

Finance Committee  
Thursday, January 31, 2019  
Time: 5:30p.m. Room 207  
Brent Bean, Chair – Dan Allie – John Beltrandi

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Attendance: Councilor(s) Emmershay, Surprise, Babinski, Onyski – Dave Billips, Joanna Williams,

Public Participation: None

Agenda

11/5/15

Submitting the Capital Improvement Plan for 2016-2020

**3 – 0 remove from committee without action**

2/4/16

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was

VOTED: That the five year budget plan in Long Range Financial Overview Committee items be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE. 2/18/16 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE 3/3/16 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE 4/7/16 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE; 1/19/17 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE; 2/16/17 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE

**3 – 0 remove from committee without action**

2/18/16

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That matter of the Westfield G & E PILOT be REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. 3/17/16 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE 4/7/16 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE 4/28/16 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE 1/19/17 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE; 2/2/17 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE; 2/16/17 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE; 3/2/17 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE

**3 – 0 remove from committee without action**

10/5/17

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the View Tax be eliminated, limited or reduced and the motion was further voted upon motion of Councilor Onyski that the water tax be also added and that the matter be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**3 – 0 leave in committee**

1/8/18

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was

VOTED: That an updated Capital Plan Excel spreadsheet be delivered to the City Council on or before the first City Council meeting in March 2018 and be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE, TREASURER and AUDITOR.

**3 – 0 remove from committee without action**

2/15/18

Upon motion of Councilor Emmershay, (and Morganelli, Surprise, and Flaherty), it was

VOTED: That a review of city trash services (curbside pick-up, bulk pick-up, recycling, and Twiss Street drop-off) be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**3 – 0 remove from committee without action**



4/5/18

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty (and Allie), it was

VOTED: That an investigation be requested relative to options to fully fund OPEB within 30 years and that the matter be REFERRED TO LONG RANGE FINANCIAL OVERVIEW COMMITTEE, CITY TREASURER and the HEALTHCARE TRUST and upon motion of Councilor Surprise it was further voted to also be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**3 – 0 remove from committee without action**

4/5/18

Upon motion of Councilor Emmershay (Allie, and Surprise), it was

VOTED: That the water production costs be reviewed and make recommendations be made and that the matter be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**3 – 0 remove from committee without action**

4/19/18

Upon motion of Councilor Allie (and Flaherty), it was

VOTED: That it be requested that annual OPEB contributions based on gross payroll by department to be included in the Annual Budget and be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE. 5/3/18 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE

Councilor Harris informed the Council that the Mayor should be involved in this instead of Finance Committee.

Councilor Allie informed the Council that the Finance Committee will flush out ideas then present to the Mayor.

**3 – 0 remove from committee without action**

*to leave in committee*

4/19/18

Councilor Allie offered a motion to request and review contract with Saint Joseph's Church for use of parking lot.

Councilor Harris informed the Council that the above motion is incorrect, it should be St. Peter's/St. Casimir's Church. Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the above motion be AMENDED to read to review contract with St. Peter's/St. Casimir's Church for use of parking lot and that the matter be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE. 5/3/18 REMAIN IN COMM

**3 – 0 remove from committee without action**

5/31/18

Upon motion of Councilor Surprise, it was

VOTED: That the "Communication from the Mayor" requesting acceptance of the in-lieu-of-taxes contribution from the Westfield Gas and Electric in the amount of \$559,497.00 for FY19. Payments are to be made monthly in the amount of \$46,625.00 commencing on or after July 1, 2018 be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 1/17/19 REMAIN IN COMM

**3 – 0 remove from committee without action**

9/6/18

Upon motion of Councilor Surprise, it was

VOTED: That the following Tabled Motion of Councilor Surprise that the City of Westfield investigate procedures for joining the Municipal Open Checkbook System administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts be REMOVED FROM THE TABLE.

Upon motion of Councilor Surprise, it was VOTED: That the motion of Councilor Surprise that the City of Westfield investigate procedures for joining the Municipal Open Checkbook System administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts be REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**3 – 0 with a positive recommendation**

9/20/18

Councilor Figy offered a motion that the Bond Order in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the rehabilitating and constructing of municipal outdoor recreational and athletic fields to include basketball courts, pickleball courts and an all-access playground be referred to Legislative and Ordinance Committee, Park and Rec and Law Department. Councilor Surprise offered a motion to refer to Finance Committee. Councilor Paul offered a motion to refer to Long Range Financial. Councilor Flaherty offered a motion to refer to Finance first and then Finance would refer it to Legislative and Ordinance Committee. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That the above \$1,000,000.00 bond order be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE. Councilors Figy and Paul were opposed. 10/4/18 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE

**3 – 0 leave in committee**

1/3/19

Upon motion of Councilor Emmershay, it was VOTED: That the Fire Commission and Legal Department provide the Council with an accounting of all outside Counsel expenditures incurred since 1/1/2018 and what is to be reasonably expected in the future and be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE, FIRE COMMISSION, LEGAL and AUDIT and it was further VOTED: That the above motion be amended to remove the referral to the Fire Commission.

**3 – 0 leave in committee**

1/17/19

Appropriation of \$442,850.00 from the Department of Public Works, Water Division, Undesignated Funds account #6800-359000 to the following DPW Water Division accounts:

- \$327,850.00 to Purchase of Services account #68004500-520000
- \$100,000.00 to Health Insurance Benefits account #68004500-519400
- \$10,000.00 to Supplies account #68004500-540000
- \$5,000.00 to Gasoline account #68004500-548001

Appropriation of \$130,000.00 from the Department of Public Works, Stormwater Division, Undesignated Funds account #6850-359000 to the DPW Stormwater Division Construction account #68504450-589200.

**3 – 0 leave in committee**

Transfer of \$75.00 within Airport Department from current FY19 Personal Services Part-time Hourly account #11990000-511110 to prior year FY18 Personal Services Board/Committee members account #11990000-512300.

**3 – 0 with a positive recommendation**

Approve the minutes of the Finance subcommittee from January 17, 2019

**3 – 0 with a positive recommendation**

