

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
MARCH 3, 2016

At 6:30 PM, Mayor Sullivan gave a briefing to the full Council of items on the current agenda under Communications from the Mayor.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA at 7:00 PM by President Bean.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was led by the President.

Upon motion of Councilor O'Connell, it was
VOTED: That the record of the meeting of February 18, 2016 be ACCEPTED.

President Bean asked if anyone, other than Channel 15, was taping the meeting, if so please state your name. Mr. Dennis Hohenberger from the Reminder Publications stated he was taping the meeting.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Joe Giffune, 49 Colony Drive, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail. He presented two of the signs that are being donated to the City from fundraising events of the Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail and requested that the Council accept the donation that is on the Agenda tonight.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mr. Ron Cappa. He informed the Council that he has been working on opening up the bowling alley on Church Street for the past six years and has not given up on it.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mr. Brian Hoose, 60 Arnold Street. He congratulated the Westfield Technical Academy on receiving another jet for the aviation program.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Ms. Katie Winslow, 33 Cara Lane. She informed the Council that Wylie Associates, the company responsible for the noise mitigation project for homes near the Barnes Airport 104th Fighter Wing. She informed the Council that originally her home and her neighbors' homes were offered new windows and doors for noise mitigation and now the company is offering acquisition of the homes. She requested that the City Council look

into the business practices of Wylie Associates and whether acquiring homes is in the best interest of the City. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that he has met with Ms. Winslow and will continue to investigate the situation.

Upon motion of Councilor Paul, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that a Grant in the amount of \$14,460.00 from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to Westfield Emergency Management Department be ACCEPTED.

Upon motion of Councilor Paul, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the following gift donations to the Westfield Police Department's Special Response Team totaling \$8,951.34 be ACCEPTED.

1. \$3,600.00 from the Westfield Rotary to purchase ballistic vest plates for members
2. An anonymous donation \$5,351.34 worth of equipment as follows;
 - a. 12 advanced combat ballistic helmets
 - b. 2 heavy breaching kits
 - c. Rechargeable power flare system

Upon motion of Councilor Paul, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that a gift donation to the City of Westfield for eight historical signs for the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail from funds raised by the Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail be ACCEPTED.

Upon motion of Councilor Paul, it was VOTED: That items D. and E. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda:

- D. Appropriation of \$27,560.00 from Free Cash to the Council on Aging accounts as follows:
1. \$22,760.00 Purchase of Services account #15410000-520000
 2. \$4,800.00 Supplies account #15410000-540000
- E. Transfer of \$3,000.00 within the Police Department from Police Department, Overtime account #12100000-513000 to Police Department Animal Control Overtime account #12920000-513000.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That items F., G. and H. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda:

- F. Submitting a Resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Schools to submit a Statement of Interest (SOI) with the Massachusetts School Building

Authority (MSBA) for funding of an addition and renovation to Westfield Technical Academy.

- G. Submitting a Resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Schools to submit a Statement of Interest (SOI) with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for funding of an addition and renovation to Westfield High School.
- H. Submitting a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Westfield to authorize a funding agreement with the Westfield Redevelopment Authority that allows access to the funds to be allocated through free cash allotment to advance the Elm Street Urban Renewal Project.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was

VOTED: That item I. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO PERSONNEL ACTION COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda:

- I. Submitting the appointment of Holly Redberry Robbins, 10 Cortez Street as a member of the Cultural Council for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2019.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the following traffic recommendations per request of Chief Camerota, Traffic Commission Chair submitted Assistant City Solicitor Shanna Reed be REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. One Hour Parking amendments at Arnold Street, School Street, Summer Street
2. Parking Prohibited at Arnold Street, Coleman Avenue, Summer Street
3. Stop Signs at Clifton Street

A Public Hearing was held on an application for a Junk Dealer's license and a Junk Collectors license for Andrew Grant, Inc., 55 Southwick Road, Robert Grant, owner.

Mr. Robert Grant was present to represent the application. He informed the Council that the licenses will be used for the purchase and sale of used gold and jewelry. Councilor Harris spoke in support of the application informing the Council that it's a wonderful area and no crime. Councilor Paul spoke in favor of the application. He informed the Council that it is an extremely reputable business.

With no others appearing to be heard. The Public Hearing was CLOSED and upon motion of Councilor Knapik, it was

VOTED: That the applications be REFERRED TO LICENSE COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Paul, for the Finance Committee, it was

VOTED: That the sum of \$36,550.00 NOT BE APPROPRIATED from Free Cash to the Police Department, Vehicle account #12100000-585001. Councilor Paul informed the

Council that this item will be appropriated in the new fiscal year budget, therefore the recommendation of the Finance Committee is not to support the request for appropriation. President Bean informed the Council that a yes vote is in support on the negative recommendation.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	No
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	No
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	No
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	No
Ralph Figy	No

President Bean declared the motion passed not to support the appropriation.

Upon motion of Councilor Paul, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of 14,290.00 be transferred from Police Department Towing and Storage of Motor Vehicle account #2400-1330210 to Police Department Special Account Towing and Storage of Motor Vehicle account #24210714-585001.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Paul informed the Council that the appropriation will be used for the purchase of an electric motorcycle.

Upon motion of Councilor Paul, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the five year budget plan in Long Range Financial Overview Committee

REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Paul, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$7,535.00 be appropriated from the Reserve from Unforeseen Account (19500000-570900) to the Mayor's Department to the following:

- a. \$2,985.00 to Purchase of Services account #11210000-520000
- b. \$2,000.00 to Supplies account #11210000-540000
- c. \$750.00 to General Expense/Other Charges account #11210000-578000
- d. \$1,800.00 Replacement Equipment account #11210000-587000

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Paul informed the Council that the appropriation will be for Sieman's certifications, license fees, a laptop and cell phone for Facilities Director Brian Forrette and envelopes, paper and other general office supplies for the Mayor's Department.

Upon motion of Councilor Paul, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$57,118.70 be appropriated from Free Cash to the Fire Department, Severance account #12200000-519900.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Paul informed the Council that the appropriation is for severance payments for four retired firefighters. He also informed the Council that the budget needs to better reflect the need for severance payments and that the amount needs to be budgeted. Councilor VanHeynigen informed the Council that per the Fire contracts, retirement notification must be made December and by that time the budget has already been passed. Councilor Knapik informed the Council that the severance figure for the budget is not an exact budget and it's difficult to allocate the appropriate amount and not only does the Fire Department face this issue, it's the same for other departments as well. Councilor Flaherty agreed but informed the Council there is a need to get to a realistic number for the budget. Councilor Figy questioned if the funds could be taken out of the ambulance fund. Councilor Paul informed the Council that the Finance Committee questioned that also but at this time the funds cannot be allocated out of the ambulance fund.

Upon motion of Councilor Paul, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$40,000.00 be appropriated from Free Cash to the Public Works Department, Highway Division, Equipment/Vehicle account #14210000-585001.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Paul informed the Council that the appropriation is for the first year payment of a five year lease of a vehicle to fix pot holes.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$28,055.63 be appropriated from Free Cash to Fire Department, Medical account #12200000-530006.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that the appropriation is for payment to injuries acquired while on duty.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the appropriation of \$289,300.00 from Free Cash to the Westfield Redevelopment Authority, Intergovernmental account #11890000-560000 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, for the Finance Committee, it was

VOTED: That the sum of \$1,688,000.00 be appropriated from Free Cash to Health Insurance account #19140000-519400.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that the appropriation is for the unfunded Medex payment that was cut from the budget.

Upon motion of Councilor VanHeynigen, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$85,000.00 be transferred within the Personnel Department from Unemployment Interfund Transfer account #83020000-596102 to Workers Comp Interfund Transfer account #83010000-497000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor VanHeynigen informed the Council that the appropriation is for workers comp settlements.

Upon motion of Councilor VanHeynigen, for the Finance Committee, it was

VOTED: That the Resolution authorizing a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) plan for Jarvis Surgical Inc be FAVORABLY REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

VOTED: That the motion of Councilor Flaherty that the City Charter be changed to extend the terms of Mayor and City Councilors to four years REMAIN IN COMMITTEE. He informed the Council that a draft of a Home Rule Petition is on the share file and the matter will be discussed in more detail at the next Legislative and Ordinance Committee meeting to be held March 15, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

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

VOTED: That a motion of Councilor Crean that the proper steps be taken to implement legislation that would allow the Westfield Police Department to enforce noncriminal disposition infractions for recreational and marine patrols REMAIN IN COMMITTEE. He informed the Council that the Chief and Law are still working on the language.

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

VOTED: That the motion of Councilor Hoose to establish an Ordinance regarding Fire Pits REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

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

VOTED: That An Order Releasing One Permanent and One Temporary Easements of Real Estate Taken for Roadway, Traffic and Related Improvements by Right of Eminent Domain Against the Incorrect Owner (Gaslight District Improvement Project incorrect owner Joseph Keenan) REMAIN IN COMMITTEE to resolve an issue with Engineering and Law Department.

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

VOTED: That An Order of Taking for One Permanent and One Temporary Easements of Real Estate Taken for Roadway, Traffic and Related Improvements by Right of Eminent Domain Against the Proper Owner (Gaslight District Improvement Project, correct owner Bernard Romani) REMAIN IN COMMITTEE to resolve an issue with Engineering and Law Department. Councilor O'Connell expressed her concern that the easement would cause no access for the alleyway.

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

VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, ADOPTED JUNE 17, 1993" (Amendment to an Ordinance at Chapter 17, Article II Section 17-36 Erection and maintenance of signs, signals, markings and zones; compliance with State Standards) be given first reading by title only.

The Ordinance was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

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

VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF SPACE AT 71 ELM STREET FOR USE BY THE COMMUNITY POLICE AS WELL AS APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WESTFIELD BY AND THROUGH IS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ANNE WOODSON AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY" be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the donation to the Community Police is a great offer from the Woodsons.

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

VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, ADOPTED JUNE 17, 1993" (Amendment to an Ordinance at Article III-Section 2-236 by adding Section 2-236(4) Community Outreach Coordinator) be given first reading by title only.

The Ordinance was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the Community Development is reorganizing the position held by Diana McLean and that the position will now be in the Mayor's Department. Councilor O'Connell informed the Council that she has been reassured that the position in the Community Development Department will be phased out for this position. Councilor Surprise questioned if Diana McLean's responsibilities will now be handled by Community Development Director Peter Miller. Councilor O'Connell informed him that that is part of the reorganization of the department. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he will support the motion tonight but wants to see how the CDBG money will be handled and how much time it takes to complete. Councilor Surprise offered a motion to suspend the rules to allow Community Development Director Peter Miller to address the Council relative to the reorganization of the department. Councilor Flaherty was opposed to suspension of the rules and suspension was not granted by President Bean.

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

VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "A Resolution authorizing the acquisition of certain land in the City of Westfield and authorizing the Mayor to execute the documents on behalf of the City (2 Central Street)" be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the warehouse on 2 Central Street will be demolished.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
 VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "Resolution authorizing a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement for Jarvis Surgical Inc." be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	No
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the owner will invest \$1.2 million and will expand his employees by 15. He informed the Council that the company will still be paying what they have paid in the past, The tax break is only on the expansion. Councilor Harris expressed her respect for the Finance Committee but informed the Council she would not support the TIF because residential taxes went up and that businesses do not leave Westfield due to taxes. Councilor O'Connell informed the Council she would support the TIF because it would add 15 jobs to the City. Councilor Flaherty thanked Community Development Officer Joe Mitchell for the breakdown of the agreement and informed the Council that it's based on percentages not dollars.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the appointment of Susan Kingra, 11 Oakcrest Drive, as a member of the Cultural Council for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2019, replacing a vacancy, be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Ms. Kingra worked for the Westfield Athenaeum for 25 years and helped reopen the Museum. She is the President of the Western Hampden District Historical Society and helped Westfield receive Historic District designation for part of downtown.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Patrick Olearcek, 321 Munger Hill Road, as a member of the Fire Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2019 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Olearcek is the Assistant Vice President of Advanced Sales at Mass Mutual, has served on the Commission for 10 years, understands contract wording, helped streamline the hiring process and has hired 60% of fire personnel.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Gianpaolo Sesti, 21 Oak Terrace, as a member of the Off-Street Parking Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2018 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Sesti has been a member of the Commission since 2014, is the owner of Emma's Restaurant on Washington Street and understands the need for off-street parking.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Gary Tomestic, 759 McKinstry Avenue, Chicopee, (a Westfield business owner) as a member of the Off-Street Parking Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2020 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Tomestic has been on the Commission for 25 years, has through knowledge of enforcement, was part of the renovations to the downtown off-street parking lots and is the owner of Smith Monuments.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was

VOTED: That the reappointment of Albert Giguere, Jr., 34 Southgate Avenue, as a member of the Flood Control Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2018 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Giguere is a Court Officer for Mass Trial Court, has been on the Commission since 2012 and is currently the Chair. He has solid knowledge of the Commission's mission and goals, the Ordinance pertaining to the Commission, has a proactive attitude, informs and communicates with many agencies and takes his position very seriously. Councilor Babinski, liaison to the Commission, informed the Council he is a pleasure to work with and is diligent in his work. Councilor Allie echoed Councilor Babinski's comments.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Michael Paquette, 12 Mallard Lane, as a member of the Board of Health for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2019 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Paquette has been a Board member since 2013, he is a Pharmacist and understands the guidelines of the Health Board.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Danny Nason, 17 Pearl Street, as a member of the Historical Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2018, replacing Kitt Milligan be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Nason has been employed by John S. Lane for the past 39 years, a homeowner since 1959, helps work on Ken Stomski's Westfield facebook page, co-administrator of Historic Westfield Massachusetts with Bruce Cortis and loves sharing and preserving Westfield's history and future. Councilor Knapik supported the appointment and thanked outgoing Commissioner Kit Milligan for her many years of service and of all the accomplishments of the Commission while she was a member and Chair such as the record preservation project in the City Clerk's Office, the plaques for the buildings, work at the Mechanic Street Cemetery and the Ghost Stories held there every year. Councilor Flaherty echoed Councilor Knapik's comments and upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That the Historic Commission be invited to attend the 1st City Council meeting of September each year to inform the Council of all its great projects.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, for the Public Health and Safety Committee, it was VOTED: That residents be reminded to change batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when they change their clocks. DST on March 13, 2016 and that this item be PLACED ON FILE.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, for the Public Health and Safety Committee,

it was

VOTED: That issues relative to dryer vents be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, for the Public Health and Safety Committee, it was

VOTED: That the review new Federal guidelines on fluoride levels be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE because Westfield does not put fluoride in the water.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, for the Public Health and Safety Committee, it was

VOTED: That the review of alternatives to chlorination REMAIN IN COMMITTEE to get input from Water Department and other agencies.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, for the Public Health and Safety Committee, it was

VOTED: That the review of costs of pothole repair and vehicle damage claims be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, for the Public Health and Safety Committee, it was

VOTED: That the study of the impact of banning Styrofoam in restaurants REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Allie informed the Council that the Committee would like to invite the Health Director Joe Rouse to a Committee meeting to discuss the issue of banning Styrofoam. Councilor O'Connell questioned if it was an invitation to the Committee or to the whole Council. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that the public has a better chance to hear discussion if it was before the whole Council and not just a Committee meeting. He also informed the Council that the Board of Health has made decisions relative to banning Styrofoam. Councilor Babinski informed the Council that she has attended some of the Board of Health meetings and their main focus was on the health issue of Styrofoam, but there is an environmental issue also associated with Styrofoam. Councilor O'Connell offered a motion, which was duly seconded, that Health Director come to the April 7th, 2016 meeting and upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the above motion be amended to have the Health Director attend the Public Health and Safety Committee first then come to the full Council.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	No
Cindy Harris	No
Daniel Knapik	No
Mary O'Connell	No
William Onyski	No
Robert Paul, Sr.	No
Andrew Surprise	No
Matthew VanHeynigen	No
Dan Allie	No
Mary Ann Babinski	No
Brent Bean II	No
Steve Dondley	No
Ralph Figy	Yes

The President declared the motion LOST.

Prior to the vote Councilor O'Connell informed the Council that she did not want to have to have the Health Director come to two separate meetings. Councilors Babinski and Onyski agreed.

Upon motion of Councilor O'Connell, it was VOTED: That the Health Director be requested to attend the April 7th, 2016 City Council meeting to discuss the Styrofoam ban issue.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Daniel Knapik	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Matthew VanHeynigen	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
Steve Dondley	Yes
Ralph Figy	No

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, for the Public Health and Safety Committee, it was

VOTED: That the Planning Board's Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Advisory Report submitted by Principal Planner Jay Vinskey REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

Councilor Allie informed the Council that Jay Vinskey was unavailable to meet with the Committee to discuss the 66-page report.

Upon motion of Councilor Babinski, for the Public Health and Safety Committee, it was

VOTED: That the Resolution authorizing the City to accept and support a request made to the Department of Public Utilities and associated State agencies for the review of new and unusual circumstances related to the proposed siting of the Pioneer Valley Energy Center REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, APPENDIX B-ZONING, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 3, 1987" (Section 4-110 relative to the Planning Board Special Permit for Alcohol sales/service within 500 feet of a church or school) be given first reading by title only.

The Ordinance was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

Prior to the vote President Bean informed the Council that a reconsideration cannot be tabled.

Councilor Flaherty was OPPOSED.

Councilor Onyski ABSTAINED due to a legal conflict.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the tabled Second Reading and Final Passage of an Order entitled "AN ORDER RELEASING ONE PERMANENT AND ONE TEMPORARY EASEMENTS OF REAL ESTATE TAKEN FOR ROADWAY, TRAFFIC AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS BY RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN AGAINST THE INCORRECT OWNER" (Gaslight District Improvement Project incorrect owner Joseph & Rosalie Wagner at 22 Church Street) be REMOVED FROM THE TABLE and REFERRED BACK TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE for further review.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the tabled Second Reading and Final Passage of Order entitled "AN ORDER OF TAKING FOR ONE PERMANENT AND ONE TEMPORARY EASEMENTS OF REAL ESTATE TAKEN FOR ROADWAY, TRAFFIC AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS BY RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN AGAINST THE PROPER OWNER" (Gaslight District Improvement Project correct owner Park River Properties, LLC at 22 Church Street) be REMOVED FROM THE TABLE and REFERRED BACK TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE for further review.

Councilor Figy thanked everyone for voting in the President Primary election on March 1st, 2016 and that Westfield had a 39% voter turnout. He also thanked Senior Center Director Tina Gorman for a successful transition of the new polling location for

Ward 2A and Ward 2B. He announced that there will be two more Community Forums to be held March 15th, 2016 at Westfield Technical Academy at 7:00 PM, the topic will be Supporting Families Impacted by Addiction and on March 30th, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the South Middle School and topic will be Addiction and the Teen Brain.

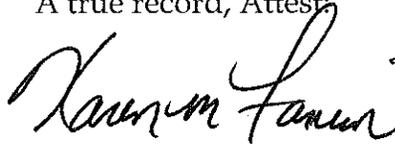
Councilor Flaherty announced that St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 109 will be having a can drive at Super Phipps on Saturday, March 12th, 2016.

Councilor Paul informed the Council that the CIP meetings are going fantastic and that the minutes of those meetings will be available soon.

Councilor Dondley announced that the Kiwanis Auction will be March 6th, 2016 on Channel 15 beginning at Noon.

At 8:56 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Knapik, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

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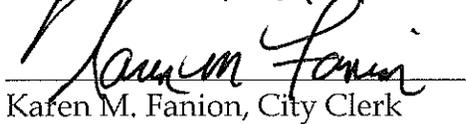


Karen M. Fanion
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

Presented to the Mayor

Approved by the Mayor

For approval March 16, 2016



Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

MARCH 17, 2016



Brian P. Sullivan, Mayor