



**AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL  
(TELECONFERENCE)**  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE  
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
JUNE 02, 2021 AT 6:00 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 Channel 12 or online at [westfieldtv.org](http://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 MEETINGS OF May 5th and 20th, 2021.**

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

1. Requesting immediate consideration of the transfer of \$20,000.00 within the Department of Public Works, Water Division Interest on Temporary Notes account #68004500-592500 to Purchase of Services account #68004500-520000.
2. Requesting acceptance a \$1,000.00 Gift donation to Police Department from the family of Anthony "Tony" Amanti who passed away on April 24th, 2021 to be deposited into the DARE gift account.
3. Transfer of \$14,711.77 within the Police Department from Full Time Salary account #12100000-511000 to Equipment Vehicles account #12100000-585001.
4. Transfer of \$841,768.50 from Free Cash account #1000-359000 to the following Snow and Ice Accounts: \$591.36, Temp Hourly Employee account #14230000-

512100; \$15,860.60, Overtime account #14230000-513000; \$565,943.61, Purchase of Services account #14230000-520000; \$259,372.93, Supplies account #14230000-540000.

5. Transfer of \$45,000.00 within the Department of Public Works from Solid Waste Recycling Division to Waste Collection Division as follows: \$13,000.00 from Full Time Hourly account #14340000-511100 to Purchase of Services account #14330000-520000; \$20,000.00 from Purchase of Services account #14340000-520000 to Purchase of Services account #14330000-520000; \$12,000.00 from Supplies account #14340000-540000 to Purchase of Services account #14330000-520000.
6. Submitting a Resolution authorizing an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Southwick for dispatch services.
7. Submitting the reappointment of William Carellas, 16 Wildflower Circle, as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2026.
8. Submitting the reappointment of Raymond St. Hilaire, 120 Old Stage Road, as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2026.
9. Submitting the reappointment of Philip McEwan, 153 Western Avenue, as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023.
10. Submitting the reappointment of Barbara Taylor, 150 Hillside Road, as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.
11. Re-appointment to the Planning Board

## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

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

12. PUBLIC HEARING on a petition submitted by Albert E. Bessette, Jr. Right of Way Manager of Verizon requesting permission to place one (1) pole numbered T.54S/E.66-84 on the southwesterly side of Shaker Road at a point approximately 995 feet southeasterly from the centerline of Country Club Drive to provide support to the existing pole line.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### Finance Committee

13. Transfer of \$30,000.00 within the DPW, Wastewater Division, from Severance account #67004400-519900 to Purchase of Service account #67004400-520000 for funding a Proposal for Design and Bidding Services for Big Stuart Pump Station Replacement.
14. Finance Committee of the Whole: Acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$176,200.00 for the Avgas Self-Serve Facility project from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division to the Airport Department AND the appropriation of \$35,240.00 from Free Cash for the City's share.

#### Legislative and Ordinance Committee

15. Resolution for the approval of the lease of airport property over a term of 20 years for the development of three aircraft hangars.
16. Street acceptance petitions for Angelica Drive (Ward 4) and Day Lily Lane (Ward 1).
17. Petition (#C-259-21) submitted by the Planning Board, 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.

#### Personnel Action Committee

18. Reappointment of Bernard Puza, 257 Falley Drive, as a member of the Planning Board, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2026.
19. Reappointment of Robert Goyette, Jr., 25 Tiffany Circle, as a member of the Planning Board, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2025.
20. Reappointment of Cheryl Crowe, 40 New Broadway Street, as a member of the Planning Board, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2022.
21. Reappointment of John Bowen, 38 Pinehurst Street, as a member of the Planning Board, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2025.

#### Zoning, Planning and Development Committee

22. Petition for a Zoning amendment submitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals to update the definition of family and related/affected residential living arrangement matters at Sections 2-20, 3-40.3 (1) and 3-50.3 (1).
23. Petition for Zoning Amendment submitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals for an update on non-conforming situations at Article II/4-10, Article III/3-91.2 and Article III/3-92.2.
24. Petition for Zoning amendment submitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals to update definitions at Article II/2-20, Article III/various and Article IV/various.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

25. Second Reading and Final Passage of an Order of Appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Reserve for Unforeseen #19500000-570900 to Engineering Construction account #14110000-589200 for taking 0 Shaker Road
26. Second Reading and Final Passage of an Order of Taking of Real Estate by right of eminent domain for 0 Shaker Road.

#### **MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS**

27. Motion of Councilor Allie to discuss community gardens on city owned land (Airport Noise Mitigation), refer to City Properties, Mayor and Airport Manager
28. Motion of Councilor Allie regarding discussing naming Main Street Rail Trail bridge. Refer to City Properties and Mayor and invite Don Weilgus, Westfield Purple Heart Trail.
29. Motion of Councilor Flaherty to investigate ways to restructure benefits or address realistic long-term funding for OPEB plan benefits promised to, and expected by, employees. Requesting law department and HR department to assist Long Range

Finance Committee evaluate options for future employees such as requiring more than 10 years of service to qualify for lifetime OPEB benefits, to make OPEB plans only available to retirees who leave employment shortly before applying for benefits, to cover only the employee under the OPEB plans (not spouse or family members), to increase employee/retiree contributions for OPEB plans, to provide a plain English annual statement to employees and retirees, and to require the City to fund at least the "service cost" on an annual basis. Goal would be to produce a report and recommendations for Mayor and City Council. Refer to Long Range Finance Committee.