

SPECIAL
MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
JUNE 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA at 6:30 PM by President Beltrandi.

The City Clerk called the roll. All thirteen Councilors were present.

President Beltrandi asked if anyone, other than Channel 15, was recording the meeting and if so to state whether it is an audio or video recording and whether the recording is being live streamed. ABC News 40 responded that they were taping the meeting.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was
VOTED: That the Communication submitted by the Mayor after the Agenda deadline be ACCEPTED.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, 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 Allie, it was
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the sum of \$600,000.00 be appropriated from FY18 Free Cash to FY19 Budget.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	No
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	No
Andrew Surprise	No
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershy	No

President Beltrandi declared the motion PASSED.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the appropriation of \$250,000.00 from the Community Preservation Undesignated (FY19) account #24101770-580000 to the CPA Columbia Greenway Project-Recreation account #24101770-580400-5304 voted at the June 27, 2018 Special City Council meeting be RESCINDED and be revoted at the July 5th, 2018 meeting.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was VOTED: That the meeting be returned to regular order.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That the TABLED: Second Reading and Final Passage of a Bond Order entitled "A BOND ORDER FOR WATER WELLS, CONNECTOR AND WATER TANK" be REMOVED FROM THE TABLE.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That a Bond Order entitled "A BOND ORDER FOR WATER WELLS, CONNECTOR AND WATER TANK" (\$13,000,000.00 to be used for the filtration and improvements to wells 1 and 2, completion of filtration and improvements to wells 7 and 8, connection to Springfield water system and replacement of the water tank on East Mountain Road) be given second reading by title only.

The Order was given second reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the Order be PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	No
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	No
Dan Allie	No
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	No

President Beltrandi declared the motion PASSED.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Surprise informed the Council that it's known that he will not support the bond for the same he reasons he had at prior meetings such as no reimbursements, wells 7 and 8 should not be opened again and the City should tap into Holyoke's water. Councilor Bean informed the Council that he is proud of the way the City reacted to the water situation and is confident in the experts' decision on how to fix

the problem. Councilor Babinski agreed with Councilor Bean and that she has been part of this issue for two years or more and that people in Ward 1, 6 and 2 deserve clean water and they have waited long enough and it's time to pass the bond. Councilor Morganelli concurred relative to the way the city responded. He also informed the Council that other options could be looked at because the research is still coming in and that another source of water should be looked at. Councilor Flaherty agreed with Councilors Babinski and Morganelli. He informed the Council that if wells 7 and 8 were out the plan the bond would have passed sooner. He informed the Council that the process was slowed down and hundreds of questions were asked and answered and is satisfied with the options for the best solutions from the experts. Councilor Babinski informed the Council that she went with the Water department to Hoosic Falls and they have the carbon filters there are no detection of contaminants. Councilor Surprise informed the Council that he also spoke with Hoosic Falls and they may hook into a water supply 15 miles away and he also spoke with a community in Alabama who did a 12 month change out of the filters and is now going to the reverse osmosis method. Councilor Figy informed the Council that this is not the end of the situation, the City is still looking at the situation and it's a step in the journey. He informed the Council that the City cannot wait for the court system to work and the Mayor has committed to use any claims to go back to the ratepayers. Councilor Emmershy informed the Council that Holyoke has clean water and it's the most affordable option to use Holyoke water as an alternate source of water.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That his motion to rescind the local option meals tax due to lack of dedication to road repairs and improvements (Motion to approve resolution prepared by the Law Department in April) be TABLED to the August 16th, 2018 Council meeting.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that the meals tax is not being spent on the roads and sidewalks and it's not in the FY19 budget and so it should be rescinded. Councilor Bean spoke in opposition of creating pots of money for specific items. He informed the Council that earmarking is not prudent because other priorities come up. He informed the Council that he trusts the Mayor that the money has been spent on roads and sidewalks. Councilor Paul spoke in support of earmarking the meals tax for roads and sidewalks and requested that the rules be suspended in order to pass a Resolution to earmark the funds. Councilor Figy informed the Council that there is a Resolution already in Legislative and Ordinance to earmark the funds to roads and sidewalks and to bring that out tonight would be in violation of the rules. Councilor Burns informed the Council that he is not in favor of rescinding the meals tax but he is in favor of earmarking the funds for roads and sidewalks. Councilor Surprise agreed with Councilor Paul. Councilor Morganelli questioned if the original vote for the acceptance of the meals tax was taken under the premise of using it for roads. Councilor Bean answered that that was not the case. Councilor Allie informed the Council the Mayor was asked if he would commit the money for the roads and that the

Mayor agreed. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that he was the one that asked the question of the Mayor about using the money for the roads. He informed the Council that the question at hand is whether or not the money has been used for the roads and he requested that the answer to the question be received before making any decisions. Councilor Babinski agreed with Councilor Onyski because there is an unanswered question and suggested it be tabled. Councilor Figy showed the document that it is in the L & O Committee. Councilor Flaherty read from the budget that showed it is not there and has not been spent as promised. He informed that he is fine with asking for that information and tabling the motion. Councilor Paul informed the Council that the original discussion was relative to earmarking the funds and now it's on to something else.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was
VOTED: To have the Auditor prepare a report for FY18 road repairs revenue and expense by the August 16th, 2018 meeting.

Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he will not support the FY19 budget. He informed the Council that the premium holiday is already in the budget and there is little wiggle room. He informed the Council that there needs to be a different process to review the budget instead of doing it on the last week of the fiscal year. Councilor Emmershy informed the Council that the way it sits is that there will be a 2 ½ % tax increase, home values will be going up 3% so that is a 5 ½% increase and there were no cuts to the budget at the budget workshop and that sent the wrong message to the residents and that the process needs to change to get to a zero based budget. Councilor Surprise informed the Council that the process needs to change and it needs to be put in writing. Councilor Bean informed the Council it wasn't about not passing any cuts, it was about no one having an explanation of the reasoning for the cuts proposed. Councilor Harris informed the Council that she attended every Finance Committee meeting since January and has supported the votes of Finance Committee up until this budget. She informed the Council that she is a strong advocate of the homeowner when setting the tax rate, but this meeting is not to set the tax rate. Councilor Surprise informed the Council that the cuts were explained. He informed the Council that it's not a plan to pull money to cover costs. Councilor Allie informed the Council that his decision if the Council has done its best and supports reforms to change the budget process.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was
VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER OF APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN, AS AMENDED" (\$127,851,739.03) be given first reading by title only and PASSED TO SECOND READING.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	No
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	No
Dan Allie	No
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	No

The President declared the motion PASSED TO SECOND READING.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER OF APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN, AS AMENDED" (\$127,851,739.03) be given second reading by title only and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	No
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	No
Dan Allie	No
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	No

The President declared the motion PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT" (\$5,748,624.93) be given first reading by title only.

The Order was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the Order be passed to second reading.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the Order be given second reading by title only.

The Order was given second reading by title and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.
The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	No
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	No

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was
VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE
SEWERAGE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT DEPARTMENT" (\$6,192,007.62) be
given first reading by title only.

The Order was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Allie, it
was

VOTED: That the Order be passed to second reading.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the Order be given second reading by title only.

The Order was given second reading by title and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.
The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	No
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was
VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE
AMBULANCE SERVICES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT" (\$3,084,792.00) be given first
reading by title only.

The Order was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Allie, it
was

VOTED: That the Order be passed to second reading.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the Order be given second reading by title only.

The Order was given second reading by title and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was
VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE
GAS AND ELECTRIC DEPRECIATION ACCOUNT" (\$4,487,216.00) be given first
reading by title only.

The Order was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Allie, it
was

VOTED: That the Order be passed to second reading.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the Order be given second reading by title only.

The Order was given second reading by title and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT" (\$475,550.00) be given first reading by title only.

The Order was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the Order be passed to second reading.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the Order be given second reading by title only.

The Order was given second reading by title and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE STORMWATER SERVICES IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT" (\$586,931.36) be given first reading by title only.

The Order was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the Order be passed to second reading.

Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that this account is an account that is earmarked.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the Order be given second reading by title only.

The Order was given second reading by title and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	No

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE PEG ACCESS & CABLE RELATED FUND (\$303,300.00) be given first reading by title only.

The Order was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the Order be passed to second reading.

Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that this account is special purpose account and the city is using it for its internet and should not be used for that and it should give the revenues back to those paying for it.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the Order be given second reading by title only.

The Order was given second reading by title and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was
VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER OF APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL
YEAR, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, AS AMENDED" for Workers Compensation
(\$200,000.00) and Unemployment (\$50,000.00) be given first reading by title only.

The Order was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Allie, it
was

VOTED: That the Order be passed to second reading.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the Order be given second reading by title only.

The Order was given second reading by title and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.
The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershly	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was
VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER OF APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL
YEAR, TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN, AS AMENDED" for OPEB (\$20,000.00) be given
first reading by title only.

The Order was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Allie, it
was

VOTED: That the Order be passed to second reading.

Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that this amount is not enough and
does not address the obligation.

Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the Order be given second reading by title only.

The Order was given second reading by title and PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

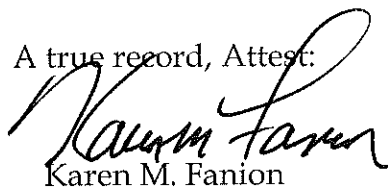
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	No
Cindy Harris	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Robert Paul, Sr.	Yes
Andrew Surprise	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Brent Bean II	No
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Matt Emmershy	Yes

President Beltrandi everyone on their hard work on the budget and water bond
and especially City Clerk Karen Fanion on being here way too much.

President Beltrandi congratulated City Clerk Karen Fanion on the birth of her
two new grandbabies, Granddaughter, Larsen Lake Fanion born 6/13/18 and
Grandson, Caiden Thomas Fanion born 6/23/18.

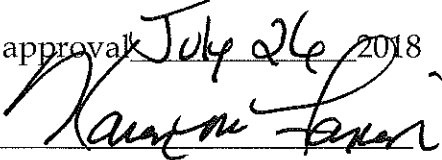
At 7:56 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was
VOTED: To ADJOURN.

A true record, Attest:



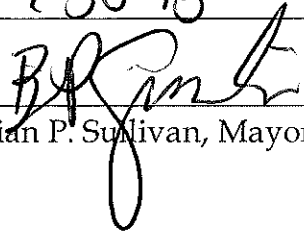
Karen M. Fanion
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

Presented to the Mayor

For approval July 26 2018


Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor

7-30-18 2018


Brian P. Sullivan, Mayor