



MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
MARCH 4, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

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

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

Presented Bean requested a "Moment of Silence" in honor of Jim Shea, a former School Superintendent, who passed away this past week.

Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was
VOTED: That the reading of record of the meeting of February 18, 2021 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

President Bean asked if there was anyone present on the phone or online to speak at Public Participation. There was no one present to speak.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the sum of \$2,347.20 be appropriated from Free Cash (1000-359000) to City Clerk's Department, Overtime account #11610000-513000 for scribe positions.

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 Figy informed the Council that the appropriation is for the scribes for the Finance Committee and Legislative and Ordinance Committee. The Personnel Director and the AFSCME 35 Union both signed the MOA. Councilor Onyski explained that Finance and L & O were chosen to have scribes because they had the most meetings this past year. Councilor Harris, Chair of the Personnel Action Committee, informed the Council that the PAC committee did not meet a lot due to the pandemic and the reappointments were done

under immediate consideration. Councilor Flaherty spoke in support of the scribes and that this matter was first talked about in 2014 and that it's needed so the Chair may focus on the meeting and not the taking of notes.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that a grant in the amount of \$7,800.00 to CORE of Greater Westfield on behalf of the Health Department from Baystate Noble for the recovery coach coordination for the Westfield DART program 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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the grant covers costs relative to the anti-drug program.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that a Grant to the Technology Center to participate in the 2019 Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program from the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS) be ACCEPTED. There are no local shares required for this Grant

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 Figy informed the Council that the grant is for the continuation and completion of the previous grant issued.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the \$20,104.34 FEMA COVID reimbursement grant to reimburse the City 100% of overtime costs for the Fire Department and COVID related supplies be ACCEPTED. There are no local shares required for this Grant.

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 Figy informed the Council that under President Trump's administration the Public Assistance Grants were reimbursed at 75% and now under President Biden's administration they are 100% reimbursable. The \$20,104.34 is comprised of \$10,843.64 of overtime for the Fire Department due to personnel out on COVID, and \$9,260.70 of supplies and material such as sanitizer, cleaning supplies, election supplies and signage. The reason for immediate consideration is once City Council accepts this, the Mayor will sign and then FEMA may take anywhere from 60-90 days to actual reimburse the City for these costs.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That items 5., 6. and 7. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

5. Requesting acceptance of a Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Department of Fire Services in the amount of \$2,880.00 to the Fire Department for the FY21 Senior S.A.F.E. program.
6. Requesting acceptance of a Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Department of Fire Services in the amount of \$6,380.00 to the Fire Department for the FY21 Student S.A.F.E. program.
7. Transfer \$309.90 from Engineering Department, Purchase of Service account #14110000-520000 FY21 to Engineering Department, Purchase of Service account #14110000-520000 prior FY20.

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

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That items 8. and 9. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE and LAW DEPARTMENT.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

8. Requesting that the remaining balance on Bond Order #2734 be rescinded as the project (rehabilitating and reconstructing existing municipal outdoor recreational and athletic fields, original amount \$1.8 million) for which the bond order was passed has been completed and the amount of \$20,000.00 remains unborrowed.
9. Submitting a Resolution approving an agreement between the City of Westfield and the Department of Transportation regarding Western Avenue Reconstruction - Phase 2 Project.

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

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: That items 10 and 11. 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:

10. Submitting the reappointment of Rene Laviolette, 7 Victoria Circle, as a member of the Board of Registrars, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.
11. Submitting the reappointment of Richard A. Sypek, 60 Cardinal Lane, as a member of the Police Commission, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.

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

Councilor Harris offered a motion, which was duly seconded, for immediate consideration of the reappointment of C. Lee Bennett, 57 Jaeger Drive, as a member of the Fire Commission, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024. Councilor Harris informed the Council that the Fire Commission has an impending vote on March 9th relative to a new EMS Director position and that there is one current member on the board with an expired term and would not want to have another member with an expired term and requested support for the immediate consideration. Councilor Mello informed the Council that she appreciates Councilor Harris' request but after the recent executive session relative to the Fire Department she would feel more comfortable understanding more about the Commissioner. Councilor Harris informed the Council that Commissioner Bennett is an outstanding citizen with outstanding credentials that has stepped forward for this appointment and requested Councilor Mello to reconsider her vote for immediate consideration. Councilor Harris informed the Council that she has a decision from the Law Department that appointments do not need unanimous consent for immediate consideration. Councilor Flaherty agreed that Commissioner Bennett is well qualified and has a stellar record in her career, but it is appropriate to be able to ask her questions at a committee meeting and that he disagrees with the Law Department's decision that appointments do not need unanimous consent for immediate consideration because the Charter says that there needs to be unanimous consent for immediate consideration. Councilor Mello reiterated that she has respect for Commissioner Bennett but there were decisions made on the Commission that will cost the City millions of dollars and she would like to ask questions of her. Councilor

Morganelli agreed with Councilors Mello and Flaherty and added that if there is not a strong reason for immediate consideration it should go to PAC. President Bean informed the Council that there needs to be a legal opinion from the Law Department relative to immediate consideration of appointments. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he will submit a motion for that on the next Council Agenda. Councilor Flaherty offered a motion to allow Councilor Mello to submit questions to PAC for Commissioner Bennett. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that there does not need to be a motion for another Councilor to submit questions to a subcommittee. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that some questions are ignored that are submitted. Councilor Mello informed the Council that all of her questions, whenever submitted to PAC have been answered. There was no action on Councilor Flaherty’s motion. President Bean requested that the original motion be moved for a vote.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was

VOTED: That immediate consideration be given on the reappointment of C. Lee Bennett, 57 Jaeger Drive, as a member of the Fire Commission, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The President declared the motion LOST. Immediate consideration need unanimous consent.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the reappointment of C. Lee Bennett, 57 Jaeger Drive, as a member of the Fire Commission, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024 be REFERRED TO PERSONNEL ACTION 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

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was

VOTED: That the petition (#C-259-21) submitted by Mr. Jay Vinskey, for the Planning Board, for a zoning amendment at Sections 1-10.1,3; 1-40.6, 4-10.3; 1-50.3,9; 6-10.4,5 relative to strengthen/codify wording regarding enforcement; extend permit validity times be referred to the Zoning, Planning and Development Committee and that a Public Hearing be scheduled at the earliest practicable date.

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

Councilor Figy, Liaison to the Council on Aging, submitted an update for the Council on Aging relative to COVID. He highlighted the following items: COA is currently assisting 180 individuals with their 2020 tax returns, there is a lot of frustration among Seniors in trying to get vaccination appointments, COA is assisting in trying to get the most at risk and homebound seniors vaccinated, and March is COA's eight annual Retire the Fire month with the effort on File of Life.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That a Grant in the amount of \$4,700,000.00 to the Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport from MassDevelopment for the Rehabilitation of Taxiway Sierra/ Apron Project be ACCEPTED. There is no local match.

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 planning for this project has been 15 years in the works. It started in the Patrick administration and continued to the Baker administration with close to \$20 million for runway work and now for the apron work. It is a significant investment for Barnes for military and civilian needs.

Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That a Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Public Works Water Division from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to reimburse the City for the costs of designing and permitting PFAS treatment projects for Wells 1, 2, 7 and 8 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

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$10,100.00 be transferred within the Airport Department from Full-Time Hourly Employees account #11990000-511100 to Purchase of Services, account #11990000-520000.

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 Figy informed the Council that the transfer is for repairs to snow removal machinery. Due to the age of machinery, the sweeper is a 1996 and the loader is a 2000, the repairs are more costly than normal. Funds were available because an employee was out on maternity leave.

Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the TABLED: Appropriation of \$700,000.00 from Free Cash (#1000-359000) to Department of Public Works, Water Division, Construction account #68004500-589200 REMAIN ON THE TABLE and in Committee until the April 1st, 2021 Council meeting.

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 Councilor Sullivan left the meeting, before discussion on the School Committee members' compensation increase because he has a brother on the School Committee.

Councilor Onyski, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, reviewed the rate of compensation for the members of the Westfield School Committee. He informed the Council that the last increase was in 2002 when the compensation went from \$3,000 to \$5,000. The School Committee initially sent a letter to the Council requesting an increase in March of 2020. At that time the request was for 67% of the Council compensation, but with discussion from Vice Chair of the School Committee, Mr. Tim O'Connor, he informed the Council that a 55% increase would be satisfactory with it working up to 67%. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that the School Committee members are doing a great job and they met 59 times in 2020, which was an unusual year with the pandemic, and 382 policies were enacted over the past eight years, which is about 40 per year. The L & O committee was in favor of increasing the compensation as follows: \$8,100 annually, effective July 1, 2021 which is 60% of the Council's salary; \$8,680 annually, effective January 1, 2022 which is 62% of the Council's salary; \$9,425 annually, effective January 1, 2024 which is 65% of the Council's salary; \$10,500 annually, effective January 1, 2026 which is 67% of the Council's salary. Councilor Flaherty spoke in support of the increase, but expressed his concern with an increase in the middle of a term. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that it is ok with an increase in the middle of a term because they are not the ones approving the increase, it's the Council. Councilor Matthews-Kane spoke in support of the increase and having it begin July 1, 2021 because it has been an extraordinary year and they are doing a great job. Councilor Mello questioned where the money would be coming from. Councilor Onyski responded that it would be budgeted in the School Department budget. Councilors Allie and Burns spoke in 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" (Amending School Committee Compensation) be given first reading by title only.

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 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:

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

Upon motion of Councilor Burns, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That a Petition for Street Acceptance and Betterment for Sherman Street Ext. 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

Prior to the vote, Councilor Burns informed the Council that Councilor Matthews-Kane received notice from the petitioners that they would like to withdraw the petition because the cost of the betterment was too high.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was VOTED: That the matter to investigate utilizing scribes to produce subcommittee minutes for certain City Council subcommittee be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE. He informed the Council matter has been resolved and the scribes has started with Finance Committee and Legislative and Ordinance 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

Upon motion of Councilor Adams, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That the matter to review and amend City Council Rule 38 - Majority Vote on Certain Financial Measures 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

Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, for the License Committee, it was VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTFIELD" to amend the Heka Incorporated Host Community Agreement to extend the deadline an additional six months to September 19, 2021 be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Councilors Burns and Onyski abstained due to a professional conflict.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that Heka is making progress on the project with a new fire suppression system recently installed and with COVID there have been delays with inspections that slowed the process down. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that he would support the extension but would not support another one. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he will be a no vote as he usually is with marijuana establishments. Councilor Morganelli echoed Councilor Flaherty.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, for the Long Range Financial Overview Committee, it was

VOTED: That the review of current bonds, BANs, anticipated future bonds, and responsible budget (GF, Enterprise, etc...) (submitted 12/17/2020) 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

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, for the Long Range Financial Overview Committee, it was

VOTED: That the matter to investigate the recently proposed Teacher Early Retirement Incentive program's impacts on Westfield's budget

(<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1111>) which is a local option that requires approval of the City Council REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	No
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 Flaherty informed the Council that the President of the Teachers' Association was present at the Committee meeting and at this time the matter is not a law yet and will continue to be discussed as the matter progresses.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, for the Long Range Financial Overview Committee, it was

VOTED: The following items be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE.

Capital Plan (originally submitted 2/6/20 and replaced by 12/17/2020 motion)

Retirement Board Cost of Living Adjustment Submitted 4.4.19 (time lapsed, no info provided)

PFAS pollution dedication of funds received through legal actions (addressed by Mayor and City Council, no longer needed, originally submitted 4.19.18)

Providing scribes for Council subcommittees (originally submitted 9/4/14, replaced by new motion L & O working on it)

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

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was VOTED: That a Bond Order entitled "A BOND ORDER FOR WATER IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO PHASE 2 OF THE WESTERN AVE PROJECT" (\$700,000.00) be given second reading by title only.

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

VOTED: That the Order be PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

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

Councilor Mello, offered a motion, which was duly seconded for reconsideration to request the appearance of Water Department personnel to provide updates on PFAS testing and reporting and be referred to Mayor, Water Department, and Natural Resources. Councilor Mello informed the Council that at last night's Water Commission meeting the questions she had were not answered. She expressed her appreciation to Heather Stayton of the Water Department for her explanation of fundamental questions, but her questions were not answered. Councilor Figy informed the Council that he listened to the Water Commission meeting and was impressed on the thorough job done with answering questions and he suggested that the above motion be referred to the Public Health and Safety Committee and that the Water Department send monthly reports to that committee. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he would like the Water Department to come before the Council because the questions relative to the email about the lab results relative to nondetection and how it's reported need to be answered. Councilor Matthews-Kane agreed with Councilor Flaherty and with an upcoming \$12 million bond request from the Water Department, she would like these questions answered. Councilor Beltrandi expressed his concern relative to accusations being made about the Water Department. Councilor Mello informed the Council that it was the lab that is the concern.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That updates on PFAS testing and reporting be REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The President declared the motion PASSED.

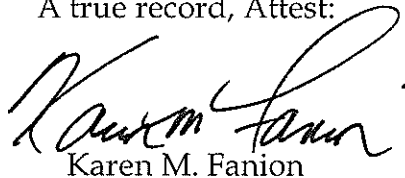
Councilor Burns announced that Health Director Joe Rouse will provide updates on COVID at every meeting beginning at the next meeting.

At 8:23 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was 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

A true record, Attest:



Karen M. Fanion
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

Presented to the Mayor

For approval March 9 2021

Karen M. Fanion
Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

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