



City of Westfield Massachusetts

Finance Committee Minutes

Date: September 26, 2018

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9:35AM

WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

Time: 6:30 PM Room: 207 City Council Chambers

Call to Order: 6:30

Attendance: Councilor Allie, Surprise, Emmershy, Paul, Harris, Flaherty, Beltrandi. Others: IT manager Bernashe, Director Billips, Director Peter Miller. Amy Porter

Recording: Channel 15

Public participation: Nancy Stolpinski 34 Crescent Cir strongly in favor of recreation bond. Would like to see pickleball courts. Asking for 5 courts but in a few years there will be more courts needed. Has between 18-28 players.

Dave Flaherty Marla Cir. Supports all projects. Plays in Agawam. Bob Paul wants due diligence. Evaluate open bonds and look at maintenance costs. Mandi Riel Rodriguez has been pushing the city for all abled playground. Wants ground scape changed to more friendly material. Says city has 1 ada compliant swing that is regularly broken.

Motion to accept 9/18/18 minutes. Remain in committee 3-0

Motion to take item C out of order 3-0

Item A) Director Billips discusses breakdown. \$922K Cross St 400k grant. Pickleball couple hundred thousand. Peter miller discusses all abled park. Previous grant denied with ½ acre of trees cut down at Hampton ponds. Cross St is strictly a concept. 1200sqft poured rubber surface. Grant has been applied for in July and decision by December. \$70k possible from community development block grant. Councilor Paul asking about camp for kids. School St park in Agawam has all abled park and pickleball. December '18 through summer '19 for design. Bid for pickleball about to go out. \$200k for pickleball. New basketball courts in grass fields near boys and girls club. \$110-120K for 2 courts. Remain in committee 3-0

Item B) Motion to remain in committee 3-0

Item C) ClearGov open checkbook. Branden Berdick demo presenter. Councilor Paul asked about balance sheets and bond management. \$1200 set up fee. \$10K annual fee. Community compact agreement would cover first year in full. No additional cost for updates and changes. Includes public view and back office platforms. Part of item B

Adjourn 8:18