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WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
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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. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so by tuning into Channel 15 or Channel 12 or online at westfieldtv.org or online at Youtube.com - Westfield Community Programming Channel. 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.

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ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING OF RECORD OF MEETING OF February 18, 2021.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Requesting immediate consideration on the appropriation of \$2,347.20 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to City Clerk's Department, Overtime account #11610000-513000 for scribe positions.
2. Requesting immediate consideration of the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$7,800.00 to CORE of Greater Westfield on behalf of the Health Department from Baystate Noble for the recovery coach coordination for the Westfield DART program.
3. Requesting immediate consideration of the acceptance of a Grant to the Technology Center to participate in the 2019 Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program from the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS). There is no local share required for this Grant.

4. Requesting immediate consideration of the acceptance of the \$20,104.34 FEMA COVID reimbursement grant to the Fire Department for overtime costs and COVID related supplies.
5. Requesting acceptance of a Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Department of Fire Services in the amount of \$2,880.00 to the Fire Department for the FY21 Senior S.A.F.E. program.
6. Requesting acceptance of a Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Department of Fire Services in the amount of \$6,380.00 to the Fire Department for the FY21 Student S.A.F.E. program.
7. Transfer \$309.90 from Engineering Department, Purchase of Service account #14110000-520000 FY21 to Engineering Department, Purchase of Service account #14110000-520000 prior FY20.
8. Requesting that the remaining balance on Bond Order #2734 be rescinded as the project (rehabilitating and reconstructing existing municipal outdoor recreational and athletic fields, original amount \$1.8 million) for which the bond order was passed has been completed and the amount of \$20,000.00 remains unborrowed.
9. Submitting a Resolution approving an agreement between the City of Westfield and the Department of Transportation regarding Western Avenue Reconstruction - Phase 2 Project.
10. Submitting the reappointment of Rene Laviolette, 7 Victoria Circle, as a member of the Board of Registrars, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.
11. Submitting the reappointment of Richard A. Sypek, 60 Cardinal Lane, as a member of the Police Commission, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.
12. Submitting the reappointment of C. Lee Bennett, 57 Jaeger Drive, as a member of the Fire Commission, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

13. Mr. Jay Vinskey, for the Planning Board, submitting a petition (#C-259-21) for a zoning amendment at Sections 1-10.1,3; 1-40.6, 4-10.3; 1-50.3,9; 6-10.4,5 relative to strengthen/codify wording regarding enforcement; extend permit validity times (A public hearing is required.)
14. Councilor Figy, Liaison to the Council on Aging, submitting a Council on Aging update.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

15. Acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$4,700,000.00 to the Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport from MassDevelopment for the Rehabilitation of Taxiway Sierra/ Apron Project. There is no local match.
16. Acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Public Works Water Division from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental

Protection to reimburse the City for the costs of designing and permitting PFAS treatment projects for Wells 1, 2, 7 and 8.

17. Transfer of \$10,100.00 within the Airport Department from Full-Time Hourly Employees account #11990000-511100 to Purchase of Services, account #11990000-520000.
18. TABLED: Appropriation of \$700,000.00 from Free Cash (#1000-359000) to Department of Public Works, Water Division, Construction account #68004500-589200.

Legislative and Ordinance Committee

19. Review and possibly increase the rate of compensation for the members of the Westfield School Committee
20. Petition for Street Acceptance and Betterment for Sherman Street Ext.
21. Investigate utilizing scribes to produce subcommittee minutes for certain City Council subcommittees.
22. Review and amend City Council Rule 38 - Majority Vote on Certain Financial Measures

License Committee

23. Resolution to amend the Heka Incorporated Host Community Agreement to extend the deadline an additional six months to September 19, 2021.

Long Range Financial Overview Committee

24. Review of current bonds, BANs, anticipated future bonds, and responsible budget (GF, Enterprise, etc...) (submitted 12/17/2020)
25. Investigate the recently proposed Teacher Early Retirement Incentive program's impacts on Westfield's budget. See:
<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1111> Note: this is a local option that requires approval of the City Council.
26. Capital Plan (originally submitted 2/6/20 and replaced by 12/17/2020 motion)
27. Retirement Board Cost of Living Adjustment Submitted 4.4.19 (time lapsed, no info provided)
28. PFAS pollution dedication of funds received through legal actions (addressed by Mayor and City Council, no longer needed, originally submitted 4.19.18)
29. Providing scribes for Council subcommittees (originally submitted 9/4/14, replaced by new motion L & O working on it)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

30. Second Reading and Final Passage of a Bond Order in the amount of \$700,000.00 for infrastructure upgrade for the Western Avenue Phase II project.
31. RECONSIDERATION: Motion of Councilor Mello to request the appearance of Water Department personnel to provide updates on PFAS testing and reporting. Refer to Mayor, Water Department, and Natural Resources.

MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS