GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL
193rd Regular Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Greenfield High School Auditorium
21 Barr Avenue
Council Vote Summary

WEBSITE VERSION

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 19-139

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Pyfrom, it was, by majority, 1 abstention,
VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, TO APPROVE CITIZENS’ REFERENDUM PETITION REGARDING COUNCIL ORDER NO. 19-050 UNDER SECTION 7-8(A) OF GREENFIELD CITY CHARTER.

Order no. FY 19-137

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Pyfrom, it was, by roll call, 0 Yes, 10 No,
DEFEATED: THAT IT BE ORDERED PURSUANT TO THE GREENFIELD CITY CHARTER SECTION 7-8, THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDER NO. FY 019-050, APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL ON MARCH 20, 2019, BE RESCINDED: “UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, THAT THE SUM OF $19,541,296 BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO BORROW SAID SUM OF $19,541,296, PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 7 (3) OR ANY OTHER ENABLING STATUTE, AND THE MAYOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR, CONTRACT FOR, ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY FEDERAL AND/OR STATE GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT TO BE USED TO REDUCE THE WITHIN APPROPRIATION, AND FURTHER, THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THESE PROJECTS”

Order no. FY 19-138

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Berson, it was, by roll call, 10 yes, 0 no,
VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL DIRECTS THE FOLLOWING QUESTION BE PLACED UPON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT AT A SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019:

BALLOT QUESTION

“SHALL THE FOLLOWING MEASURE, WHICH WAS PROPOSED TO BE RESCINDED BY VOTERS IN A CITIZENS REFERENDUM PETITION, TAKE EFFECT?”

“UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, THAT THE SUM OF $19,541,296 BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO BORROW SAID SUM OF $19,541,296, PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 7 (3) OR ANY OTHER ENABLING STATUTE, AND THE MAYOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR, CONTRACT FOR, ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY FEDERAL AND/OR STATE GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT TO BE USED TO REDUCE THE WITHIN APPROPRIATION, AND FURTHER, THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THESE PROJECTS”
YES_______
Summary – A YES vote would uphold the City Council vote above and ALLOW funding for a new public library.

NO_______
Summary – A NO vote would rescind the City Council vote and NOT ALLOW funding for a new public library.

Order no. FY 19-115
MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wheeler, second by Councilor Mass, it was, unanimously,
VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR MARTIN, ORDERED THAT, THE SUM OF $9,965 BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE RESERVE FUND TO THE AUDIT ACCOUNT 01001360 5301.

Order no. FY 19-116
MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Pyfrom, it was, unanimously,
VOTED: TO REPLACE THE ENTIRE LANGUAGE OF THE ORDER TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE SUM OF $78,555.89 BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE CONTRACTUAL STABILIZATION FUND, AND THE AMOUNT OF $52,591.58 BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL 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
FOR A TOTAL OF $131,147.47, AS AMENDED.

Order no. FY 19-073
MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Pyfrom, it was, by majority 7 yes, 4 no,
VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 19-073 AS AMENDED:

A New Ordinance, Chapter 161: Establishing The Greenfield Patriotic Veterans Activities Committee
1. Purpose
The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a Committee to foster public participation and education related to patriotic veterans activities sponsored by the City of Greenfield. Specifically, this Committee shall be charged with organizing and increasing participation in the Veterans Day, Memorial Day and Fourth of July Activities of the City of Greenfield.
2. Composition
The Committee shall consist of 31 members and include the following:
1. The Veteran's Service Officer or their designee
2. The Recreation director or their designee
3. The Chair of the Recreation Commission or their designee
4. The Chair of the Trustees of the Soldier's Memorial or their designee
5. The Chair of the Human Rights Commission or their designee
6. The President of the City Council or their designee
7. The Chair of the Council on Aging or their designee
8. The Chief of the Fire Department or their designee
9. The Chief of the Police Department or their designee
10. The Chairman of the Public Safety Commission or their designee
11. The Superintendent of Schools or their designee
12. A designee of the Superintendent of Schools who is a student
13. The Chairman of the School Committee or their designee
14. A designee of the Mayor who is a veteran
15. A designee of the Mayor who is experienced with fundraising
16. A designee of the Mayor who is a Gold Star family member
17. A designee of the Mayor who is a student
18. A designee of the Mayor who is experienced in civic education
19. A designee of the Mayor who is a member of the American Legion
20. A designee of the Mayor who is a member of the Veterans of Foreign War
21. A designee of the Mayor who is a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America
22. A designee of the Mayor who is a member of the Disabled American Veterans
23. A designee of the Mayor who is a member of the Marine Corps League
24. A designee of the Mayor who is a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart
25. Seven additional designees of the Mayor designed to represent the community as a whole.

3. Governance of the Committee
The Committee shall be governed by an executive committee consisting of the Veterans Service Officer or designee, the Recreation Director or designee, any of the designees of the Mayor appointed to as chair of the executive Committee.

4. Meetings
Meetings may be called at any time as requested by the Executive Committee, but the Committee shall meet no less than quarterly.

5. Term
All members of the Committee shall be appointed for a two year term, unless filling the unexpired term created by a vacancy.

Order no. FY 19-081
MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Allis, it was, unanimously,
VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTS MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 90 SECTION 17C AS DESCRIBED IN ATTACHED RESOLUTION AND AS ATTACHED (EXHIBITA).

EXHIBIT A

Chapter 90: MOTOR VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT

Section 17C: Establishment of 25-miles-per-hour speed limit in thickly settled or business district in city or town; violation

Section 17C. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 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 a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway inside a thickly settled or business district in the city or town on any way that is not a state highway.

(b) Upon establishing a speed limit under this section, the city or town shall notify the department. The operation of a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of a speed limit established under this section shall be a violation of section 17.
Order no. FY 19-128
MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Mass, it was, unanimously,
VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, MOVED THAT IT BE ORDERED,
THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL TAKE FROM THE TABLE ORDER NO. FY 19-82
“ACCEPT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 90 SECTION 18B AS DESCRIBED AS
ATTACHED (EXHIBIT A).”
WHICH WAS TABLED AT THE APRIL 17, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Order no. 19-082
VOTED: THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTS MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 90 SECTION 18B AS DESCRIBED AS 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.

Order no. FY 19-135
MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Pyfrom, it was, unanimously,
VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO
CHARTER SECTION 2-10, ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO
THE FRED W. WELLS FUND: ROY EMERSON – FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE
DECEMBER 31, 2022. (TO FILL AN EXISTING VACANCY DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF H.
PETER WOOD.)

Order no. FY 19-136
MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was, by majority, 1 no, 1
abstention,
VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY VOTE TO REPEAL THE PROVISIONS OF
SECTION 37 OF CHAPTER 19 OF THE REVISED LAWS (NOW KNOW AS CHAPTER 31 OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS)
RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS POLICE FORCE UNDER CIVIL SERVICE RULES
AS VOTED AT THE MARCH 5, 1917 TOWN MEETING.
MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Sund, no second, it was,
DEFEATED: TO DEDICATE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TO FORMER COUNCILOR DANIEL LEONOVCICH.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Pyfrom, it was, unanimously,
VOTED: TO DEDICATE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TO FORMER GREENFIELD SCHOOL TEACHER JEFFREY BISHOP.