



AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 18, 2023 AT 7:00 PM



ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2023 COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

READING OF RECORD OF MEETING OF May 4, 2023 and SPECIAL MEETING of April 27, 2023.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2024 Budget by Mayor McCabe.
2. Appropriation in the amount of \$155,000.00 from the Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Engineering Department's Purchase of Service Account #14110000-520000 to fund design services for improvements at the Western Ave and Bates Road Intersection.
3. Appropriation in the amount of \$30,000.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to Sanitary Landfill-Transfer Station Purchase of Service Account #14390000-520000 to cover unforeseen costs associated with a telephone system upgrade, scale repairs and increased rates in hauling costs.
4. Submitting an Order of Appropriation in the amount of \$39,760.00 from the Flood Control Purchase of Service Account #12990000-520000 to various property owners along the Westfield River Levee for the purpose of taking permanent easements, temporary (5-year) easements, and fee takings by right of Eminent Domain to complete the Westfield River Levee Multi-Use Path project.
5. Submitting an Order of Taking by right of eminent domain of several parcels of land along the Westfield River Levee to acquire permanent easements, temporary (5-year) easements and fee takings in order to complete the Westfield River Levee Multi-Use Path project.
6. Submitting a Confirmatory Order of Taking of real estate by eminent domain of Williams Riding Way for the purpose of constructing, installing, maintaining, replacing, and using a flood control levee and a multi-use trail.
7. Submitting a change to the job description for the Executive Director of the Council on Aging.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

8. City Clerk Kaitlyn Bruce submitting the resignation letter from At-Large City Councilor Dave Flaherty, effective May 5, 2023.

9. City Clerk Kaitlyn Bruce submitting the name of Mary Lawry O'Connell as the defeated candidate who received the highest number of votes for the At Large City Council position at the November 2, 2021 City Election.
10. City Clerk Kaitlyn Bruce submitting the Order for Polling Locations for the 2023 Elections.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

11. PUBLIC HEARING on applications for Junk Dealer and Junk Collector licenses for Camile Hannoush, Inc., 99 Springfield Road, Suite 2, Camile A. Hannoush (owner).
12. PUBLIC HEARING on an application for a Special Permit, Site Plan Approval and Stormwater Permit for a Truck Terminal with associated site improvements pursuant to Sections 3-130.3(1), 4-110 and 6-10 to be located at 70 Lockhouse Road, Westfield MA. Submitted by BEK REALTY, LLC c/o Mr. Muradbek Usmonov.
13. President Beltrandi submitting a Petition for Street Acceptance for Pineridge Drive.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

14. Appropriation in the amount of \$356,771.00 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Account #2410-340000 and \$243,229.00 from the Community Preservation Undesignated FY23 Account #24101770-580000 to the CPA American Legion Building Account #24101770-580200-5211 to preserve, restore and rehabilitate the circa 1870 American Legion Building.
15. Appropriation in the amount of \$6,557.44 from the Community Preservation Historic FY23 Account #24101770-580200 and \$528.56 from the Community Preservation Historic Reserve Account #2410-340200 for a total sum of \$7,086.00 to the CPA Old Burying Ground Account #24101770-580200-5112 for repairs to the gates that were damaged in a hit-and-run accident.
16. Appropriation in the amount of \$65,957.44 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Account #2410-340000 and \$43,442.56 from the Community Preservation Historic FY23 Account #24101770-580200 for a sum totaling \$109,400.00 to the CPA Pine Hill Cemetery Account #24101770-580200-5210 for the preservation and restoration of the stone entry gates.
17. Appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Department of Public Works Supplies Account #14990000-540000 to upgrade fifteen (15) irrigation systems and controllers among the City's athletic fields, parks and greens.
18. Appropriation in the amount of \$108,000.00 From the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Account #2410-340000 to the Hampton Ponds Playground Account #24101770-580400-5315 for rehabilitation work at the playground.
19. Appropriation in the amount of \$19,050.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to City Clerk's Office Purchase of Services Account #11610000-520000 to purchase 12 Electronic Poll Pads.

20. Appropriation in the amount of \$158.42 from the Airport Overtime FY23 Account #11990000-513000 to the Airport Overtime FY22 Account #11990000-513000 and \$850.00 from the Airport FT Hourly FY23 Account #11990000-511100 to the Airport FT Hourly FY22 Account #11990000-511100 for retroactive pay to cover a step raise awarded, but not paid to Airport Motor Equipment Operator Patrick Dillon.
21. A Resolution for the acceptance of a gift donation in the amount of \$1,308.00 from ProAmpac to the Westfield Animal Shelter to be used for improvements.
22. Transfer of \$38,538.14 from the Reserve for Future Salary Increases Account #19500000-519999 to various accounts to fund the recently signed AFSCME 35-Hour Unit Successor Agreement for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.
23. Acceptance of an in-lieu-of-taxes contribution from Westfield Gas and Electric in the amount of \$556,001.00 for FY24, with payments to be made monthly in the amount of \$46,333.00 commencing after July 1, 2023.
24. A list of properties in tax title and a total of back taxes that are owed to the city, residential and commercial, submitted by Treasurer/Collector Matthew Barnes.
25. To discuss tax title process and cash management options for city budget.

Legislative and Ordinance Committee

26. A Resolution to allow the Mayor to negotiate and enter into a lease agreement with North Elm LLC for Administrative Office Space for the School Department.
27. Ordinance amendment to Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program to remove Section 11-94. Requirements, etc. by deleting subsection h.(1) income guidelines.
28. Mayor's objections to Resolution 3154, entitled "A Resolution setting forth a petition to the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to revise and restate the Charter of the City of Westfield".
29. Terry W. Beauregard, owner of 170 Loomis Street offering the City right of first refusal to convert part of the property out of the 61-A program.
30. Amending the zoning ordinance at Sec. 4-121 to exempt certain fixtures from the exterior lighting standards.

Personnel Action Committee

31. Appointment of Lani Ching as a member of the Youth Commission for a term to expire February, 2026.

City Properties Committee

32. Resolution to declare a portion of 0 Church Street as surplus and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease with Howie Realty Trust.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

33. SECOND READING and FINAL PASSAGE of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Westfield, Adopted June 17, 1993" (Chapter 17-73 Stop Intersections Designation by adding the following: Foss Street,

northbound at Lawton Avenue, Angelica Drive, westbound at Northwest Road and Old Quarry Road, eastbound at Northwest Road.)

34. SECOND READING and FINAL PASSAGE of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Westfield, Adopted June 17, 1993"
(Chapter 17-115 Parking Prohibited at all times on certain streets by adding Kellogg Street, West Side from Orange Street, beyond Belmont Street to the base of the dike.)