



AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

NOVEMBER 16, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

REVISED

By City Clerk's Office at 4:08 pm, 11/15/23

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Requesting immediate consideration that the Stormwater budget for FY24 be reduced by \$633,874.00 to meet the necessary requirements of Massachusetts Department of Local Services to complete the tax recap. The reductions are as follows:
 - \$250,000.00 from Purchase of Services (68504550-520000)
 - \$255,000.00 from Other Capital Outlay (68504550-589000)
 - \$100,000.00 from Construction (68504550-589200)
 - \$26,686.00 from FT Salary Employees (68504550-511000)
 - \$388.00 from Social Security (68504550-517002)
 - \$1,800.00 from Health Insurance Benefits (68504550-519400)
2. Transfer of \$199.00 within the Public Safety Communications Department from FY24 Purchase of Services Account (12250000-520000) to the FY21 Purchase of Services Account (12250000-520000) to pay an invoice from the National Emergency Number Association.
3. Appropriation in the amount of \$2,064,000.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Engineering Department accounts as follows: \$2,000,000.00 to the Construction Account (1411-0000-589200) and \$64,000.00 to the Purchase of Services Account (1411-0000-520000), to cover costs associated with the construction and construction phase engineering services for a new traffic signal at the intersection of Franklin Street and Smith Avenue.
4. Submitting an Ordinance amendment to Chapter 17, Article VI, Section 17-225 - Facilities established, to include the newly established Elm Street Plaza Lot.
5. Submitting the appointment of Ted Dobek, 883 Main Street, Agawam, as a member of the Off-Street Parking Commission, for a term to expire February, 2024, replacing Eleanor Meyer.
6. Submitting the appointment of Joseph Giffune, 49 Colony Drive, as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire in February, 2024, replacing James Murphy.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

7. Vote on Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Rate

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

8. Acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$59,748.50 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Westfield Police Department for law enforcement equipment and traffic enforcement.
9. Appropriation in the amount of \$113,760.00 from the Community Preservation Undesignated FY24 Account (24101770-580000) and \$79,000.00 from the Community Preservation Historic FY24 Account (24101770-580200) for a total sum of \$192,760.00 to the CPA Central Baptist Church (Historic) Account (24101770-580200-5212) to reimburse funds for work done for code compliant upgrades.
10. Requesting that the remaining balance of Bond Order #2799 be rescinded as the project for which the bond order was passed (to pay costs associated with the replacement of water meters within the City Municipal Water System) has been completed and the amount of \$340,000.00 remains unborrowed.
11. Requesting that the remaining balance of Bond Order #2822 be rescinded as the project for which the bond order was passed (sanitary sewer extension to the Bigwood Drive project area, Western Avenue, Jessie Lane, Montgomery Road and the Joseph Avenue project area) has been completed and the amount of \$572,000.00 remains unborrowed.

Personnel Action Committee

12. Appointment of John P. Morizio, of 432 Montgomery Road, as a member of the Board of Assessors for a term to expire in February, 2024, replacing Grace Sullivan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. SECOND READING and FINAL PASSAGE of a Bond Order entitled "A BOND ORDER FOR PROVIN MOUNTAIN WATER TANK" (in the amount of \$5,200,000.00).
14. SECOND READING and FINAL PASSAGE of an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, APPENDIX B-ZONING, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 3, 1987" (Zone Change Petition at 3 Fowler Street Extension (parcel 255-17) and 81 Union Street (parcel 223-59) from Residential C to Industrial A).

MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS

15. Motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane to have the Finance Committee both discuss and receive clarification regarding the specific process and rights when ratifying city contracts. In particular, the Finance Committee ask for legal guidance about how City of Somerville v. Somerville Municipal Employees Association, 418 Mass. 21 (1994) and the Office of the Inspector General's December 2020 report

entitled "Leadership Failures in Methuen Police Contracts" should impact their work. Refer to Finance and Legal.

16. Motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane to investigate discontinuing the city land located between 137 Berkshire Drive and 147 Berkshire Drive. Refer to Legal.
17. Motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane to have the Finance Committee investigate options for handling inter-year transfers under \$250. Send to Finance, Auditor, and Legal.