



AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
JUNE 02, 2022 AT 7:00 PM



Amended 2

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING OF RECORD OF MEETING OF May 19, 2022 Personnel Action Committee of the Whole and the regular May 19, 2022 meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Requesting immediate consideration to increase the proposed FY23 budget in the amount of \$460,000.00 for the Department of Public Works to fund increased costs for sludge hauling/disposal and chemicals.
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5. City Assessor Ashlie Brown requesting Council acceptance of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5 Clause 41C - Local options and Clause 41D relative to specific real estate tax exemptions for low income senior citizens.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

6. Submitting an Open Meeting Law Complaint from Mark Dupuis, Richter Extracts Inc., Richter Cannabis Inc. against Westfield City Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

7. Westfield Gas & Electric General Manager Thomas Flaherty submitting the 2022 Depreciation Appropriation for Gas and Electric Department in the amount of \$6,278,082.00.

8. Acceptance of the \$70,604.00 in funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health through the Massachusetts Health Officers Association to assist the Health Department in their efforts to enhance COVID-19 public health response.
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