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Minutes for April 3, 2018 Legislative and Ordinance Committee Meeting at Council Chambers

Committee members attending: Councilor Figy--Chair, Councilor Onyski. Councilor Morganelli was absent.

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Other City Officials attending: Council President Beltrandi, Councilor Harris, Councilor Surprise, Councilor Emmershy, Councilor Burns, Councilor Babinski, Mayor Sullivan, Meghan Kane--City Treasurer, Sue Phillips--Westfield Attorney, Tammy Teft--Westfield Purchasing, Fran Cain--Westfield Engineering, Heather Miller--Westfield Engineering

Chair Figy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

1. Western Mass News and WWLP news were taping the meeting along with local Cable 15.

2. Public Participation:

Councilor Surprise--still waiting for answers that weren't provided at March 27 meeting. Doesn't feel he can support a \$13M bond without more detailed finances. The city needs to file CERCLA paperwork in order to be reimbursed by the Federal Government.

Councilor Emmershy--also waiting for more detailed financial information. Provided a long list of questions that Chair Figy received only this morning so Figy responded that the notice was short and he may not get answers. Met someone near well #1 that will donate land for locating a filtration system .

Ms. (Last name not recorded)--has been diagnosed with cancer and doesn't want to have to worry about clean drinking water so we should move on the bond.

Brian Hoose--discussion on how most people he spoke with want the water fixed before the roads are fixed.

3. Approval of minutes:

By a 2-0 vote, minutes of 3-15-18 and 3-26-18 were approved.

4. \$13M Water Filtration Bond:

Meghan Kane emphasized that \$900,000.00 from \$5M bond has been utilized. The exact payment schedule can't be determined because not all of the money is borrowed at once and the interest rate is known only at the time of borrowing the money. The Water Department is part of the City so the bond would not be defaulted on. If water payments fell short, the City would take over payments through some means.

Tammy Teft reviewed the estimates and they appear accurate. Contingencies are in place in case there are overages.

Sue Phillips could not answer how the City arrived at a \$46M claim. Stating the reasons now would not be beneficial to the City but the City will answer that during depositions of the proceedings. The CERCLA