Personnel Action Committee

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WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

Minutes for 02/4/16 Meeting

Starting time 6:00 pm

Committee members – William Onyski (present), Ralph Figy (present), Cindy Harris (Chair) present.

Minutes accepted for 01-21-16 meeting.

Agenda Item #1
The Re-appointment of Mark Cressotti as City Engineer for a term to expire the first Monday of February 2019.

Voted 3-0 to recommend that reappointment.

Discussion:
Mr. Cressotti has been employed by the City since September 1989 as the City Engineer. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. He is a registered member of the Professional Engineers of the Commonwealth of Mass. Other groups to which he belongs are the Mass. Highway Superintendents Association, Pioneer Valley Transportation Committee, The Joint Transportation Committee, The Westfield Traffic Commission and the Mass DOT Baystate Roads Program. He has continually participated in trainings that have kept him updated in new and innovative ways to deal with Westfield's projects. Recent projects include the Columbia Greenway, Gas Light District, North Elm Street improvements and Franklin Street sidewalks. The knowledge he brings to each project helps make them successful. Mayor Sullivan has sent in this reappointment and thus has signaled he would like Mr. Cressotti to continue to be Westfield's City Engineer. Councilor Onyski stated Cressotti always gives him answers in a timely way and speaks in favor of him. Councilor Figy stated Cressotti is very responsive to his calls and speaks in favor of him. Mr. Billups states Cressotti is a professional Engineer, does an incredible job, and uses the word integrity to describe him.

Agenda Item #2
The Re-appointment of John E. Sullivan, 18 Crestwood Circle, as a member of the Board of Public Works for a term to expire the first Monday of March 2018.

Voted 3-0 to recommend that reappointment.

Discussion:
Mr. Sullivan has been a member of the Highway Commission since September 1997. He was elected Chairperson in March 1998 and has been in this position since then. Prior to working on the Highway Commission he was on the Board of Assessors, Parking Commission and Planning Board. Because of this diverse background he brings a unique perspective as to what the needs of the highway department are. This enables him to keep the department moving in the right direction in making improvements expected by the City's residents. He is an integral part of this Commission and Mr. Billups recommends him and states Sullivan has helped the department through difficult times, puts the City first, and praised his plethora of experience.

Agenda Item #3
The reappointment of Michael J. Burns, 19 Kylie Lane, as a member of the Water Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2019.

Voted 3-0 to recommend the reappointment.

Discussion:
Mr. Burns has been on the Water Commission for the past 6 years. He is an integral part of the upgrades occurring at the Granville Reservoir, which are its final stages. He was also instrumental in the development and updating of the department rules and regulations as well as streamlining the abatement process. He was previously in the Military for 25 years (and we thank him for his service to our Country) which has given him the management experience needed to direct the Water Department projects to produce good end results. He is also a coach for Little League and Youth Hockey. Mr. Billups recommends him and states Burns doesn't rubber stamp abatements, but instead analyzes them, and is great at sticking to rules and regulations.

Agenda Item #4
The appointment of Rebecca Clark, 225 Sackett Road, as a member of the Cultural Council for a term to expire the first Monday of January, 2019, replacing Cathy Clemmitt.

Voted 3-0 to recommend the appointment.

Discussion:
She works at the Westfield Athenaeum as a Technology Librarian which includes hardware and software support, training, customer service and reference. She has been involved in Westfield organizations including Westfield on Weekends and the Graveyard Tours. Working at the Athenaeum puts her in direct contact with many Westfield citizens and activities. She enjoys being involved in them.

Agenda Item #5
The appointment of Jeanine Fiedler Braceland, 15 Waterford Drive, as a member of the Cultural council for a term to expire the first Monday of January, 2019, replacing Scott Demusis.

Voted 3-0 to recommend the appointment.

Discussion:
She works at Entré Computer in Service and Sales, also helps customers who phone in with questions or needing explanations. She is a member of the Westfield Foundation for Education and enjoys being involved in Westfield activities. She is looking forward to being on this Council, likes artsy endeavors.

Agenda #6
The appointment of Thomas S. Woodson, 112 Squawfield Road as a member of the Westfield Redevelopment Authority Board for a term to expire the first Monday of March , 2021 replacing Dena Hall.

Voted 3-0 to recommend appointment.

He is a retired U.S. Marine Corps Colonel, serving from June 1973 to July 2003 (and we thank him for his service). Duties included Logistics, Motor Transport, Maintenance Management, facilities management, artillery.

He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business-Public Administration and a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a Master's Degree in Natural Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He believes his educational background plus his 30 years of active service has well prepared him for this position. He has also worked with the Downtown Housing Advisory Committee with Peter Miller, Westfield's Community Development Director. Advancement Officer J. Mitchell spoke in favor of Mr. Woodson.

Meeting ending time 6:25 pm

Submitted by Cindy Harris, Chair
02/04/16