



MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the City of Westfield **CITY COUNCIL** will be conducted via remote participation. Specific information can be found on the City of Westfield website at www.cityofwestfield.org. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so by tuning into Channel 15 or online at westfieldtv.org. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the City's website an audio recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

President Bean announced that per a directive from the Law Department, pursuant to the Open Meeting Laws that all votes taken during a remote access meeting must be by Roll Call.

Upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was
VOTED: That reading of the record of the meeting of September 3, 2020 be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the Grant in the amount of \$168,740.00 from the Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Competitive Grant to Facilities Department be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the grant will fund conservation measures in municipal facilities including Westfield Technical Academy, Fire Station headquarters, Fire Station #3 on Southampton Road, Westfield High School, Munger Hill and Paper Mill Elementary Schools for interior and exterior lighting retrofits and replacements. He thanked Director of Facilities Bryan Forrette for his hard work on securing this grant.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration that a Grant in the amount of \$61,024.99 from FEMA, through the COVID-19 Supplemental Assistance to Firefighters to the Fire Department with the Fire Department's required match of \$6,102.50 to come out of the existing Fire Department (Ambulance) budget be ACCEPTED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that grant will fund the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) for use in the current pandemic, to replace PPE already used and to ready the department for the potential future spike in COVID-19.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was VOTED: Under immediate consideration that the sum of \$76,946.28 be appropriated from Ambulance Undesignated account #2100-340000 to Ambulance Replacement Equipment account #21002310-587000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the appropriation is to replace all LIFEPAK's on the ambulances as the current ones are at end of life. It's an unanticipated expenditure due to electronic issues causing the life span of the LIFEPAK's to be reduced.

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.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the sum of \$144.46 be transferred from
Wastewater, Purchase of Services account #67004400-52000 FY21 to Wastewater,
Purchase of Services account #67004400-520000 FY20 for a prior year bill.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the invoice is for
copier charges that were not handled as a carryover into Fiscal Year 2021.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the sum of \$216.57 be transferred from
Department of Public Works, Water Division, Purchase of Services account #68004500-
520000 FY21 to Department of Public Works, Water Division, Purchase of Services
account #68004500-520000 FY20 for a prior year bill.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the invoice is for non-
contracted water quality testing that was not handled as a carryover into Fiscal Year

2021. Councilor Bean informed the Council that the concern with prior year bills has been talked about in the past and he is again questioning why these invoices were not paid in a timely manner. Councilor Figy informed the Council that there is a long history of overdue bills and is a concern of Finance and it will be discussed in the next Finance Committee meeting. Councilor Flaherty agreed with Councilor Bean that prior year bills should not be happening over and over again.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the sum of \$7,644.36 be transferred from Department of Public Works, Water Division, Purchase of Services account #68004500-520000 FY21 to Department of Public Works, Water Division, Purchase of Services account #68004500-520000 FY20 for a prior year bill.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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	No
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	No
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	No
William Onyski	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the invoice is for the mailing of quarterly bills and the annual water quality report sent out by the Westfield Gas and Electric.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the sum of \$2,105.60 be transferred from Department of Public Works, Water Division, Purchase of Services account #68004500-520000 FY21 to Department of Public Works, Water Division, Purchase of Services account #68004500-520000 FY20 for a prior year bill.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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	No
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	No
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	No
William Onyski	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the invoice is for the monthly consumption for the booster at the Shaker Road Treatment facility.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: Under immediate consideration, that the sum of \$6,050.00 be transferred from Department of Public Works, Water Division, Purchase of Services account #68004500-520000 FY21 to Department of Public Works, Water Division, Purchase of Services account #68004500-520000 FY20 for a prior year bill.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Figy informed the Council that the invoice is for forest management services in conjunction with a grant for forest stewardship. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that this invoice met the deadline and questioned why it wasn't paid on time. Councilor Mello questioned if this was the first year of the contract and if not should have been known well in advance that it's due. Councilor Figy informed the Council that he did not know if it was a first year contract. Councilor Burns informed the Council that it has to do with the carbon credit.

Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that this is an internal processing problem within the DPW department and need to find out why it wasn't processed. President Bean informed the Council he will follow-up on with the department head and Chair of Finance. President Bean informed the Council that City Hall is not working great right now.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That the meeting return to regular order.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That items 9, 10, and 11. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

9. Transfer of \$140.00 from Department of Public Works, Sewer Division,
Purchase of Services account #67004490-520000 FY21 to Department of Public

Works, Sewer Division, Purchase of Services account #67004490-520000 FY20 for a prior year bill.

10. Transfer of \$140.00 from Department of Public Works, Highway Division, Purchase of Services account #14210000-520000 FY21 to Department of Public Works, Highway Division, Purchase of Services account #14210000-520000 FY20 for a prior year bill.

11. Transfer of \$5,218.88 from Department of Public Works, Highway Division, Purchase of Services account #14210000-520000 FY21 to Department of Public Works, Highway Division, Purchase of Services account #14210000-520000 FY20 for a prior year bill.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was

VOTED: That item 12. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

12. Transfer of \$468.10 from Fire Department, Roll Call account #12200000-514400 current year to Fire Department, Roll Call account #12200000-514400 prior year and transfer of \$441.75 from Ambulance, Roll Call account #21002310-514400 current year to Ambulance, Roll account #21002310-514400 prior year.

Upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That item 13. under "Communications from the Mayor" be read by the Clerk and REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE and LAW DEPARTMENT.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

The Clerk read from the Agenda as follows:

13. Submitting a draft amendment to Section 4 of the Host Community Agreement (HCA) with Heka, Inc. to allow Heka to prepay for the road repairs and lighting as well as accept the funding.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was

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

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was

VOTED: That the appointment of Dr. Stan D. Strzempko, 31 Ridge Trail Road, as a member of the Board of Health for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023, replacing Dr. Teresa Mitchell, resigned be CONFIRMED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

Prior to the vote, Councilor Harris thanked Dr. Mitchell for her service on the Board of Health and with her kindness and vast knowledge helped the City and citizens tremendously, especially through the very trying times early in the Pandemic with so many challenges. The City sincerely thanks her for her services and the City is most fortunate to have had her expertise these past years. Councilor Harris informed the Council that Dr. Strzempko is very interested in serving on this Commission again. He was on the Board of Health from 1998 to 2015 when he had to leave due to his professional responsibilities. Now that his work schedule can accommodate the meetings necessary for serving on the Board he would again like to serve. He knows all the workings of the Health Department, the employees of the department and understands all the issues they are facing now. Dr. Strzempko is currently the Westfield School Physician, the Medical Director for the Westfield Boys & Girls Club and is the Medical Consultant for the Student health Services at Westfield State University. He is also President of Westfield Emergency Physicians PC. He states he loves the City and would like to continue to serve by rejoining the City's Board of Health. The entire Health Department supports this appointment and the Health Director further adds that he worked with Dr. Strzempko for many years, that the Doctor is an invaluable asset to this Board and he looks forward to the Doctor's return to the Board.

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, it was
VOTED: That the meeting return to regular order.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

A PUBLIC HEARING was held on an application submitted by Neil Petrucelli, d/b/a gr8onlinestuff, 180 Root Road applying for a Junk Dealer's and Junk Collector's license. To participate in the meeting call 1-646-558 8656; Meeting ID: 921 3467 6705; Passcode: 59759103. The applicant, Mr. Neil Petrucelli was remotely present. He informed the Council that he will purchase and sell used goods on eBay. He has a shop in his basement, that is not open to the public, it is just where he stores his items before he sells them. Councilor Bean questioned if there will be any traffic at his address relative to the licenses. Mr. Petrucelli informed the Council that all items are shipped by the post office, with only a few by FEDEX, so there will be no additional traffic to his residence. Councilor Allie requested Mr. Petrucelli to describe his business and how he obtains the items he sells. Mr. Petrucelli informed the Council that most of what he buys and sells are antique tools and wrenches from the 1800's. He began his business after he retired from his job when his previous employer asked him to sell small electronic parts and old tools. He also sells some household items and that all items are small and something he can carry himself. Councilor Flaherty congratulated him for starting his own business. Councilor Mello questioned if any of the antique tools are refurbished that would use solvents which would be harmful to environment. Mr. Petrucelli informed the Council that he does not refurbish any of the antique tools. Councilor Harris thanked him for starting a small business in these tough economic times and wished him success. Councilor Harris also requested that the name of the licenses be changed from junk to something else, more in line with the business, such as second hand items. With no others requesting to be heard and upon motion of Councilor Beltrandi, it was
VOTED: That the Public Hearing be CLOSED and be REFERRED TO LICENSE COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Figy, for the Finance Committee, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$350,000.00 be appropriated from the Stabilization account #8303-397000 to Airport Department, 2-20 Concrete Repair Project account #11990000-580000-4890.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

With permission from the Chair, Airport Manager Chris Willenborg addressed the Council. He informed the Council that this work to the runway needs to be completed by the end of construction season this year as it is an essential airport safety related repair. He explained that the rubber filling is coming up and may damage planes and it needs to be repaired prior to water getting into the cracks and freezing causing more damage to the runway. Councilor Allie questioned if there are any State or Federal monies for these repairs. Councilor Figy informed the Council that there may be some grants available that the City can recoup some of the money. Councilor Sullivan questioned if the contractors have been put on notice of the issue and that a claim against the contractor may be another avenue of recouping the funds. Councilor

Onyski informed the Council that he went out on the runway with Mr. Willenborg and it looks like rubber tails hanging off the runway and those cannot get into the jets otherwise will cause significant damage. Councilor Flaherty agreed that the City should be reimbursed for this fix. He questioned when the Airport will become self-sufficient. He suggested increasing fees next year so the residents do not have to have their taxes going to fix the airport. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that businesses such as Gulfstream are in business because of the airport and they pay a lot of taxes to the City. And also because of the airport there are lots of jobs for City residents. Councilor Mello questioned if taking money from the Stabilization account would change the City's bond rating, what are the itemized costs of the project, such as how much is going to pay for cement, etc and are there mechanisms in place to divert stormwater from getting into the wells. Mr. Willenborg informed the Council that City Treasurer Matt Barnes could answer the bond rating question. He will have an updated list from the vendor of the how the money will be spent. And there are strict requirements from the DEP relative to stormwater runoff and all requirements are being met. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that even if the airport was private it would still generate taxes and jobs. Mr. Willenborg reiterated the positive economic impact of the airport for Westfield with the taxes being paid by business such as Gulfstream, plane repair facilities in the area, Lifestar ambulance services, flight schools being operated out of the airport and the Westfield Technical Academy program at the airport. Councilor Allie questioned if this project has to go out to bid. Mr. Willenborg informed the Council that it's a City vendor that will do the work and it needs to be done immediately and that all procurement laws are being followed. Councilor Morganelli agreed with Councilor Flaherty and looks forward to hearing more about the airport generating more revenue. Councilor Mello informed the Council that no one was treating the water for pfas and she questioned the liability to the City if the Council does not appropriate the money knowing there is a safety issue. Mr. Willenborg informed the Council that the airport staff's first responsibility is the safety of the airport and that the City would be responsible for any damage done to aircraft because of the runway issues and it could be millions of dollars in damage. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that an enterprise fund be set up to see the positive revenue from the airport after the operating budget expenses are paid. President Bean informed the Council that the airport is important to the City.

Councilor Harris, for the Personnel Action Committee, as a committee of the whole, offered a motion which was duly seconded to accept the job description for the Director of Public Works. Councilor Harris informed the Council that she talked to the Law Department regarding the job description and it is the same job description that was accepted by the City Council in 2016. She informed the Council that the Council needs to accept it again to comply with the legal process and that the it was reviewed and approved by the appointing authority at a joint meeting of the Board of Public Works and the Water Commission on August 27, 2020. Director Dave Billips informed the City and Councilors six months ago of his retirement in October and the City now needs to hire a new director and the job description needs to be accepted prior to

advertising the position. Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that this job description was fine for Mr. Billips, but not so sure one person should be doing this consolidation of the many departments and it would be better managed in smaller departments. Mr. Billips was the right person at the time for a mega department, but it will be hard to fill those shoes. Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that he is on the selection committee and that he will look closely at the applicants to see if they have the qualifications and it's paramount to move forward with this application process because Mr. Billips will be retiring October 30th, 2020 and the position needs to be filled. Councilor Adams agreed with Councilor Flaherty that Mr. Billips met those qualifications and that the person should be an engineer. Councilor Burns agreed with Councilor Adams that the person should be an engineer. He informed the Council that he spoke with Attorney Reed and that there are four things that the Council can do with this item, such as vote to keep the job description as is, not to accept it and send it back to the Mayor or send it back to PAC or send it back to the appointing commissions with recommendations, but it all has to be done within two Council meetings otherwise it will go into effect as written. Councilor Figy informed the Council that if there were intentions of splitting up the department it should have been done earlier. Councilor Allie informed the Council that he shares the concerns of the other Councilors and that the department should have been broken up years ago, but now the process must move on and it may be able to be dealt with in the personal service agreement. Councilor Mello questioned if the job description can be accepted and then do an ad hoc committee to change the department. Councilor Bean informed the Council that once the job description leaves the Council it's up to the Mayor and if there were changes to the department that should have been done earlier. At this point President Bean lost connection to the meeting. Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That Councilor Beltrandi be elected as President pro tempore.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

Councilor Flaherty informed the Council that he has spoken to the current Mayor and the previous Mayoral candidate about changing the department but then ran into problems due to COVID and with vacancies in critical rolls in Personnel and Law it is a real mess and would be willing to do an acting roll without a contract. Councilor

Beltrandi informed the Council that it has to be voted on. Councilor Burns informed the Council that there is an assistant director and five department heads in place that can take over the department. Councilor Adams informed the Council that he is not looking to break up the department, he would like the person to have a chemical engineer the same as the current director has. Councilor Morganelli concurred with Councilor Adams. Councilor Bean regained connection to the meeting. Councilor Figy informed the Council that the Council does not have control of this position, it's in the hands of the Water and DPW Commissions. The Council can only approve or deny the job description. Councilor Flaherty offered a motion to amend the requirements of the job to add to require a chemical or civil engineering degree and 5 years of management experience in public works or public utilities sector. Councilor Harris informed the Council that the Council cannot amend the job description. The Council can only vote it up or down. President Pro Tempore Beltrandi agreed that the Council cannot make changes. Councilor Burns informed the Council that they can deny the job description and can only ask that those changes be made. Councilor Flaherty rescinded his above motion and offered a motion to deny the job description and send a recommendation to the Mayor to amend the requirements of the job to add to require a chemical or civil engineering degree and 5 years of management experience in public works or public utilities sector. Councilor Mello informed the Council that the current job description has a requirement of 10 years' experience and why would it be changed to 5 years. Councilor Matthews-Kane agreed with the amendment for an engineer but did not agree with reducing the experience to 5 years. Councilor Bean expressed his concern with all the going back and forth relative to offering recommendations for amendments and informed the Council he would be more inclined to keep the item in committee because it's too important to amend on the fly. Councilor Flaherty rescinded his above motion. Councilor Figy expressed his concern that there is not enough time to hold this item up. Councilor Burns questioned if it would be possible to have the Commissioners meet with the Council. Councilor Allie encouraged everyone to read all the other responsibilities because some of the amendments being offered may already be in there. Councilor Harris informed the Council that a lot of work was done on this to have it passed at tonight's meeting and that when information is presented to the Council, Councilors need to look at it right away. Councilor Sullivan informed the Council that historically if the Council votes no on a job description and informs the Mayor and the Boards of their amendments that is leverage for the job description to be changed and then submitted again to the Council for approval, but at this time Councilors need to be prepared to vote no. Councilor Bean informed the Council that sending it back to Committee is similar to voting no. He informed the Council that a special meeting be held for a meeting of the whole with PAC to discuss changes and send those changes to the Mayor. Councilor Onyski informed the Council that he supports the amendment for an engineering degree.

Upon motion of Councilor Bean, it was
VOTED: That the job description for the Director of Public Works REMAIN IN
PERSONNEL ACTION COMMITTEE.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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

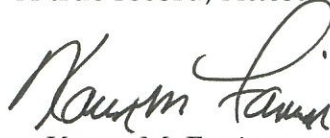
Councilor Adams questioned if an email submitted by Mr. Frank Mills relative to installing signs on the newly installed islands on Western Ave would be able to be put on file and Councilor Burns questioned if it can be referred to the Traffic Commission. Councilor Figy informed the Council that the Ward Council can submit items to the Traffic Commission it does not need a vote of the Council. President Pro Tempore Beltrandi informed the Council it's not on the Agenda, therefore unless the rules suspended, it cannot be acted upon.

At 8:54 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

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
Cindy Harris	Yes
Bridget Matthews-Kane	Yes
Kristen Mello	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
William Onyski	Yes

A true record, Attest:

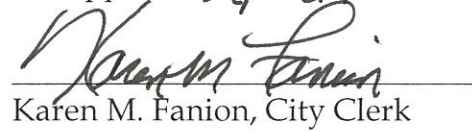


Karen M. Fanion
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

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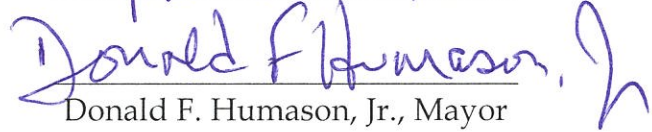
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