

AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL
59 COURT STREET
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
JANUARY 19, 2017

6:30 PM

Mayor briefing to Full Council of items on current agenda under
"Communications from the Mayor"

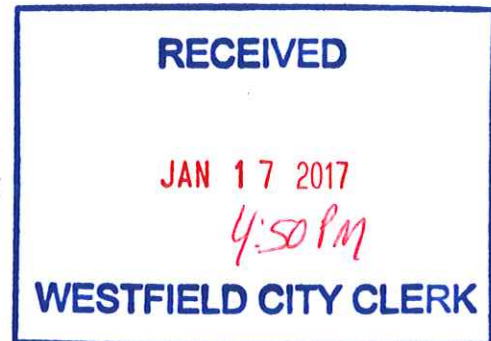
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Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of record of meeting of January 5, 2017

Public Participation



Communications from the Mayor

- A. Requesting immediate consideration of the acceptance of a gift in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the Westfield Police Department Community Gift Account from an anonymous donor to be used to purchase a drone(s).
- B. Appropriation of \$5,000.00 from Reserve for Unforeseen #19500000-570900 to Building Department, POS Secure Property account #12410000-520005.
- C. Appropriation of \$180,000.00 from Undesignated Fund account #6850-359000 to Public Works Department, Stormwater Division, as follows: \$160,000.00 to Purchase of Services account #68504550-520000 and \$20,000.00 to Supplies account #68504550-540000.
- D. Appropriation of \$745,460.00 from Undesignated Fund account #6800-359000 to Public Works Department, Water Division to the following:
 1. \$641,720.00, Purchase of Services account #68004500-520000;
 2. \$ 19,000.00, Supplies account #68004500-540000;
 3. \$ 46,000.00, Capital Equipment account #68004500-585000;
 4. \$ 3,740.00, Small Equipment account #68004500-585500;
 5. \$ 35,000.00, Equipment / Vehicle #68004500-585001.
- E. Submitting Resolutions of Disclosure for the following School employees to work for Park and Recreation during the summer months:
 - a. Daniel Tenero, Soccer Specialist
 - b. Lori Bowen, Preschool Specialist

Reports of City Officers

- A. Chief Camerota, Traffic Commission Chair, submitting the following traffic ordinance recommendations:
 - 1. Chapter 17, Section 17-89 to amend Engine Brakes at Western Avenue, Upper Western Avenue and Paper Mill Road
 - 2. Chapter 17, Section 17-115 No Parking on Holland Avenue and Root Road
 - 3. Chapter 17, Section 17-82 Speed Limits on Honey Pot Road
- B. City Planner Jay Vinskey submitting a communication relative to the City's Open Space and Recreation Plan set to expire in September and the formation of a new committee to work on the 2017 Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Petitions, Remonstrances and Other Papers

- A. PUBLIC HEARING on an application of Sandra and Kenneth Boyd for a zone change at 710 Southampton Road (Map 257 Parcel 27) from Business A and Rural Residential to expand Business A and change from Rural Residential to Residential A.

Reports of Committees

- A. Finance Committee:
 - 1. Transfer of \$10,992.40 within the Westfield Public Schools Business Department from the current FY17 Leases, account #50093535-527001 to prior year FY16 Purchase of Services, account #55482422-520000. (1/5/17)
 - 2. Transfer of \$32,700.00 from Reserve for Unforeseen account #19500000-570900 to Police, Purchase of Services, account #12100000-520000.
 - 3. Transfer of \$44,102.00 within the Police Department from Police Department Towing and Storage of Motor Vehicles account #2400-1330210 to Police Department Special Account for Towing and Storage account #24210714-585001.
 - 4. Submitting a Bond Order in the amount of \$15,000,000.00 for the Westfield Gas & Electric Whip City Fiber Expansion.
 - 5. WG&E ILOT payment (2/18/16)
 - 6. The Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) submitting the required Fiscal Year 2018 appropriation of \$9,884,301.00 (1/5/17)
 - 7. Five-year budget plan discussion. (2/4/16)
 - 8. Fee adjustments. 6/16/16
- B. Legislative and Ordinance Committee:
 - 1. Referred from Public Health and Safety Committee, creating an ordinance Chapter 16 Article VI Complete Streets (10/16/16)
 - 2. Reviewing the process of Private Ways to become Public Ways
 - 3. Referred from Zoning, Planning and Development Committee and the Planning Board, relative to Animal Ordinance amendment.(11/3/16)

4. A Resolution creating a gift account for the funds received from the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail donations. (6/16/16)
5. Motion of Councilors Bean and Flaherty to raise the Councilor's salary by \$3,000.00.
6. Recently signed Westfield Firefighters, IAFF Local 1111 contract which became effective on July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

Unfinished Business

- A. Second Reading and Final Passage of a Bond Order entitled "A BOND ORDER FOR WATER TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION (\$5,000,000.00)"

Motions, Orders or Resolutions

- A. Motion of Councilors Figy and Harris to examine or reexamine the real estate tax exemption allowed by law for those over 65 years of age with intent of increasing that exemption (MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, 17, 41-41C and any other law pertaining to this exemption) and Refer to L&O and Law.
- B. Motion of Councilor Harris to increase the limit of the additional compensation by \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00 for the City Clerk serving as Clerk of the Council, (MGL 41 Section 19F) per Home Rule petition, stipend has remained the same since 1998, and Refer to L&O and Law.
- C. Motion of Councilor Flaherty requesting the Audit Department to provide the Finance Committee, prior to February 10th, with a three-year history of revenues related to Comcast's License and Franchise fees, and a corresponding report detailing how the money was spent. Refer to Audit Department and Finance Committee.
- D. Motion of Councilor Flaherty requesting the Law Department to provide the Finance Committee with copies of contracts between the City of Westfield and Comcast. Refer to Law Department and Finance Committee.
- E. Motion of Councilor Flaherty requested the Law Department to provide the Finance Committee with copies of contracts between the City of Westfield and the Westfield State University, and/or any other party, related to Local Access Television and the so-called "Community Radio".