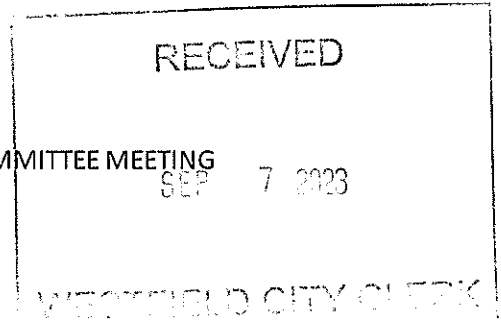


MINUTES OF LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
59 COURT ST, WESTFIELD, MA  
ROOM 201  
July 5, 2023 at 5:00 PM



The meeting was called to order by Councilor Onyski at 5:00 PM.

Councilor Onyski called the Roll. The following Committee members were in attendance: Chair, Councilor Bill Onyski, Councilor Michael Burns and Councilor Ralph Figy. Also in attendance was First Assistant City Solicitor Shanna Reed and Scribe of the Legislative and Ordinance Committee Karisa Zerbato.

Councilor Onyski opened the meeting for public participation. There was no one present to speak.

Upon Motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: that the minutes of the May 31, 2023 and June 14, 2023 be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burns. Approved by Roll Call 3-0.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| Bill Onyski   | Yes |
| Michael Burns | Yes |
| Ralph Figy    | Yes |

Upon Motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: TO APPROVE WITH A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION submitting the Mayor's objections to Resolution 3154, entitled "A Resolution setting forth a petition to the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to revise and restate the Charter of the City of Westfield" The motion was seconded by Councilor Burns. Approved by Roll Call 3-0.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| Bill Onyski   | Yes |
| Michael Burns | Yes |
| Ralph Figy    | Yes |

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy stated he has all the signed Resolutions by the Mayor that were passed. Shanna Reid stated she attempted to make it one document instead of sending multiple documents however the investigation piece was missing. Ms. Reid stated the document she created would have to be amended to include the investigation piece. Ms. Reid asked if they want individual documents sent to the General Court or one document with everything in it. Councilor Onyski asked if one document is sent does the Mayor have to sign another Resolution. Ms. Reid confirmed. She added if individual documents are being sent, they would go just as they are now. Ms. Reid stated the format of the document she was given was not formatted the way documents are usually sent. Councilor Figy stated the format that was used previously should be what is being used. Councilor Onyski stated City Council would have to vote to accept this condensed resolution. Councilor Onyski asked what the document would include. Ms. Reid stated it would include gender pronouns, Charter Amendment

Process, vacancies, investigations and candidate nomination. She added she will format the document the way the General Court is used to seeing documents.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: TO APPROVE AS WRITTEN to add the following to Section 15 of the City Charter, "No person shall be a candidate for nomination for more than one City office." The motion was seconded by Councilor Burns. Approved by Roll Call 3-0.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| Bill Onyski   | Yes |
| Michael Burns | Yes |
| Ralph Figy    | Yes |

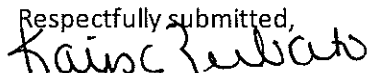
Prior to the vote, Shanna Reid stated that the following would be added to the end of the first paragraph Section 15 "no person shall return nominations papers for more than one elected position for the City of Westfield and no person shall appear more than once on any Municipal Election ballot". Councilor Figy stated a person can take out as many nominations papers as they wanted but would only be able to turn in one. Ms. Reid confirmed. Councilor Onyski asked if the Mayor has been briefed on this. Councilor Figy stated he would reach out to the Mayor. Councilor Onyski asked if this would take 7 votes to pass. Councilor Figy and Ms. Reid confirmed. Councilor Onyski asked if someone resigns six months and one day before a General Election does a Special Election have to take place. Ms. Reid confirmed. Councilor Onyski asked if it indicates when the Special Election has to take place. Ms. Reid stated it does not state how long you have. Councilor Figy stated however long it would take the City Clerk to get ballots is what the length of time should be.

At 6:24 PM and upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED TO ADJOURN. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burns. Approved by Roll Call 3-0.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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| Bill Onyski   | Yes |
| Michael Burns | Yes |
| Ralph Figy    | Yes |

Respectfully submitted,

  
Karisa Zerbato, Scribe