

SPECIAL
MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA at 6:30 PM by President Beltrandi and was immediately recessed to allow the joint meeting of the Legislative and Ordinance Committee and the Zoning, Planning and Development Committee to finish their meeting.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:26 PM.

The City Clerk called the roll. All thirteen Councilors were present.

The call of the special meeting was as follows:

- A. \$13 Million Water Bond Authorization
- B. Motion Related To \$13 Million Water Bond Authorization

Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that at the end of the Legislative and Ordinance Committee and the Zoning, Planning and Development Committee joint meeting (held just prior to this meeting) the \$13 million water bond authorization was referred from Zoning, Planning and Development Committee (ZPD) with a 2 to 1 positive recommendation to the Legislative and Ordinance Committee and is now in the hands of the Legislative and Ordinance Committee (L&O). He explained that during the joint meeting only members of those committees could ask questions of the panel of experts that were present. Councilor Surprise informed the Council that since he is not a member of either the ZPD or L&O he was not able to ask any questions and now at this time he would like to ask a question of Mr. Timothy Dupuis of CDM Smith. He informed the Council that he spoke with Hoosic Falls and they have to change their filters after 11 months and he questioned if that change out would be the same for Westfield. Mr. Dupuis informed the Council that the change out would be based on the samplings of detection and nondetection and that the 11 months is just an estimate for operating costs. He explained if it was run in a series then the first vessel would be changed more frequently than the second, third or fourth vessel. He explained that the estimate is based on running the system in parallel. Councilor Emmershy questioned Mr. Woody Darling if held a C4 license. Mr. Darling informed him that he has a D4 license. Councilor Emmershy questioned what license Mr. David Castanera holds. Mr. Billips informed the Council that Mr. Castanera holds a T4 license. Councilor Emmershy questioned why he has not been before the Council and if he's involved in the planning of the system when it's his license that is needed for the project. Mr.

Billips informed the Council that he as well as Mr. Hartmann are part of the team that is working on developing the system. Councilor Allie questioned how many days does it take to get the results back from a sampling test. Mr. Billips informed the Council that it takes between a week and 10 days and that the samplings were taken by Water Department employees with the assistance of Blue Leaf who helped in shipping the samples properly. Councilor Allie questioned the report relative to Table 2 on the quality control and what the percentage means when it says 76%. Mr. Dupuis informed the Council that 76% of contaminants were blocked from the first vessel and then it goes to the next vessel in which 99% was blocked with only 1% making it through and that the goal is to be at 0%. Councilor Surprise questioned how frequently the carbon filters would have to be changed. Mr. Dupuis explained that the higher contaminant that is being removed would affect the frequency of the change out. Councilor Surprise questioned how the samples were taken since the wells were out of commission for some time. Mr. Dupuis informed the Council that 400,000 gallons of water was run through the system prior to taking the test. Councilor Surprise questioned how co-contaminants such as jet fuel would affect the change out. Mr. Billips informed the Council that jet fuel did not show up in the samplings, but that the system is being developed to handle other contaminants if there are any others that may show up and that the system is expandable. Councilor Emmershly questioned if there is a performance guarantee with the system and what does it cost for a carbon change out. Mr. Dupuis informed the Council there isn't a performance guarantee but that they are confident the system will perform as intended based on all the testing and working with the vendors on the design and that the change out would be \$8,000.00. Councilor Babinski thanked everyone for being at the meeting and that their answers reinforced what she has already heard and read and that professor Dr. Newton from Smith College supported going through with the treatment of Wells 7 and 8. Councilor Flaherty thanked everyone for answering all the questions and that it is the Council's responsibility to ask these questions because the Council is responsible for approving the money for the system. Councilor Flaherty suggested that the cost of water be increased by .0001 a tiny number to help pay for the system and the replacement of 100 year old pipes. Councilor Emmershly spoke in support of using water from Holyoke and questioned if the permitting process could be fast-tracked through the DEP. Mr. James Collins of Tighe and Bond informed the Council that maybe it could be fast-tracked for permitting but there would have to be most likely four seasons of testing. Councilor Emmershly informed the Council that if Holyoke water was to be used there would be only a 300 ft pipe that would need to be replaced. Mr. Collins informed the Council that the pipe is 1,700 to 3,000 ft that would need to be replaced. Discussion continued with Councilors and Mr. Collins relative to using Holyoke water. Councilor Harris questioned if the representative from Holyoke that spoke with Councilors has the authority to discuss the water issue with Westfield and that there are several questions that have not been answered relative to Westfield using Holyoke's water. Councilor Emmershly informed the Council that the original cost for Wells 7 and 8 was \$160,000 and Wells 1 and 2 was \$536,000. Mr. Billips informed the Council that is not necessarily

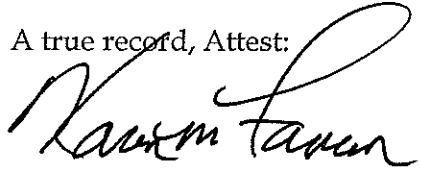
true because there are other factors that come into it. Mr. Billips informed the Council that they are still moving forward with Wells 1 and 2. Councilor Surprise expressed his concern that Wells 7 and 8 are so close to the Air National Guard and shouldn't be used again. Mr. Billips informed the Council that Wells 7 and 8 will be up and running next year and that it's a proven technology that the carbon filters work.

President Beltrandi thanked everyone for being here for the joint meeting of Legislative and Ordinance Committee and Zoning, Planning and Development Committee as well as the Special City Council meeting.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That the \$13 million Water Bond REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

At 8:51 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Paul, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

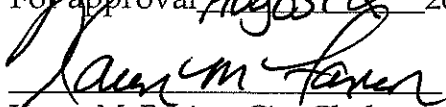
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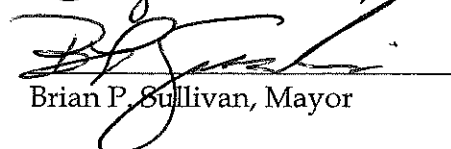


Karen M. Fanion
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

Presented to the Mayor

Approved by the Mayor

For approval August 2 2018

Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

August 3, 2018

Brian P. Sullivan, Mayor