



MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

JANUARY 05, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA at 7:00 PM by Councilor Onyski.

The Clerk called the roll. Councilor Sullivan was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Onyski.

Councilor Harris nominated Councilor Beltrandi as President for 2023.

With no other nominations being offered, and upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That nominations be CLOSED.

The vote on the election for Councilor Beltrandi as Council President for 2023 resulted as follows:

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| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | Yes |
| Kristen Mello | Yes |
| Nicholas Morganelli, Jr. | Yes |
| William Onyski | Yes |
| Richard Sullivan, Jr. | Absent |
| James Adams | Yes |
| Dan Allie | Yes |
| Brent Bean II | Yes |
| John Beltrandi III | Yes |
| Michael Burns | Yes |
| Ralph Figy | Yes |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That the rules of the Council be adopted for 2023.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That the 2022 Items in Committee be transferred to the 2023 Committees.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That the City Council enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation in the Roxanne Bradley et al. vs. City of Westfield et al. matter as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body if the chair so declares. It is intended the Council return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | Yes |
| Kristen Mello | Yes |
| Nicholas Morganelli, Jr. | Yes |
| William Onyski | Yes |
| Richard Sullivan, Jr. | Absent |
| James Adams | Yes |
| Dan Allie | Yes |
| Brent Bean II | Yes |
| John Beltrandi III | Yes |
| Michael Burns | Yes |
| Ralph Figy | Yes |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

After the Executive Session, the meeting was called back to order at 7:12PM

Upon motion of Councilor Bean, it was

VOTED: That the reading of the record of the meetings of November 17, 2022, December 1, 2022, December 15, 2022 and SPECIAL MEETING OF November 28, 2022 be ACCEPTED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by John Plata, Broad Street. He stated that the Mayor in Boston signed a new law for closed captioning. He asked why Westfield doesn't do the same. He noted that deaf people should have equal access to the television and they need to be able to know what is going on in the United States.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Jessica Britton, 36 Casimir Street. At the last City Council meeting she asked if the same person suggesting a 4 year term for Mayor and that the Mayor being able to appoint a school committee designee, came from the same person. She stated that promises were made by elected officials campaigning and that the constituents are the checks and balances. Some committee members suggested it would be helpful if the Mayor didn't have an educational background or didn't have time to sit through committee meetings. She stated that she rewatched the 2021 Mayoral debate. At the 30 min mark the Mayor mentioned his vast experience and his 21 year tenure as an adjunct professor at Westfield State University. At 43 min mark, he was asked about the Mayor's role as School Committee Chair on various topics. He advises that the position may be outlasted because of a 2 year term but he would offer a vision. She believed it would be impactful for the Mayor to have a hand in the budget process and have firsthand experience of what is happening with the children in Westfield.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Kristen Mello. She stated that Tam Brudzinski, 399 Russellville Road had submitted an email to be read into the record. The topic of the letter was a point of a Public Hearing that was in Committee and could not be discussed. The letter was placed on file with the City Clerk.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Kevin Leclerc, 7 Free Street. He knew it was not a City issue but asked if anyone had a way to address the changes that PVRTA has made to their Westfield route. He also thanked them for bringing up his crosswalk request to the committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, it was

VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that an appropriation of \$40,000.00 from Free Cash (#1000-3590000) to the City Law Department's Law Judgements Account #11510000-540000 relating to a matter which is the subject of litigation.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

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| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | Yes |
| Kristen Mello | Yes |
| Nicholas Morganelli, Jr. | Yes |
| William Onyski | Yes |
| Richard Sullivan, Jr. | Absent |
| James Adams | Yes |
| Dan Allie | Yes |
| Brent Bean II | Yes |
| John Beltrandi III | Yes |
| Michael Burns | Yes |
| Ralph Figy | Yes |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, it was

VOTED: That items 2., 3., 4. and 5. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and be REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

2. Appropriation of \$1,239,100.00 from the Department of Public Works, Water Division's Undesignated Fund account #6800-359000 to the Department of Public Works, Water Division, as follows:
\$583,000 to Purchase of Service account #68004500-520000
\$409,500 to Supplies account #68004500-540000
\$235,000 to Equipment/Vehicles account #68004500-585001
\$ 6,000 to Additional Small Equipment account #68004500-585500
\$ 5,600 to Replacement Equipment account #68004500-587000
3. Appropriation of \$1,200,000.00 from the Department of Public Works, Wastewater Division's Undesignated Fund account #6700-359000 to the Department of Public Works, Wastewater Division, as follows:
\$975,000 to Purchase of Service account #67004400-520000

- \$175,000 to Supplies account #67004400-540000
\$ 50,000 to Replacement Equipment account #67004400-587000
4. Appropriation of \$91,500.00 from Free Cash (#1000-3590000) to the City Engineer Department Purchase of Service account #14110000-520000 to fund a field review for the Franklin Avenue Elementary School Project.
 5. Transfer of \$1,263.25 from the Reserve for Future Salary Increases Account #19500000-519999 to the Parks and Recreations FT Salary Account #16300000-511000 for a 2% increase in a PSA.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That items 6. and 7. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and be REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE and LAW DEPARTMENT.

6. Submitting a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Westfield to Accept Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022, to allow the local retirement systems with a local option to increase the Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for for the Fiscal Year 2023 up to 5% for retirees.
7. Requesting acceptance of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Westfield and City of Northampton regarding the integrated bike share system, ValleyBike.

Upon motion of Councilor Bean, it was

VOTED: That item 8. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and be REFERRED TO THE PERSONNEL ACTION COMMITTEE.

8. Submitting the appointment of Carrie Hildreth-Fiordalice, 57 Wildflower Circle, as a member of the Board of Health for a term to expire February, 2025, replacing Margaret Doody.

Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, it was

VOTED: That items 9. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and be REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

9. Submitting a letter regarding the request of the Mayor to transfer \$1.1 Million from Free Cash, CDBG, ARPA, or other appropriate funding source to Westfield G&E to establish a one-time voucher program for low income households.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

10. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was

VOTED: That the petition submitted by Big Factory, LLC & Cycle Street Redevelopment, LLC c/o Robert Bacon, 68 Union Street, Westfield, for a Zoning Map Amendment at 21 Cycle Street, currently split Industrial A/Rural Residential & 0 Cycle Street currently spot Industrial A/Residential C-1 to entirely Industrial A be REFERRED TO THE PLANNING BOARD, ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE and that a Public Hearing be scheduled at the earliest date.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | Yes |
| Kristen Mello | Yes |
| Nicholas Morganelli, Jr. | Yes |
| William Onyski | Yes |
| Richard Sullivan, Jr. | Absent |
| James Adams | Yes |
| Dan Allie | Yes |
| Brent Bean II | Yes |
| John Beltrandi III | Yes |
| Michael Burns | Yes |
| Ralph Figy | Yes |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Ad-Hoc Charter Committee

11. Procedure for filling vacancies on City Council.
12. Procedure for filling vacancies on School Committee.
13. Procedure for filling vacancies on the Municipal Light Board

Upon motion of Councilor Bean for the Ad-Hoc Charter Committee, it was VOTED: That a Resolution amending the proposed 2023 version of the Charter of the City of Westfield, entitled "Filling vacancies by Special Election" be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | Yes |
| Kristen Mello | Yes |
| Nicholas Morganelli, Jr. | No |
| William Onyski | Yes |
| Richard Sullivan, Jr. | Absent |
| James Adams | Yes |
| Dan Allie | No |
| Brent Bean II | Yes |
| John Beltrandi III | Yes |
| Michael Burns | Yes |
| Ralph Figy | Yes |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Councilor Bean stated these were being addressed together because they would be uniform in nature. The Committee has taken consideration from public, the School Committee, Municipal Light Board and the Council. A Special Election would be conducted if there was a

vacancy outside of 6 months prior to an Election. He added a discussion could be held for deciding on the duration of time. Councilor Mello questioned if the committee discussed the various election cycles for School Committee. Councilor Bean responded that it was based off the Election Date and the specific term of the vacancy would be filled. Councilor Flaherty added that if a vacancy occurred prior to a City Election, the City could hold two Elections on the same day in November to save money. One race to fill the seats that were up for reelection and an additional Special Election to fill the additional vacancy. Councilor Figy added that the Committee also discussed the idea of setting up a special fund with \$100,000.00 so that the money would already be designated and roll over every year. He noted the cost of elections vary between Ward and At-Large. Councilor Adams liked the idea of giving the voters the say but stated that whether or not the money is designated, it's still quite an expense. He questioned what the cost was for a Special Election. Councilor Bean stated it was roughly \$30,000 for a full City Election. They talked about having it at one location for cost savings. He stated that 6 months could be changed and shorten the opportunity of a Special Election being needed. Councilor Allie stated that the City Clerk told the Committee that a full City Election would cost \$38,000.00. He stated that Municipal Light Board members often run unopposed. He stated the number of vacancies over the last 10 years, would cost a lot in elections. He noted that they couldn't return money to the residents recently and people are paying up to \$12,000.00 a year in property tax. He stated that he gave the Council the reasons Special Elections are held and that there are other ways to fill vacancies that would cost less money. He stated that Elections already have a next highest vote getter, noting that highly qualified people often run for School Committee. Councilor Harris voiced her concerns with the City Council not having a Ward Councilor for 6 months. She stated that in her 10 years she could count on her hand how many times they've had to fill a vacancy. She thought they could look at this a little longer before voting. Councilor Flaherty stated that the cost for a Ward Election was roughly \$7,000.00. The Committee spoke about holding a Special Election in one place, similar to the Special Election held at South Middle School in 2020. He added that they've had Early Voting in City Hall for a week and noted the convenience. He stated that if they set the date for 6 months from the Preliminary Election, the money saved on that salary for 9 months, could be used to pay for a single location election. The reason the Committee was talking about the reserve account which they would have to get the Mayor to agree to, is because there is currently decent money in reserve and would eliminate mid-year appropriations. He stated that he listened to the citizens. This is a way for their voice to count. If the vacancy is filled with the next highest vote getter, someone is being selected that wasn't seriously running or that was and had not been voted for. He believes that City Council positions are as important as the Mayor. Half of City Council and all of the Municipal Light Board are ward seats and the cost to fill those vacancies would be lower. He believed the voters should have their say and that Special Elections were worth the expense. He noted that the City Council has great value, he believed it would be diluted if a person was put on because they had 3 friends write them in. Councilor Onyski agreed that Separate Elections will allow people to choose who they want. He stated that a Special Election could still happen during a Primary or General Election in which case the additional cost would just be the printing of the ballots. He echoed Councilor

Flaherty's idea of one location for a Special Election. He believed it wasn't only about cost but also fairness. Councilor Matthews-Kane voiced concerns about people being able to attend if the Special Election was held on one day, in one location. She asked if the committee discussed Early Voting or Mail-In Voting. Councilor Flaherty responded that that dates and locations weren't specific in this Resolution because that power exists in the Charter. It states that the Mayor and the City Council select the Election dates and locations. He shared that the Committee spoke to the City Clerk about Early Voting and Mail-In Voting and there are State laws that apply, that Westfield will need to follow. Councilor Matthews-Kane asked if the State allows either option for Special Elections. The City Clerk stated that Mail-In Voting will be required for Local Elections and that cities can opt-in to have Early Voting. Councilor Burns spoke strongly in support of Special Elections, highlighting their transparency. Councilor Mello asked when the change would take effect. Councilor Bean responded that he didn't know the timeline. Westfield is unique in that it follows a Modified B Charter. He had spoken to Senator Velis and Representative Pease and if approved, they are willing to fast track it. Councilor Harris shared that she has listened carefully to the arguments and has come to the decision that At-Large Councilors could cover that period of time and was in support of Special Elections. Councilor Allie stated that Special Elections are prone to poor voter turnout and that voters won't know that there is an Election. He stated that you're not less qualified because you didn't make it as a top vote getter. Councilor Matthews Kane asked for a clarification of the Resolution. Councilor Flaherty stated it was one vote for a Resolution on the procedure to fill all three vacancies by Special Election. She confirmed that a yes vote was to allow for Special Elections. Councilor Flaherty followed up that this would be added to the Amendment Document and there would be another vote on applying the whole Amendment Packet to the House and the Senate for all of the changes.

14. Upon motion of Councilor Figy for the Ad-Hoc Committee, it was VOTED: That changing the term of Mayor to four years beginning January 2026, REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.
All in favor, voice vote.

Prior to the vote Councilor Flaherty stated the Committee would prepare a Resolution at their next meeting for the next Council meeting and suggest the matter be referred to L&O and Legal. No action tonight.

15. Upon motion of Councilor Figy for the Ad-Hoc Committee, it was VOTED: That allowing the Mayor to appoint a chair of School Committee if he/she desires not to serve directly be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE with no action.
All in favor, voice vote.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy stated that the Committee had a lot of discussion. When you run for Mayor, this is part of the job you're running for. He believed it was very important that the Mayor be involved with the Schools because they have the largest budget

and the most employees hired within the City. Councilor Flaherty addressed the concern that was referenced during Public Participation. He stated this item was on the list from 10 years ago and that he personally believes the Mayor should be able to choose whether or not he serves. This Mayor has been focusing a lot of time on the Department of Public Works and roads. If he could appoint someone who really knew the schools inside and out, that could steer the School Committee, it could be more beneficial to Westfield. He would still be in charge of the budget as the Mayor. He agreed with Councilor Figy that it's one of the most important parts of the City but he didn't believe the Mayor had to personally be at all of the School Committee meetings. The Mayor only has so many hours in the day and needs to prioritize just like any other business owner should. He stated he wanted to give the Mayor that flexibility and also suggested the Mayor should be paid for his service on the School Committee. He added that this request had nothing to do with Mayor McCabe. All twenty-one items were pooled in from over the years.

16. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty for the Ad-Hoc Committee, it was VOTED: That a Resolution amending the proposed 2023 version of the Charter of the City of Westfield, entitled "Gender Neutral Words in Charter" be ADOPTED.
All in favor, voice vote.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Flaherty stated that they changed the word "his" with "their" and "chairman" to "chairperson" in a handful of places. Councilor Mello asked if the word "he" was in the Charter. Councilor Flaherty responded no, and informed the Council they searched through a list of gender specific words.

17. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty for the Ad-Hoc Committee, it was VOTED: That a Procedure for future Special Act Charter Amendments REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.
All in favor, voice vote.

18. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty for the Ad-Hoc Committee, it was VOTED: That the item Review Civil Service list REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.
All in favor, voice vote.

Prior to the vote, he stated that items 18., 19. and 20. would be added to the Public Hearing at the next Council Meeting with no action tonight.

19. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty for the Ad-Hoc Committee, it was VOTED: That the item City Council may create Annual Budget process by ordinance REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.
All in favor, voice vote.

20. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty for the Ad-Hoc Committee, it was VOTED: That the ability of City Council, or duly authorized committee thereof, to investigate matters REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.
All in favor, voice vote.

21. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, for the Ad-Hoc Charter Review Committee, it was VOTED: To schedule a public hearing for January 19th on next batch of Charter Amendment topics.
All in favor, voice vote.

Personnel Action Committee

22. Upon motion of Councilor Adams for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the appointment of Diana L. McLean, 88 Wildflower Circle, as an advisor to the Youth Commission for a three-year term to expire in December 2025, replacing a vacancy, be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | Yes |
| Kristen Mello | Yes |
| Nicholas Morganelli, Jr. | Yes |
| William Onyski | Yes |
| Richard Sullivan, Jr. | Absent |
| James Adams | Yes |
| Dan Allie | Yes |
| Brent Bean II | Yes |
| John Beltrandi III | Yes |
| Michael Burns | Yes |
| Ralph Figy | Yes |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Adams stated the Youth Commission was active for years but fizzled out in 2018. He emphasized the importance of the Committee and getting youth involved with municipal government. He spoke highly of Mrs. McLean and all that she has done for the City of Westfield.

23. Upon motion of Councilor Bean for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the appointment of Thomas M. Johnson, 121 Reservoir Ave, as a member of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities for a term to expire in March, 2024, replacing Demetrios Kanavaros be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | Yes |

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| Kristen Mello | Yes |
| Nicholas Morganelli, Jr. | Yes |
| William Onyski | Yes |
| Richard Sullivan, Jr. | Absent |
| James Adams | Yes |
| Dan Allie | Yes |
| Brent Bean II | Yes |
| John Beltrandi III | Yes |
| Michael Burns | Yes |
| Ralph Figy | Yes |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Bean stated that Mr. Johnson served as a Westfield Firefighter for many years in Westfield. He has found some time and would like to serve the City again by joining the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities.

24. Upon motion of Councilor Figy for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the amendment to the expiration date of Steven White, Board of Public Works member, for a term to expire February, 2023 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| Cindy Harris | Yes |
| Bridget Matthews-Kane | Yes |
| Kristen Mello | Yes |
| Nicholas Morganelli, Jr. | Yes |
| William Onyski | Yes |
| Richard Sullivan, Jr. | Absent |
| James Adams | Yes |
| Dan Allie | Yes |
| Brent Bean II | Yes |
| John Beltrandi III | Yes |
| Michael Burns | Yes |
| Ralph Figy | Yes |
| Dave Flaherty | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that Mr. White was appointed to fill the remainder of the term of longtime member Jack Campaniello. His term was set to expire in February 2023. This correction will return the Board of Public Works Commission members to having staggered terms.

MOTIONS, ORDERS or RESOLUTIONS

25. Order related to the Sequin property on Ellsworth Street

Councilor Flaherty offered a motion, which was duly seconded to refer the item to the Legislative and Ordinance Committee. He stated that the owners contacted him to look at their property. The City is going to put a bike path in their backyard, increase traffic and potentially block access to the side yard. He stated that this levee was never intended to be a thoroughfare, it was meant to protect part of the City from floodwaters. He stated he wasn't sure if a prescriptive easement would apply but he wanted to send to L&O and Legal to get their opinions. He stated the City can't change the use of something and expect the people to just take it. He believed if the City wants to take away that right, they should do it by Eminent Domain, buy the property and declare that it's for the better good of the City. Councilor Figy stated the first installation of the bike path went behind the residents of Gold Street and they were up in arms because they believed the City was taking their property. The boundary had been blurred over many years and people got used to using the property that belonged to the City. He stated this situation was similar and there is no taking, Most of the work will be done on City property. There was a petition in 2020. The Department of Transportation, Councilors Figy and Matthews-Kane, Marc Cressotti, and others met with the neighborhood and as a result of the meeting, multiple changes were made to the plan. The levee will be fixed and brought into code using State money, not City money. The easement with the Sequins is to allow the City to plant trees on their property to provide them with a buffer. He stressed his belief that this wasn't an issue that the Council should get involved in. He stated it has received a lot of attention by the Ward Councilor, previous City Engineer Mr. Cressotti and current City Engineer Ms. McMordie. He stated the temporary easement would allow the City to fix and maintain the levee and encouraged his peers to vote no. Councilor Mello stated although she supports protecting residents, she has a problem with writing an order, specifically for one resident when all the residents on State Street gave back what they were using when Cross Street Playground was finally fixed. Everyone negotiated and worked together. She questioned how they could single out one property because a Councilor wanted to do something. She believed the first step should be consulting with Legal before making a motion. Councilor Harris informed the Council she spoke with the Law Department the Friday before Christmas. They told her exactly what Councilor Figy had stated. First Assistant City Solicitor stated it is not the property of the Sequins. She added that the Engineering Department stated Westfield we would lose funding because this is where the State wanted the bike path to go. She stated she legally couldn't support the proposal because she can't say it would cause irreparable hard to them. Councilor Flaherty stated he was talking about a prescriptive easement that they have established by having access to their side yard for 20 years. He referenced a case in Hampden County Court between two neighbors. The person who bought house number two, cleared trees and used the land as part of their yard for 20 years. It was a perpetual use. The court ruled they had an easement. He agreed he didn't like the idea of doing this for one property and stated he would like this taken care of for all properties. He stated the change in use on Gold Street was from rail trails to bike paths, not the same as going from grassy land to bike traffic. He agreed that the City should do the right thing for flood control but questioned why they should do it without compensation. He believed there should be better ways to take care of this. Councilor Figy stated the real estate

term is called adverse position and in the law there is an exception for City owned property. When the parcel belongs to a municipality, that principal doesn't apply. He stated if they don't want the trees planted, he's sure the City could save money and not plant the trees. He noted that the Ward Councilor has been working on this for years. Councilor Matthews-Kane echoed many of Councilor Figy's comments. She rebutted the claim of a prescriptive easement. Adverse possession does not apply to municipally owned property that is for open space, parks, recreation, water protection, wildlife protection or other public purposed such as flood control. She stated this is about the City wanting to use City Land for a City purpose. She stated the path was moved closer to the property to solve a problem that was raised during the first round of comments. They extended the trail to end on another street. She stated they can continue to work with them and echoed that the trees don't have to be planted. The City cannot give one land owner a benefit that wouldn't be given to others. Councilor Mello stated she would have supported a motion to look into costs, investigate etc. but this is a motion asking the Council to order that something happens and she isn't in support of that. Councilor Adams stated that there are a lot of things that are done to benefit the City as a whole. He shared that when they put the walk way through Saint Dennis, he incurred a lot of South Middle School children walking through his business parking lot which is a liability for him. He noted that the walk way made it safer for the children to walk to school rather than over the tracks. There are certain things that are done to benefit most of the residents that cause a hardship for a few. People have the ability to sell their homes. He asked what others get if we start giving people money.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was
VOTED: That the Order related to the Sequin property on Ellsworth Street
be WITHDRAWN.

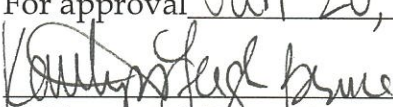
Councilor Figy strongly encouraged Councilor Flaherty to work with the Ward Councilor
if he was going to resubmit something because she has the background.

At 8:20PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was
VOTED: To ADJOURN.


A true record, Attest:

Kaitlyn Leigh Bruce
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

Presented to the Mayor

For approval Jan 20, 2023

Kaitlyn Leigh Bruce, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor

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Michael A. McCabe, Mayor