

SPECIAL
MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
JUNE 24, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Sullivan.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was led by the President.

Upon motion of Councilor Onofrey, it was

VOTED: That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to review FY 2011 Budget.

Councilor Onofrey, Chairman of the Finance Committee, informed the Councilors that the FY 2011 budget will be reviewed department by department as listed in the budget index.

Airport – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Assessors – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Auditor – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Board of Registrars – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Building – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Electric Inspector– no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Plumbing Inspector – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Upon motion of Councilor Keefe, it was

VOTED: That the sum of \$3,600.00 be CUT from Cable TV Commission, Board / Comm #16940000-512300.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	Yes
Patti Andras	Yes
Brent Bean II	No
John Beltrandi III	Yes
James Brown, Jr.	Yes
Christopher Crean	Yes
David Flaherty	Yes
Christopher Keefe	Yes
Peter Miller, Jr.	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	Yes
Brian Sullivan	Yes

Capital Projects– no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Certification & Legal Charges – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

City Clerk – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Collector – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

City Council – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Commission of Citizens with Disabilities– no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Community Development – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Community Preservation Account – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Conservation Commission – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Contributory Retirement – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Council on Aging – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Debt Service – Retired Debt – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Debt Service Long Term Debt – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Upon motion of Councilor Keefe, it was

VOTED: That the sum of \$50,000.00 be CUT from Interest Short Term Debt, Interest #17520000-592500.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	Yes
Patti Andras	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
James Brown, Jr.	Yes
Christopher Crean	Yes
David Flaherty	Yes
Christopher Keefe	Yes
Peter Miller, Jr.	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
Mary O’Connell	Yes
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	Yes
Brian Sullivan	Yes

Emergency Management – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Upon motion of Councilor Keefe, it was

VOTED: That the sum of \$6,750.00 be CUT from Engineering, Purchase of Services #11410000-520000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	Yes
Patti Andras	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
James Brown, Jr.	Yes
Christopher Crean	Yes
David Flaherty	Yes
Christopher Keefe	Yes
Peter Miller, Jr.	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
Mary O’Connell	Yes
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	Yes
Brian Sullivan	Yes

Fire Department – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Ambulance - no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Flood Control – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Health – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Nurses– no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Highway-Public Works – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Historical Commission – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Insurance – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Councilor Flaherty offered a motion, which was duly seconded, to cut \$712,500.00 from Insurance, Health Insurance #19140000-519400.

Discussion was held involving Councilors Flaherty, Brown, Onofrey, Miller, Bean, Tracy, O'Connell and Keefe.

Upon motion of Councilor Tracy, it was VOTED: That the above motion be amended to cut \$100,000.00 from Insurance, Health Insurance #19140000-519400.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	Abstained
Patti Andras	No
Brent Bean II	Abstained
John Beltrandi III	No
James Brown, Jr.	No
Christopher Crean	Abstained
David Flaherty	Yes
Christopher Keefe	Yes
Peter Miller, Jr.	Abstained
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Abstained
Mary O'Connell	Abstained
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	Yes
Brian Sullivan	Abstained

The President declared the motion LOST.

Councilors Tracy, Bean, Crean, Miller, Morganelli, O'Connell and Sullivan abstained due to personal conflicts.

Upon motion Councilor Flaherty, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$712,500.00 be cut from Insurance, Health Insurance #19140000-519400.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	Abstained
Patti Andras	No
Brent Bean II	Abstained
John Beltrandi III	No
James Brown, Jr.	Yes
Christopher Crean	Abstained
David Flaherty	Yes
Christopher Keefe	Yes
Peter Miller, Jr.	Abstained
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Abstained
Mary O'Connell	Abstained
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	No
Brian Sullivan	Abstained

The President declared the motion LOST.

Land & Natural Resources – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Law – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Library – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

License– no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Upon motion of Councilor Keefe, it was VOTED: That the sum of \$5,000.00 be CUT from the Mayor's Department, Ceremonial, #11210000-577002.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	Yes
Patti Andras	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
James Brown, Jr.	Yes
Christopher Crean	Yes
David Flaherty	Yes
Christopher Keefe	Yes
Peter Miller, Jr.	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes

Mary O'Connell	Yes
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	Yes
Brian Sullivan	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Keefe, it was
VOTED: That the sum of \$10,000.00 be CUT from the Mayor's Department, Full Time Salary,
#11210000-511000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	No
Patti Andras	No
Brent Bean II	No
John Beltrandi III	No
James Brown, Jr.	No
Christopher Crean	No
David Flaherty	No
Christopher Keefe	No
Peter Miller, Jr.	No
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	No
Brian Sullivan	No

The President declared the motion LOST.

Prior to the motion, discussion was held involving Councilors O'Connell, Morganelli,
Bean, Miller, Crean, Brown, Keefe, Sullivan, Flaherty, Tracy, Andras, Onofrey and Beltrandi.

Upon motion of Councilor O'Connell, it was
VOTED: That the sum of \$10,000.00 be CUT from the Mayor's Department, Public Relations,
#11210000-530015.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	No
Patti Andras	No
Brent Bean II	No
John Beltrandi III	No
James Brown, Jr.	No
Christopher Crean	No
David Flaherty	No
Christopher Keefe	Yes
Peter Miller, Jr.	No
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	No
Mary O'Connell	Yes
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	No
Brian Sullivan	No

The President declared the motion LOST.

Prior to the vote, discussion was held involving Councilors Onofrey, Beltrandi, Morganelli, Tracy, Flaherty, Andras, Miller, Keefe, Sullivan and O'Connell.

Upon motion of Councilor O'Connell, it was

VOTED: That the sum of \$1,000.00 be CUT from the Mayor's Department, Travel Stipend, #11210000-519061.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	No
Patti Andras	Yes
Brent Bean II	No
John Beltrandi III	Yes
James Brown, Jr.	Yes
Christopher Crean	No
David Flaherty	No
Christopher Keefe	Yes
Peter Miller, Jr.	No
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	Yes
Brian Sullivan	No

The President declared the motion PASSED.

Upon motion of Councilor Onofrey, it was

VOTED: That the sum of \$500.00 be CUT from the Mayor's Department, In-State Travel, #11210000-571000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	Yes
Patti Andras	Yes
Brent Bean II	No
John Beltrandi III	Yes
James Brown, Jr.	Yes
Christopher Crean	Yes
David Flaherty	Yes
Christopher Keefe	Yes
Peter Miller, Jr.	No
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	Yes
Brian Sullivan	No

The President declared the motion PASSED.

Medicaid/Medicare – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Non-Contributory Retirement – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Off-Street Parking – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Park & Recreation – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Personnel– no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Planning– no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Councilor Keefe, offered a motion, which was duly seconded, to cut \$10,000.00 from the Police Department, Buildings, #12100000-582000.

Upon motion of Councilor Keefe, it was

VOTED: That the above motion be amended to CUT \$0.00 (zero) from Police Department, Buildings, #12100000-582000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	Yes
Patti Andras	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
James Brown, Jr.	Yes
Christopher Crean	Yes
David Flaherty	Yes
Christopher Keefe	Yes
Peter Miller, Jr.	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	Yes
Brian Sullivan	Yes

Prior to the vote, discussion was held involving Councilors Keefe, Flaherty, Bean and Tracy.

Police, Animal Control – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Police, Traffic Control – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Public Property & Buildings – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Purchasing – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Reserve Fund – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Sanitary Landfill – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Sewer – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Sewerage & Wastewater Treatment – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Councilor Morganelli offered a motion, which was duly seconded, to cut \$35,048.00 from the Sewerage & Wastewater Treatment, overtime account #27004400-513000.

Discussion was held involving Councilors Miller, Brown, Morganelli and Beltrandi.

Upon motion of Councilor Brown, it was

VOTED: That the above motion be amended to CUT the sum of \$50,048.00 from the Sewerage & Wastewater Treatment, overtime account #27004400-513000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	Yes
Patti Andras	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
James Brown, Jr.	Yes
Christopher Crean	Yes
David Flaherty	Yes
Christopher Keefe	Yes
Peter Miller, Jr.	No
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	Yes
Brian Sullivan	No

Prior to the vote, discussion was held involving Councilors O'Connell, Morganelli, Brown, Onofrey, Beltrandi, Flaherty and Bean.

Snow & Ice – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Solid Waste Recycling – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Storm Water Management – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee
Councilor Flaherty offered a motion, which was duly seconded, to cut \$53,200.00 from Storm Water Management, Full Time Salary, #28504550-511000.

Discussion was held on the above motion involving Councilors Flaherty, Crean, Keefe, Morganelli, Brown, Beltrandi and Onofrey.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was
VOTED: That the above motion be WITHDRAWN.

Treasurer – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Unclassified – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Veteran Services – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Waste Collection (Refuse) – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Water – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Upon motion of Councilor Brown, it was
VOTED: That the sum of \$38,293.00 be CUT from the Water Department, Overtime account #28004500-513000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	Abstained
Patti Andras	No
Brent Bean II	No
John Beltrandi III	Yes
James Brown, Jr.	Yes
Christopher Crean	Yes
David Flaherty	Yes
Christopher Keefe	Yes
Peter Miller, Jr.	No
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	Yes
Brian Sullivan	No

The President declared the motion PASSED.

Councilor Tracy abstained due to a personal conflict.

Prior to the vote, discussion was held involving Councilors Brown, Flaherty, Onofrey, Miller, Beltrandi and Keefe.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was
VOTED: That the sum of \$10,000.00 be CUT from the Water Department, Full Time Salary account #28004500-511000.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	Abstained
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Patti Andras	No
Brent Bean II	No
John Beltrandi III	No
James Brown, Jr.	No
Christopher Crean	No
David Flaherty	Yes
Christopher Keefe	No
Peter Miller, Jr.	No
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	No
Mary O'Connell	No
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	No
Brian Sullivan	No

The President declared the motion LOST.

Councilor Tracy abstained due to a personal conflict.

Prior to the vote, discussion was held involving Councilors Brown, Flaherty, Onofrey, Miller, Beltrandi and Keefe.

Weights & Measures – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Youth Community Services – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Zoning Board of Appeals – no cuts recommended by the Finance Committee

Upon motion of Councilor Onofrey, it was

VOTED: That the Rules of the City Council be SUSPENDED in order to DEPART from the regular order of business to take Item 2A at this time.

Upon motion of Councilor Keefe, it was

VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$426,000.00) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ATHLETIC FIELDS ON THE BOARDMAN PARCEL" (appropriated from CPA Undesignated 2410-340000 to CPA Recreation Projects 2410-1770-580400-5301) be given second reading by title.

The Order was given second reading by title only and upon motion of Councilor Keefe, it was

VOTED: That the Order be PASSED TO BE ORDAINED.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	Yes
Patti Andras	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
James Brown, Jr.	Yes
Christopher Crean	Yes
David Flaherty	Yes
Christopher Keefe	Yes
Peter Miller, Jr.	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Yes
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	Yes
Brian Sullivan	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Keefe, it was

VOTED: That the rules of the Council be SUSPENDED in order that he may offer a motion not appearing on tonight's Agenda.

Upon motion of Councilor Keefe, it was

VOTED: That an Order entitled "AN ORDER APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE WESTFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY" be given first reading by title.

The Order was given first reading by title only and upon motion of Councilor Keefe, it was

VOTED: That the Order be PASSED TO SECOND READING.

Upon motion of Councilor O'Connell, it was

VOTED: That the meeting return to its regular order.

At 9:00 PM a recess was declared.

At 9:10 PM the meeting was again called to order.

Upon motion of Councilor Keefe, it was
VOTED: That the Council resolve itself again into a Committee of the whole to review FY 2011 Budget.

Councilors Bean, Crean, Miller, O'Connell and Sullivan recused themselves due to personal conflicts relative to the School Department.

Councilor Onofrey assumed the Chair vacated by President Sullivan.

Discussion began on the School Department budget involving Councilors Onofrey and Keefe.

Councilor Keefe offered a motion, which was duly seconded, to cut \$864,345.00 from the School Department budget.

A lengthy discussion was held involving Councilors Keefe, Andras, Onofrey, Flaherty, Keefe and Brown.

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was
VOTED: That the sum of \$52,031,646.00 be CUT from the School Department budget.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	No
Patti Andras	No
John Beltrandi III	No
James Brown, Jr.	No
David Flaherty	Yes
Christopher Keefe	No
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	No
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	No

The President Pro-Tempore declared the motion LOST.

Discussion continued involving Councilors Flaherty, Morganelli, Brown, Onofrey and Keefe, Beltrandi and Tracy.

Upon motion of Councilor Onofrey, it was
VOTED: That the sum of \$864,345.00 be CUT from the School Department budget.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	Yes
Patti Andras	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
James Brown, Jr.	Yes
David Flaherty	No
Christopher Keefe	Yes
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	Yes

The President Pro-Tempore declared the motion PASSED.

At this time Councilors Bean, Crean, and Sullivan returned to the meeting and Councilor Sullivan resumed the Chair. Councilors Miller and O'Connell did not return to the meeting.

Upon motion of Councilor Keefe, it was
VOTED: To reduce the appropriation under OTHER AVAILABLE SOURCES in the Budget Revenue and Expenditure Summary Fiscal year 2011 by striking the appropriation line "Free Cash \$1,560,000" and inserting "Stabilization \$660,000".

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	Yes
Patti Andras	Yes
Brent Bean II	Yes
John Beltrandi III	Yes
James Brown, Jr.	Yes
Christopher Crean	Yes
David Flaherty	Yes
Christopher Keefe	Yes
Peter Miller, Jr.	Absent
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Absent
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	Yes
Brian Sullivan	Yes

Upon motion of Councilor Flaherty, it was
VOTED: To cut \$1,000,000.00 from Reserve for Debt Decline.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Gerald Tracy	No
Patti Andras	No
Brent Bean II	No
John Beltrandi III	Yes
James Brown, Jr.	No
Christopher Crean	No
David Flaherty	Yes
Christopher Keefe	No
Peter Miller, Jr.	Absent
Nicholas Morganelli, Jr.	Yes
Mary O'Connell	Absent
Richard Onofrey, Jr.	No
Brian Sullivan	No

The President declared the motion LOST.

Upon motion of Councilor Onofrey, it was
VOTED: That the City Clerk be directed to have the Orders of Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011 prepared with the cooperation of the Auditing Department in preparation for the Special Meeting of June 28th, 2010 at 6:30 PM.

At 10:15 PM and upon motion of Councilor Brown, it was
VOTED: To ADJOURN.

A true record, Attest:
Karen M. Fanion
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

Presented to the Mayor
For approval June 20, 2010
Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor
June 30, 2010
Daniel M. Knapik, Mayor