mello questioned if there were any discussions about bringing school buses on to electric. Councilor Sullivan replied that that discussion did not take place. Councilor Bean informed the Council that electric vehicles are coming and that it doesn't make sense that the City is paying for it and not the Westfield Gas & Electric, but it's coming and if the grant is paying for the stations then why not accept it.

13. Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the Mayor be ALLOWED to transfer money between and within departments and between personal services and expenses for the purpose of expediting transfers and eliminating the need to carryover payments into FY2023 with limit of \$10,000.00 per transfer.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | Yes |
| Kristen Mello | Yes |

Councilor Figy requested that the Mayor be requested to provide a list of the transfers.

Legislative and Ordinance Committee

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

VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO SIGN THE PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (MSBA)" for the Franklin Avenue School Project be ADOPTED.

Councilor Figy read the Resolution in its entirety.

15. 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 AN EASEMENT FOR A CERTAIN PARCEL IN THE CITY OF WESTFIELD" for an easement over a portion of the Right of Way known as Old County Road to authorize Holyoke Gas and Electric to maintain infrastructure in the right of way be ADOPTED.

Councilor Burns read the Resolution by title only.

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

VOTED: That an Order entitled "A Confirmatory Order of Taking of real estate to provide public access and safety to the Westfield River Levee now and formerly known as Town Dike by right of eminent domain" for the purpose of Columbia Greenway Rail Trail be given first reading by title only.

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

VOTED: That the Order be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Adams informed the Council that the City already owns the property, but the State was to reaffirm it. Councilor Matthews-Kane questioned if this was a taking of the street. Councilor Adams replied that there is nothing about the street, it's only the dike. Councilor Matthews-Kane questioned if there was a map or picture submitted. Councilor Adams replied no and reiterated that the City already owns the property, this is to reaffirm it. Councilor Figy explained it's for land the City already owns and maintains it for the rail trail, there is no mention of the street. Councilor Figy informed the Council that he will get a map prior to the final passage.

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

VOTED: That the job description for the City Clerk position be ACCEPTED.

Councilor Flaherty questioned what the process will be relative to a screening committee as the City Clerk is a direct appointment of the City Council. Councilor Bean replied that Personnel Action Committee will do it, as that is the plan at this time. Councilor Bean reiterated that the applicant must be well versed in parliamentary procedures, Roberts Rules and the rules of the City Council as he is not good at it and wants to get away from having to ask the Law Department.

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

VOTED: That the change to the job description for the Department of Public Works Director NOT be approved.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | Yes |
| Kristen Mello | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Adams informed the Council that the change relative to a preferred bachelor's degree instead of a required bachelor's degree was the reason the committee gave it a negative recommendation. There is a lot to know relative to chemistry and the roads and an education needs to be a requirement. Councilor Harris informed the Council that she would like the position to go back to what it was once, a separate Public Works Director and a separate Water Department Director instead of the combined position especially with the water situation because there needs to be an expert that knows the rules and regulations relative to water which would require an advanced degree, but that an advanced degree may not be necessary relative to the roads. The position as its stated now, is too specialized and too big and will be very hard to fill. Councilor Mello expressed her concern that there is a requirement to pass a respiratory physical and no requirement for education. She also agreed that the position be split up into two separate positions, one dealing with water and one dealing with roads and to get it done quickly. Councilor Flaherty agreed also for the separation but informed the Council that it could not get done quickly because the Ordinances need to be changed. Councilor Bean informed the Council that he agrees with the comments and wants to give the current administration time to find someone for the position and also agreed that it should be separated. Councilor Burns agreed with Councilor Harris and informed the Council that when he was on the Water Commission he did not support the combining of the two positions and that it wasn't the previous administration that couldn't get a candidate to fill the position, it was the members of the Water Commission and Public Works Commission that did not show up for the meetings when there were candidates and meeting had to be cancelled at the last minute due to a lack of a quorum. Councilor Figy informed the Council that he will bring a motion forward at the next meeting to separate the position. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that there should be an involuntary resignation of board/commission members that do not show up to meetings.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was

VOTED: That a recommendation of a required Bachelor's degree and a preferred Master's degree be part of the DPW Director's job description and be REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS and WATER COMMISSION.

Zoning, Planning and Development Committee

19. Councilor Flaherty, for the Zoning, Planning and Development Committee, offered a motion which was duly seconded Petition for a zoning amendment at Section 2-20, 3-40, 50, 110, 120 and 4-30.4(1) relative to residential kennel restrictions, particularly lot area, to leave more discretion to the Special Permit granting authority relative to allowing 4 dogs in Residential A district by Special Permit. Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that she is opposed to adding additional dogs to Residential A and is fine with everything else. Councilor Adams expressed his concern that the dog officer has not been consulted on this zoning amendment. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that currently Residence A allows 3 dogs and if it's the Council's choice to scratch adding 4 dogs to Residence A he would support it. Councilor Sullivan spoke in support of the amendments, but it may not give the ZBA the ability to give applicants what they want. Councilor Allie reiterated that the goal would still be to get as close to 150 ft set back and 60,000 sq. ft. so any smaller lots that do not come close to 60,000 ft would not be granted a Special Permit by the Planning Board. Councilor Adams expressed his concern one person was requesting this amendment and having 4 dogs in a smaller area won't work and supports striking the Residence A portion. Councilor Bean agreed that the dog officer needs to be consulted.

Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, it was
VOTED: To strike changing Residential A to 4 dogs.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was
VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, APPENDIX B-ZONING, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 3, 1987" (amendments to Kennel licenses) be given first reading, as amended, by title only.

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

City Properties Committee

20. Councilor Flaherty for the City Properties Committee, reported that the Committee gave a positive recommendation to name a field at Whitney Park in memory of Bob Veronesi and that per Ordinance Section 11-1?1 - 11-1?8, the City Properties Committee must hold a public hearing on the nomination referred to it and that the Chair of City Properties Committee will pick a date and set up that Public Hearing with the City Clerk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

21. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, ADOPTED JUNE 17, 1993" (Amending Chapter 2,

Administration, Article V, Engineering, Division 1, Section 2-453 Appointment, qualifications and term of city engineer) be given second reading by title only.

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

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| 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 |
| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | Yes |
| Kristen Mello | Yes |

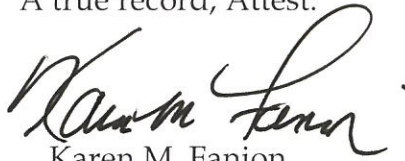
MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS - None

Announcements

Councilor Morganelli announced that the Memorial Day Parade will be Monday, May 30, 2022 at 10:00 at Mestek.

At 9:24 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

A true record, Attest:



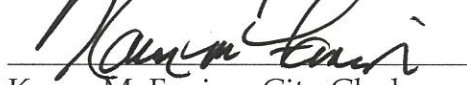
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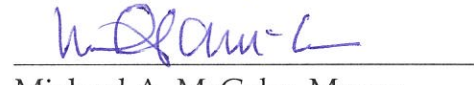
Presented to the Mayor

Approved by the Mayor

For approval May 27 2022

5-27, 2022



Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

Michael A. McCabe, Mayor