



**MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE  
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
JANUARY 21, 2021 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.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bean.

The Clerk called the roll. All thirteen Councilors were present.

Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was  
VOTED: That the reading of record of the meetings of January 7, 2021 Special meeting with MLB and January 7, 2021 be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was  
VOTED: That items 1. & 2. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

1. Appropriation of \$1,000,000.00 from Stabilization account #8303-397000 to the Engineering Department, Construction account #14110000-589200 for the following construction projects:
  - \$430,000.00 Pave - City View Boulevard
  - \$300,000.00 Pave - Hillside Road
  - \$270,000.00 Reconstruct - Union Street Sidewalks
2. Appropriation of \$46,028.00 from the Stabilization account #8303-397000 (other financing uses) to the Technology Center as follows:
  - Allocation for one technician position
    - \$15,175.00 to Full Time Salary account #11550000-511000
    - \$222.00 to Travel stipend account #11550000-519061
  - Allocation to Part-time hourly position
    - \$8,000.00 to Part Time Hourly account #11550000-511110
  - Allocation to one database admin position
    - \$22,520 to Full Time Salary account #11550000-511000
    - \$111.00 to Travel stipend account #11550000-519061

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was

VOTED: That items 3., 4., 5., 6., 7. and 8. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE PERSONNEL ACTION COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

3. Submitting the reappointment of John Niedzielski, 28 Heritage Lane, as a member of the Water Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.
4. Submitting the reappointment of Thomas H. Pereira, 150 Hillside Road, as a member of the Board of Public Works for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.
5. Submitting the reappointment of Sara Unger, 24 Kane Brothers Circle, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Ward 1, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.

6. Submitting the reappointment of Michael Tirrell, 36 Darby Drive, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Ward 5, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.
7. Submitting the reappointment of Douglas Morash, 9 Gloria Drive, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Ward 6, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.
8. Submitting the reappointment of Grace Sullivan, 684 Holyoke Road, as a member of the Board of Assessors, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.

City Engineer Mark Cressotti was present to address the Council relative to the Annual Engineering Report for 2020. He highlighted the list of projects for 2020, a lot of which were paving projects. The point in presenting the annual report to the Council is to show what the department has done and where the department is going. He highlighted strategic undertakings in the City as follows: the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail which is a prime way to attract tourist dollars and Traffic congestion which has been eliminated up to Interchange 3 and now it is time to look at eliminating congestion at Interchange 3 (which is now 41). He informed the Council that funding is always what holds projects back. Councilor Flaherty questioned the status of the dam and levy projects for the next year. Mr. Cressotti informed the Council that there have been two public hearings on the dams that the City has ownership of the Arm Brook and Powder Mill Brook, and the National Recreational and Conservation Services is favorable in rehabilitating the dams and there will be a bit of investment for the City. There will be a 35% construction cost and he is working with Flood Control Commission to vet these issues and the cost will be about \$5 million. Councilor Mello questioned how the Little River levy issues fit into the plan. Mr. Cressotti responded that those are Flood Control issues and therefore it was not addressed in the report and it may be included in the Capital Plan for the next few years. Councilor Beltrandi requested to go back to the topic of the congestion Interchange 3 and he questioned what the State's role is. Mr. Cressotti responded that the turnpike is under the control of the Mass DOT and there are two problems that go on there that do not necessarily mingle. The City's issue is the queuing up of vehicles to get on to the turnpike and the State's issue is the queuing up of vehicles to get off at Exit 3 which are overflowing into the right hand travel lane. It's a tricky situation and the City continues to meet with the State to try to come up with a resolution. Councilor Beltrandi commented the Engineering Department has come a long with staff and efficiency. Mr. Cressotti thanked Councilor Beltrandi and agreed that he has an outstanding staff in particular Jeremy Cigal. Councilor Burns echoed Councilor Beltrandi's comments and he questioned the status of the Cowles Bridge (Southwick Road). Mr. Cressotti informed the Council that it is a Mass DOT project, there are a lot of utilities on the bridge, a water main and overhead wires that are making the project lengthy, there will be a new bridge built with a completion date of 2025. The plans are online and anyone with questions may call the Engineering Department. Councilor Morganelli questioned if the annual report is posted online. Mr. Cressotti responded it will be by the end of the week. Councilor Morganelli questioned if there will be another exit on the turnpike between Exit 2 and Exit 3. Mr. Cressotti informed the Council that there have

been studies and it's questionable. Councilor Bean questioned if there is a plan to go to Congressman Neal for funding for projects such as the overpass on East Mountain Road. Mr. Cressotti informed the Council that now with a new federal administration funds may loosen up and agreed the City needs to move forward on some initiatives such as the East Mountain Road bridge. Councilor Onyski questioned where the list is that was developed a couple of years ago for Congressman Neal. Mr. Cressotti informed the Council that as discussions become reality there would be a need for a meeting to bring the City's needs (the list) forward. President Bean thanked Mr. Cressotti for submitting his annual report.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the Annual Engineering Report for 2020 be ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Councilor Figy, offered a motion which was duly seconded, that the presentation from Deputy Superintendent of the Wastewater Division regarding the financial situation of the department and the necessity for an adjustment to the current fee structure submitted by Acting Director of Department of Public Works Fran Cain be referred to Finance Committee and Legislative and Ordinance Committee. Councilor Figy informed that there should be a meeting of the Whole to discuss the matter because it is quite an in-depth presentation. Councilor Mello informed the Council that the Natural Resources Committee has jurisdiction in setting the sewer rates. Councilor Flaherty agreed. Councilor Beltrandi agreed there should be a meeting of the Committee of the Whole, no matter which committee it goes to. Councilor Harris informed the Council that not too long ago sewer rates were raised and that she is not in favor of raising the fees because residents' tax bills just went up due to the increased value of houses and the increase needed in the sewer and wastewater department needs to come from another revenue source rather than raising the fees. Councilor Figy withdrew his motion to refer the matter to Finance and Legislative and Ordinance. Councilor Bean informed the Council that the fee structure is an Ordinance and will need to go through Legislative and Ordinance at some point.

Upon motion of Councilor Mello, it was VOTED: That the presentation from Deputy Superintendent of the Wastewater Division regarding the financial situation of the department and the necessity for an adjustment to the current fee structure submitted by Acting Director of Department of Public Works Fran Cain be REFERRED TO NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE and that the Council meet as a Committee of the Whole on the matter.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Health Director Joe Rouse was present to give an update relative to the vaccines for COVID-19. Mr. Rouse informed the Council that this past week Westfield had its all-time high positive COVID test results which most likely was because of holiday gatherings. The concentration now is on getting the vaccines and distributing them. Phase I is almost over and Phase 2 will begin in February for seniors aged 75+. He informed the Council he is working with the State to secure the supply and distribution plan, but at this time nothing has been completely confirmed and requested everyone be patient as the information from the State tends to change every day. He informed the Council that Board of Health Chair Juanita Carnes will be writing a weekly column for the Westfield News giving an update on vaccines and the distribution process. Also the City's webpage will be kept up to date on the process. Councilor Onyski and Councilor Flaherty thanked Joe, the Board and his department for all their hard work and for the weekly column to help keep the Seniors informed who may not have access to the internet. Councilor Matthews-Kane also thanked Joe for all his hard work. She asked when the homeless shelters would be receiving the vaccines. He informed the Council that congregate housing settings are part of phase I and that the State is trying to complete all of phase I before starting phase 2. Councilor Figy commended Joe and thanked him especially for having a column in the newspaper. Joe informed the Council that that was the great idea of Board of Health Chair Juanita Carnes and she will be writing the weekly column. Councilor Adams informed the Council that the City is lucky to have a great Board of Health and thanked them for all they do. He informed the Council that he attended a vaccination clinic and that it is quite a production and not an easy task. Councilor Adams questioned why some communities are vaccinating their first responders and Westfield has not. Mr. Rouse

responded that, per the state regulations, there must be a guarantee of 200 doses for a clinic and that Agawam jumped ahead and was proactive to secure a spot for a clinic and invited surrounding communities, including Westfield to participate to ensue 200 doses. Westfield accepted the invitation and first responders were given the opportunity to be vaccinated in Agawam. Councilor Mello thanked Joe for all his hard work and asked if he needs volunteers once there is a clinic for vaccinations. He responded that if anyone wants to volunteer to help to please call the office or send an email. Councilor Harris thanked Joe, his staff and Board of Health members Juanita Carnes, Dr. Strzempko and Margaret Doody.

Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That a Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Department of Public Works for the Urban Forest Enhancements be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that the Grant is a supplemental grant for the Urban Forest Enhancements to prepare the ground for tree planting.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the request to waive the Zoning and Permit Fee pertaining to the proposed addition to the Boys and Girls Club be GRANTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Councilor Sullivan abstained due to a personal relationship, his brother is employed by the Boys and Girls Club and left the meeting during discussion. Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the fee is \$1,081.00. The Planning Board has heard the case and approved it. Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that he does not recall this ever being done, that he has no problem with it but to be careful not to set a precedence. Councilor Mello questioned if the Council has the authority to do this. Councilor Bean responded that the Council does have the authority and it has been done before. Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that part of the discussion in committee was that it is City property and that a church had asked for a waiver of fees a few years ago and it was not granted. Councilor Adams informed the Council that he would support it because it is a non-profit and helps children. Councilor Morganelli informed the Council that he went back and forth on this and will make an exception because they do educational things. Councilor Flaherty agreed with most comments and agreed the Council does need to be careful in waiving fees.

At this point Councilor Sullivan returned to the meeting.

Upon motion of Councilor Adams, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$37,040.00 FROM THE ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT #14110000-589200 FOR THE TAKING OF REAL ESTATE BY RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE WESTERN AVENUE ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION-EAST (PHASE 2)" be given first reading by title only.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The Order was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Adams, it was VOTED: That the Order be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Upon motion of Councilor Adams, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER OF TAKING OF REAL ESTATE BY RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE WESTERN AVENUE ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION-EAST (PHASE 2)" be given first reading by title only.



The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The Order was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Adams, it was VOTED: That the Order be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Councilor Adams informed the Council that this is the phase from Lloyds Hill to Holcomb Street and to West Silver Street intersection for taking of properties for sidewalks.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, ADOPTED JUNE 17, 1993" (Chapter 17-82 Speed Limits by adding the following: (c) Thirty miles per hour. Holyoke Road, both directions from 65 Holyoke Road to 325 Holyoke Road) be given first reading by title only.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The Ordinance was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Onyski informed the Council that this a thickly settled area and there is a very dangerous intersection at corner Holyoke Road and Springdale Road and this will help by slowing down the traffic, also there have been several trees cut down in the area of the intersection to help eliminate accidents at the intersection. Also this will help slow down the trucks in this area. It was recommended by the Traffic Commission

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, ADOPTED JUNE 17, 1993" (Chapter 17-82 Speed Limits by adding the following: (d) Thirty-five miles per hour. Western Avenue, both directions from the intersection of Granville Road to the intersection of Bates Road) be given first reading by title only.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The Ordinance was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Onyski informed the Council former Traffic Commissioner sent a letter in opposition of reducing the speed limit. Councilor Onyski informed the Council the purpose of reducing the speed limit is due to a lot more traffic on Western Avenue as there are more students living downtown/off campus, many events at Stanley Park and there have been 400 accidents since 2005 in the area. The statute allows for 30 mph, but the Traffic Commission recommended 35 mph. Councilor Figy informed the Council he will support this and requested that it be strongly enforced to make it effective. Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that she strongly supports lowering the speed limit due to the dangerous stretch of roadway from Highland School and that there were two deaths on Western Avenue in the past 10 years, one in 2012 and one in 2013. Councilor Morganelli also spoke in support of enforcement and that the new speed limit be communicated with WSU. Councilor Burns informed the Council that he initially wanted the speed limit to go to 30 mph because it is thickly settled, but agreed to the 35 mph and strongly encouraged enforcement. Councilor

Flaherty spoke in favor of the 35 mph and expressed his concern that the design of Western Ave is distracting for a driver with the lane changes for the bike path, elevated islands, turn only lanes and that is a lot for drivers to think about and that these distractions should be reduced. Councilor Mello spoke in favor of the speed limit change and thanked Capt. McCabe for his letter of support.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, ADOPTED JUNE 17, 1993" (Chapter 17-115 Parking Prohibited at all times on certain streets by adding Kellogg Street: No Parking northbound from Franklin Street for a distance of 150 feet) be given first reading by title only.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The Ordinance was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Onyski informed the Council that area delivery and construction vehicles were parked causing a dangerous situation. Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that she is an advocate for pedestrian safety and that ensuring that

people cannot part too close to an intersection is called daylighting and it is one way to keep people safe.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: Under RECONSIDERATION, that the sum of \$150,000.00 be transferred from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve account #2100-340000 to Ambulance, Purchase of Services account #21002310-520000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the status of the ambulance fund is healthy. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he was a no vote on this at the last meeting, but due to the information received from Attorney Reed during the executive session he will support the motion. Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that he was a no vote at the last meeting because he wanted more information on the matter and now that he received information in executive session he will support the motion. Councilor Morganelli questioned how much money is in the ambulance fund. Councilor Flaherty informed him millions. Councilor Burns informed the Council that he was a no vote at the last meeting because is not sure if the ambulance fund was an allowable source and per the Auditor it is an allowable source.

Upon motion of Councilor Mello (and Councilors Matthews-Kane and Sullivan), it was VOTED: That Mayor Humason be asked the following:

- To require meetings held by City of Westfield Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Committees be recorded in such a way that maximizes the viewers' ability to see diagrams/maps/etc and visually identify who is speaking, captioned, and promptly posted online for public viewing, and further
- To require that for such meetings held online/virtually, the access link and call-in telephone number for Public Participation be included on the posted agenda.

and be REFERRED TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, MEDIA SPECIALIST and MAYOR.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Councilor Mello informed the Council that the motion is to solidify conversations with the Media Specialist, Clerk and Mayor. Councilor Morganelli questioned if this was for just during COVID or after City Hall is back open. Councilor Mello informed the Council that it will be talked about in Government Relations. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that he is working with Media Specialist Peter Cowles relative to closed captioning and also to have everyone who is capable to use Zoom rather than just call in and that it is appropriate to get this matter into a committee so everyone can talk about and everyone is getting the same information. Councilor Mello asked the City Clerk to share information from a meeting she attended last week with Peter Cowles, Lenore from IT, Shanna and the Mayor relative to putting meeting access info on the agenda. City Clerk Karen Fanion informed the Council that the meeting access information will start to appear on Agendas in February, Lenore has to get additional licenses before this can start, Peter will be able to broadcast more than one meeting at a time on different channels and those details are being worked out. Councilor Harris questioned if it would be a requirement to participate via Zoom. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that it would not be a requirement.

#### Announcements

Councilor Sullivan congratulated Councilor Figy for being chosen as the District I Representative for the Massachusetts City Council Association.

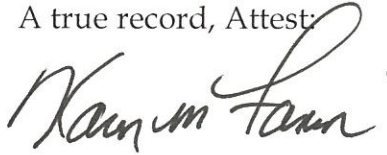
Councilor Morganelli announced that the weather pattern has changed and there are three chances for snow coming up.

At 8:57 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

A true record, Attest:



Karen M. Fanion  
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

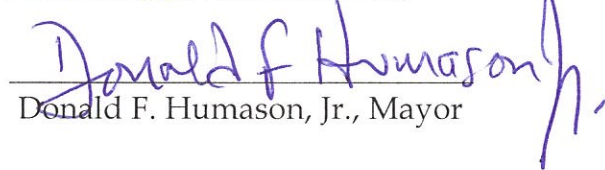
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Approved by the Mayor

For approval Feb. 1 2021

  
Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

Feb. 1 2021

  
Donald F. Humason, Jr., Mayor