



SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
59 COURT STREET  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
MAY 30, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM by President Beltrandi. He informed the Chamber that due to technical difficulties, the meeting was not being broadcast.

The Clerk called the roll. Councilors Adams, Allie, Figy and O'Connell were absent.

The call of the special meeting was as follows:  
To conduct a public hearing on the annual budget as submitted by the Mayor, at which all interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard for or against the proposed expenditures or any item thereof.


President Beltrandi called the Public Hearing to order and opened the discussion to the public. There were no comments or questions from the public. President Beltrandi asked for comments and/or questions from the Councilors. There were no comments or questions from the Councilors.

With no one to be heard and upon motion of Councilor Bean, it was VOTED: That the Public Hearing be CLOSED.  
All in favor, voice vote. Councilor Morganelli was OPPOSED.

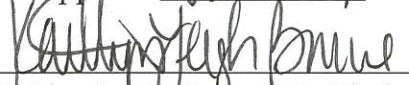
Prior to the vote, Councilor Morganelli offered an amendment to continue the Public Hearing to give the public the ability to speak on items being presented to Council over the next few weeks. There was no second. Councilor Matthews-Kane stated that the City Council holds a Public Hearing on the Annual Budget as a matter of form because they can be petitioned to hold one. She stated that they publically posted the hearing notice in the newspaper. As chair of the Finance Committee, she stated that public participation would be at the beginning of every budget hearing meeting for the public to speak on the budget as a whole or on specific departments. Councilor Sullivan asked if public participation could be advertised that way on the individual budget hearing agendas. Councilor Matthews-Kane confirmed, stating that she would repost. Councilor Sullivan asked if the budget documents submitted to the Council could be given to all of the members of the audience and posted on the City Website. Councilor Mello echoed Councilor Sullivan, requesting that the budget be posted online. Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that the budget was posted online (including documents available at the meeting) under the Auditor's page on the City's website: <https://www.cityofwestfield.org/DocumentCenter/View/13489/Proposed-FY2024->

Budget. Councilor Morganelli voiced his opposition of closing the public hearing due to several Councilors being absent and the timing of when the budget was posted online.


At 6:45 PM and upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

A true record, Attest:  
  
Kaitlyn Leigh Bruce  
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

Presented to the Mayor

For approval June 20, 2023  
  
Kaitlyn Leigh Bruce, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor

6-21 2023  
  
Michael A. McCabe, Mayor