



AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
JANUARY 05, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

REVISED

By City Clerk's Office at 4:42 pm, 1/5/23

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT FOR 2023

ACCEPTANCE OF CITY COUNCIL RULES

TRANSFER 2022 ITEMS IN COMMITTEE to 2023 COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation in the Roxanne Bradley et al. vs. City of Westfield et al. matter as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body if the chair so declares. It is intended the Council return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

READING OF RECORD OF MEETINGS OF November 17, 2022, December 1, 2022, December 15, 2022 and SPECIAL MEETING OF November 28, 2022.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Requesting immediate consideration of an appropriation of \$40,000.00 from Free Cash (#1000-3590000) to the City Law Department's Law Judgements Account #11510000-540000 relating to a matter which is the subject of litigation.
2. Appropriation of \$1,239,100.00 from the Department of Public Works, Water Division's Undesignated Fund account #6800-359000 to the Department of Public Works, Water Division, as follows:
\$583,000 to Purchase of Service account #68004500-520000
\$409,500 to Supplies account #68004500-540000
\$235,000 to Equipment/Vehicles account #68004500-585001
\$ 6,000 to Additional Small Equipment account #68004500-585500
\$ 5,600 to Replacement Equipment account #68004500-587000
3. Appropriation of \$1,200,000.00 from the Department of Public Works, Wastewater Division's Undesignated Fund account #6700-359000 to the Department of Public Works, Wastewater Division, as follows:
\$975,000 to Purchase of Service account #67004400-520000
\$175,000 to Supplies account #67004400-540000
\$ 50,000 to Replacement Equipment account #67004400-587000

4. Appropriation of \$91,500.00 from Free Cash (#1000-3590000) to the City Engineer Department Purchase of Service account #14110000-520000 to fund a field review for the Franklin Avenue Elementary School Project.
5. Transfer of \$1,263.25 from the Reserve for Future Salary Increases Account #19500000-519999 to the Parks and Recreations FT Salary Account #16300000-511000 for a 2% increase in a PSA.
6. Submitting a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Westfield to Accept Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022, to allow the local retirement systems with a local option to increase the Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for for the Fiscal Year 2023 up to 5% for retirees.
7. Requesting acceptance of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Westfield and City of Northampton regarding the integrated bike share system, ValleyBike.
8. Submitting the appointment of Carrie Hildreth-Fiordalice, 57 Wildflower Circle, as a member of the Board of Health for a term to expire February, 2026, replacing Margaret Doody.
9. Submitting a letter regarding the request of the Mayor to transfer \$1.1 Million from Free Cash, CDBG, ARPA, or other appropriate funding source to Westfield G&E to establish a one-time voucher program for low income households.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

10. Big Factory, LLC & Cycle Street Redevelopment, LLC c/o Robert Bacon, 68 Union Street, Westfield, submitting a petition for a Zoning Map Amendment at 21 Cycle Street, currently split Industrial A/Rural Residential & 0 Cycle Street currently spot Industrial A/Residential C-1 to entirely Industrial A.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Ad-Hoc Charter Committee

11. Procedure for filling vacancies on City Council.
12. Procedure for filling vacancies on School Committee.
13. Procedure for filling vacancies on the Municipal Light Board.
14. Change the term of Mayor to four years beginning January 2026.
15. Allow Mayor to appoint a chair of School Committee if he/she desires not to serve directly.
16. Edits to gender specific pronouns.
17. Procedure for future Special Act Charter Amendments.
18. Review Civil Service list.
19. City Council may create Annual Budget process by ordinance.
20. Ability of City Council, or duly authorized committee thereof, to investigate matters.
21. Schedule a public hearing for January 19th on next batch of Charter Amendment topics.

Personnel Action Committee

22. Appointment of Diana L. McLean, 88 Wildflower Circle, as an advisor to the Youth Commission for a three-year term to expire in December 2025, replacing a vacancy.
23. Appointment of Thomas M. Johnson, 121 Reservoir Ave, as a member of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities for a term to expire in March, 2024, replacing Demetrios Kanavaros.
24. Amendment to the expiration date of Steven White, Board of Public Works member, for a term to expire February, 2023.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTIONS, ORDERS or RESOLUTIONS

25. Motion of Councilor Flaherty for an order related to the Sequin property on Ellsworth Street. Refer to L&O.