

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2019

John Zon Community Center, 35 Pleasant Street

7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Renaud.

President Renaud stated this meeting is being recorded, videotaped and broadcast. If any other person present was doing the same, they must notify the chairperson at this time. It was noted the City Council was audio recording and GCTV-15 was video recording the meeting for future broadcast.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll Call was taken. Councilors Leonovich, Mass and Ricketts were absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William Martin; City Clerk Kathryn J. Scott; Administrative Assistant to the City Council Tammy L. Marciel; Finance Director/City Auditor/City Accountant Elizabeth Gilman; Administrative Assistant Lindsay Rowe; Greenfield School Superintendent Jordana Harper; School Committee Chairperson Adrienne Nunez; GCET General Manager John Lunt; DPW Director Marlo Warner; GCTV-15 staff; and members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 20 AND APRIL 2, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following members of the public spoke:

- Sarah Ahern, 85 Crescent St., spoke in support of the Resolution to change the State's Flag and Seal.
- Pam Kelly, 32 Spruce St., spoke in support of the Resolution to change the State's Flag and Seal. She submitted a handout to the Council on the history of the Flag.
- State Senator Jo Comerford spoke in support of the City's Resolution to change the State's Flag and Seal.
- John Griffin, 89 West St., spoke in support of the Resolution to adopt MGL 90 §17C & 18B.
- Dorothy McIver, 88 Columbus Ave., spoke in support of the Resolution to change the State's Flag and Seal.
- George Touloumtzis, 27 Abbott St., spoke to the votes made by the Councilors on the new Library and zoning amendments of March 20, 2019.
- Crystal Zimmer, 10 ½ Stanley St., spoke to the Mayor's proposed cuts to the School FY20 budget.
- Annie Hassett, 21 Leonard St., spoke in support of the Resolution to change the State's Flag and Seal.
- Wesley Blix, 39 Orchard St., spoke in support of the Resolution to change the State's Flag and Seal.
- Nancy Stark, Shelburne MA, spoke in support of the Resolution to change the State's Flag and Seal.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR: Mayor Martin and Finance Director Gilman reported the following:

- He signed the Grant for the new Library; the Grant was sent to the State and an acknowledged receipt was received
- Received a request for information from Councilor Allis that had voluminous documents. The information requested would be put into a Google Drive for access by all Councilors.

- Chapter 70 House Budget produced a 250 million dollar increase. The share of that for the City of Greenfield would be \$59,000.
- No promise of money collected from the 2 resort casinos had yet to be received for education and other revenue accounts.
- Chapter 76 Section 20 State funds that had been promised by law had not been funded in years for Special Education, foster children and children supported by the Department of Children & Families.
- Payroll conversion had been finalized on April 1 to the MUNIS system. Thanks were extended to Quinn Jaquins & Angelica Desroches from the City of Greenfield Payroll Department as well as Loretta Doolittle of the Greenfield School Payroll Department for their combined efforts to put the system in place.

Mayor Martin answered questions from Councilors:

- The Councilors thanked the Mayor for setting up the G-Drive for requested documentation.
- Was the current fire building provided with decontamination area for the firefighters.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM GCET BOARD OF COMMISSIONER AND/OR GCET DIRECTOR:

General Manager John Lunt reported the following:

- GCET had continued their revenue growth.
- Recently launched their TV package.
- The core build would be completed within the next month and would soon begin working outside the core to build both North and South.
- Would begin a large technical upgrade to the control systems and eternal systems.

GM Lunt answered questions from Councilors:

- What would be the average incremental revenue from the TV package.
- When would GCET provide commercial access.
- Update on the Power Square and Power Court and the Solar Village obtaining access.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE: School Superintendent Jordana Harper and School Committee Chairperson Adrienne Nunez reported the following:

- Subcommittee was working with MASE in regards to the School's policy review.
- Health & Safety & Facilities Subcommittee would review act to ensure safe drinking water in Schools.
- Ongoing negotiations with Unit A & Unit C.
- Budget and Finance Subcommittee would meet next week to review a transportation proposal for out of District Special Education in District.
- Full Committee attempted to elect a new member for fill a vacant seat. Issue had to be tabled due to a tie vote.
- Greenfield High School would begin a Civics curriculum next year.
- Next meeting would include a report from the Greenfield Middle School and first reading of Policy Section D.
- Greenfield School received a \$105,000 grant from the Governor's office for the improvement of student access to behavioral and mental health services.
- Superintendent's Health Education Task Force would begin.
- Installing snow guards and other safety measures during the School vacation this week.
- Federal Street Tree Planting will be April 26th.
- Greenfield Book to Movie Club was hosting a free showing on April 26th, at the Greenfield High School Auditorium.
- The Greenfield Schools would be recognized for 2 State Awards at the State House on May 9th.

- Annual Film Fest would be on May 10th at the High School.

Superintendent Harper and Chairperson Nunez answered questions from Councilors:

- Issue with the roof at the Middle School that required repairs and was there a warranty on the roof.
- How did the School Committee plan to break the tie on the selection of a new Committee member.

CITY OFFICERS: None.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 19-082

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTS MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 90 SECTION 18B AS DESCRIBED IN ATTACHED (EXHIBIT A).

EXHIBIT A

Chapter 90: MOTOR VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT

Section 18B: Establishment of designated safety zones for ways in city or town; violation

Section 18B. (a) Notwithstanding section 18 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the city council, the transportation commissioner of the city of Boston, the board of selectmen, park commissioners, a traffic commission or traffic director of a city or town that accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4 may, in the interests of public safety and without further authority, establish designated safety zones on, at or near any way in the city or town which is not a state highway, and with the approval of the department if the same is a state highway. Such safety zones shall be posted as having a speed limit of 20 miles per hour.

(b) The operation of a motor vehicle in such zone at a speed exceeding the speed limit established under this section shall be a violation of section 17.

DISCUSSION: Chairperson Gilmour reported the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forward a unanimous positive recommendation with an amendment to remove the proposed resolution in its entirety. Other discussion included:

- The related motion for MGL 90 Section 17C was moved to the City Council’s May agenda. Both motion should be heard at the same time in May.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wheeler, second by Councilor Dolan, it was, unanimously,

TABLED: ORDER NO. FY19-082.

Order no. FY 19-088

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Berson, it was,

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION TITLED “RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHANGING THE STATE FLAG AND SEAL OF MASSACHUSETTS” AS EXHIBIT A.

EXHIBIT A

Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag and Seal of Massachusetts

Whereas the history of the State of Massachusetts is replete with instances of conflict between the European colonists and the Native American nations of the region, who first extended the hand of friendship to the colonists on their shores in 1620, and helped them to survive starvation during the settlers' first winters on their land;

Whereas members of the Native nation for whom the State of Massachusetts is named were ambushed and killed by Myles Standish, first commander of the Plymouth Colony, in April of 1623, barely two years after the Pilgrims arrived on their shores;

Whereas the naked colonial broadsword above the head of the Native man on the Massachusetts state flag and seal is copied from Myles Standish's own broadsword, borrowed from the Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth by the illustrator Edmund Garrett in 1884;

Whereas the belt binding the Native man's cloak on the flag and seal is modeled after a belt worn by Metacomet, known to the English as King Philip, who was among the Wampanoag leaders who resorted to a mutually destructive war in 1675-76 in defense of Native lands against colonial encroachment;

Whereas the proportions of the body of the Native man in the flag and seal were taken from a Native skeleton kept in Winthrop, the bow modeled after a bow taken from a Native man shot and killed by a colonist in Sudbury in 1665, and his features taken from a photograph of an Ojibwe chief from Great Falls, Montana, considered by the illustrator to be a "fine specimen of an Indian," though not from Massachusetts;

Whereas Native nations within the boundaries of Massachusetts were kept in a state of serfdom, and their members legally considered incompetent wards of the state until the nonviolent action of the so-called Mashpee Rebellion of 1833 led to the granting of Native self rule by the Massachusetts legislature in 1834, as if the sovereign right of Native self-government was the Massachusetts legislature's to confer;

Whereas Native Americans were legally prohibited from even setting foot in Boston from 1675 until 2004, when that law was finally repealed;

Whereas the 400th anniversary of the landing of the colonists at Plymouth Plantation, which gave rise to the long chain of genocidal wars and deliberate policies of cultural destruction against Native nations of this continent, is approaching in the year 2020, affording every citizen of the Commonwealth a chance to reflect upon this history and come to a new awareness of a better relationship between the descendants of the Euro-colonial immigrants and the Native nations of these shores;

Whereas Native Americans have long suffered the many abuses of racism, the appropriation of their symbols, the diminution and pollution of their ancestral lands and the encroachment of their cultural lifeways;

Whereas the Town of Greenfield, settled in 1753, shares a rich Native history, going back 12,000 years, and has put in place a Native American Burial Ground Ordinance;

And whereas the Town of Greenfield has within the township a protected 67-acre Native village and burial ground at Wissatinnewag;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of Greenfield, Massachusetts hereby adopt this resolution in support of HD.2968 and SD.1495, a "Resolve Providing for the creation of a Special Commission relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, and request that Representative Paul Mark and Senator Jo Comerford continue their strong advocacy and support for the aforementioned Resolve (HD.2968 and SD.1495) in the General Court. and that the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, after holding a public hearing on the Resolve report it out favorably, and if the legislation shall pass that the governor shall sign it and work with members of the General Court to ensure its enactment.

DISCUSSION: Chairperson Gilmour reported the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forwarded a majority vote, 4 yes, 1 no, positive recommendation with the following amendment:

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Councilor Gilmour stated A&O forwarded a recommendation as included in the packet with strikethrough language and requested Councilors to vote on the resolution as originally submitted.

Councilor Gilmour accepted friendly amendment from Councilor Dolan to replace HD 2968 with the new bill number H2776 and to replace SD 1495 with S1877.

Councilor Gilmour accepted friendly amendment from Councilor Dolan to replace “Town” with “City” of Greenfield in the resolution.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 19-088 AS AMENDED:

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Order no. FY 19-100

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Pyfrom, it was,

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE § 565-8, RULE 8, ORDER AND DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS. A. AGENDA. (1), AS FOLLOWS:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (VOLUNTARY)
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
5. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**
6. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**
7. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER CITY EMPLOYEES AS NEEDED, BY INVITATION**
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
10. MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS
11. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS OR SIMILAR PAPERS
12. REPORT OF COMMITTEES
13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
14. OLD BUSINESS
15. NEW BUSINESS
16. MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION
17. ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION: Chairperson Gilmour reported the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation and explained rationale for amended order of business.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 19-100.

Order no. FY 19-125

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Pyfrom, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD BY DELETING THE WORD “TOWN” AND INSERTING IN ITS PLACE THE WORD “CITY” THROUGHOUT THE DOCUMENT

DISCUSSION: Chairperson Gilmour reported the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation and explained this was a housekeeping issue.

It was unanimously,
VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 19-125.

Order no. FY 19-126

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Pyfrom, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE , CHAPTER 565, BY DELETING THE WORD “TOWN” AND INSERTING IN ITS PLACE THE WORD “CITY” THROUGHOUT THE DOCUMENT.

DISCUSSION: Chairperson Gilmour reported the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation and explained this was a housekeeping issue.

It was unanimously,
VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 19-126.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS None.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Chairperson Stempel reported on the joint Committee meeting with CRE on a discussion with GCC President Dr. Yves Salomon-Fernandez about Entrepreneurship. EDC should bring together other economic leaders in the Community to discuss more support for small businesses and people who would like to start a business in Greenfield. The TIF conversations had been tabled; there will be a TIF meeting on April 22nd with Administrator MJ Adams.

APPOINTMENTS AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE- Chairperson Gilmour reported that the two motions regarding the speed limit would be forwarded to the City Council meeting agenda in May.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Wheeler reported there had been two FY20 budget meetings so far and encouraged all Councilors and members of the public to attend the budget meetings. Discussion of the Schools’ Budgets will be the next budget meeting on April 25th, 2019.

TREASURER REPORT None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Renaud, second by Councilor Gilmour, it was,
MOVED: A RESOLUTION THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL ENCOURAGE STOP & SHOP TO SETTLE A FAIR AND EQUITTABLE CONTRACT WITH THEIR STRIKING UNION EMPLOYEES NOW.

DISCUSSION: President Renaud gave rationale for submitting her resolution. Other discussion included:

- Importance of all workers, union and non-union, to be paid minimum wage and cost of living wages.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Renaud, it was,

MOVED: THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL DEDICATE A PAGE IN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TO THE MEMORY OF RICHARD HENRY.

DISCUSSION: Richard Henry, a former member of the Board of Assessors, Poll Worker and member of the Democratic Town Committee, passed away recently.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE DEDICATION.

First Reading

Councilor Wheeler held the following first reading:

- The sum of \$9,965 be transferred from the Reserve Fund to the Audit Account 01001360 5301.
- The following sums be appropriated from the Contractual Stabilization Fund and/or Stabilization Fund to fund retroactive provisions of contract agreement:

United Public Service Employees Union (DPW and Central Maintenance)	\$99,386.75
Greenfield Police Union, Masscop Local 470 (Unit A)	\$31,760.72
- FY20 Capital Budget
 - The sum of \$ 90,000 be appropriated from the Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund for City Hall Brick & Chimney Repair.
 - The sum of \$65,000 be appropriated from the Capital Stabilization fund for the replacement of SCBA cylinders for the Firefighters.
 - The sum of \$550,000 be appropriated to hire the Architect and Engineering Firms to develop the plans for a new Fire Station.
 - The sum of \$25,000 be appropriated for roof leak repairs at the Greenfield Middle School and at the Four Corners School.
 - The sum of \$100,000 be appropriated for asbestos remediation at Four Corners - closets and cubbies and Federal Street School - tiles in accordance with the Ahera plan set forth by the District.
 - The sum of \$80,000 be appropriated for the replacement of stair treads in the Middle School.
 - The sum of \$125,000 be reassigned from the excess funds of the Hurricane Irene bond to the replace one elevator at Federal Street School.
 - The sum of \$ 30,000 be appropriated to replace guard rails.

- The sum of \$120,000 be appropriated for the repair design for the Wiley Russell Dam.
 - The sum of \$111,000 be appropriated for the design and engineering of Sanderson Street.
 - The sum of \$175,000 be appropriated to repair and repave Green River Road from Plain Road to Eunice Williams Drive.
 - The sum of \$30,000 be appropriated for the replacement of the Greenfield Middle School playground equipment.
 - The sum of \$550,000 be appropriated for the Sewer Enterprise Fund portion of the Water Meter Replacement Program.
 - The sum of \$100,000 be appropriated for Sewer Main replacement and repairs.
 - The sum of \$300,000 be appropriated for Sewer Inflow and Infiltration evaluation and repairs.
 - The sum of \$675,000 be appropriated for the replacement of the Leyden Woods Pumping Station.
 - The sum of \$4,100,000 be appropriated to build an Anaerobic Digester.
 - The sum of \$600,000 be appropriated for the Water Enterprise Fund portion of the Water Meter Replacement Program.
 - The sum of \$100,000 be appropriated for Water Main replacement and repair.
 - The Greenfield City Council appropriate the amount of \$ 150,000 to purchase installation related equipment for GCET expansion and customer installation.
- FY20 Operating Budget
 - Legislative \$72,112
 - Executive \$253,994
 - Financial Admin \$1,026,324
 - Operations Support \$821,297
 - Licensing & Registration \$241,537
 - Land Use & Development \$117,277
 - Other Gen'l Government \$1,679,345
 - Public Safety \$6,818,442
 - Education \$19,873,138
 - Public Works \$2,904,227
 - Human Services \$872,190
 - Culture & Recreation \$832,592
 - Debt Service \$2,304,336

- Miscellaneous \$13,465,359
- **Total Operating Budget \$51,282,170**

MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Pyfrom, it was unanimously **VOTED:** TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:38 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: _____
Kathryn J. Scott, City Clerk

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Zon Community Center
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Attendance

1. Sund, Verne	Y					
2. Berson, Mark	Y					
3. Allis, Brickett	Y					
4. Muzyka-Pyfrom, Wanda	Y					
5. Dolan, Timothy	Y					
6. Gilmour, Sheila	Y					
7. Wheeler, Otis	Y					
8. Mayo, Douglas	Y					
9. Leonovich, Daniel	N					
10. Mass, Isaac	N					
11. Renaud, Karen	Y					
12. Ricketts, Penny	N					
13. Stempel, Ashley	Y					

IN MEMORY OF

RICHARD M HENRY

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