

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL
Emergency Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2021

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5:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Ricketts.

CHAIRS STATEMENT: This meeting is being audio recorded and video recorded 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. Councilors Jarvis and Wheeler were absent.

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Kathryn J. Scott; Board of Health Chairperson Nancee Bershof; Health Department Director Jennifer Hoffman; GCTV-15 staff and members of the public.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 21-094

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, THE GREENFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CH.252, SECTION 2A(B)(2), OPTS THE CITY OF GREENFIELD OUT OF THE STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD (SRMCB)

DISCUSSION: Chairperson Bershoff presented rationale on this issue. She explained that Greenfield was a member of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District; therefore, the City would not be required to be included in the Mosquito Control Reform bill which was newly enacted by the State. In order for Greenfield to opt out of this bill the Council would need to vote to do so before the deadline of May 15, 2021. Other comments included:

- Was this request to opt out to avoid any redundancy and would there be an opportunity to bring back this option if aerial spraying was a requirement in the case of an outbreak where spraying would be the better course of action.
- Was one practice of mosquito control distribution better than another.
- What method, other than aerial spraying, could be used in the event of an EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis) outbreak in Greenfield.
- Would Greenfield be placed in an endeavor by taking the awareness and education route as opposed to the State handling this issue.

It was by roll call, 11 yes, 0 no,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 21-094.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Stempel, it was unanimously

VOTED: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:55 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: _____
Kathryn J. Scott, City Clerk

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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	Attendance	FY21-094				
1. Jarvis, Edward	N	----				
2. Guin, Daniel	Y	Y				
3. DeSorgher, Virginia	Y	Y				
4. Bottomley, John	Y	Y				
5. Dolan, Timothy	Y	Y				
6. Gilmour, Sheila	Y	Y				
7. Wheeler, Otis	N	----				
8. Mayo, Douglas	Y	Y				
9. Hirschfeld, Norman	Y	Y				
10. Elmer, Philip	Y	Y				
11. Forgey, Christine	Y	Y				
12. Ricketts, Penny	Y	Y				
13. Stempel - Rae, Ashley	Y	Y				

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