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Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

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June 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM

WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bridget Matthews-Kane at 6:10 PM. In attendance were Finance Committee members Councilor Bridget Matthews-Kane and Councilor Richard K. Sullivan, Jr. Councilor Brent Bean was not in attendance. Also in attendance were City Engineer Allison McMordie, Acting Director DPW Fran Cain and Scribe of the Finance Committee Karisa Zerbato.

Councilor Matthews-Kane asked if anyone from the public would like to speak during public participation. There were no speakers for public participation.

A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan for the approval of the March 8, March 27, April 13 and May 2, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Matthews-Kane. The motion passed 2-0 with Councilor Sullivan and Councilor Matthews-Kane voting YES.

A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan to remove item #5 from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilor Matthews-Kane.

Prior to the vote, Allison McMordie stated the last time she spoke about this item was in regards to the benefits of the potential modification of the Bates/Upper Western Avenue intersection. She further stated the intersection is outdated and has a 30 degree angle whereas most other intersections have a 70 degree angle. The intersection also causes confusion to drivers as well. Ms. McMordie stated that data from the MassDOT Crash Portal from 2018-2022 showed there was five known crashes at this intersection. Three of the crashes resulted in personal injury during dry conditions. The crash rate was calculated at .81 which was higher than the state wide average of .57 and the district average of .62. Councilor Matthews-Kane asked for clarification on what district meant. Ms. McMordie stated it is District 2. Councilor Matthews-Kane stated she reached out to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and received a list of the 35 highest crash intersections from 2018-present. She further stated that this intersection is not listed in the top 35. Councilor Sullivan stated that he doesn't understand why this intersection is at the top of the list to be worked on and that there are at least 35 other intersections that have higher crash rates. Ms. McMordie asked for this item to be pulled from Committee without action instead of having an immediate No vote so further opportunities for funding of this project can be looked at. Councilor Sullivan made a motion to table this item until October 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilor Matthews-Kane. The motion passed 2-0 with Councilor Sullivan and Councilor Matthews-Kane voting YES.

A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan for the acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$12,975.00 from the MassDOT to the Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport for Environmental Impact Report for three future Airport Projects covered under the FAA AIP program. The motion was seconded by Councilor Matthews-Kane.

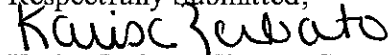
Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane stated the FAA share was already accepted. The 5% for the Westfield share portion is already in the budget. The motion passed 2-0 with Councilor Sullivan and Councilor Matthews-Kane voting YES.

A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan for the transfer of \$373.18 from the Department of Public Works Highway Division FY 2023 Purchase of Service Account #14210000-520000 to the FY2021 Purchase of Service Account #14210000-520000 to cover the balance of a retainer for sidewalk repair/installation completed on Taylor Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilor Matthews-Kane.

Prior to the vote, Fran Cain stated this is cover the cost for sidewalk/curb repair near the new Dunkin Donuts on Taylor Avenue. Councilor Matthews-Kane questioned why it was from Fiscal Year 2021. Fran Cain stated it was supposed to be paid out previously from the retainer fund for the project but wasn't for some reason. The motion passed 2-0 with Councilor Sullivan and Councilor Matthews-Kane voting YES.

A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Matthews-Kane. The motion passed 2-0 with Councilor Sullivan and Councilor Matthews-Kane voting YES.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karisa Zerbato, Finance Committee Scribe