



MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
MARCH 05, 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 February 20, 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 to taping.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Ms. Estelle Streeter, 88 Furrowtown Road. She informed the Councilor that she worked at the Ward 1B polling location at Westfield High School the past Presidential Primary and Special State Senate election held March 3rd, 2020. She informed the Council that all of the workers at that precinct have the highest level of integrity in performing their duties at the precinct and that there are checks and balances to ensure everything is done correctly. She informed the Council that a City Councilor came to the precinct and caused a disturbance relative to a specimen ballot not being posted and informed the precinct that they cannot count the ballots at the precinct. She informed the Council that the specimen ballot may have blown away because it was a windy day and the only place to post the specimen ballots is on the outside wall. She informed the Council that all ballots must be counted at the precinct and all write-ins identified then the counted ballots are placed into a locked bag and brought back to the City Clerk's office by the Police Officer. She informed the Council that this incident was disheartening after all the hard work the poll workers did on Election Day.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mr. Brian Hoose, 60 Arnold Street. He expressed his concern relative to what is being done to protect military personnel stationed around the world relative to the Coronavirus. He requested everyone contact Congressman Richard Neal to make sure the military is be taken care of.

Under "Public Participation" the Councilors were addressed by Mr. Robert Pearson, 53 McKinley Terrace. He informed the Council that the military has the best medical people and there is no need to contact anyone.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That items 1., 2., 3. and 4. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows

1. Transfer of \$25,475.00 from the Police Towing and Storage account #2400-330210 to Police Towing and Storage account #24210714-585001.
2. Appropriation of \$1,150.00 from PEG Undesignated fund to PEG Access Fund-Full Time Salary account #21106940-51100.
3. Appropriation of \$79,177.00 from PEG Fund Balance-Designated for PEG Access, account #2110-340000 to PEG Access Fund-Full Time Salary, account #21106940-511000.
4. Requesting acceptance of check in the amount of \$30,926.52 from the Westfield Redevelopment Authority External Account XXXXXX4723 to Westfield Redevelopment Authority Internal Account (Fund 9200).

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That item 5. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follow:

5. An Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF NINETEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY (\$19,750.00) DOLLARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECORDING RELEASE DEEDS TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT CERTAIN STREETS A PUBLIC WAYS" from Free Cash to Law Department, Intergovernmental account #11510000-560000.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That item 6. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

6. An Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING THIRTY THOUSAND (\$30,000.00) DOLLARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING OPTIONS FOR THE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLES" from Free Cash to Sanitary Landfill, Purchase of Services account #14390000-520000.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was

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

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

7. Submitting the appointment of John M. Fitzgerald, Esq., 56 Meadow Road, East Longmeadow, MA, as Assistant City Solicitor, Labor Specialist.
8. Submitting the appointment of Robert Florek, 171 City View Road, as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023.

Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, it was
VOTED: That item 9. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and
REFERRED TO THE LICENSE COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

9. Requesting permission to serve beer and wine and to waive the "open container" regulation on Elm Street from Main Street to Franklin Street on Saturday, May 16th, 2020 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm in coordination with Run Westfield 5K Kooldown Block Party.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was
VOTED: That the amendment for the Off-Street Parking Commission ordinance submitted by Community Development Director Peter Miller, for the Off-Street Parking Commission be REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was
VOTED: That opinion regarding the designation of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail as a park submitted by First Assistant City Solicitor Shanna Reed be ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE.

A PUBLIC HEARING was held on a 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). Ms. Kannas and Mr. Seibert (siblings) were present to represent the application. Mr. Seibert explained that the purpose of the zone change is to allow them to build a single-story two-family house for their mother so that as she ages a family member can live with her in the two-family house. He explained that the house style will fit into the neighborhood of other houses in the area. Councilor Sullivan questioned the location on Tannery Road of the property. Mr. Seibert explained that it was at the corner of Tannery Road and Family Lane. President Bean explained his concern that all the other abutting property was in Rural Residential and changing this piece to Residence B would be spot zoning. Councilor Sullivan questioned if all the abutting neighbors have been properly notified. Mr. Seibert informed the Council all notification requirements have been fulfilled and that they have talked to most of the neighbors explaining their plan and there was no opposition. Councilor Mello questioned if a house would fit on the property and meet all the setback requirements. Mr. Seibert informed the Council that they have checked all the setbacks and a house would fit on the property. Councilor Beltrandi expressed his concern that this is spot zoning and that it may set precedence for other spot zoning. He understood the reasoning for it but the Council is not voting on the purpose of the zone change, they just vote on the zone change itself. Ms. Kannas explained that their other option would be to build a house with an in-law apartment and/or a portion of a single family home with a bedroom, den and bathroom which is allowed in Rural Residential and would not need a zone change. Councilor Beltrandi informed them that this may be a better option for them. Councilor Flaherty agreed that this would be spot zoning. He explained that within Residence B there are many other uses that are allowed by right and if the property changed ownership any of those other allowed uses could be done on that property. Councilor Allie agreed that an in-law

apartment may be a good option and with the correct design everyone would have their privacy. With no others appearing to be heard and upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That the Public Hearing be CLOSED and the application be REFERRED TO PLANNING and ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

A PUBLIC HEARING was held on a 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 two previous submissions). City Planning Jay Vinskey was present, on behalf of the Planning Board, to represent the application. Mr. Vinskey informed the Council that this is the third time presenting this application. Due to no Council action on both previous applications the time lapsed. He explained that this amendment would add "park" to the special permit requirement for marijuana facilities. He explained that currently marijuana facilities are allowed by right in an Industrial zone except if a school, church or residence is within 500 feet, a special permit is required. This would add parks to the list. With no others appearing to be heard and upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That the Public Hearing be CLOSED and the application be REFERRED TO PLANNING and ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

A PUBLIC HEARING was held on a 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). Mr. Vinskey informed the Council that this is the second time presenting this application. Due to no Council action on the previous application the time lapsed. He explained that this amendment would require more detailed information, specifically site grading, on an application for a building permit. Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that this is done in many other communities and that it gives the Building Inspector more information relative to drainage as it relates to other surrounding properties of a building lot. Councilor Bean questioned where this amendment originated from. Mr. Vinskey informed the Council that there was a subdivision that had issues relative to drainage. Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that with this requirement, developers would have to follow the plans, as submitted to the Building Department, relative to drainage. Councilor Mello questioned if there was a threshold that kicks this application into effect. Mr. Vinskey informed the Council that it would be part of all applications. Councilor Mello expressed her concern that she would not like this requirement to cause a lot of upfront costs. Councilor Flaherty agreed that this language is not uncommon in other communities. Councilor Harris thanked Councilor Beltrandi for his expertise on this matter and that it will help in the decision making. Mr. Richard Salois, 220 Russellville Road spoke in favor of the application. He informed the Council that with the amendment it gives the City clout to go after the homeowner or developer if there is a problem. With no others appearing to be heard and upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That the Public Hearing be CLOSED and the application be REFERRED TO PLANNING and ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was

VOTED: That the Original complaint, as requested by Councilor Sullivan at the February 20, 2020 relative to the Attorney General's response to an Open Meeting Law Complaint submitted by Mr. David Flaherty relative to Westfield City Council Finance Committee subcommittee meeting held on June 19, 2019 be ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that the whole package relative to the open meeting law complaint is in the packet. He explained that there are still issues with the Open Meeting Laws relative to a Councilor making a motion and not being able to speak on the motion in subcommittee and also that this week's memo from the Law Department does not seem to agree with the opinion of Attorney General's office and that there are still questions lingering. President Bean informed the Council that the Law Department will be at the next Council meeting to answer questions relative to open meeting laws. Councilor Sullivan agreed with Councilor Flaherty that a Councilor should be able to address his/her own motion in Committee, but that was not the question asked in open meeting law complaint.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO FULLY FUND THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WESTFIELD AND THE WESTFIELD MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (40-HOUR UNIT)" in the amount of \$33,437.05 be APPROVED. This Order is to fully fund the collective bargaining successor agreement between the City of Westfield and the Westfield Municipal Employees Association (40-Hour Unit) for a term of three (3) years from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

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.	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 there are three separate fund sources to fund the agreement and each fund source was approved by the Finance Committee. Councilor Flaherty questioned what the total cost is to fully fund the three year contract. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that this amount is to fund the contract for the first year and the future years of the contract will be funded appropriately within the budget.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$34,395.00 be transferred from the City and Towing and Storage account #2400-330210 to the Police Towing and Storage account #24210714-585001.

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 transfer is for the purchase of a new detective bureau vehicle.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$510,000.00 be appropriated from the DPW, Wastewater Division Undesignated Funds account #6700-359000 to the following DPW, Wastewater Division accounts as follows: \$380,000.00 to Purchase of Services account #67004400-520000; \$80,000.00 to Supplies account #67004400-540000; \$25,000.00 to Overtime account #67004400-513000; \$25,000.00 to Interest Long Term Debt account #67004400-519500.

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 chemicals, SCADA upgrades, HVAC design, overtime and sludge hauling. As a side note, Councilor Sullivan added that the sludge hauling is going to increase next year.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$768,700.00 be appropriated from Department of Public Works, Water Division Undesignated Funds account #6800-359000 to the following DPW Water Division accounts as follows:\$545,700.00 to Purchase of Services account #68004500-520000; \$48,000.00 to Supplies account #68004500-540000; \$50,000.00 to Overtime account #68004500-513000; \$30,000.00 to Health Insurance Benefits account #68004500-519400; \$125,000.00 to Land account #68004500-581000. And upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was further VOTED: That the above amount be amended to \$798,700.00. The individual breakdowns were correct, but the total number was inadvertently typed incorrectly in the department head's communication.

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 supplies, demolition on the Jensen property in Granville, work at the Chapin Pond located off East Mountain Road and for the purchase the Carmel property on Little River Road for water protection.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$41,477.85 be appropriated from Free Cash to Airport Capital Project account #11990000-580000-4870 to reconstruct runway 15/33.

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 reconstruction of runway 15/33 and that this amount is reimbursable, per the Resolution below.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO M.G.L. c. 44 § 53A TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A NON-FEDERAL REIMBURSABLE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE CITY OF WESTFIELD, WESTFIELD-BARNES REGIONAL AIRPORT" (for the appropriation of \$41,477.85) 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 Sullivan informed the Council that this is the reimbursable agreement for the appropriation of \$41,477.85.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That sum of \$207,349.51 be appropriated from Free Cash to Stabilization account #8303-392000 to return funds to Stabilization account that was used for the Cross Street Playground Renovation.

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 a promise made to reimburse the Stabilization account once Free Cash was certified that used for the Cross Street Playground renovation and All-Abled Playground Project.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That the rules of the Council be SUSPENDED in order to distribute information on an item not on tonight's Agenda.

Councilor Figy distributed a copy of the FY21 timeline as submitted by Mayor Humason. The timeline is as follows:

Last Date for Department submission	02/28/2020
Final Review with Department Heads	04/24/2020
Final proposed budget to Auditor for verification	04/27/2020
Present to Council	05/07/2020

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was VOTED: To return to regular order.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That the motion to review and possibly increase the rate of compensation for the members of the Westfield School Committee according to Ordinance 1279 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Scott LaBombard, 626 Western Avenue as an At-Large member of the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023 be CONFIRMED.

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 Harris informed the Council that Mr. LaBombard has been a leader in Westfield Babe Ruth and has also served on the Westfield Little League Board as Treasurer and Player Agent. Serving as President of Westfield Little League, he was instrumental in gifting the City a new scoreboard which the Council approved at the last meeting. He is very familiar with the Parks Programs and Services. When first appointed he expressed his concern in keeping the youth active and engaged in various positive programs. He is employed by Checkwriters and is responsible for client retention and satisfaction. He has proven to be a valuable member of the Commission, an active participant and Director Billips recommends the reappointment. Councilor Flaherty spoke in favor of the reappointment, as well as for the next two reappointments, and informed the Council that Mr. LaBombard goes above and beyond for the Commission. Councilor Morganelli spoke in favor of the reappointment.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Robert Veronesi, 24 Heritage Lane as the Ward 4 member of the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023 be CONFIRMED.

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 Harris informed the Council that Mr. Veronesi, more commonly known as Chico, has been on the Commission since 1987, approximately 33 years and has a wealth of knowledge and history that is most important to the Commission. He is a life-long resident of Westfield and retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He is a longtime basketball, baseball and softball official. He is well-known through the Community and is highly respected. Director Billips recommends the reappointment. Councilor Beltrandi spoke in favor of the reappointment.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Vincent Olinski, 34 1/2 Noble Avenue as the Ward 3 member of the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023 be CONFIRMED.

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 Harris informed the Council that Mr. Olinski is a lifelong resident. He was employed at the Westfield YMCA before being Director of the Holyoke YMCA. He has a B.A. in Physical Education from UMass. He has been the representative for the Community Preservation Committee since 2004. He has helped foster a positive lifestyle

for YMCA members and young people in general, especially through sports. He is a very charismatic, well-known and well-liked throughout the Community. He has been on the Commission since 1989 (over 30 years) and is important to the Commission with his wealth of knowledge of Westfield in general, sports, recreation and the history of the Parks. Director Billips recommends the reappointment. Councilor Morganelli spoke in support of the reappointment.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Ronald Cole, 71 Zephyr Drive as a member of the Water Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023 be CONFIRMED.

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 Harris informed the Council that Mr. Cole is a lifelong Westfield resident who has been on the Water Commission approximately 20 years. His knowledge is invaluable and his length of service extensive. He has in a calm way overseen the various water concerns over these many years. As a resident himself, he takes very seriously his duties and obligations of this Commission and his genuine concern for the safety in all aspects of the Water systems from maintenance to delivery systems for the citizens is paramount to him. He has demonstrated managerial skills and budget-wise spending oversight. He has served as the Chairperson. His background included employment at Pepsi as a Sales and Delivery Operations Manager with a MBA in Finance. He served as Head Coach of the Springfield Ski Club for over 10 years, Assistant Ski coach at Westfield High School and Scout Leader for over 10 years. Director Billips recommends the reappointment. Councilor Flaherty highly supported the reappointment and informed the Council he is genuinely a good guy. Councilor Beltrandi thanked him for his dedication on the water issues. Councilor Burns informed the Council that he spent eight years with him on the Water Commission and highly recommends the reappointment. Councilor Sullivan spoke in favor of the reappointment and informed the Council that Mr. Cole would fly home from a business trip in order to attend a meeting and he thanked him for his dedication and service to the Commission.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That the tabled item (from Oct 3, 2019 meeting): Matter of Recording and
Broadcasting of Committee meetings be REMOVED FROM THE TABLE.

Councilor Figy offered a motion which was duly seconded to refer the matter of
recording and broadcasting of committee meetings to Legislative and Ordinance Committee
and the Law Department. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that the item was tabled so
that the new Mayor could decide what he wanted to do about the matter. He informed the
Council that he would be happy to speak the Mayor on the matter.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was
VOTED: That the above matter be TABLED for 30 days.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, (for Councilor Bean), it was
VOTED: That City Council Rule 38 - Majority Vote on Certain Financial Measures be reviewed
and amended and be REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE and
LAW DEPARTMENT. Councilor Bean informed the Council that financial matters are given
one reading and that the rule needs to be changed to reflect that way of passing financial
orders. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he wants financial orders to have two
reading so that the public has time to weigh in.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That a section be added to the City Council Agenda for Council updates and it was
further amended to review the whole Council agenda to also add the taping of meeting notice
REFER TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE and LAW DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was
VOTED: That OML trained scribes be provided for all City Council committee meetings
(thought is to use low-cost part-time employees or contractors) and be REFERRED TO
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE, MAYOR, AND CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The President declared the motion LOST.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that she did not agree with the
motion and did not like the language used to describe the scribes. Councilor Flaherty informed

the Council that there is no rule or obligation or expectation that an elected official must multi-task and take notes at their own meeting. He recognized Councilor Harris as Chair of the Personnel Action Committee in always submitting well-written detailed minutes, but not all Chairs do a great job like that. He explained his concern that if minutes are not done correctly there could be fines of \$1,000.00.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That a Legal Opinion be requested by the April 2nd City Council meeting clarifying that "the only measure not subject to a referendum is a revenue loan order" as detailed on Page 15 of the 1995 version of the "Election Resource Handbook" and be REFERRED TO THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The President declared the motion LOST.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that the latest version was from 1995 and he would like an updated opinion on the process.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That Law Department, Audit Department, and Public Access staff be requested to determine by the April 2nd City Council meeting whether or not PEG funds may be used to cover the costs of preparing minutes of committee meetings that are made available to the public and that may enhance the public access experience for concerned citizens.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The President declared the motion LOST.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Mello questioned if the PEG money can be used could PEG also do the recordings and minutes and do include that in the discussion. Councilor Figy informed the Council to be careful of what is being sent to Law. They are understaffed and they do not work for the Council, they work for the Mayor. He suggested going to the Law Department and ask a question, it doesn't have to be a motion. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that it does have to be a motion of Council to request a legal opinion.

Councilor Flaherty offered a motion, which was duly seconded, requesting a new City Council Rule that requires draft OML compliant minutes of committee meetings to be delivered electronically to the City Clerk's Office within 7 calendar days of a meeting, and final minutes to be approved within the shorter of 2 meetings or 30 days, the rule should allow the chairman of the committee to approve the draft minutes and refer the matter to Legislative and Ordinance Committee. Councilor Beltrandi suggested that this motion wait until after the Law Department addresses the Council relative to best practices relative to open meeting laws.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was

VOTED: That the above motion be TABLED to the 2nd meeting in April.

Councilor Flaherty offered a motion, which was duly seconded, to request the Mayor to dedicate the Hotel and Meals taxes to the Road and Sidewalk Stabilization Account. Refer to Mayor's Office. Councilor Harris agreed with the motion in theory, but was leery of specific money going to a specific account in case the money is needed for an emergency for example the coronavirus. Councilor Burns informed the Council that before he agrees to the motion he would like to have a discussion with the Mayor on the matter.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was

VOTED: That the above motion be TABLED to the 2nd meeting in April.

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	No
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	No
James Adams	No
Dan Allie	No
Brent Bean II	No
John Beltrandi III	No

The President declared the motion LOST.

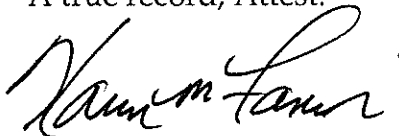
Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was
VOTED: That the above motion be WITHDRAWN.

Councilor Flaherty offered a motion, which was duly seconded, to request sidewalk repairs or replacement on Holland Ave due to safety concerns for students and families who walk along that primary thoroughfare to Westfield Middle School and Abner Gibbs School and be referred to Mayor's Office, Engineering, and DPW. Councilor Figy, Ward 2 Councilor, informed the Council that in the future if an At-Large Councilor is contacted relative to a Ward issue to contact the Ward Councilor. Councilor Figy informed the Council that this matter is part of his agenda for the area.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was
VOTED: That the above motion be WITHDRAWN.

At 8:42 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 March 12 2020

Karen M. Fanion
Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor

March 13 2020

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