



MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
59 COURT STREET
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
JUNE 17, 2021 AT 5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA at 5:30 PM by Finance Committee Chair Councilor Figy.

The Clerk called the roll. Councilors Morganelli and Adams were absent.

Fiscal Year 2022 Budgets

June 17, 2021 5:30 PM

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Vote

The budget hearing was for the Department of Public Works, which included all the divisions that come under that department. The first budget was for Public Works Administration. Interim Public Works Director Fran Cain was present to represent the department. He informed the Council the budget is for the salaries of the department head, the deputy department head and the stormwater coordinator which included negotiated, contractual increases.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was

VOTED: That the Public Works Administration budget, as submitted, be APPROVED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The next budget hearing was for the Highway Division of the Public Works Department. Interim Public Works Director Fran Cain was present to represent the department. He read through the different line items and highlighted the purchase of services that had a decrease and the boot reimbursement that had an increase. In the vehicles account there is an increase for a new plow truck. Councilor Matthews-Kane questioned why the supplies account went down. The Interim Director replied that it was in order to level fund. Councilor Sullivan questioned if there is a plan for a regular schedule to buy trucks. The Interim Director informed the Council that the plan for replacing vehicles is on a capital plan, but that plan is not always funded each year. Councilor Flaherty agreed there should be an ongoing plan for the purchase of vehicles. Councilor Beltrandi questioned if the new truck comes with snow equipment. Fran replied that it will come with a snow equipment package. Councilor Bean questioned the status of the personnel in the department. The Interim Director informed the Council that there are vacancies and it is hard to fill those vacancies due to lack of salary or lack of skills or licenses on the applicants' part.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was VOTED: That the Highway Division of the Public Works Department budget, as submitted, be APPROVED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

At this point Councilor Morganelli arrived at the meeting and was recorded as being present.

The next budget hearing was for the Snow and Ice Division of the Public Works Department. Interim Public Works Director Fran Cain was present to represent the department. He explained that snow and ice is allowed to deficit spend. The total spent last year was \$1,100,000.00.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was
VOTED: That the Snow and Ice Division of the Public Works Department budget, as
submitted, be APPROVED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The next budget hearing was for the Waste Collection (Refuse) Division of the Public Works Department. Interim Public Works Director Fran Cain was present to represent the department. He read through the salary accounts that contained contractual increases. Purchase of services decreased because some things were moved to solid waste disposal. Under vehicles two 2017 trucks that were leased then they were bought making payments lower. And also a trash truck was bought with lease payments for five years increasing the end line item. Councilor Burns questioned the process of obtaining the collection barrels and why some residents have multiple barrels. The Interim Director informed the Council that the department has ideas relative to the barrels but it would need further discussion with the Council as to what level of service is to be maintained and the Council would need to approve the plan. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that the barrels come under the solid waste recycling division.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was
VOTED: That the Waste Collection (Refuse) Division of the Public Works Department
budget, as submitted, be APPROVED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The next budget hearing was for the Solid Waste Recycling Division of the Public Works Department. Interim Public Works Director Fran Cain was present to represent the department. Fran informed the Council that the refuse and solid waste recycling divisions are interchangeable with personnel and equipment and is a mirror image of the refuse division.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was VOTED: That the Solid Waste Recycling Division of the Public Works Department budget, as submitted, be APPROVED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Interim Public Works Director Fran Cain informed the Council that the next division is Land and Natural Resources. Councilor Figy informed the Council that division was not listed on the Agenda, therefore would not be taken up at this time.

The next budget hearing was for the Park and Recreation Division of the Public Works Department. Interim Public Works Director Fran was present to represent the department. He read through the salary accounts that contained contractual increases. He read through the other line items.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was VOTED: That the Park and Recreation Division of the Public Works Department budget, as submitted, be APPROVED.

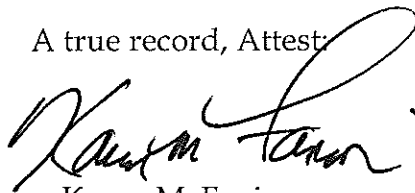
The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Interim Public Works Director Fran questioned if the Council would be voting on the Land and Natural Resources Division of the Public Works Department without a hearing. He informed the Council that there are two items in that department that are sorely needed in the vehicle category and if the Council has any questions about that division to contact him. Councilor Flaherty questioned if the Columbia Greenway maintenance comes under any of the Public Works divisions. Fran replied that it mostly comes under Engineering but that the maintenance piece does need to be discussed further.

At 6:44 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

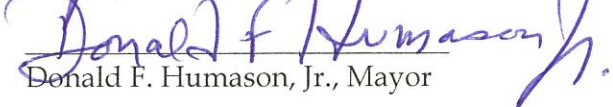
Presented to the Mayor

For approval Sept. 29 2021


Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor

September 29 2021


Donald F. Humason, Jr., Mayor