



**MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE  
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
FEBRUARY 17, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

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

The 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 the record of the meeting of February 3, 2022 be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Kathleen Hillman, 179 Susan Drive. She requested that all public meetings be recorded with captions and saved.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed Mark Steven Dupius 399 Congress Street, Boston relative to his applications on tonight's Council agenda for Richter Extracts and Richter Cannabis. He thanked former Mayor Humason and Community Development Director Peter Miller for their help relative to the community host agreements. He informed the Council that the marijuana cultivation and marijuana product manufacturing will be located on 69 Neck Road. It will bring lots of jobs to Westfield that will not need to be college educated, it will be great for the economy as the cannabis is a stable industry that it will provide tax revenue. He added that his plan is to deliver to areas outside of Westfield that will bring revenue into Westfield from outside Westfield. He informed the Council that he qualifies as a social equity applicant and that no other applicant that he knows of holds a license under the social equity program. He requested Councilor Adams and Council Burns reconsider their negative recommendation. During his presentation and upon motion of Councilor Morganelli, it was

VOTED: That Mr. Dupius be allowed to speak one more minute beyond his three allowed minutes.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by John Blascak, 6 Valley View Drive, President of the Westfield Police Officers Coalition. He informed the Council that he is a life-long resident of Westfield, a 25-year police officer and has proudly served but now is fearful of how people react to him being a police officer and it is a sad breaking point for the decline in recruitment of new officers and the fearfulness of those that remain. Many would not do the job for what it pays. Currently it costs new officers \$13,000.00 for the academy and gear and they need a strong support system while going through the academy. Police Officers work tirelessly to keep the City safe. Policing has come a long way and now Officers need to be educated beyond just the academy. They need to be well versed in laws which means less lawsuits for the City. A college educated officer is much more desirable as they will have a better understanding of laws and what is required of them, thus causing less lawsuits for the City. They have higher standards to live up to. He requested that the Councilors support the Police Contract that is on tonight's agenda. Councilors Harris and Onyski thanked him for all he and all Police Officers do for the City.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Ben Lyons, manager of the Neck Road hemp production. He spoke in support of Mr. Dupuis' applications for community host agreements, he looks forward to working with him on the new businesses and that it is the best use for the property.

With no others appearing to be heard under "Public Participation" and upon motion of Councilor Adams, it was  
VOTED: That Public Participation be CLOSED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That item 1. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and be REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE and LAW DEPARTMENT.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

1. Submitting an Order of Taking of Easements at 113 City View Road and 112 City View Road.

#### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS - None**

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS**

2. Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was

VOTED: That the scheduled public hearing on the petition submitted by Smail's LLC, 59 Arnold Street, Westfield, Cornelius Phillips, Representative, for a zoning amendment at 54 and 45 Washington Street, current zoning Residence C and 59 Arnold Street, current zoning Commercial A to all Business A be WITHDRAWN WITHOUT PREJUDICE at the request of the applicant.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

3. Upon motion of Councilor Bean, for the Finance Committee, it was

VOTED: That the recently signed Westfield Police Officers Coalition contract which will become effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 be NOT APPROVED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The President declared the motion to not approve the contract PASSED.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Bean informed the Council that as a Finance Committee member it is his authority to look at the end number and how to move forward, not to be part of negotiations. And that the end number is not sustainable in the budget. With taxes raised 2 ½% plus new growth that is about \$2.4 million and where does that leave the other 12 contracts to negotiate. There will be other increased costs in the budget such as energy costs, PERAC and health insurance and Free Cash and Stabilization are for one-time costs. Councilor Matthews-Kane, Chair of the Finance Committee, echoed Councilor Bean's comments. She informed the Council that she based her decision not to support the contract on two legal opinions from the City's Labor Attorney that the City Council has the power. "Chapter 150e Section 7 requires City Council approval for all proposed CBA "cost items." City of Somerville v. Somerville Municipal Employees Association, 418 Mass. 21 (1994). Upon ratification of the Union and signature by the parties, the City Council as the legislative body has sole authority to vote to accept or reject the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement. Councilor Matthews-Kane also read from a document from the Office of the Inspector General entitled "Leadership Failures in Methuen Police Contracts as follows: "The former Mayor and former and current city councilors violated the duties of care and due diligence that they owe as elected officials to the residents of Methuen by negotiating and approving the Superiors' Contract either without understanding the financial impact of the contract, or by understanding the financial impact and approving it anyway." She informed the Council that the key words were financial impact and that the costs of the contact are too high for the City. Councilor Mello informed the Council that she is supportive of education but does not believe that the budget can support the costs and that it is not fair to ask the taxpayers to pay for it. Councilor Flaherty agreed with the previous comments and that contracts are a multi-step process with the Council's authority on the cost items. He commented that he does not think the Council is denying the contract, rather sending it back for renegotiation. Councilor Allie agreed it is too expensive and that there are other expenses the City has to look at such as building a new police station, repairing roads and bridges and the Quinn bill should not have been put on the City. There are small businesses and senior citizens enduring increases and they cannot endure any more. Councilor Sullivan, the member of the Finance Committee that supported the contract, informed the Council that the contract was negotiated and came together in December, 2021 and signed by the former Mayor and that he will respect the authority of the Mayor and that contracts should not be negotiated on the Council floor and that if a contract is negotiated in good faith and comes to the Council and the Council says no just because they feel the City cannot afford it, that would not be in good faith. Councilor Adams expressed his concern with the new wording for the education bonuses and that the Quinn Bill that began over 50 years ago was for degrees in criminal justice and that the wording for other educational degrees changes the education agreement as originally intended.

4. Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$62,000.00 be appropriated from Free Cash (1000-359000) to Purchasing Department, Repair and Maintenance Account #11380000-524001.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that the appropriation is for an upgrade to the Siemens Industry Building Management System for seven City buildings as the current building management system is no longer supported.

5. Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$47,000.00 be appropriated From Free Cash (1000-359000) to Technology Center, Replacement Equip Acct #11550000-587000 to replace switches in Tech Center-\$22,000.00 and City Hall-\$25,000.00.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that the appropriation is to replace switches at the Technology Center and City Hall. The switches are five years old and need to be replaced to handle the increased number of connections to support the internet and the new telephones which are voice over internet.

6. Upon motion of Councilor Bean, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$15,000.00 be appropriated from Free Cash (1000-359000) to Treasurer's Department, Building Account #1450000-582000 for improvements to Treasurer's office.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Bean informed the Council that the appropriation is for the installation of counters and a gate in the Treasurer's office for security purposes to protect employees while handling cash and payments.

7. Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$10,000.00 be appropriated from Free Cash (1000-359000) to Animal Control Department, FT Salary Account #1292000-511000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that the appropriation is for full time salary for two animal control officer positions. Currently the salaries are below the Federal compliance level. Councilor Morganelli questioned why this is being done now and why it is not waiting for the new budget. Councilor Matthews-Kane replied that there is



currently a position open and no one applied for it at the previous salary. Councilor Morganelli questioned what the current salary is. Councilor Sullivan replied that it is currently \$35,000.00 and it will be included in the FY23 budget. Councilor Morganelli question why this was not increased last year if it's below the Federal compliance level and that the increase represents a 14% increase. Councilor Burns informed Councilor Morganelli that all the information is on the share file.

8. Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$70,000.00 be appropriated from Free Cash Account (1000-359000) to Law Department, Purchase of Service Acct (11510000-520000).

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that the appropriation will be retain the services of Siddall and Siddall to work on the tax foreclosure matter regarding the failed City View Commons Condo project in order to get to a final resolution and get the properties back on the tax rolls.

9. Upon motion of Councilor Bean, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$300,000.00 be appropriated from Free Cash (1000-359000) to Airport Purchase of Services, Acct (11990000-520000) for design phase of Taxiway B5.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Bean informed the Council that the appropriation is for the design phase of a proposed new taxiway to access an area for future hangar development projects. Councilor Allie questioned if there was any discussion relative to the the high cost of the design. Councilor Matthews-Kane replied that it is an estimate based on other runways and that the build out may get other funding or grants. Councilor Onyski, liaison to the Airport, replied that the cost is high due to the safety and security that is needed for the runway.

10. Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the request for an appropriation of \$112,910.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to Fire Department, Supply Account (12200000-540000) for supplies for a replacement Fire Apparatus be WITHDRAWN.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that the delivery of the fire truck will not happen until FY24, therefore, there is no need to purchase the supplies for it at this time.

11. Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$80,000.00 be appropriated from Free Cash (1000-359000) to Fire Department, Purchase of Services, Account #12200000-520000 for electronic locking system for all Fire Department exterior doors.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that it's for security of the fire doors when no one is left at the station during a call. All fire personnel would have a personalized fob and the code numbers for the doors would be done away with.

12. Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$55,000.00 be appropriated from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the following short-term debt accounts: \$30,000 to Principal on Short Term (45441135-591100) for Project 2358 Southampton Road, Target and \$25,000 to Principal on Short Term Debt (45199703-591100) for Project 2592B, Airport HVAC.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that there was internal short-term borrowing prior to selling the bonds and instead of selling the bonds and incurring the interest of the life of the bond, they will be paid with the appropriation.

13. Upon motion of Councilor Bean, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$700,000.00 be appropriated from Free Cash (1000-359000) to School Department, Westfield High School, Purchase of Lands and Buildings Account # 53082720-580000 for swimming pool repairs.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Bean informed the Council that originally the cost of repairing the pool was \$1.2 million and that the bid was rewritten and the tile work was removed and the cost is now \$700,000.00. The tile work still needs to be covered which will be around \$50,000.00. Councilor Figy informed the Council that \$1 million from Free Cash came from the School Department. Councilor Harris informed the Council that she is a strong supporter of the schools and understands that the repairs need to be done and will support the appropriation, however, it is difficult to appropriate money for the pool when the Police

contract was not supported and the Police put their lives on the line every day for the residents of Westfield. Councilor Morganelli spoke in support of Councilor Harris' comments and that he too supports the schools and that he would like to see a new high school and is it part of the master plan. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he is concerned with the cost but there is a savings from the original bid. It's a one-time investment and it is different from the Police contract which is reoccurring. Councilor Adams questioned where the students go now that are on the swim/dive team. Councilor Sullivan replied that they use the Boys and Girls Club and their meets are at Westfield State University. Councilor Bean informed the Council that it is an embarrassment on how the City handles its sports programs/equipment. He agreed it's expensive, but that they should find a way to open up the pool for free open swim nights as has been done in the past. And that it needs to get done because there will not be a new high school for at least another decade. Councilor Bean also spoke in support of the appropriation because it is not a reoccurring expense. Councilor Mello questioned when the last time the pool was used. Councilor Sullivan replied that it's been closed about two years. Councilor Morganelli informed the Council that there are other sports that do not have facilities at the school such as a track field, a mountain or tennis courts and that the City has to consider the maintenance plan for the pool and will it be saved when a new school is built. Councilor Burns agreed it's expensive and at first did not want to support it, but because it is not a reoccurring expense, he will support it. Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that swimming is a safety skill that could save a life. Councilor Figy informed the Council that during the feasibility study of the new high school the pool will be taken into consideration and it could be its own stand-alone building.

14. Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$1,250.70 be transferred within the Public Works Department, Highway Division, FY22 Supplies Account (14210000-540000) to FY21 Supplies Account (14210000-540000) for a prior year bill.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that the bill was in an employee's email that had retired and just recently found. And that the process and procedures have been clearly set with the department head so this does not happen again in

the future. Councilor Morganelli informed the Council there has been discussion in the past relative to prior year bills and that there needs to be a discussion with the Mayor to find out why prior year bills keep happening and who is responsible. Councilor Mello questioned why the issue of a retired employee isn't handled with Personnel and IT so that the emails would go to someone else. Councilor Sullivan replied there should be a process for bills and bills should never go to one individual. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that there needs to be an ordinance for the process of bills and have it clearly written that vendors must get their bills in on time. And that this process of approving prior year bills wastes many hours and that he is voting no. Councilor Allie informed the Council that it is the City's responsibility to pay its bills.

15. Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$110.91 be transferred within the Department of Public Works, Sewer Wastewater Treatment Division from FY22 Purchase of Services account #67004400-520000 to FY21 Purchase of Services account #67004400-520000 for a prior year bill.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that this was a cost for shipping.

16. Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$602.80 be transferred within the Public Works Department, Sewer and Wastewater Division, FY22 Supplies Account (67004400-540000) to FY21 Supplies Account (67004400-540000) for a prior year bill.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that the bills were lost and should have been paid earlier.

17. Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$2,904.86 be transferred within the Public Works Department, Water Division, FY22 Purchase of Services Account (68004500-520000) to FY21 Purchase of Services Account (68004500-520000) for a prior year bill.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that it is for a misplaced bill for Whip City Fiber for Owen District and that the bills from Eversource were mailed to a location without a receptacle. Councilor Morganelli informed the Council that most all of the prior year bills come from the Department of Public Works.

President Onyski and Councilor Burns informed the Council that they will recuse themselves on items 18. and 19. due to professional and personal conflicts.

Upon motion of Councilor Bean, it was

VOTED: That Councilor Beltrandi be elected as President Pro Tempore.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

At this point President Onyski and Councilor Burns left the meeting.

18. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was

VOTED: That a Resolution authorizing approval for the Mayor to sign a Host Community Agreement (HCA) with Richter Extracts, 69 Neck Road for an adult-use marijuana product production facility be adopted.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

President Pro Tempore Beltrandi declared the motion to approve LOST.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that this is for a production of marijuana products. It will take a small portion of the building and will create 10 jobs. Councilor Bean questioned if it was wholesale. Councilor Figy replied yes, it will be shipped to others to sell. Councilor Flaherty questioned if there is a recommendation from the Mayor.



Councilor Figy replied that it is the Community Development Director Peter Miller that is responsible for vetting the community host agreement. Councilor Mello questioned if there was any discussion relative to the location of the business. Councilor Figy replied that it will have to go before the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. Councilor Sullivan asked if they have received authority from the State. Councilor Figy replied that they have to get the City's approval first and the process is laid out by the State. Councilor Mello questioned if there can only be a certain number of these licenses. Councilor Figy replied that there can be as many as the City wants, only limited in the retail ones.

19. Upon motion of Councilor Adams, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was

VOTED: That a Resolution authorizing approval for the Mayor to sign a Host Community Agreement (HCA) with Richter Cannabis, 69 Neck Road for an adult-use marijuana cultivation facility be denied.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

President Pro Tempore Beltrandi declared the motion to deny APPROVED.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Adams, informed the Council that the committee gave a negative recommendation for the indoor cultivation of recreational marijuana because there are many facilities already in existence and that they did not want any more until they knew the outcome of those. Councilor Harris clarified that a yes vote is supporting the negative recommendation of the committee. Councilor Adams replied that is correct. Councilor Sullivan questioned if this is for cultivation only, not retail. Councilor Flaherty replied that the owners want retail on-site consumption and that he will not support it as he does not support any recreational drug use. Councilor Figy informed the Council that it's for a grow facility and any future plans would have to go through the application process. Councilor Mello informed the Council that she supports the industry but does not support the location but would support it if it was in a safer location.

Councilor Onyski and Burns returned to the meeting.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was  
VOTED: That Councilor Onyski resume the Chair.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

20. Upon motion of Councilor Adams, for the Legislative and Ordinance 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" for Elm Street Urban Renewal Project in the amount of \$15,000.00 be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Adams informed the Council that it is for the development of the vacant Newberry lot on Elm Street and that the WRA continues to try to get that spot filled. Councilor Matthews-Kane, Ward 3 Councilor, spoke in support of the Resolution. Councilor Morganelli read the Resolution in its entirety.

21. Upon motion of Councilor Burns, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was

VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WESTFIELD AND JAMES HARDIE BUILDING PRODUCTS, INC. (70 Turnpike Industrial Road)" for a consent to encroachment agreement be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Burns informed the Council that this is consent to allow the expansion of the James Hardie Building Products to encroach on land the City owns. Councilor Figy informed the Council that the Department of Public Works and the Water Department support the Resolution. Councilor Burns read the Resolution by title only.

22. Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, for the License Committee, it was VOTED: That the application submitted by AmeriGas (Rural Gas Service), 216 Lockhouse Road, to amend their gas storage license from 36,000 gallons of propane to 66,000 gallons of propane be APPROVED AND GRANTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that the applicant explained during the Public Hearing that there would be no change to the business, it is technically just needed for the trucks.

23. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty for the Zoning, Planning and Development Committee, it was

VOTED: That the petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow taprooms and similar accessory uses in Industrial A District be amended clarifying the definitions of taprooms and have it by-right and be favorably to the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, as amended.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

24. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, for the Zoning, Planning and Development Committee, it was

VOTED: That the review of existing regulations pertaining to Sober Living homes, and to research and provide recommendations for local regulations for Sober Living homes in the City of Westfield (4.22.2019) be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

25. Upon motion of Councilor Morganelli, for the Zoning, Planning and Development Committee, it was

VOTED: That the ordinance for Home occupation and Home-based business (Section 5-100.1) to be reviewed and amended REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

26. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, for the Zoning, Planning and Development Committee, it was

VOTED: That the truck Terminal Moratorium be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE as the Council denied application for zoning amendment at the 2/3/22.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

**MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS - None**

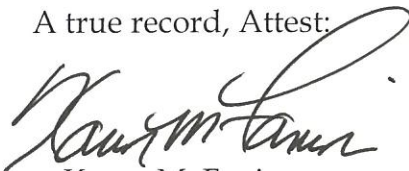
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VOTED: To ADJOURN.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes

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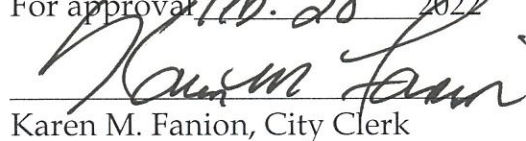
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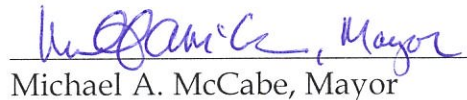


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Approved by the Mayor

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Michael A. McCabe, Mayor