



## MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

JULY 01, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA at 7:00 PM by President Bean.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

Under Public Participation, the Council was addressed by Ms. Sheila Tenero, 38 Claremont Street. She spoke in support of the proposed definition of family that will be coming out of the Legislative and Ordinance Committee later in the meeting. She informed the Council that she and her husband, Dan, filed a complaint relative to college students living in a house on their street and that since there was not a definition of family the Zoning Board of Appeals had nothing to enforce. She agreed that it is difficult to determine what a family truly is but the limit of four unrelated persons living together is reasonable and it is safer for everyone to have that limit.

Under Public Participation, the Council was addressed by Mr. Ilias Kanavaros, 159 Bates Road. He informed the Council that he received a letter from the Tree Warden relative to a tree on his private property that he is being ordered to remove limbs that overhang on his neighbor's property. He questioned the authority of the Tree Warden relative to private property. He referenced MGL Chapter 87 Section 2 which give the Tree Warden the authority over trees on public property. He also referenced Chapter 16, Article 4, Section 16-154 of the City of Westfield Code of Ordinances which does give authority to the Tree Warden for trees on private property. He questioned if the City has the authority to make a MGL more stringent. He expressed his opinion that the Ordinance is wrong and overreaching. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council he will follow-up on the issue. Mr. Kanavaros submitted the letter to the Clerk to be placed on file.

1. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the sum of \$1,000,000.00 be appropriated from Stabilization account #8303-397000 to Engineering Department, Construction account #14110000-589200.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that this was the money that was cut from the Engineering FY22 budget with the understanding that the construction projects would be funded with the Stabilization funds. Councilor Flaherty reiterated that this was talked about last week and thanked the Mayor for sending in the communication.

2. Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was

VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the request for the approval to permit the serving of beer and wine and to waive the "open container" regulation in the Central Street Parking lot on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm for the Whip City Brewfest to be managed by Amelia Park Children's Museum Inc. be GRANTED AND SO ORDERED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That the rules of the City Council be SUSPENDED in order to act upon items received at tonight's meeting.

3. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that a Grant in the amount of \$564.46 from the Massachusetts Office of Public Safety and Security to the Public Safety Communications Department for expenses relating to emergency medical dispatch services be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

4. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that a Grant in the amount of \$25,444.04 from the Massachusetts Office of Public Safety and Security to the Public Safety Communications Department for continuing education requirements be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

5. Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that a Grant in the amount of \$164,488.00 from the Massachusetts Office of Public Safety and Security to the Public Safety Communications Department the computer aided dispatch system, radio consoles with upgraded software, annual maintenance for the radio consoles, annual software license renewal, annual support for phone and radio recording system and to defray the costs of salaries for certified telecommunicator personnel be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

6. Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was VOTED: That an Order of Appropriation in the amount of \$118,581.50 from the Flood Control Commission, Capital Outlay account #12990000-589000 for the taking of real estate by right of eminent domain for a flood control levee AND an Order of Taking of real estate by right of eminent domain for a flood control levee be REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, LAW DEPARTMENT and ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

7. Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was VOTED: That the redistricting map submitted by City Clerk Karen Fanion be REFERRED TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

8. A PUBLIC HEARING was called to order on applications for Junk Dealer and Junk Collector licenses to be held at 64 Main Street, submitted by Yellow Bear Market 2, Vicki Benford, owner. The applicant was not present.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was VOTED: The Public Hearing was RECESSED to later in the meeting in order to allow for the applicant to arrive to the meeting.

9. A CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING on a petition submitted by Albert E. Bessette, Jr. Right of Way Manager of Verizon requesting permission to place one (1) pole numbered T.54S/E.66-84 on the southwesterly side of Shaker Road at a point approximately 995 feet southeasterly from the centerline of Country Club Drive to provide support to the existing pole line was called to order. The applicant was present to represent the petition. He informed the Council that he drove by the site this evening and he learned that the pole has already been installed. He apologized to the Council for this mishap and that he would find out from his company what happened. He explained that the reason for the petition was to have the supporting lines removed from the nearby tree, but at this point the supporting lines were still attached to the tree. Councilor Mello questioned if he would be following up to have the supporting lines removed from the tree. He assured the Council that he would follow-up with his company to have those supporting lines removed from the tree. Councilor Bean thanked him for his honesty of the situation. With no others appearing to be heard, and upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was

VOTED: That the Public hearing be CLOSED.

Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was

VOTED: That petition to place one (1) pole numbered T.54S/E.66-84 on the southwesterly side of Shaker Road at a point approximately 995 feet southeasterly from the centerline of Country Club Drive to provide support to the existing pole be GRANTED AND SO ORDERED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

10. Upon motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WESTFIELD AND THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT CONSERVATION AND RECREATION" in anticipation of a Grant from the Department of Conservation and Recreation for the Columbia Greenway Northward Extension Study in the amount of \$61,500.00 to the Engineering Department, the local match of \$15,500.00 is contained in the FY22 Engineering budget, be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that the Grant will be used the purpose of extending the Columbia Greenway rail trail north to the town of Southampton and further connecting to Northampton.

11. Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was

VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, APPENDIX B-ZONING, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 3, 1987" (update on non-conforming situations at Article II/4-10, Article III/3-91.2 and Article III/3-92.2) be given first reading by title only.

The Ordinance was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

12. Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was

VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, APPENDIX B-ZONING, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 3, 1987" (update the definition of family and related/affected residential living arrangement matters at Sections 2-20, 3-40.3 (1) and 3-50.3 (1) be given first reading by title only.

The Ordinance was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Onyski informed the Council that the word family was replaced by the word household. For the purposes of determining density/lot area and parking requirements for common occupancy the limit is a group of four unrelated persons including residents of a residential rehabilitation facility. Councilor Sullivan thanked the

Tenero's for their input. Councilor Harris expressed her concern that landlords may already have multi-year leases. Councilor Figy questioned if group homes under the department of public health or sober homes would be included in the four person limit. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that he would have an answer prior to the second reading and final passage. Councilor Matthews-Kane spoke in favor of the ordinance.

13. Upon motion of Councilor Adams, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, ADOPTED JUNE 17, 1993" (Chapter 2 Section 2-256 add Council on Aging meetings to be held at Westfield Senior) be given first reading by title only.

The Ordinance was given first reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

14. Upon motion of Councilor Burns, for the Legislative and Ordinance Committee, it was VOTED: That a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTFIELD" authorizing approval of the Mayor to sign a Host Community Agreement (HCA) with Lucky 7 Cannabis, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation to be operated at 0 Timberswamp Road for a Marijuana Production Operation be ADOPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Councilor Onyski abstained due to a profession conflict.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Burns informed the Council that the facility is a grow facility for a 5,000 sq. ft. greenhouse with plans to expand to 2,500 sq. ft. It is a Veteran owned and supported facility. They are environmentally minded. They will sell to recreational facilities. They will also need to be permitted by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. Councilor Matthews-Kane questioned if it was a retail facility. Councilor Burns replied it was a grow facility only. Councilor Burns informed the Council that the facility

would use 500 gallons a day of water. Councilor Matthews-Kane informed the Council that in the agreement it does say the word retail. Councilor Burns informed the Council that he would get clarification on that as it may just be a typo. The Clerk read the entire Resolution.

Personnel Action Committee

15. Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the reappointment of Richard Salois, 220 Russellville Road, as a member of the Planning Board, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2026 be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Salois has been an alternate on the Planning Board for 2 years and he believes he has had a positive effect on the process and decisions on the plans that have come before the Board. He expressed his interest to the Mayor to stay on this Board and hopefully, eventually to become a full member. Reviewing his information at his appointment in 2019, he is a Mechanical Engineer who has been involved in building industrial plants all across the United States. While working at Cenveo, Stamford, CT as Director of Engineering he provided support to 17 manufacturing facilities, including production equipment, support equipment, and operations. He managed the Reengineering Center in Chicago. He has been involved in projects worth many millions of dollars. Also since 1989 he has provided companies with consulting services as RWS Consulting, Westfield, relative to machinery design and operational change. His background includes managing design, construction, process improvement, overall manufacturing operations, working with managements involving zoning concerns, so he very familiar with rules and parameters regarding buildings. He believes in integrating industry and neighborhoods, not stifling one or the other, concentrating on quality of life issues. Mr. Salois is a lifelong resident. He notes also that he is the Community Preservation Commission Representative for the Planning Board for 2020-2021 and has attending all meetings. Councilor Sullivan stated, he's been a great member and Councilor Figy agreed with that comment.



16. Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the appointment of Edward Ekmalian, Jr., 12 Crestwood Circle as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024, to fill a vacancy, be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Ekmalian has a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics. He has extensive experience in warehouse operations with a background in quality control, customer service, receiving and shipping, and stocking and accounting for large quantities of merchandise worth millions of dollars. That background included over 25 years at Tru-Serve in Westfield which involved being Director of Quality Control saving the company hundreds of thousands of dollars by reducing shortages and overages -- then years at Westfield Gage, in particular in shipping and receiving, and approximately 10 years at Lesco as supervisor. In conversations with Mr. Ekmalian by phone he explained to that he has been involved in neighboring Agawam Senior Center, not on their Board, but one of their Friends of that Center which involves fundraising to benefit Seniors as he is a personal friend of the Director of that Center and that an equivalent opportunity was not available at Westfield's Senior Center during that time frame. Now that there is an opening on the Westfield Council on Aging Board he has told the Mayor, who is the appointing authority, that he is most interested in this position and would appreciate the opportunity to serve his Westfield fellow citizens, citing his strengths in organizational and planning skills, computer skills, his ability to work independently and as a team member and that he is a dependable and hardworking individual. Mr. Ekmalian stated that he attended many meetings of the Westfield Council on Aging as a public participant up to the Covid 19 Pandemic closing of public buildings. Council on Aging Director Gorman stated that Mr. Ekmalian has volunteered in the Senior Center's Brown Bag Food Distribution program for seniors. Councilor Sullivan questioned if he saw a conflict if he continued in Agawam, Mr. Ekmalian stated, no conflict because it is just fundraising for Agawam. Councilor Sullivan continued with, would you consider stopping working in Agawam as it could be viewed as a

conflict, raising money for another center. Mr. Ekmalian said yes if it is a problem, he would resign from Agawam to be on the Westfield Council on Aging.

17. Upon motion of Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, it was VOTED: That the appointment of of Joseph Golio, 109 Wildflower Circle, as a member of the Off Street Parking Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024, to fill a vacancy, be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris informed the Council that Mr. Golio currently works for the Bureau of Labor Statistics as an Economic Assistant which involves gathering information of critical data of pricing on housing leases, rents and structures. But he also is a Retail Management Professional with a background of many years in profit generating business experienced in Merchandising, Operations, profit optimization, Inventory and Cost Control, and Staff Development. His background includes many years with the Ames Department Stores with sales to \$20 million turning around several low-performing stores to company profitability standard, and also assisted in training management - He was a managing owner of CM Fashion Company including a Westfield downtown location - and also worked for Spencer's Gifts stores overseeing operations in Central and Western, MA including Westfield's Spirit Halloween supervising 200 Associates and responsible for planning, design, merchandising, set-up and operation of seasonal stores which exceeded the Company's expectations in sales. Mr. Golio's educational background includes the MBA Program at Pace University Graduate School Of Business, NY. He was the Founding Director of the past Westfield Community Development Corporation serving as Board Vice President and Promotions Chair which focused on Downtown Revitalization. Councilor Sullivan stated, he is more than qualified.

At this time, the PUBLIC HEARING was again called to order on applications for Junk Dealer and Junk Collector licenses to be held at 64 Main Street, submitted by Yellow Bear Market 2, Vicki Benford, owner. Ms. Benford was present to represent the application. She

informed the Council that she used to have a junk dealer and a junk collector's license on Southwick Road, but the owner, Mr. Zuber sold the property, so she relocated her business to Southwick. She explained that the business is like a flea market, tag sale and farmers market all in one business and it is doing very well. She informed the Council that she would like to come back to Westfield to do an expansion of her current business. She explained that vendors rent spaces and sell their items. Councilor Beltrandi questioned if there would be any activities held outside. She replied that at the previous Southwick Road location, she did some outside activity, but at the requested location there is no space for any outside activities. Councilor Bean questioned how much square footage is in the proposed location. She replied that there is 7,500 sq. ft. Councilor Allie questioned if the vendors sell on consignment. She replied that the items are not sold on consignment. Each vendor has a number and when an item is purchased it is recorded and the money is given to the vendor. The vendor pays a fee to have space within the business. Councilor Morganelli questioned what the property would look like. She informed the Council that there is a big picture window that she would decorate to display items of interest and it would be decorated nicely to attract customers. There would be no merchandise displayed outside. Councilor Flaherty commented that the location is right near the bike trail and that she should think about selling ice cream to attract people off the bike trail. Councilor Mello suggested having a bike rack for people that want to come off the bike trail and browse. Councilor Sullivan gave a word of caution that the applications before the Council are for junk, not ice cream and if ice cream want to be sold there she would have to apply for the appropriate licenses from the Health Department. With no others appearing to be heard and no more questions from the Council, upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was VOTED: That the applications for Junk Dealer and Junk Collector licenses to be held at 64 Main Street, submitted by Yellow Bear Market 2, Vicki Benford, owner, be GRANTED AND SO ORDERED with the condition that no sales or storage of merchandise be outside.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

18. Upon motion of Councilor Allie, for the City Properties Committee, it was VOTED: That the proposed Ordinance for flag flying on city properties be REMOVED FROM THE TABLE.

Upon motion of Councilor Sullivan, it was VOTED: That the proposed Ordinance for flag flying on city properties be TABLED to the first regular meeting of the City Council in September.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

19. Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, APPENDIX B-ZONING, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 3 1987" (amendment at Sections 1-10.1,3; 1-40.6, 4-10.3; 1-50.3,9; 6-10.4,5 relative to strengthen/codify wording regarding enforcement; extend permit validity) be given second reading by title only.

The Ordinance was given second reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

20. Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was VOTED: That an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WESTFIELD, APPENDIX B-ZONING, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 3 1987" (update definitions

at Article II/2-20, Article III/various and Article IV/various) be given second reading by title only.

The Ordinance was given second reading by title and upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was VOTED: That the Ordinance be PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes
Richard Sullivan, Jr.	Yes
James Adams	Yes
Dan Allie	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
Michael Burns	Yes
Ralph Figy	Yes
Dave Flaherty	Yes

At this point President Bean relinquished the Chair to Councilor Figy.

21. Councilor Bean (Beltrandi, and Burns), offered a motion, which was duly seconded, to have the Mayor appoint someone from Planning Department, most likely Jay Vinskey to monitor the potential Carvana project located at 686 College Highway, Southwick pertaining to the traffic impact it will have on the City of Westfield. He informed the Council that he does not want to get involved in telling Southwick what to do with their project, but it will have an impact on Westfield. Councilor Mello offered an amendment to the motion, which was duly seconded, to also refer the matter to Water and legal as the cleaning products that will be used have PFAS in them and it will drain into Westfield wells. Councilor Adams informed the Council that Westfield should not get that involved in another community's project because projects that happen in Westfield bring trucks and traffic to other communities. Councilor Morganelli informed the Council that Westfield should work with Agawam as one voice to let Southwick know there is opposition to the project and that Westfield should monitor what is going on with the project. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that Westfield should tread lightly in telling another community what to do and will support it as long as it's to monitor only. Councilor Flaherty agreed with Councilors Onyski and Adams and informed the Council that as individuals they could express their concerns, but as a body should not get involved. He questioned what the goal is in monitoring the project. Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that the motion is just to keep an eye on the project and understands that Westfield cannot tell them what to do regarding water and stormwater and that Southwick has its own zoning laws that must be followed. Councilor Burns agreed that Westfield cannot tell Southwick what to do but that his constituents from

Ward 4 want to be kept informed relative to what is happening with the traffic. Councilor Bean expressed his concern with the amendment as it may muddy the waters and that original motion is to monitor the traffic only. Councilor Morganelli clarified his previous comment that he does not want to tell Southwick what to do, he wants to monitor the project. And that if no one is in favor of monitoring the project then there is no reason for the motion and to just let them do what they want to do. Councilor Mello questioned if the motion is to tell Southwick what to do. Councilor Bean responded that is not telling Southwick what to do, it's a request to monitor. Councilor Mello informed the Council that since it is not telling Southwick what to do, it is a good motion to monitor. Councilor Adams reiterated that Westfield should not tell Southwick what to do relative to traffic or water. Councilor Mello informed the Council that her amendment is not telling Southwick what to do, it is just to monitor what is happening with the water and have law pay attention to the project. Councilor Flaherty agreed not to tell Southwick what to do. He expressed his concern that the motion does not address how the situation will be monitored. He questioned if there will be reports from the Mayor and Planning or will reports be in the paper. Councilor Sullivan requested a vote on the amendment.

Upon motion of Councilor Mello, it was VOTED: That the original motion be amended to add that it be referred to Water and legal to monitor the cleaning products that will be used because they have PFAS in them and it will drain into Westfield wells.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

Upon motion of Councilor Bean, it was VOTED: To have the Mayor appoint someone from Planning Department, most likely Jay Vinskey to monitor the potential Carvana project located at 686 College Highway, Southwick pertaining to the traffic impact it will have on the City of Westfield and as amended, to refer to Water and Law to monitor the cleaning products that will be used because they have PFAS in them and it will drain into Westfield wells.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

#### Announcements

Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that during the budget hearings there were a couple of questions relative to OPEB numbers and if \$200,000.00 was the highest amount budgeted to OPEB. He informed the Council that the per the OPEB summary on January 19<sup>th</sup>, that most OPEB are not materially funded, in Massachusetts 53% are over 1% funded, 19% are over 10% funded, 11% are over 20% funded, and Westfield is 2/10 of 1% funded, therefore not making a big investment in OPEB. And in 2018, Mayor Brian Sullivan budgeted \$700,000.00 for OPEB.

Councilor Bean informed the Council that there is reconsideration of the fireworks which may move forward in the Fall.

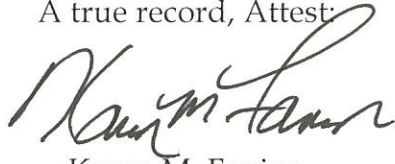
Councilor Allie wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Councilor Morganelli reminded everyone of the Wyben parade to be held July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with line-up at 4:30 pm at the corner of North and Montgomery Roads.

Councilor Sullivan congratulated Councilor Figy on the birth of his first granddaughter Brynn Francis Cadigan born June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Councilor Figy thanked him and announced Mommy and Baby are doing well.

Councilor Mello announced that some streets may be flooded due to the excessive amount of rain this evening and cautioned everyone to be careful.

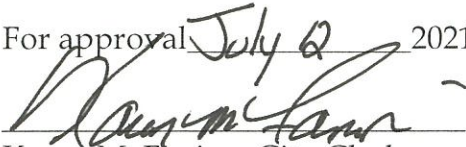
At 8:37 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

A true record, Attest:

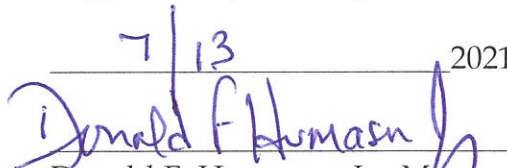


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City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

Presented to the Mayor

For approval July 2 2021  
  
Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor

7/13 2021  
  
Donald F. Humason, Jr., Mayor