



## MEETING OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

JUNE 28, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

In the absence of the President, City Clerk Karen Fanion called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was  
VOTED: That Councilor Figy be elected as President Pro Tempore for the meeting.

The Clerk called the roll. Councilors Bean and Sullivan were absent.

1. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was  
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the sum of \$1,000,000.00 be appropriated from Free Cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2022 tax rate.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The President Pro Tempore declared the motion PASSED.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he would like to see Free Cash to zero. Councilor Allie questioned if money was put in Stabilization last year. Councilor Flaherty replied that when money is put into Stabilization it is to be used for capital projects and that last year \$1.5 million was used from Free Cash to School. The pattern of using Free Cash for operating expenses began in Mayor Knapik's term. He explained that there is \$5 million in new spending and only \$2.6 million is being raised in taxes. OPEB went up by thousands and the City cannot continue to live like that. He expressed his concern that not a lot of questions were asked about the budgets during the budget hearings. Councilor Allie informed the Council that most department heads manage their departments and

employees quite well and that most of the budgets are made up of contractual obligations. Councilor Flaherty replied that it's the Council's responsibility to manage those contracts and that contractual obligations should not be an excuse. Councilor Mello requested clarification that the question to be voted on is \$1 million from Free Cash to reduce the tax burden. Councilor Flaherty replied that this million is needed to balance the budget. He reiterated that there is over spending of at least \$700,000.00. Councilor Mello questioned what if the \$1 million is not appropriated from Free Cash to the budget. Councilor Flaherty replied that the budget will not be balanced and will not get certified. Councilor Figy informed the Council that it's not an ideal budget but it's encouraging that it's only \$1 million and that it could have been much worse.

2. City Auditor Vicki Moro submitted the FY22 Order of Appropriations as amended.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was  
 VOTED: That an Order, as amended, entitled "AN ORDER OF APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO" (\$135,531,043.55) be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was  
 VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT" (\$6,901,830.50) be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was  
VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE  
SEWERAGE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT DEPARTMENT" (\$6,132,234.76) be  
ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was  
VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE GAS  
AND ELECTRIC DEPRECIATION ACCOUNT" (\$5,819,309.00) be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT" (\$475,850.00) be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE STORMWATER SERVICES IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT" (\$599,603.78) be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT" (\$3,330,778.96) be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR PEG ACCESS & CABLE RELATED FUND" (\$355,315.00) be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The President Pro Tempore declared the motion LOST (seven votes are needed to pass).

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, from the winning side, it was VOTED: That RECONSIDERATION be given on an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR PEG ACCESS & CABLE RELATED FUND" (\$355,315.00) and be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The President Pro Tempore declared the motion PASSED.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER OF APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO, WORKERS COMPENSATION (\$200,000.00) AND UNEMPLOYMENT (\$50,000.00)" be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER OF APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO FOR OPEB" (\$200,000.00) be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The President declared the motion PASSED.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER OF APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO FOR DEBT DECLINE" (\$1,200,000.00) be ACCEPTED.

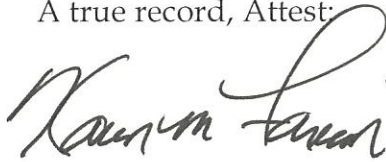
The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

The President declared the motion PASSED.

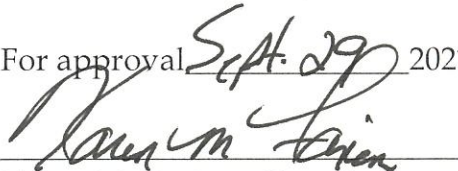
At 6:58 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was  
VOTED: To ADJOURN.

A true record, Attest:

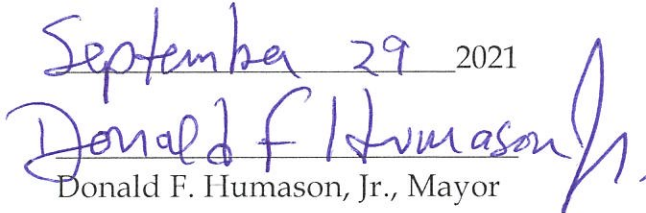


Karen M. Fanion  
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

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