

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2020

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7:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Stempel.

**CHAIRS STATEMENT:** This meeting is being recorded and videotaped by the City Council and GCTV-15. If any other persons present are doing the same you must notify the chairperson at this time.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Roll Call was taken. Councilor Guin was absent.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Roxann Wedegartner; City Clerk Kathryn J. Scott; Finance Director/City Auditor/City Accountant Elizabeth Gilman; Mayor's Chief of Staff Danielle Letourneau; Greenfield School Superintendent Jordana Harper; School Committee Chairperson Amy Proietti; DPW Director Marlo Warner; Parliamentarian Will Roberts; Charter Review Committee Chairperson David Singer; GCTV-15 staff; Anita Fritz, *the Recorder*; and members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Councilor Elmer, second by Councilor Gilmour, it was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO ACCEPT THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 13 & MAY 20, 2020.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Proietti and Superintendent Harper reported the following:

- The School Committee had not received further information from the State in regards to Chapter 70 funding.
- No guidelines on re-opening schools in September had been provided by the State.
- Difficult decisions would need to be made during this pandemic in regards to the School Budget.
- Criticism towards the school system for not voicing their support on anti-racism and opposition to police brutality.
- Next week the High School would hold a second restorative justice circle to discuss racial equality.
- The 2020 school year had concluded.
- Finalized a survey that would be sent to parents in regards to the remote learning program.
- The school staff was asked for their input on pros and cons of the remote learning program.
- Concerns were raised from the public in regards to the Sheriff's training at the High School.
- Most districts were expecting 1 to 2 million dollars of costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Expressed hope the staff let go due to the reduction in force would be recalled once schools are allowed to reopen.
- School Committee would discuss two resolutions to address no unfunded mandates for COVID related costs received from local communities and a social justice statement that would confirm the commitment to social justice.

The following questions were asked:

- How would the reduction in staff affect the schools once they reopen in the fall.
- What could the City Council do to support the school system to ensure that students could return to school efficiently and safely.

MAYOR, CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES: Mayor Wedegartner reported the following:

- No information had been received in regards to the final budget from the Governor.
- The City had been working on a plan to begin reopening businesses in Greenfield.
- A plan was made on outdoor dining for restaurants.
- The City had filed for reimbursement of funds from FEMA that had been used towards the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Reimbursement of eligible funds used in March, April and May had been received from the Federal Government through the CARES act.
- Acknowledged the efforts of the organizers who orchestrated the success of the Black Lives Matter march.

The following questions were asked:

- Were efforts made to re-allocate funds to the schools from projects that could be temporarily suspended.
- Was there a specific date when the City would be notified of Chapter 70 funding.
- Were there photographs or visual aids for Councilors to review in regards to a design plan for outdoor dining.

OTHER CITY EMPLOYEES AS NEEDED, BY INVITATION: Charter Review Committee

Chairperson David Singer reported the following:

- Recommended that Councilors read through the Charter and submit input to the Charter Review Committee on beneficial amendments.
- Councilor's suggestions would need to be submitted to the Committee by September.
- Recommended that Councilors read Massachusetts General Law Chapter 43B Section 10, which would explain how the Charter would be amended under the law.
- Next meeting for the Charter Review Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

The following questions were asked:

- How would the Councilors get in contact with the Committee.
- What would the process be if proposed Charter changes required ballot questions for the public to consider.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The following members of the public spoke:

- Emily Bourque, Franklin St., spoke in support to defund the Greenfield police department and zero tolerance for racism in Greenfield.
- Sarah Lanzillotta, Fiske Ave., spoke in support to defund the Greenfield police department. She recalled her experience with an inebriated and violent off duty officer.
- Catherine "Cat" Wagner, Bernardston Rd., spoke in support to defund the Greenfield police department and end the School Resource Officer program. She suggested a Citizen Review Board be put into place for complaints of use of force by police officers.
- Ella Condon, Wells St., spoke to the racist behavior of a Greenfield Police Officer. She supports re-allocating funds to schools and other service programs.
- Marianne Bullock, Hope St., spoke in support to defund the Greenfield police department and re-allocate the funds to other community resource programs. She requested Councilors eliminate the School Resource Officer.
- Rebecca Mokey, Gunn Rd., Montague, spoke in support to defund the police and eliminate the School Resource officer.
- Rebecca Seifried, Maple St., spoke in support to defund the Greenfield police department and re-allocate the funds to other community services.

- Terran Rainer, Highland Ave., spoke in support to defund the Greenfield police department and re-allocate the funds to other community services.
- Benjamin Delozier, Federal St., spoke in support to defund the Greenfield police department and re-allocate the funds to other community services.
- Marianna Ritchey, Beech St., spoke in support to defund the Greenfield police department and re-allocate the funds to other community services.
- Emily Miller, Russell St., spoke in support to defund the Greenfield police department and re-allocate the funds to other community services.
- Andrew Ritchey, Beech St., spoke in support to defund the Greenfield police department. He pointed to an ACLU study that found Franklin County on the top of the list of racial bias.
- Brianna Arsenault, Briar Way, spoke to eliminating School Resource Officers, end money bail, defund the Greenfield police department and re-allocate the funds to other service programs. She spoke of a related incident between a student and a Greenfield police officer.
- Greta Svalberg Lee, Crescent St., spoke in support to eliminate the School Resource officer and defund the Greenfield police department and to end cash bail in Greenfield.
- Teodoro Drake, Country Club Rd., spoke in support to defund the Greenfield police department and re-allocate the funds to other community services.
- Ursa Scherer, Madison Cir., spoke in support to end cash bail in Greenfield, the removal of the School Resource Officer, defund the Greenfield police department and re-allocating the funds to community services.
- Sophia Pastore, Walnut St., spoke in support to defund the Greenfield police department and eliminate the School Resource Officer.
- Erica Wolenccheck, Prospect Ave., spoke to her support of all the organizers who have worked tirelessly to create action in the community.
- Emma Sadowski, Deerfield St., spoke to the importance of listening to people and inspire action for a better community.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** President Stempel opened the public hearing at 9:07pm.

Vice President Wheeler read the public hearing and second reading:

#### PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Home Rule Charter, the Greenfield City Council will hold a public hearing on Wed., June 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at John Zon Community Center, 35 Pleasant St., or via Webex, if required, <https://greenfieldma.my.webex.com/greenfieldma.my/j.php?MTID=m47c1da25d4eee0996cbeaa0c3ccf72c0> to receive public input on the following:

- Appropriate \$95,000 from 911 Contributory Retirement to offset deficit in 151 Legal in FY20 Operating Budget.
- Appropriate \$76,000 from 911 Contributory Retirement to offset deficit in 914 Health Insurance in FY20 Operating Budget.
- Appropriate \$12,000 from 1627 Bond Premium to offset deficit in Bonded Debt Pay Downs in FY20 Operating Budget.
- Appropriate \$82,086 from 1627 Bond Premium for GCET to run Fiber.
- Appropriate \$60,000 from DPW Accounts to 01004700 Trash Disposal Account for Shortfall.

The City Council may consider the same on Wed., June 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at John Zon Community Center, 35 Pleasant St., or via Webex, if required, <https://greenfieldma.my.webex.com/greenfieldma.my/j.php?MTID=m47c1da25d4eee0996cbeaa0c3ccf72c0>.

Materials can be obtained from the City Clerk’s Office, 14 Court Sq. from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri. or phone 413-772-1555, x. 6163.

Ashley Stempel, Greenfield City Council President

## **City Council –Second Reading- June 17, 2020**

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At this time no one had signed up to speak. President Stempel stated she would leave the public hearing open until the time the Councilors begin their deliberations on these issues.

### **MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Order no. FY 20-173**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Forgey, second by Councilor Wheeler, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD AS WRITTEN IN THE STRIKETHROUGH ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A:

CHAPTER 385: STREET, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES; ARTICLE XIV, SIDEWALK OUTDOOR SEATING;

§385-37, LICENSE REQUIRED: TERM.

§385-38, SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS.

§385-39, USE RESTRICTIONS.

§385-40, LIABILITY: INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

AND FURTHER AMENDS THE INDEX OF THE CODE; AND FURTHER THAT NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE NUMBERING OF THE ORDINANCE BE PERMITTED IN ORDER THAT IT BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NUMBERING FORMAT OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD.

Exhibit A

**Chapter 385. Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places**

**Article XIV. Sidewalk Outdoor Seating**

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**§ 385-37. License required; term.**

Any eating establishment that would like to provide outdoor seating on the public sidewalks in downtown Greenfield shall obtain a sidewalk outdoor seating license from the Licensing Authority. The license for sidewalk outdoor seating shall be good only for a time period beginning April 1 until ~~October 31~~ **December 1** or with the first significant snow fall of the year of issue. License is ~~is~~ and is nontransferable. Each year, renewal ~~add~~ may be approved with updated form and certificate of insurance. Site Plan will not be required unless a lapse occurs or a change in seating plan is expected. ~~automatic renewal option, with fee and new COI.~~

**§ 385-38. Submittal requirements.**

A.

Completed and signed application.

~~B. f~~

~~Application fee:~~

~~B. C.~~

A site plan drawn to scale providing the following information:

(1)

Location of all proposed outdoor seating areas and the relationship of the seating to the business, the building entrance, and adjacent businesses.

(2)

Location of all trees, tree grates, planters, public benches, trash receptacles, fire hydrants, utility and/or light poles, parking meters, bicycle racks, basement entrances, handicap ramps, driveways, mailboxes, and newspaper boxes.

(3)

Details on sidewalks and indicating any bricked sidewalk sections and bump outs where applicable.

C. ~~D.~~

Details indicating day and evening hours the street furniture will be available shall be posted in a location clearly visible to patrons in the outdoor seating. ~~located on the sidewalk.~~

D. ~~E.~~

Specifications on the design of all proposed outdoor furniture, including size, color, number, style or type. Color photos and/or manufacturer spec sheets are recommended.

§ 385-39. Use restrictions.

~~A.~~

~~No alcoholic beverages shall be served or consumed on sidewalk outdoor seating.~~

A. ~~B.~~

Outdoor seating must be located on a sidewalk that maintains a continuous and clear ~~five~~-foot-wide pedestrian travel area of the sidewalk at all times.

B. ~~C.~~

Outdoor seating must be located directly in front of a main egress to the permit holder's business space, or in an area designated by the City as an outdoor dining zone. ~~unless insert language about prior approval blah blah or restaurant zone etc.~~

C. ~~D.~~

Seating must not obstruct visibility of the public way to pedestrians or to motor vehicles.

D.E.

No seating shall be placed within the area of any handicap ramps, driveways or doorways.

E. F.

Umbrellas associated with outdoor tables must provide a minimum vertical clearance of seven feet above the sidewalk and must maintain a continuous and clear six-foot-wide pedestrian travel area of the sidewalk at all times.

F.G.

Outdoor seating must be ~~attractive and~~ made of safe, sturdy and durable materials that will handle outdoor conditions. ~~Umbrellas and upholstery must be free of rips and tears.~~

G.H.

Outdoor seating must be secured so as not to be moved by the wind. However, tables, seats shall not be bolted into the ground or secured to the streetlights, trees or other street furniture.

I.

~~No advertising shall be displayed or printed on any outdoor furniture or umbrellas.~~

H.J.

Outdoor seating must be removed from the sidewalk and put away after business hours, ~~or locked and secured to the building's and confined to a space of no more than 36"xxx from the exterior wall, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Licensing Authority.~~

I.K.

The permit holder is responsible for picking up all litter associated with the outdoor seating and shall maintain the area in a clean condition at all times.

~~J.L.~~

Applicants requiring a vendor cart license must receive that license from the Licensing Authority prior to receiving a sidewalk outdoor seating license.

K.

Applicants must provide:

1) evidence of liability insurance to the Licensing ~~City~~-Clerk with minimum coverage in the amount of one million dollars, naming the City of Greenfield as co-insured~~coinsured~~. This insurance coverage must be in force for the duration of the approved period.

2) 8 ½ x 11 sketch of outdoor seating detailing:

- a) measurements of tables and chairs;
- b) total width of sidewalk; and
- c) distance between proposed seating and sidewalk
- d)Obstacles such as streetlights, signs, trees, benches, and garbage barrels.
- e) Description of after-hours storage of outdoor seating, if it is not stored indoors. ¶

**§ 385-40. Liability; insurance requirements.**

The permit holder shall indemnify, defend and hold the ~~Town~~ City of Greenfield, its agents, officers, attorneys, employees and officials harmless from any and all claims, causes of action, injuries or damages arising out of any negligent acts on the part of the permit holder, its agents, officers, employees or anyone rendering



services on their behalf. This indemnity shall include all reasonable costs and attorney's fees incurred in defending any action covered by this provision.

A.

The permit holder, during the continuance of this permit and at no cost to the ~~Town~~ City, shall maintain a comprehensive liability policy in the amount of \$1,000,000 and, if applicable, a workers' compensation policy each with a minimum coverage of \$100,000.

B.

Said policy shall include the ~~Town~~ City of Greenfield as additional insured and shall apply as primary insurance and shall stipulate that no other insurance effected by the ~~Town~~ City of Greenfield will be called on to contribute to a loss.

C.

Prior to issuance of a permit, the permit holder shall furnish to the ~~Town~~ City a certificate of insurance, duly authenticated, evidencing maintenance of the insurance required under this permit.

D.

If the insurance policy is canceled, terminated, suspended or materially changed, the outdoor seating license shall be suspended until such time as compliance with the requirements of this section has been fully satisfied.<sup>21</sup>

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Forgey reported the Appointment & Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation with 3 amendments.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Forgey, second by Councilor Wheeler, it was,

**MOVED:** TO STRIKE "TO SCALE" FROM §385-38C; TO STRIKE "TO THE BUILDING'S EXTERIOR WALL" FROM §385-39J; TO STRIKE THE WORD "AND" AND ADD "FIRE HYDRANTS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL STRUCTURES." AFTER "GARBAGE BARRELS", TO §385-39K (ADD ON).

**DISCUSSION:** Rationale was presented for the amendments that were proposed by the Appointment and Ordinance Committee. Concern was raised in regards to ADA compliance with outdoor dining and sidewalks.

It was by roll call, 12 yes, 0 no,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS.

Order no. FY20-173 with approved amendments was on the floor.

It was by roll call, 12 yes, 0 no,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY20-173 AS AMENDED:

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e) Description of after-hours storage of outdoor seating, if it is not stored indoors.

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behalf. This indemnity shall include all reasonable costs and attorney's fees incurred in defending any action covered by this provision.

A.

The permit holder, during the continuance of this permit and at no cost to the ~~Town~~ **City**, shall maintain a comprehensive liability policy in the amount of \$1,000,000 and, if applicable, a workers' compensation policy each with a minimum coverage of \$100,000.

B.

Said policy shall include the ~~Town~~ **City** of Greenfield as additional insured and shall apply as primary insurance and shall stipulate that no other insurance effected by the ~~Town~~ **City** of Greenfield will be called on to contribute to a loss.

C.

Prior to issuance of a permit, the permit holder shall furnish to the ~~Town~~ **City** a certificate of insurance, duly authenticated, evidencing maintenance of the insurance required under this permit.

D.

If the insurance policy is canceled, terminated, suspended or materially changed, the outdoor seating license shall be suspended until such time as compliance with the requirements of this section has been fully satisfied.<sup>u</sup>

**Order no. FY 20-174**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Forgey, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD AS WRITTEN IN THE STRIKETHROUGH ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A: CHAPTER 209, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE I, PUBLIC CONSUMPTION, SECTION 1, TOWN CONTROLLED PROPERTY; AND FURTHER AMENDS THE INDEX OF THE CODE; AND FURTHER THAT NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE NUMBERING OF THE ORDINANCE BE PERMITTED IN ORDER THAT IT BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NUMBERING FORMAT OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD.

**Exhibit A**

**CHPT 209 Alcoholic Beverages**

**§ 209-1 ~~Town~~ **City** -controlled property. [1]**

In order to preserve peace and good order, no person will publicly consume alcoholic beverages or possess an opened or unsealed container full or partially full of any alcoholic beverages as defined by MGL c. 138, § 1, in or on any property owned or controlled by the ~~Town~~ **City**, including parks, public schools or property under the jurisdiction of the Greenfield School Committee, cemeteries, commons or any public ways, including but not limited to sidewalks or tree belts in the ~~Town~~ **City** of Greenfield, unless a license for such an activity is issued by the Board of License Commissioners.

The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to preclude a patron of a duly licensed restaurant or hotel to retain and take off the premises only so much as may remain of a bottled wine purchased by the patron in conjunction with a meal and not totally consumed by the patron during such meal; provided, further, that the bottle shall be resealed in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission in 204 CMR 2.18 and transported in a manner authorized in MGL c. 90, § 24I when carried in a motor vehicle, as defined in MGL c. 90, § 1.

**Add: Exceptions: If a business is a duly licensed restaurant or hotel, and said business has received a License under Greenfield Chapter 385, Article XIV “Sidewalk Outdoor Seating”, alcohol may be served in the outdoor seating, in accordance with Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 204 CMR 2.00.**

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Forgey reported the Appointment & Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. Questions were raised as to whether this amendment would be a temporary change until the COVID-19 restrictions were lifted or was the intention for this change to be permanent.

It was by roll call, 12 yes, 0 no,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 20-174

President Stempel closed the public hearing at 9:33am.

**Order no. FY 20-167**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Wheeler, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, ORDERED THAT THE SUM OF \$95,000 BE TRANSFERRED FROM 911 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT TO OFFSET A DEFICIT IN 151 LEGAL IN THE FY20 OPERATING BUDGET.

Councilors Forgey and Jarvis announced that they would recuse themselves from voting on the issues regarding the 911 Contributory Retirement due to the fact that they benefit from that fund. Councilors Forgey and Jarvis left the rail.

**DISCUSSION:** Chairperson Wheeler reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation after Councilor Forgey’s recusal.

It was by roll call, 8 yes, 1 no,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY20-167.

**Order no. FY20-168**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Wheeler, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, ORDERED THAT THE SUM OF \$76,000 BE TRANSFERRED FROM 911 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT TO OFFSET A DEFICIT IN 914 HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE FY20 OPERATING BUDGET.

**DISCUSSION:** Chairperson Wheeler reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation after Councilor Forgey’s recusal. Questions were raised in regards as to whether these overages would balance out in the future or were overages expected every year.

It was by roll call, 9 yes, 1 no,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY20-168.

Councilors Forgey and Jarvis returned to the rail.

**Order no. FY20-169**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Wheeler, second by Councilor Desorgher, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, ORDERED THAT THE SUM OF \$12,000 BE TRANSFERRED FROM 1627 BOND PREMIUM TO OFFSET A DEFICIT IN BONDED DEBT PAY DOWNS IN THE FY20 OPERATING BUDGET.

**DISCUSSION:** Chairperson Wheeler reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was by roll call, 12 yes, 0 no,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY20-169.

**Order no. FY20-170**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Wheeler, second by Councilor Desorgher, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, ORDERED THAT THE SUM OF \$82,086 BE TRANSFERRED FROM 1627 BOND PREMIUM FOR GCET TO RUN FIBER.

**DISCUSSION:** Chairperson Wheeler reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. It was noted that GCET General Manager John Lunt was invited to speak at the March City Council meeting before the meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. He would be invited to provide updates at the City Council meeting in July.

It was by roll call, 12 yes, 0 no,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY20-170.

**Order no. FY20-171**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Wheeler, second by Councilor Desorgher, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, ORDERED THAT THE SUM OF \$60,000 BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS LISTED BELOW TO 01004700 TRASH DISPOSAL ACCOUNT TO FUND A SHORTFALL.

DPW ADMIN	01004110.5111	\$40,000
DPW HWY	01004220.5111	\$10,000
DPW PARKS	01004380.5111	\$10,000

**DISCUSSION:** Chairperson Wheeler reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was by roll call, 12 yes, 0 no,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY20-171.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS** - None.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES** – None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Vice President Wheeler acknowledged and thanked the public who spoke at tonight’s meeting. He announced his intentions on the following:

- Speak to District Attorney David Sullivan to receive his thoughts and opinions on ending cash bail and/or attempts to mitigate the effects of the cash bail system.
- Begin discussion with the Charter Review Committee for a Citizen’s Review Board for the Police Department in the form of a strengthened Public Safety Commission to increase their representation.
- Continue conversation on ways to increase affordable housing in Greenfield.
- Speak to the schools in reference to their School Resource Officers policy of Child Requiring Assistance for truancy.

President Stempel noted that the School Resource Officer position for FY21 was not funded by the Police and School on their individual budgets as voted by the School Committee on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Ricketts thanked the public who spoke at the Council meeting and intends to bring their concerns to the Public Safety Commission and research different practices that could work in the City of Greenfield.

Councilor Gilmour echoed the sentiments of Councilors Wheeler and Ricketts in regards to a Citizen’s Review Board and having practices in place. She believed that officers should not be social workers and therapists.

Councilor Jarvis noted that police could receive funding for training in the handling of situations more productively.

**MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION:** None.

President Stempel asked for a moment of silence to honor the individuals who have been victims of police brutality.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Councilor Elmer, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously **VOTED:** TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:06 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathryn J. Scott, City Clerk



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 Regular Meeting  
 June 17, 2020

	Attendance	FY20-173 Amendments	173 as Amended	FY20-174	FY20-167	FY20-168	FY20-169	FY20-170	FY20-171
1. Jarvis, Edward	Y	Y	Y	Y	Rec	Rec	Y	Y	Y
2. Guin, Daniel	N	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
3. Desorgher, Virginia	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4. Bottomley, John	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5. Dolan, Timothy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6. Gilmour, Sheila	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7. Wheeler, Otis	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
8. Mayo, Douglas	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
9. Hirschfeld, Norman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10. Elmer, Philip	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
11. Forgey, Christine	Y	Y	Y	Y	Rec	Rec	Y	Y	Y
12. Ricketts, Penny	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
13. Stempel, Ashley	Y	Y	Y	Y	----	Y	Y	Y	Y
		12 y 0 no	12 y 0 no	12 y 0 no	8 yes 1 no	9 yes 1 no	12 y 0 no	12 y 0 no	12 y 0 no