



## MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
FEBRUARY 06, 2020 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.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was  
VOTED: That record of the meeting of January 16, 2020 be ACCEPTED.

The President asked if anyone, other than Channel 15 was recording the meeting and if so to state whether it is an audio or video recording and whether the recording is being live streamed. No one responded.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mr. Bill Parks, CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Westfield. He personally invited all Councilors to the 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Gala of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Westfield to be held February 29, 2020 at Chez Josef from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mr. Matthew Roman. He reported for the Senior Snoopers that there are LED lights, installed by the Westfield G & E at the intersection of Arch Road and Southampton Road and that the Senior Snoopers are very happy.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Chester Zymroz, Charm Auto Sales, 766 Southampton Road. He informed the Council that as a small business owner, his stormwater fee went from \$160.00 per quarter to \$525.00 per quarter. He informed the Council that he checked with the Water Department relative to the formula used to arrive at that number and that they will get back to him in a week or so. He requested the Councilors' help regarding this matter. He presented his bill to the Clerk. The Clerk gave the bill to Ward 1 Councilor Morganelli.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mr. Brian Hoose, 60 Arnold Street. He questioned the Council what will happen next winter relative to snow removal of the new sidewalk on Springfield Road. Will it be the responsibility of the business owner and where will the snow be put. He suggested Westfield High School and Westfield State University students be involved in providing artwork for the overpasses that will be used as part of the bike trail.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was  
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION  
APPROVING AND ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND  
REPAIR OF WAR MEMORIALS IN THE CITY OF WESTFIELD" in the amount of \$10,000.00  
from the Department of Veterans' Services of Massachusetts to the Veterans' Services  
Department of the City of Westfield be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was  
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION  
APPROVING AND ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING FOR MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY  
PREPAREDNESS (MVP) IN THE CITY OF WESTFIELD" in the amount of \$32,000.00 from the  
Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Planning  
Department be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING FOR MATTRESS RECYCLING IN THE CITY OF WESTFIELD" in the amount of \$61,804.00 from the Massachusetts DEP to the Health Department be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the sum of \$50,000.00 be appropriated from Free Cash to the Law Department, Purchase of Services account #11510000-520000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the appropriation is to fund Labor Counsel and other costs of litigation. Councilor Allie questioned if this was not anticipated and why does it need immediate consideration. Councilor Figy informed the Council that as Acting Mayor in November and December he did not have the authority to send this item to Council, therefore, it had to wait for the new Mayor and now it is time sensitive.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the proposed job description for the Airport Manager's position be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that she met with the Personnel Director Dennis Miles regarding this matter. He informed her that the City is in the process of hiring a new Airport Manager to fill the vacancy of the position. The Airport Commission approved the description at its January 16, 2020 meeting. The description is the same as when Eric Billowitz, the former Airport Manager, was hired except for very minor edits to correct redundancies on position requirements. Councilor Harris informed the Council that the Airport Commission is the appointing authority for the Airport Manager.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE PRESERVATION RESTRICTION FOR WESTFIELD ATHENAEUM" located at 6 Elm Street be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was  
VOTED: That items 7., 8., 9., 10. and 11. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

7. Appropriation of \$31,200.00 from Free Cash to Assessor's Office, Purchase of Services account #11410000-520000 for updated assessment software.
8. Appropriation of \$97,700.00 from Free Cash to the following: \$40,000.00 to Police Department, Plants/Capital account #12100000-583000; \$10,700.00 to Police Department, Purchase of Services account #12100000-520000; \$47,000.00 to Police Department, Vehicle account #12100000-585001.
9. Appropriation of \$69,667.21 from Free Cash to Fire Department, Equipment Vehicles account #12200000-585001.
10. Appropriation of \$469,889.92 from the Fire Department, Ambulance Designated Fund Balance, account #2100-340000 to Fire Department, Ambulance Vehicle account #21002310-585001.
11. Order of Appropriation of \$1,624.74 from Free Cash to City Council, Salary account #11110000-512300.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was  
VOTED: That items 12. and 13. 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:

12. Submitting the reappointment of Elizabeth Boucher, 150 Hillside Road, Unit 6 as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023.
13. Submitting the reappointment of Alan Sudentas, 108 Thomas Street as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was  
VOTED: That the rules of the City Council be SUSPENDED in order to act upon items received at tonight's meeting.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was  
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the Order for Polling Locations for the 2020 Elections submitted Clerk Karen Fanion be given first reading by title only.

The Order was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was

VOTED: That the Order be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was  
VOTED: That the Order be given second reading by title only.

The Order was given second reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was

VOTED: That the Order be PASSED TO BE ORDAINED, per voice vote.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was  
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the Order for the Call of the Presidential  
Primary Election to be held March 3, 2020 submitted Clerk Karen Fanion be given first reading  
by title only.

The Order was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it  
was

VOTED: That the Order be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was  
VOTED: That the Order be given second reading by title only.

The Order was given second reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it  
was

VOTED: That the Order be PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was  
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the Order for the Call of the Special State  
Primary Election to be held March 3, 2020 submitted Clerk Karen Fanion be given first reading  
by title only.

The Order was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it  
was

VOTED: That the Order be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was  
VOTED: That the Order be given second reading by title only.

The Order was given second reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it  
was

VOTED: That the Order be PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was  
VOTED: That the meeting return to REGULAR order.

City Engineer Mark Cressotti addressed the Council and submitted the 2019 Engineering Department Annual Report. Mr. Cressotti highlighted some of the projects of the report as follows: the sanitary sewers for Plantation Circle have been completed, sanitary sewers have been extended in the Pine Ridge neighborhoods, Western Avenue local share has been completed, the pickle ball courts have been finalized and sidewalk improvements on Washington Street are complete. He informed the Council that there is a 64% return on investment on the completed projects. The Cowles Bridge project is being advertised and it's not as extensive as originally thought so the City will be doing complimentary work at the intersection at Mill Street and Crane Avenue. The State will be resurfacing Rte 10 and 202 Southampton Road and there will be a traffic signal at the entrance of Servistar Industrial Way. He informed the Council that 75% of the design for Western Avenue eastern part Lloyds Hill to Holcomb Street to Noble Hospital is complete and the designs are on the City's webpage. The Westfield river levee multi-use plans are coming up shortly and it will be moving quickly because there is a grant that needs to be used. Councilor Flaherty questioned what the plans are for the Columbia Greenway. Mr. Cressotti informed the Council that there is walk through tomorrow and all but one of the bridges will be replaced. The Main Street bridge is one that will be replaced and Elm Street one will be retained and refurbished. Councilor Flaherty questioned what the hotel and meals tax does for projects. Mr. Cressotti informed the Council that the hotel and meals tax did not impact any projects, most are done with State money. Councilor Sullivan thanked Mr. Cressotti and his staff for all the projects and that State projects show up on the State list and it's due to the hard work of the City Engineer being present at those meetings that State money is granted. Councilor Morganelli questioned why certain roads are paved and certain roads are not paved. Mr. Cressotti informed the Council that there is an inventory done and then it's determined which ones will get paved and that it's a reactionary plan rather than preventative plan. He informed the Council that Root Road will be paved this year.

Councilor Figy, liaison to the School Committee, presented an update from Superintendent Czaporowski. He highlighted that the School Department has received a \$200,000.00 Capital Skills grant and that the Science Fair for Westfield High School and Westfield Technical Academy is coming up on February 12, 2020.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That the Zone Change petition for 150 Tannery Road (Map 144 Parcel 4 and Parcel 38) from Rural Residential (RR) to Residence B (RB) submitted by Sarah A. Kannas and Brian H. Seibert (#C-55-20) be REFERRED TO ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE and PLANNING BOARD and that a Public Hearing be scheduled for the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 City Council meeting.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That the petition for a Zoning Amendment at Section 1-10.2 to give broader authority to the Building Department to require more detailed information (specifically site grading) as part of the building permit process submitted by the Planning Board (#C-256-20) (time lapsed on previous submission) be REFERRED TO ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE and PLANNING BOARD and that a Public Hearing be scheduled for the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 City Council meeting.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That the petition for a Zoning Amendment petition submitted by the Planning Board to amend Section 4-90 to strengthen regulation of marijuana establishments by requiring special permit if within 500 feet of a park (#257-20) (time lapsed on previous submission) be REFERRED TO ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE and PLANNING BOARD and that a Public Hearing be scheduled for the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 City Council meeting.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was VOTED: That the petition for Street Acceptance and Betterment for Sherman Street Ext. be REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, 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 (1/8/18) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE WITHOUT ACTION.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the City of Westfield investigate procedures for joining the Municipal Open Checkbook System administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (6/21/18) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE WITHOUT ACTION.



Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$200,000.00 be appropriated from Fire Department, Ambulance Designated account within the Ambulance Receipt Reserved Fund account #2100-340000 to Fire Department, Ambulance Overtime account #21002310-513000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$12,537.31 be appropriated from Free Cash to Police, Motor Vehicle account #12100000-585001.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the appropriation of \$34,395.00 from the Police Department Special Towing and Storage of Motor Vehicles account #2400-330210 to Police Department account for Towing and Storage account #24210714-585001 (1/16/20) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE WITHOUT ACTION. Councilor Figy informed the Council that there were discrepancies with the figures and the item will be resubmitted.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$40,000.00 be appropriated from the PEG Undesignated fund to PEG Access & Cable Fund, Purchase of Services account #21106940-520000, per agreement between Westfield State University and the City of Westfield signed October 2019.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTFIELD TO AUTHORIZE A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (WRA)" to allow the WRA to access funds budgeted for FY2020 to advance the Elm Street Urban Renewal Project be ADOPTED. And upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was further

VOTED: That a representative from the Westfield Redevelopment Authority be REQUESTED to come before the Council at its meeting of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to give an update of the WRA's projects.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Dan Allie	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DRAINAGE EASEMENTS" for the properties located at 74 Crescent Circle, 68 Crescent Circle and 62 Crescent Circle be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Onyski informed the Council that the plans were not followed exactly when the subdivision was developed and that there is flooding on Pontoosic and Shaker Roads and that the easements will correct the issue and there is no cost to the City. Councilor Beltrandi thank City Engineer Mark Cressotti and his staff for taking care of this issue because it's a very dangerous situation when it floods.

Councilor Onyski, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, offered a motion, which was duly seconded, that the item to amend Chapter 11 Community Services, Article II Public Parks relative to the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail (5/1/14) be removed from committee without action.

Councilor Flaherty questioned if there was ever a determination if the Columbia Greenway is a "park". Councilor Onyski informed the Council that there was never a determination. Councilor Sullivan requested that the Law Department be requested to check to determine if it's a park or not a park. He informed the Council that there were State funds given for a park and it may not make a difference whether it's a park or just public property. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that he's ok with leaving it in Committee and getting an opinion from the Law Department. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that Chapter 90 money and State park funds money was used to build it, therefore, it needs to be determined whether it's a park or not. Councilor Flaherty offered a motion, which was duly seconded, to request the Law Department to give the opinion for the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. President Bean requested that the motion be amended to request the opinion for the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That the above motion be amended to request the Law Department for an opinion whether the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail is a park or not a park by February 20, 2020 and that the item REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That the Resolution creating a gift account for the funds received for the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail donations (6/16/16) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE WITHOUT ACTION.

Upon motion of Councilor Burns, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That the motion to examine or reexamine the real estate tax exemption allowed by law for those over 65 years of age with intent of increasing that exemption (MGL 59 Sections 5, 17, 41-41C and any other laws pertaining to this exemption (1/19/17) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE WITHOUT ACTION.

Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that the Senior Workoff program is being changed and there will be a motion in the future to change that program. Councilor Figy informed the Council that there are several other programs therefore no need to change the threshold.

Upon motion of Councilor Burns, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That the Charter and Rules Committee to review the current City Council rules, collect suggestions for edits from City Councilors and make recommendations for revisions (1/8/18) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE WITHOUT ACTION.

Councilor Flaherty was opposed.

Upon motion of Councilor Adams, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That an Ordinance regarding road repairs be established (5/17/18) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE WITHOUT ACTION.

Councilor Adams informed the Council that there is an Ordinance that addresses the digging up of the road. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that it is not working well and gave Union Street as an example. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that if issues with digging up the road need to be brought to the Board of Public Works. Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that the permitting process is not being followed and that there is a disconnect with the Westfield Gas & Electric.

Upon motion of Councilor Adams, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That the Abutter Notification zoning ordinance at Section Article 1, Section 1-40.3- Mailing of Notices be strengthened (12/6/18) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE WITHOUT ACTION.

Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, for the License Committee, it was VOTED: That the gas storage application submitted by Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) to be located at Massachusetts Turnpike Westbound MM 41/Sgt. T.M. Dion Way to be used at the Maintenance Depot/State Police Barracks for the amended amounts of 10,000 gallons of gas in one underground tank, and 1,000 gallons of diesel in one aboveground tank and 138 gallons of diesel in one aboveground tank be GRANTED AND SO ORDERED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Dan Allie	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that the Fire Department has verified the application and signed off on their part. Councilor Mello questioned the total amount of fuel storage on the premises. Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that the total is 10,000 gals gas and 1,138 gals of diesel.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: to review and possibly increase the rate of compensation for the members of the Westfield School Committee according to Ordinance 1279 and the matter be REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE and LAW DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was further

VOTED: That the matter also be REFERRED TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Councilor Morganelli questioned how the matter came up. Councilor Figy informed the Council that he was asked by the School Committee because they have not had a raise since 2002.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That his motion to request Law Department to review and advise on the procedure to rename a private way in the City be WITHDRAWN.

Upon motion of Councilors Adams (Figy and Sullivan), it was

VOTED: To ask Mayor Don Humason to put together a group to start the process of building a new Police Station, to determine cost, site and funding and that this matter be REFERRED TO MAYOR HUMASON. Councilor Morganelli questioned why not do a safety complex to include the fire department. Councilor Figy informed the Council that all the upgrades have been done to the substations and there is no need to combine them. Councilor Flaherty agreed that the police station is in tough shape but informed the Council that it's an example of lack of maintenance of a building and that a member of from Long Range Financial should be on the committee to discuss maintenance of buildings and also the liaison to Police should be on the committee. Councilor Burns informed the Council that the Police Station never should have

been built there because there is a river running under it. Councilor Figy informed the Council that the motion is to send this to the Mayor and he will set up the members of the committee.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty (and Figy), it was VOTED: That the Mayor be requested to publish the 2020 Budget Schedule by February 24<sup>th</sup> and be REFERRED TO THE MAYOR.

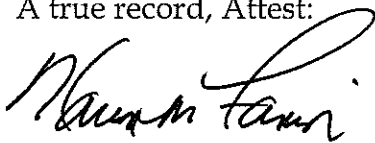
Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty (and Figy), it was VOTED: To request that the Capital Plan be updated by the first City Council Meeting in May and such plan should include edits and status updates for items that were listed on the most recent Capital Plan; any publicly discussed capital projects such as road repairs, dam and levee repairs, new buildings or major building renovations, new recreation facilities or major renovation or recreational facilities, new vehicles; and, any other known or likely capital projects with an estimated cost in excess of \$50,000.00 and be REFERRED TO MAYOR, CITY AUDITOR, CITY TREASURER, FINANCE COMMITTEE and LONG-RANGE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE. Councilor Morganelli requested to be put on the motion. Councilor Morganelli questioned why the \$50,000.00 threshold. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that \$50,000.00 threshold is the best practice use.

President Bean informed the Council that he will refrain from allowing announcements at the end of the meeting because it could be a violation of the open meeting law because the items are not on the Agenda and at the last meeting a gentleman was allowed to speak on behalf of his fundraiser and some announcements may be expressing political announcements and he wants to refrain from all of that.

Councilor Figy asked for latitude for this meeting relative to announcements. President Bean granted him latitude this time. Councilor Figy announced that the Finance Committee will meet February 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM and that the Science Fair for Westfield High School and Westfield Technical Academy is coming up on February 12, 2020.

At 8:23 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

A true record, Attest:



Karen M. Fanion  
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

Presented to the Mayor

For approval Feb. 12 2020

Karen M. Fanion  
Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor

Feb. 13 2020

Donald F. Humason, Jr.  
Donald F. Humason, Jr., Mayor