



**MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
OCTOBER 15, 2020 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 online at westfielddtv.org. 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.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the President.

The City 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 reading of the record of the meeting of October 1, 2020 be **ACCEPTED**.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

Councilor Figy submitted a letter, under Public Participation, from Steve Warsaw which read as follows: "As you all consider beekeeping ordinances in the city please keep in mind the

importance of these hobbyists. You no doubt have read bee populations nationwide are plummeting due to climate change and pesticides. Beside creating honey-- bees provide one out of three bites of food worldwide! Without them, according to some studies, 50 to 90 percent of agriculture would cease to exist potentially causing famine. While some of us could stand to lose some weight the Dystopian Diet is probably not the way to go. I'm being facetious, but beekeeping is a huge plus for the environment and community. Space restrictions may be one fair consideration for beekeeping. For someone on a quarter acre lot it might not be great for a neighbor. However, please keep in mind some bees will collect pollen from up to 8 miles away helping vegetation everywhere along the way. So, please consider making informed decisions. Please reach out to WSU and/or the Hamden County Bee Association for input. Creating cumbersome regulations and exorbitant fees will kill the long term benefits these little critters provide. People don't realize the environmental ramifications until something disappears from a symbiotic ecosystem. Done right with light guidance beekeeping is really a win-win for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration Steve Warsaw, 7 Saint Paul St., Westfield, MA 01085"

Councilor Figy submitted a letter, under "Public Participation" from Billy Crawford which read as follows: "To the Members of the Westfield City Council, I give the most sincere greetings. My name is Bill Crawford, of NEW ENGLAND APIARIES LLC based in Southwick, MA, producer of BILLY C's RAW HONEY. While I am now a Southwick resident, I am a Westfield tax payer, still owning 116 Farnham Lane, but more importantly in this matter, a Westfield beekeeper. I started keeping bees in 2005, when I was 15. My first hive was located at Pignatare's Farm, my first place of employment, and later on at my family's home at 53 Elizabeth Ave. While starting with one colony, my hobby slowly grew to two and three hives, and soon enough, I managed around 20 around the time I was in college. Soon after attending WSU, and my immediate post college plans falling through, I took my first step into the commercial beekeeping industry, working on two operations, one based in South Dakota, and the other in both Pennsylvania and Florida. In 2014 I ventured out onto my own, with the aims of doing commercial crop pollination, as well as making locally produced honey, and from which time, I have grown my apiaries, or bee farm operation, into the 1500 hive migratory operation it is today, with short of 150 colonies kept in Westfield alone. To my understanding, there is a wish to craft regulations on hobby beekeeping in Westfield. To this, I would like to make a few comments and friendly suggestions. Beekeeping itself has been a hobby and pastime for thousands of years. Since 2006, when my former employer, David Hackenberg appeared on the cover of 487 newspapers around the globe and shortly after, appearing on an episode of "60 Minutes", all of which covered the phenomenon that became known as "Colony Collapse Disorder", hobby beekeeping has exploded in popularity, especially right here in Southern New England. I, myself, sell short of 2000 packages of bees and nucleus colonies every spring to hobby beekeepers to start their new hives, or replace the bees in hives that perished over the winter. One can think of beekeeping like gardening, as a gardener tills their soil, buries their seeds and waters and tends the plants, they will often result in vegetables to eat and enjoy. Like this, in the spring, a beekeeper will stock their hive with bees, and after weeks of feeding those hives and monitoring parasite levels, the bee hive will become strong enough to make surplus honey during a nectar flow, which generally occurs in May, June, and in late August. It is during this time, the beekeeper, can claim the

fruit of their labor, raw local honey. But bees, unlike the produce in one's garden, can sting if provoked, which for many, will stir up some sort of fear or at minimum, a healthy respect for these wondrous creatures. And while this can often weigh heavily on the minds of people who live near hives or see bees in the wild, it's often one of the lesser common issues for people living near managed hives. To this, bear in mind, a mature colony of bees, may have 40,000-50,000 individuals with a wide variety of jobs and responsibilities inside and outside the hives, and while approximately one third of them, will be foragers (the bees with the job of leaving the hive, to forage for resources, ie nectar, pollen, water, and plant resin) , they do not stay in the confines of area around the hives, but will gather resources in an area up to six miles from the hive. In my time as a beekeeper, both commercially and as a hobbyist, as well through mentoring several beekeepers and serving on the board of the Hampden County Beekeepers Association, I have seen, dealt with, and assisted to mediate, almost every beekeeping related issue as possible. I would categorize 99.9% of beekeeper related complaints into four categories, revolving around namely, water sourcing, hummingbird feeders, low flying bees, and defensive hives. In my experience, the most common issue and complaint dealing with bees and beekeepers by far, revolves around a water source issue. Bees, like every other living thing, need water to sustain life, and more often than not, the bees choose the closest available water source to their hive to gather from, whether it be a pond, bird bath, stream, or the neighbor's swimming pool or hose faucet. Most issues regarding this can easily be remedied by the beekeeper providing a source of water to their hives, something in which there is enough surface area that the bees can land, and safely drink water without much risk of falling into the water source. A good example of this would be a bird bath in the shade, the numerous small stones that would provide an ample amount of room for the bees to forage. A poor example of a beekeeper provided water source would be a 5 gallon bucket of water, as there is very little surface area that a bee can land on. A provided water source works bees when furnished from the beginning of the season. While a water source introduced in the middle of the summer, when there is already an established problem, will eventually work, it may take a few days to a couple weeks for the bees to "learn" to use their water source and communicate to the other bees in the hive to use the newer and closer location. Other remedies to a water source issue could also include making sure the complainant's outdoor faucets do not leak, not storing a flat tarp on the ground for periods of time where pools water may develop, dumping a "kiddie" pool when it is not being used, or even dumping a cap full of vegetable oil into a pool as to create a very very thin layer of oil around the edges of the pool, as the bee cannot sip through the oil to get to the water. Another common issue associated with bees, though very, very much less common than water source concerns, would be an issue of a low flight path in a neighbor's yard. This means that direct traffic of the bees coming and going in and out of a hive might be low enough to interfere with someone walking in their yard. Bees typically fly at altitudes of over 8 feet, and out of the way of people, except when approaching the target of forage, or when entering or leaving the hive. This is an easy issue to fix, as one might need to face the entrance hive into their own yard, instead of the neighbor's or erect a fence panel by which the bees would need to fly above or around (and in the time to go around, would gain more altitude). The third most common complaint I hear about is about bees robbing the sugar water out of a hummingbird feeder. During certain periods of the year, flowers and trees do not give off any nectar, which the bees forage for to eat and make honey with. The times where there is no nectar available is

called a dearth. It is during these dearth periods in which bees may try to forage at nontraditional resources, such as hummingbird feeders and the sugar water therein contained. Unfortunately, there is no easy remedy to this problem, and one of the extremely few concessions a beekeeper's neighbor may have to give up to live peacefully with their neighbors and nature around them, as wild bees as well as wasps will utilize hummingbird feeders for sourcing food too. The rarest of complaints would have to deal with aggressive bees. Honey bees, by nature, are docile creatures, and will generally only sting as a last ditch effort when they feel the colony is threatened as the individual bee will die after such action is made. On the rare occasion when a hive becomes a nuisance due to its unfriendly disposition, it can be caused by several factors. The most common factor would have to deal with a predator such as a skunk repeatedly attaching a hive. Small animals like a skunk they eat bees will generally, at night, scratch and knock on the entrance of the hive, to get the colony's attention. In response to being disturbed, some bees may crawl outside the entrance to investigate the matter, at which point the skunk or other mammal, will eat the bees. This over a period of time will make a hive agitated and on edge. For this scenario, a beekeeper will need to take corrective action to prevent the offending animal from having access to the hive, and, after sometime, the disposition of the aggressive hive will return to the docile behavior normally associated with honey bees. Another cause for aggressive honey bees would be a beekeeper who checks their hives without utilizing smoke during the inspection. Beekeepers use a tool called a smoker, it normally consists of a canister with a spout, in which contains a small fire or smoldering material, and a bellow, to blow air over the smoker fuel to create the smoke. The smoke calms and distracts the bees in various ways, so that the beekeeper can perform his or her tasks without much interference in the day to day operations of the colony. Working a hive without smoke will result in a similar situation as previously stated with a skunk, in which the hive feels on edge and under constant attack, resulting in a defensive disposition. To fix aggression caused by this situation, a beekeeper needs to learn the importance of using their smoker during their inspections of the hive and make a habit of utilizing the most iconic of implement in beekeeping. A third reason for an aggressive colony would be the genetics of the queen. This can be determined by eliminating other factors, by the assistance of a very experienced beekeeper, or a Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Apiary Inspector. Fixing this would call for the beekeeper to kill the existing queen in the hive, and replacing it with a queen bee from another beekeeper, and at the same time, preventing the offending beehive from producing a replacement queen of its own. A quick fourth reason for an overly protective hive might be that it simply does not have a queen. In such situations, the beekeeper should source a queen if he or she find that their hive is queenless and has not successfully raised their own to replace the old queen. In summary of the common complaints and issues facing beekeepers and neighbors, we can draw the conclusion that, in most matters, a responsible beekeeper with a positive attitude, should be able to prevent most negative "bee vs. neighbor" interactions. And when situations do arise, most beekeepers ought to be able to be resolve complaints, with relative ease, even if they might need to source a little bit of advice from other beekeepers. Another issue revolving beekeeping around in urban or suburban areas is swarming. Swarming is a natural process by which a hive reproduces. During this event, the queen leaves the hive with about half of the bees, and fly around in a cloud-like formation until they land on a branch or bush. Once they have landed, they send out "scout bees" to try to find potential places for the swarm to move into and establish a new

colony. Swarms by nature are extremely docile in contrast to the horror the sight of it might instill in some people. The reason for their docile nature in these situations is simple, as they have no home to protect. A swarm that has landed may remain in place for a couple hours, to a few days, but, in the end, they will fly away to their new home, unless a beekeeper finds them first and furnishes them with one. In brief conversations with two city councilors, I learned that the approach the town may have towards regulating beekeeping may be modeled after the legislation the Town of Longmeadow put into place. One part of that legislation I would like to weigh in on is the limiting of the number of hives by lot size. For most instances in hobby beekeeping, keeping the hives fairly well out of sight will prevent many issues, as many will only start to notice or try to notice bees when attention is called to the hives, and the oftentimes irrational fear associated with bees may result in a mild personal panic of a neighbor. While I am sure we can all agree that at some point, the certain quantity of hives in a given urban or suburban area can become excessive. But where should that line be drawn? I estimate that Westfield has around 100 beekeepers, and while some have more hives than others, I would estimate that at any given time, Westfield would be home to 200-300 beehives in residentially zoned areas. I, as well as many local beekeeping organizations would recommend a beekeeper have at least two if not, three beehives in a given location, that way, there is an issue or problem in one beehive, there would be one or two other beehives to pull resources out of, namely honey, brood, or bees, to transfer to the deficient colony. But some beekeepers may have up to ten or more in a yard, with little to no negative interactions with neighbors. I would suggest, if Westfield moves to continue on the path of regulating beekeeping in residential areas, that the council would, if possible avoid language to limit restricting hives to a set number, but instead include language to have city involvement only when unrectified complaints occur. If the council would find they absolutely, for whatever reason, need to regulate hives by lot size, I would recommend, based on the Longmeadow legislation lot breakdown, that the city allow up to 3 hives and 1 nucleus hive be allowed for the maximum of the smallest lots of 1/4 acre, with allowance for one or two more beehives per lot sized plus an allowance for a small nucleus colony or two. I would also ask the council to carefully consider regulating distance the hives must be from abutters. Sometimes the most common sense location for bees might be near the property line and against a fence. Another instance in the Longmeadow legislation that I would caution against would be the mandate to notify abutters of the presence of bees. While it might be a common of decent thing to do in maintaining healthy neighborly relations, I refer back to my previous statement along the lines of an "out of sight, out of mind" type principal to prevent objections where there might otherwise not be any. In regards to commercial beekeeping for crop pollination and honey production, one engaged in such activities as myself, try to limit the locations of bee yards away from houses and homes on agriculture or industrial properties wherever possible, with the number of hives ranging from 24-48 per location. I would ask the council to make some provision to protect or exempt commercial beekeeping in the pursuit of commercial agricultural production as long as the hives are not located in a thickly settled residential area. I would like to thank the Westfield City Council for the time spent on this matter and hope that I was able to help furnish you with accurate information that will enable you to find what will best fit the City. I may be reached at almost anytime, Monday through Saturday by phone or text, and always by email. Sincerely, William Crawford III"

Councilor Burns submitted a letter, under Public Participation, from former Councilor Mary Ann Babinski. The Clerk read as follows: "My comments re the \$60,410.00 donation from Eversource Energy for road repairs on Oakdale Ave under Communications from the Mayor on the City Council Oct 15, 2020. There were numerous meetings, emails, phone calls and hearings for the Eversource Reliability Project going back to 2017. Some of those meetings took place on the front lawns of the residents of Oakdale Avenue. I was happy to support the resident's concerns and work with Eversource representatives and P.J. Miller on the neighbors behalf. Construction of a new switching station next to the existing sub-station off of Oakdale was definitely going to have an impact on the lives of the people in this neighborhood. Eversource representatives did outreach and stayed involved with neighbors throughout the process. I am pleased to see that Eversource has responded with a donation of funds for road repair work to benefit the Oakdale Ave community! Thank you!"

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that a Grant in the amount of \$19,440.00 from the Center for Tech and Civic Life to the City Clerk's Office, to be used for the public purpose of planning safe and secure election administration for 2020 elections and more specifically the Grant may be used for extra signage for Early Voting and at the polling locations, extra election workers during Early Voting and on Election Day at the polling locations, extra supplies such as paper, toner, mailing labels, etc., overtime for current City Clerk employees needed to process vote by mail ballots, extra poll workers needed to process the vote by mail ballots at the precincts and extra postage needed for mailing the extraordinary amount of ballots for 2020 elections be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That item 2. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

2. Submitting a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Westfield accepting a donation of \$60,410.00 from Eversource Energy for road repairs on Oakdale Avenue.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That item 3. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

3. Submitting a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Westfield authorizing approval for the Mayor to sign an Adult-Use Host Community Agreement (HCA) with RC Retail, LLC, 265 Union Street.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was

VOTED: That the rules of the City Council be SUSPENDED in order to allow immediate consideration on Item 4. Under "Communications from the Mayor" Requesting approval of the job description for the Personnel Director received at tonight's meeting.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	No
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

President Bean informed the Council that due to opposition for immediate consideration it cannot be voted on at tonight's meeting but allowed discussion on the matter. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he is opposed because the changes that were requested have not been changed and that the item cannot be considered in the same year without significant changes. President Bean informed the Council that not all changes that are requested get changed. He informed the Council that they had plenty of time to look at it and now it's ready for a vote. Councilor Allie questioned in this situation does the Council just have to make do with what is presented. Councilor Figy informed the Council that Attorney Reed made changes from the last Council meeting and thought those were the changes the Council wanted. And that if Councilors wanted changes they should have contacted the acting Personnel Director Rich Merchant. Councilor Mello informed the Council that if the communication had a request for immediate consideration on it she would not have voted no. Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that she is not happy abilities requirement as it does not allow someone with a disability to be able to apply for the job. Councilor Adams agreed with Councilor Flaherty relative to voting within a year unless it has significantly changed and that there needs to be a ruling on this matter. Councilor Flaherty expressed his concern that once a matter is rejected it cannot be voted on again within the same year unless it has significantly changed and it has not significantly changed. President Bean informed the Council that it's not the amount of what's changed but whether or not it's significant. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that he's not so sure if it's a significant change and if the Council only wanted a tiny change that could not happen based on Councilor Flaherty's interruption and that all 13 Councilors would have a different opinion of what significant means. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that there have been changes made and would have been prepared to vote on it tonight and appreciates the concerns of Councilor Matthews-Kane and that there needs to be change made to that. He informed the Council that per process, there is no motion on the floor and there should not be discussion and that the motion may have to be to refer it to Personnel Action Committee. Councilor Harris informed the Council that the item has already been in Personnel Action Committee and there is no reason to refer it back to the Committee it came from. Councilor Sullivan agreed that the Personnel Action Committee did their job already and that if the committee brings it back for the next meeting without meeting he is fine with voting then on it, but at this time this

discussion should not be happening because there is no motion on the floor. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that the President did not declare the results of the vote for immediate consideration, therefore discussion may happen. Councilor Sullivan disagreed with Councilor Flaherty. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he has an opportunity to do something else. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that there was a change requested for experience with labor unions and that is not included and there still needs to be discussion on Councilor Matthews-Kane concerns and that the experienced acting Personnel Director and the Law Department should have known to change that language. Councilor Figy offered a motion, which was duly seconded to refer the job description for the Personnel Director to Personnel Action Committee. Councilor Beltrandi asked Chair of Personnel Action Committee, Councilor Harris if anyone has reached out to her to include any changes to be brought forward. Councilor Harris informed the Council that no one has reached out. Councilor Mello requested that the Law Department be requested to clean up language about abilities to make it compliant. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That the above motion be amended to have the job description for Personnel Director be REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	No
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

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: That items 5., 6., 7. and 8. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO PERSONNEL ACTION COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

5. Submitting the reappointment of Eleanor Meyer, 54 Llewellyn Drive as a member of the Off-Street Parking Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2021.
6. Submitting the reappointment of John M. Regan, 83 Eastwood Drive as a member of the Off-Street Parking Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2021.
7. Submitting the reappointment of James R. Murphy, Jr., 6 Crawford Drive, as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire on the first Monday of February, 2021.
8. Submitting the appointment of Alexander Gearing, 44 Hillcrest Circle, as a member of the Board of Public Works for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023, replacing Jack Campaniello, who chose not to renew his term.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was

VOTED: That the rules of the City Council be SUSPENDED in order to allow immediate consideration on item 9. Under "Reports of City Officers"- Board of Public Works and Water Commission submitting an amended job description for the Director of Public Works received at tonight's meeting.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

Councilor Harris informed the Council that the amendments that have been submitted were approved by the Board of Public Works and the Water Commission. Councilor Flaherty thanked the Commissions for the amended copy and informed the Council that that is the way he envisioned the process that the Council would make suggestions and send it back and then it would come back to the Council with the amendments. Councilor Beltrandi thanked the two Commissions for their work on this job description. Councilor Adams requested clarification on the requirement for a licensed engineer. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that there was discussion of a degree being required and a license being preferred and the change that was put in was that a CE is a degree and it's covered under the education side and the PE is a State license and it's listed as preferred. Councilor Adams informed the Council that he believes the head of the department should have an engineering license, but that he will not hold it up. Councilor Burns echoed Councilor Beltrandi's great words that the two Commissions put in a lot of work on the job description.

Upon motion of Councilor Burns, it was

VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the job description for the Director of Public Works as submitted by Board of Public Works and the Water Commission be APPROVED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

Councilor Beltrandi thanked Councilor Harris, Chair of the Personnel Action, for all her hard work on this matter and that her efforts are not going unappreciated.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$274.05 be transferred within the Veterans Department from Veterans Benefits, account #15430000-578005 to Payroll, account #15430000-511000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that at budget time, the department head did not have the new salary account numbers.

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 KOZ PROPERTIES LLC" (Stowe House, 37 Broad Street) be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

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

VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH A PETITION THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TO CONVERT A SEASONAL LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT TO BE CONSUMED ON THE PREMISES TO AN ANNUAL LICENSE" (to support the request of Gopal Krishna Convenience Inc. d/b/a Union Mart, 420 Union Street) be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Onyski informed the Council that currently Union Mart has an annual wine and beer license and a seasonal all alcohol license and this license would give them an annual all alcohol license. And that if the current owner changes or the location changes the home rule license goes away and that the current owner cannot sell the license. Councilor Flaherty and Councilor Mello spoke in support of the business and approving the Resolution. Councilor Beltrandi, as a former member of the License Commission, informed the Council that the License Commission does a great job vetting out this type of an application and there was no opposition.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was

VOTED: That the meeting return to regular order.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That a petition for street acceptance for Sherman Street Ext be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Onyski informed the Council that there were two submissions of this petition by Councilor Matthews-Kane and the first one (the one being removed) did not have the correct signatures, therefore a second petition was submitted with the correct signatures and that petition is still in committee.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That the matter to investigate and possibly recommend an Ordinance on home bee keeping REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Onyski informed the Council that it was a hot topic in the Committee meeting with a lot of good discussion and that the Committee would like it to remain in committee to continue the discussion. Councilors Figy, Mello and Morganelli

thanked Bill Crawford for his informative informational letter that was submitted to the Council.

Upon motion of Councilor Adams, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That the matter to review section 10-19 of the city ordinances related to smoking by minors to ensure consistency with state laws, the city ordinance for smoking on public property(section 8-160 which do include vaping/e-cigarette) and the Board of Health Regulations(which address the same thing as section 10-19 but are updated) REMAIN IN COMMITTEE. The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Adams informed the Council that Health Director Joe Rouse was present at the Committee meeting and he informed the Committee that tobacco regulations fall under Health Department regulations and the Committee wants to leave it in committee to make sure nothing needs to be done per ordinance.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was VOTED: That the Tabled item of a draft amendment to Section 4 of the Host Community Agreement (HCA) with Heka, Inc. to allow Heka to prepay for the road repairs and lighting as well as accept the funding be REMOVED FROM THE TABLE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTFIELD" (amendment to Section 4 of the Host Community Agreement (HCA) with Heka, Inc. to allow Heka to prepay for the road repairs and lighting at 98 Sgt. TM Dion Way as well as accept the funding of \$151,459.00) be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

Prior to the vote Councilor Onyski informed the Council that the City received the money from Heka.

Councilor Flaherty thanked DPW Director Dave Billips, who is retiring October 30th, 2020, for his service to the City and wished him a happy, healthy retirement.

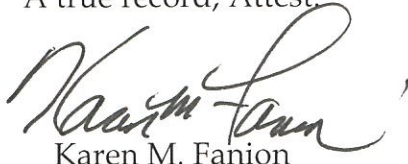
Councilor Morganelli reminded everyone to get out and vote on November 3rd, 2020.

At 8:00 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
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

A true record, Attest:



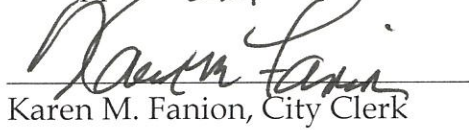
Karen M. Fanion

City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

Presented to the Mayor

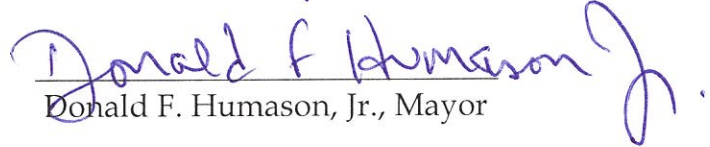
Approved by the Mayor

For approval Oct. 23 2020



Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

October 26 2020



Donald F. Humason, Jr., Mayor