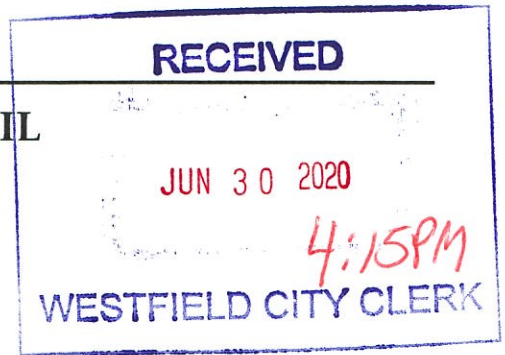




**AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL  
(TELECONFERENCE)**  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE  
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
JULY 02, 2020 AT 7:00 PM



Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the City of Westfield **CITY COUNCIL** will be conducted via remote participation. Specific information can be found on the City of Westfield website at [www.cityofwestfield.org](http://www.cityofwestfield.org). For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so by tuning into Channel 15 or online at [westfieldtv.org](http://westfieldtv.org). No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the City's website an audio recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

1. Requesting immediate consideration on the transfer of \$30,000.00 within the Law Department from Full Time Salary account #11510000-511000 to Purchase of Services account #11510000-520000 to be used for depositions, mediation, and other costs of litigation.
2. Requesting acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$27,760.23 from the Massachusetts State 9-1-1 Department to the Public Safety Communications Department for costs associated with continuing education requirements for Telecommunicators.
3. Requesting acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$164,488.00 from the Massachusetts State 9-1-1 Department to the Public Safety Communications Department.
4. Requesting acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$564.46 from the Massachusetts State 9-1-1 Department to the Public Safety Communications Department to reimburse costs incurred by the department for current medical protocol card sets and the annual fee of assurance software.
5. Submitting an Order of Taking of Real Estate at 47.5 Shepard Street as it relates to the Westfield River Levee Right-of-Way by right of eminent domain for the purpose of maintenance of the flood control dike structure. Also submitting an Order of Appropriation in the amount of \$52,000 from the Flood Control Department, Judgments, account #12990000-576000 for the Taking.
6. Submitting the reappointment of Richard E. Clark, Jr., 456 Russellville Road as a member of the Traffic Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023.

## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

7. Department of Public Works Director Dave Billips present, per request of Council, to answer questions relative to Wells 7 and 8.

## **PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS**

8. Motion of Councilor Flaherty requesting Council President Bean to form a five member ad-hoc "Defined Contribution Retirement Plan Committee" made up of Councilors representing Finance, Long Range Finance, Personnel Action, Government Relations, and Legislative & Ordinance committees. Refer to President Bean.
9. Motion of Councilor Flaherty requesting the Mayor to appropriate \$35,000 in certified free cash that becomes available in FY21 to fund the legal, actuarial, and other such professional services as necessary for the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan Committee to fully explore the options, savings, costs, benefits, and challenges of migrating from a Defined Benefit Retirement Plan to a Defined Contribution Retirement Plan for "employees not already in the system". Refer to Mayor.
10. Motion of Councilor Flaherty requesting Law Department to clarify, by the August 2020 City Council meeting, the specific procedures and timelines necessary to establish an elected Charter Commission. Refer to Law Department.
11. Motion of Councilor Flaherty requesting the Mayor to engage the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Division of Local Services and/or the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management to refresh the October 2010 Financial Management Review document. Requesting that they address the following: first, Financial Management team and practices; second, challenges facing Westfield with maintaining appropriate levels of services while honoring benefit commitments and living within the Prop 2 1/2 Levy Limits; third, investigation of opportunities to increase revenues; and fourth, the development of a realistic plan to fund Pension and OPEB liabilities while living within the budgetary and legal constraints. Refer to Mayor and Long Range Finance Committee.
12. Motion of Councilor Onyski to investigate and possibly recommend an Ordinance on home bee keeping. Ref to Law and L & O.