## AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL 59 COURT STREET MUNICIPAL BUILDING CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS OCTOBER 5, 2017



6:30 PM

Mayor briefing to Full Council of items on current agenda under "Communications from the Mayor"

7:00 PM

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of record of meeting of September 21, 2017

Public Participation

Communications from the Mayor

- A. Requesting immediate consideration on the acceptance of a Narcan Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Fire Department.
- B. Submitting a draft Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances at Article III, Division 7 by adding Sec. 2-236 (5) Media Systems Specialist position to the Mayor's office for a one year term.

Reports of City Officers

A. Mandatory bi-monthly report from Dave Billips regarding the concerns, activity, plans, upcoming events, and/or budgets related to the Water Treatment and Distribution projects, and separately, the Sewer System upgrade/expansion projects as requested per motion 4/6/17 (per vote of Council 9/7/17 will be submitted for the October 5th, 2017 meeting after the public forum on water issues which was held September 27th, 2017).

Petitions, Remonstrances and Other Papers

## Reports of Committees

- A. Finance Committee:
  - 1. Appropriation of \$40,000.00 from the PEG Designated Fund Balance account #2110-340000 to the PEG, Purchase of Services account #21106940-520000. (8/24/17)

- 2. Appropriation of \$5,000.00 from Reserve for Unforeseen account #19500000-570900) to the Building Department, Emergency security account #12410000-520005.
- 3. Appropriation of \$1,062.50 from Reserve for Unforeseen account #19500000-570900) to Boards/Commission Members-Historical account #16910000-512300), prior year stipend.
- 4. Bond Orders within the Treasurer's Department to be rescinded as the projects for which the bond orders were passed have either been cancelled or completed and those amounts remain unborrowed
- 5. Grant in the amount of \$14,460.00 from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to the Westfield Emergency Management Department.
- 6. That for a Resolution be requested from the Mayor to transfer 100% of any healthcare "premium holiday" funds to the OPEB or Stabilization savings accounts in order to help reduce the \$260+ million unfunded obligation, and to start on a path of ensuring employees that the city intends to take significant steps to honor its long-term healthcare commitments
- 7. Job description of the Chief Financial Officer.
- B. Legislative and Ordinance Committee:
  - 1. Notice of Intent for Stephen and Susan Oleksak to Convert land to other use pursuant to MGL 61A Section 14 for land at 994 Western Avenue, (Parcel 24R-51) into Commercial/Industrial use for a large scale solar power field, for City's First Right of Refusal.
  - 2. Order amending Bond Order #2721 so as to permit the expenditure of funds appropriated thereunder up to \$400,000.00 to pay costs of roadway and traffic light improvements on Springfield Road.
- C. Personnel Action Committee:
  - 1. Job description for the Chief Financial Officer.

## Unfinished Business

A. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING on an application submitted by Mobile Store Operators LLC, 261 East Main Street, applying for a Junk Dealer's license.

## Motions, Orders or Resolutions

- A. Motion by Councilor Allie to eliminate, limit or reduce the View Tax
- B. Motion of Councilor Bean with regard to the proposed zone change for the Medical district zone, unfortunately, the Public Hearing was not closed before the motion was made to send the matter to a joint subcommittee. In order to eliminate the possibility of any confusion or limit the ability of any proponent

or opponent to speak on the matter, the City Council will re-advertise the Public Hearing on the proposed zone change for the Medical District Zone. Upon the closing of the newly advertised public hearing, the matter will be sent to subcommittee where it will be discussed before coming back before the full Council for a vote.

C. Motion by Councilor Bean to have Westfield Gas & Electric/Whip City Fiber & the City of Westfield IT department promote the following links so that the citizens of Westfield may have Channel 15 access to watch the City Council and Planning Board meetings.

http://www.cityofwestfield.org/512/CH-15-Live-Stream http://www.cityofwestfield.org/511/Community-Access-TV