

AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBER
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2010
7:30 PM

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of record of meeting of September 2, 2010

Public Participation

Communications from the Mayor

- A. Submitting an amendment to a communication submitted August 19th, 2010 requesting the local share of \$62,500.00 for Phase II of the Noise Mitigation Program be taken from Target monies be amended to read from the Reserve for Unforeseen Account #19500000-570900.
- B. Requesting Council acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$18,360.00 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program to the Westfield Police Department.
- C. Requesting Council acceptance of monetary donations made to the Westfield Animal Shelter during the month of August 2010.
- D. Submitting the reappointment of Gary Tomestic, 759 McKinstry Street, Chicopee and owner of Smith Monuments, Court Street, as a member of the Off-Street Parking Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2015.

Reports of City Officers

Petitions, Remonstrances and Other Papers

- A. Westfield State College applying for a permit pursuant to Section 8-10.2-C relative to signs.

Reports of Committees

Unfinished Business

- A. TABLED: a federal grant in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 (95% of total project) and a forthcoming state grant in the amount of \$62,500.00 for Phase II of the Noise Mitigation Program with the local share of \$62,500.00 to be funded from the Target monies.
- B. Second Reading and Final Passage of the following Ordinances:

1. Chapter 11 Community Services Department, amended
2. Chapter 2 Division 5 titled Council on Aging, adding Executive Director and appointment
3. Chapter 12 at Article I, Section 12-5 relative to approval of job descriptions)

Motions, Orders or Resolutions

- A. Motion of Councilor Keefe for Ward One to request that the Traffic Commission design and approve signage for accessing the Massachusetts Turnpike from Campanelli Drive, Lockhouse Road, Servicestar Industrial Way, Turnpike Industrial Road, and Root Road.
- B. Motion of Councilor Keefe for Ward One to request that the Traffic Commission approve the placement of stop signs at the intersection of Massey Street and Mullen Avenue.
- C. Motion of Councilor Flaherty relative to extending the Mayoral term to four years - to become effective for the term that begins January 2016
- D. Motion of Councilor Flaherty relative to the creation of eight-year lifetime term limit for the Mayor
- E. Motion of Councilor Flaherty with regard to the creation of the ad-hoc committee to study the structure of city government and make recommendations for reorganization
- F. Motion of Councilor Flaherty with regard to the creation of an ad-hoc committee to review the Rules of Council and make recommendations for edits and enhancements
- G. Motion of Councilor Flaherty requesting council evaluation of Proposition 2 1/2 override initiative to fund school department performance-based salary increases in excess of 2 1/2% per year
- H. Motion of Councilor Flaherty relative to school department budget appropriation
- I. Motion of Councilor Flaherty for approval of resolution to Westfield School Committee relative to negotiating and executing contracts that place further financial burdens on the already stressed school department budget
- J. Motion of Councilor Flaherty regarding the creation of specialized stabilization funds
- K. Motion of Councilor Flaherty regarding periodic "balance sheet"-style reporting that provide citizens with an accurate report of assets, liabilities, long-term debts and unfunded obligations

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss current City Litigation matters.

The City Council will not reconvene to regular meeting.