

**MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 16, 2020 AT 7:00 PM**

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the City of Westfield CITY COUNCIL will be conducted via remote participation. Specific information can be found on the City of Westfield website at www.cityofwestfield.org. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so by tuning into Channel 15 or online at westfielddtv.org. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the City's website an audio recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

The meeting was remotely called to order at 7:00 PM.

The City Clerk called the roll. Councilor Morganelli was absent at roll call. He called to inform the Council that he was having difficulty logging in and would be joining the meeting shortly. All other Councilors were present remotely.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was
VOTED: That record of the meeting of April 2nd, 2020 be ACCEPTED.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: Under immediate consideration that the incentive payment in the amount of \$16,752.00 from the Westfield Gas & Electric for Green lighting projects be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Absent
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the rules of the City Council be SUSPENDED in order to act upon an item received at tonight's meeting.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the request for authorization to use the Base Settlement proceeds of \$1,350,917.26 to pay down the Bond Anticipation Note related to water treatment that is due June 12, 2020 be APPROVED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Absent
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that this needs to happen sooner rather than later. Councilor Matthews-Kane requested where the proceeds came from be reviewed. Per permission of the Chair, City Collector/Treasurer Matt Barnes addressed the Council. He informed the Council the proceeds are from the \$1,000,000.00 settlement from the Federal government related to the water incident. He informed the Council that the settlement is in a separate bank account to be tracked easier. The original settlement was received

December 2, 2019. Due to market situation, the City's bond advisor from Unibank advises to pay the payment at the end of May instead of June.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That items 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

3. Appropriation of \$175,000.00 from the Department of Public Works, Stormwater Undesignated account #6850-359000 to the Department of Public Works, Stormwater Division, Purchase of Services, account #68504550-520000 for drainage repairs at Crescent Circle.
4. Appropriation of \$500.00 from Free Cash to City Council, Purchase of Services, account #11110000-520000 for legal ad costs.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, while still under suspension, it was
VOTED: That a late Communication from the Mayor, not on the Agenda, be accepted and be voted on at tonight's meeting.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That the late communication from the Mayor requesting immediate consideration of gift donations from various sources and for various items for operational support during this Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic be ACCEPTED.

At this point Councilor Morganelli remotely joined the meeting.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was
VOTED: That the sum of \$113,821.66 be appropriated from Department of Public Works, Water Division, Undesignated Fund Balance, account #6800-359000 to the following:
\$22,821.66 to Department of Public Works, Water Division, Long Term Principal, account #68004500-591000 and \$91,000.00 to Department of Public Works, Water Division, Temporary Interest, account #68004500-592500.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that this is for the water bond sold in June 2019.

Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, for the License Committee, it was VOTED: That the renewal of the annual Junk Dealer and Junk Collector licenses for 2020 be APPROVED. The licenses are as follows: Eastern Vehicle Recycling, 88 Neck Road; EcoATM, 141 Springfield Road; Monty's Motorsports, 518 Southampton Road; Andrew Grant Diamond Center, 55 Southwick Road; I Buy Stuff, 53 Pontoosic Road; Jdog Removal & Hauling, 30 Toledo Avenue; Restore, 301 East Main Street; Game City, 77 Elm Street; Blended Vintage Market Place, 48 Elm Street; Richard's Fine Jewelers, 461 East Main Street; T-Mobile, 261 East Main Street; Black Hole Guitars, 2 Montgomery Street; Whip City Music, 126 Elm Street; Jim & Sams, 200 Southampton Road; Game Stop, 423 East Main Street; Meadowbrook Antiques, 658 Montgomery Road.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, APPENDIX B-ZONING, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 3 1987" (amend Section 1-10.2 to give broader authority to the Building Department) be given second reading by title only.

The Ordinance was given second reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, APPENDIX B-ZONING, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 3 1987" (amend Section 4-90 to strengthen regulation of marijuana establishments by requiring special permit if within 500 feet of a park and include Columbia Greenway Rail Trail) be given second reading by title only.

The Ordinance was given second reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	No
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, APPENDIX B-ZONING, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 3 1987" (Chapter 17 Off-Street Parking Commission) be given second reading by title only.

The Ordinance was given second reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: To take the tabled job description of the Director of Facilities prior to the second reading of the Ordinance amending the Department of Facilities to create a stand-alone Department.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That the job description for the Director of Facilities be REMOVED FROM THE TABLE. Councilor Figy informed the Council that the City and School Department personnel offices met extensively on developing the job description. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that the job description can either be accepted or rejected, it cannot be amended. Councilor Flaherty questioned if the DPW properties for the water and sewer buildings will be included as it says all Municipal Buildings in the job description. With permission from the Chair, Facilities Director Bryan Forrette addressed the Council. He informed the Council that currently G & E buildings and DPW buildings are not included and that he helps with water and sewer building projects. Councilor Flaherty questioned if the janitorial services from the Schools will be supervised by the Facilities Director and will it be funded by the City because he was under the presumption that these would not be part of the department but looks like it is included in the job description and it is a concern relative to Union contracts. Mr. Forrette informed the Council that those agreements between the unions and the City would have to be worked out. With permission from the Chair, City Auditor Chris Caputo addressed the Council. He informed the Council that he is currently going through the numbers and there are no final numbers and it will be a large department like the Police and Fire departments. Councilor Bean informed the Council that he is concerned with the management structure part of the department and concerned with approving this in a quick manner. Mr. Stefan Czaporowski Superintendent of Schools addressed the Council. He informed the Council that the custodians will remain in the schools with the Principals as their supervisors. The tradesmen will be part of the facilities department on the City side. The Director of Facilities

would be overseeing the maintenance of the buildings and supervising the personnel. The budget piece is still being worked out. Superintendent Czaporowski informed the Council that after three years if the Schools and City do not like the process it can go back. The City and the schools together need a capital plan of the buildings and the Director of Facilities has potential to clean up leadership and it makes sense for the big picture. Councilor Burns questioned if there would be another level of management such as assistants being added. The Superintendent informed the Council that there is not a need for that at the moment. The tradesmen are not unionized and their supervisor is not unionized and foresees one less position down the road. Councilor Burns questioned if there was a flow chart that entails managers and workers and how it all works together. Councilor Flaherty agreed with Councilor Burns that there needs to be a flow chart because as in the past when departments were consolidated into one DPW department there were increases in positions because not one person could do it all. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he would like to see before and after budgets to see if there are real measurable savings. Superintendent Czaporowski informed the Council that the savings will come and it's unquantifiable because the City does not have people doing these jobs because now it is sourced out. Councilor Adams informed the Council that there is no one person in charge of the buildings and this needs to happen because Principals should not be in charge of maintenance of buildings because it is not part of their skill set. He informed the Council that Bryan Forrette will save the City money because he knows when a roof needs to be replaced and the best time to do it. Councilor Figy informed the Council that the job description is for the day to day activities. Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that there are some serious deficiencies in the DPW buildings and custodial needs and they should be involved. Councilor Mello questioned what department are the tradesmen with and why are they not available to other departments. Superintendent Czaporowski informed the Council that the tradesmen work for the school department and the Director of Facilities already works with them and this would open up more time to work on the City side of things. Councilor Flaherty reiterated that there needs to be a flow chart and the job description implies things that aren't going to happen. Councilor Mello requested the numbers for this position before it's voted on. Councilor Bean agreed that this may not be ready at this time. He suggested that the position be funded for half a year and spend more time on the matter. Councilor Figy informed the Council that the discussion is confusing because the job description and ordinance relative to the department is being blended. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that if the job description is rejected the Council should give suggestions as to what it should be. Councilor Allie questioned if the job description is approved tonight can it be amended later. Councilor Bean informed the Council it may be possible but may not be easy. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that the discussion tonight does not really reflect what is written in the job description. Councilor Morganelli agreed that the details are not clear. With permission from the Chair, City Auditor Chris Caputo informed the Council that FY21 budgets are going to be very tight and that if the Council chooses this department could be done in FY22. Councilor Bean informed the Council that he may not want to wait a year, but just not convinced this is ready at this time. Councilor Figy informed the Council that the job description could be voted on tonight and then the ordinance relative to the department and the budget can be worked on later. Councilor Flaherty questioned the Auditor if this has worked in other communities. City Auditor Caputo informed the Council that for Springfield and Longmeadow, his previous places of

employment, that in the first year there was money saved but by the third year there was an increase. Councilor Adams informed the Council that there will be an increase because there is a lot of work to be done on the buildings and that this needs to happen. He spoke in support of the Superintendent's confidence in the plan. Councilor Burns questioned if the water department buildings would be included. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that the motion on the floor is the job description and that he is prepared to vote on that job description. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that there should be a list of what is wrong with the job description because it says all municipal buildings but per the discussion the DPW buildings are not part of it. Councilor Onyski requested to do a list at this meeting for the changes. Councilor Figy informed the Council that would require an amendment to the motion and that a lot of work has gone into creating the job description. He requested that if the job description gets turned down to at least pass the ordinance creating the department and the have the job description worked on later. He informed the Council that even if the department is created does not mean it has to be funded.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the job description of the Director of Facilities be accepted.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The President declared the motion LOST.

Councilor Onyski, offered a motion, which was duly seconded for second reading of the Ordinance amending the Department of Facilities to create a stand-alone Department.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was

VOTED: That the above motion for second reading of the Ordinance amending the Department of Facilities to create a stand-alone Department be TABLED to the next regular meeting of the City Council.

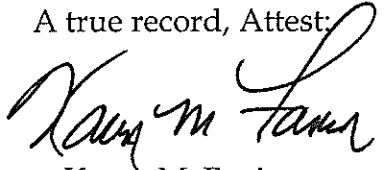
The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	No
Dave Flaherty	Yes

The President declared the motion PASSED.

At 8:09 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

A true record, Attest:

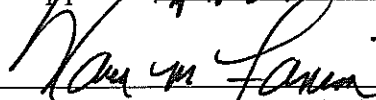


Karen M. Fanion
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

Presented to the Mayor

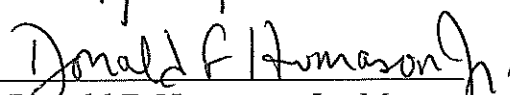
Approved by the Mayor

For approval April 27 2020



Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

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Donald F. Humason, Jr., Mayor