

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2023

John Zon Community Center/Zoom Hybrid

6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Guin.

CHAIRS STATEMENT: This meeting is being recorded by the City Council and GCTV-17. If any other persons present are doing the same you must notify the chairperson at this time. In accordance with MGLc 30A SS 20(g) “No person shall address a meeting of a public body without permission of the Chair and all persons shall, at the request of the chair, be silent. No person shall disrupt the proceedings of a meeting of a public body. If, after clear warning from the chair, a person continues to disrupt the proceedings, the chair may order the person to withdraw from the meeting and if the person does not withdraw, the chair may authorize a constable or other officer to remove the person from the meeting.”

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll Call was taken. Councilor Lapienski was absent. Councilor Bullock joined the meeting at 6:40 pm.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Roxann Wedegartner; City Clerk Kathryn J. Scott; Assistant City Clerk Quinn Jacquins; Chief of Staff Danielle Letourneau; Greenfield School Superintendent Dr. Christine DeBarge; School Committee Chairperson Amy Proietti; Community Development Director MJ Adams; Energy Director Carole Collins; Fire Chief Robert Strahan; Grant Writer/Manager Athena Lee Bradley; Communications Director Matthew Conway; Parliamentarian Wilson Roberts; GCTV-17 staff; Mary Byrne, *the Recorder*; and members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Superintendent DeBarge and Committee Chair Proietti reported the following:

- Requested people to save the date for the 2023 Summer Eats kickoff, which would take place on Thursday, June 22, 2023, from 4 to 6 pm at the Green River swimming and recreation area. (Would be held at the Greenfield Middle School if raining.) Free meals would be served along with games, crafts and activities from community organizations.
- The last day of school would be tomorrow, June 22, 2023. Early dismissal for students and staff, including student at AEL (Academy of Early Learning).
- School Committee voted to approve a new five year strategic plan, with four broad areas of work, curriculum and instruction, communications and outreach, instructional supports and operations.
- Wished Chief of Staff Danielle Letourneau well as she would leave her position in July and thanked her for her work and support with the School Committee.
- School Committee approved a revised FY24 Budget at their June 14th meeting.
- Greenfield High School teacher Judy Bennett would be coordinating the planting of a tree at the High School in memory of Donna Woodcock later this month near the cafeteria/auditorium/voting entrance, along with plans to erect a plaque or bench.
- Greenfield High School Softball, for the second year in a row, became State champs.

Councilors asked the following questions:

- A few school positions had been cut even with the revised FY24 budget and would those positions been funded if the Mayor's appropriation requests for \$365,000 not been withdrawn.

- Confirmation to the Spanish Teacher position at the Middle School being cut and would that position been funded if the Mayor's appropriation requests for \$365,000 not been withdrawn.

MAYOR, CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES: Mayor Wedegartner and Finance Director Schindler reported the following:

- The City just celebrated the grand opening of the new skate park.
- The City recently hired Matt Conway as the new Communications Director.
- This would be the last meeting for Chief of Staff Danielle Letourneau, who would be leaving her position on July 7, 2023.
- Greenfield Police Department was awarded two grants from the Department of Mental Health. First grant totaled \$100,000 to continue their mandatory critical incident training program; Second grant totaled \$200,000 to extend the Greenfield Police Department's co-response program from one full-time clinician to two, which were contracted from Community and Support Options Behavioral Health.
- Encouraged Councilors to pass the French King Highway rezoning item on tonight's agenda.

OTHER CITY EMPLOYEES AS NEEDED, BY INVITATION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following members of the public spoke:

- Kerry Semaski, Main Street, owner of Cleary Jewelers, spoke to her dealings with Mass Development, who was re-developing the former Wilson's Department Store building, and was concerned with any outcome to relocate her business.
- Paul Jablon, Fairview Street, spoke to his support for the rezoning of the French King Highway.
- Michael Mastrototaro, Cypress Street, spoke to his opposition for the rezoning of the French King Highway.
- Jesus Leyva, High Street, spoke to his support for the rezoning of the French King Highway.
- Charles Roberts, Spring Terrace, Chair of the Planning Board, spoke to his continued support, both as a resident of Greenfield and Planning Board member, for the rezoning of the French King Highway.
- Joan Marie Jackson, Chestnut Hill, spoke to the recent US Supreme Court ruling in regards to municipalities taking equity in excess of real property taxes and associated collection fees as unconstitutional and restitution to homeowners who lost their resident through tax title takings. She also supported the rezoning of the French King Highway.
- Glen Ayers, Davis Street, spoke to his involvement and update with the Public Improvement Plan (PIP) Group on the cleanup of the Lunt Property.
- Mitchell Sleight, Chestnut Hill, spoke to his support of the rezoning of the French King Highway.
- Pamela Goodwin, High Street, spoke to her frustrations with some of the issues affecting Greenfield, including fully funding schools, home equity theft through tax title taking, and the PIP Group's attempt to clean up the Lunt Property, and the treatment of Greenfield's most vulnerable residents.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Public Hearing - None

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 23-170

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

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL TAKE FROM THE TABLE ORDER NO. FY 23 – 134A1 “THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL DECLARES 29 WASHINGTON ST. TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND TRANSFERS SAID PROPERTY TO THE

MAYOR FOR SALE.” WHICH WAS TABLED AT THE APRIL 19, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Order No. FY23-134A1 was now on the floor: THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL DECLARES 29 WASHINGTON ST. TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND TRANSFERS SAID PROPERTY TO THE MAYOR FOR SALE.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Elmer explained at the April 19, 2023, meeting it was noted that an abutter of the property had an interest in purchasing it and had been in contact with the City. It was determined that the abutter would need to go through the bidding process once the Mayor was given this property for sale.

It was unanimously,
VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-134A1.

Order no. FY 23-134A2

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Elmer, second by Councilor Forgey, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO SELL 29 WASHINGTON ST. PURSUANT TO THE CITY COUNCIL POLICY FOR THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED LAND AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Elmer reported the Economic Development Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

- Property was taken by tax title in 2017 and if it fell within the category of home equity excess.
- The property may have been abandoned and if the property was sold in excess of equity that would be addressed at the time of sale.
- The amount the City paid to demolish the building on the property they want to recover. This property most likely would not sell in excess of its value.
- Clarification as to the demolition costs recouped by the City of by HUD (Housing and Urban Development).

It was unanimously,
VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-134A2.

Order no. FY 23-169

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Elmer, second by Councilor Terounzo, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL RESCIND THE FOLLOWING ORDER VOTED DURING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 21, 2021:

Order no. FY 22-003

On July 21, 2021, the Greenfield City Council, on a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Guin, it was by roll call, 12 yes, 0 no,

Voted that it be ordered,
THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, ACCEPT A GIFT OF PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF GREENFIELD AT 0 BUNGALOW AVENUE (PARCEL ID 127-65-0).

DISCUSSION: President Guin explained when the Council voted to accept this gift no further action was taken by the municipality to transfer the property to the City. Recently, the original owner arranged to put the property back on the tax rolls by way of an arrangement with their neighbor.

- Clerk Scott further explained the owner who gifted the property was never informed they were required to take a certified copy of the vote to the registry of deeds and pay to have the deed corrected to reflect the property as a gift to the City. The owner had inquired why they continued to receive a tax bill if they gifted this property to the City. Now that the owner had decided to give the property to their neighbor, the vote would need to be rescinded.
- The owner had noted that they would not be responsible for the tax bill for the time frame they believed the City received it as a gift; it was the understanding of the Clerk that the bill would be abated.
- Inquiry as to if the Council was to rescind a vote on property they never officially had, why would the City offer to abate the taxes.
- Inquiry as to whether a property had been gifted to the City and there was a failure to file with the registry of deeds.

It was by majority, 6 yes, 4 no, 2 abstention,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-169.

Order no. FY 23-160

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, TERMINATE THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) AGREEMENT APPROVED BY EACC AS OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 (THE "TIF AGREEMENT") BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENFIELD (THE "CITY") AND JIMBOB REALTY, LLC (THE "OWNER") OF FORD OF GREENFIELD AND TOYOTA OF GREENFIELD, LOCATED AT 1 MAIN STREET, GREENFIELD, MA (THE "PROJECT").

DISCUSSION: Councilor Elmer reported the Economic Development Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

- Finance Director Schindler explained the City entered into a 20 year TIF agreement with JimBob Realty LLC; however, the current Assessor discovered that their predecessor had miscalculated, which over extended the intended benefit.
- It was noted that the City would not recover approximately \$60,000 in taxes from the business.
- Inquiry as to whether the company maintained the TIF requirements.
- Councilors voiced their frustration with this situation and the seemingly outdated and money-wasting policy and procedures for these agreements.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-160.

Order no. FY 23-154

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE CITY OF GREENFIELD HEREBY PETITIONS THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TO PASS SPECIAL LEGISLATION AS FOLLOWS: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREENFIELD TO GRANT AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOL BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 17 OF CHAPTER 138 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OR ANY OTHER GENERAL OR SPECIAL LAWS TO THE CONTRARY, THE LICENSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD MAY GRANT AN ADDITIONAL

LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOL BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES UNDER SECTION 12 OF SAID CHAPTER 138 TO TUCKERMAN'S GLASSES, LLC DBA GREENFIELD GARDEN CINEMA, LOCATED AT 361 MAIN STREET. THE LICENSE SHALL BE NON-TRANSFERABLE IN TERMS OF LOCATION. THE ACTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON ITS PASSAGE.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Elmer reported the Economic Development Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation and provided rationale.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-154.

President Guin called a 5 minute recess at 8:16 pm.

President Guin resumed meeting at 8:24 pm.

Order no. FY 23-152

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREENFIELD AMEND THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING PARCELS ON FRENCH KING HIGHWAY FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) TO PLANNED INDUSTRY (PI): R04-31, R04-33, R04-41, R04-44 AND R05-23. (SEE ATTACHED MAP)

AND FURTHER AMENDS THE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND 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.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Elmer reported the Economic Development Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation and provided rationale.

- It was noted no facts had been presented to support a significant impact on tax relief.
- Concern was raised on locating industries closer to the City Center due to health issues.
- Concern for the lack of information and documentation provided by the current administration on issues that would benefit the Council to deliver well informed discussion and voting for the best interest for the Community.
- Concern was raised this was an attempt by the City to do “spot zoning”, and further cemented the lack of trust with the current administration.
- The use of these parcels was better suited for industrial development than housing based on its location.
- This issue may open up discussion for a split tax rate and the potential historical significance of the White Ash Swamp and wetlands.
- There were other locations for industrial zoning in Greenfield that had not been looked at.
- The issue was not having too much or too little industrial development areas, it’s enticing developers to want to bring their business here.
- The City had the opportunity to attract businesses with better paying jobs.
- Clarification was made that better paying jobs may still not support a family with children or these jobs that do pay well require a degree or higher learning.

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

VOTED: TO CALL THE QUESTION.

Order No. FY23-152 was on the floor for a vote.

It was by roll call, 11 yes, 1 no,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-152.

Without objection, the Council would address the appointments for GCET Board of Commissioners, Historical Commission and Housing Authority as separate issues.

Order no. FY 23-167

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

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10, AFFIRMS THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

- Library Board of Trustees – Appointment: Ann Dillon (To finish Joe Ruggeri’s Term), Term to Expire December 31, 2024; Reappointments: Sarah Ahearn Bellemare; William Benson; Jonathan Cohen-Gorczyca, Terms to Expire June 30, 2026
- Planning Board – Charles Kinney (From Alternate to Full Member) Term to Expire December 31, 2025

Reappointments:

- Board of License Commissioners – Phil Corrinet; Ruth Henry, Terms to Expire June 30, 2026
- Cemetery Commission – Ian Hodgdon, Term to Expire June 30, 2026
- Community Preservation Commission – Thomas Guerino (Housing Authority appointee); John Passiglia (Historical Commission appointee); Garth Shaneyfelt (Mayoral appointee), Terms to Expire June 30, 2026
- Human Rights Commission – Mpress Benu; Philippe Simon, Terms to Expire June 30, 2026
- Planning & Construction Committee – Jean Wall, Term to Expire June 30, 2026
- Recreation Commission – Donna DuSell, Term to Expire June 30, 2026
- Trustees of the Soldier’s Memorial – David Lewis; William C Phelps, Terms to Expire June 30, 2026
- Zoning Board of Appeals – James Winn, Term to Expire June 30, 2026

Order no. FY 23-167 (1)

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10, AFFIRMS THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

Reappointment:

- GCET Board of Commissioners – Amy McMahan, Term to Expire June 30, 2026

DISCUSSION: It was noted that an appointee who was on GCET Board of Commissioners was not allowed to serve on any other Board of Committee. Ms. McMahan had recently been appointed to the Public Safety Commission, as well as others.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Bullock, second by Councilor Elmer, it was by majority, 9 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention,

TABLED: RE- APPOINTMENT OF AMY MCMAHAN TO GCET BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Order no. FY 23-167 (2)

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10, AFFIRMS THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

Reappointment:

- Historical Commission – Tim Blagg; Margo Jones, Terms to Expire June 30, 2026

DISCUSSION: Councilor Elmer recused himself due to his relation to an appointee.

It was unanimously, (1 recusal)

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-167(2).

Order no. FY 23-167 (3)

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10, AFFIRMS THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

Reappointment:

- Housing Authority – John Mackin (appointed for 3 year term, should have been 5 year), Term to Expire June 30, 2025

DISCUSSION: Inquiry was made if the other appointments to the Housing Authority were for a 5 year term. The 5 year term was in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws.

It was by majority, 11 yes, 1 abstention,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-167(3).

Order no. FY 23-159

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Forgey, it was unanimously,

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND STATE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AS PART OF A MULTI-YEAR GRANT FROM THE MADPH. THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRANT POLICY TO ADVANCE THE SHARED SERVICES OF THE GREENFIELD HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS THE LEAD AGENCY PROVIDING PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND GUIDANCE TO FIVE AREA COMMUNITIES: DEERFIELD, MONTAGUE, SUNDERLAND, LEVERETT, AND SHUTESBURY. FUNDING UNDER THIS AWARD PROGRAM WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE GREENFIELD HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN CARRYING OUT THE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON SCOPE OF SERVICES. IN EACH COMMUNITY, INCLUDING GREENFIELD, USE OF THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED ONLY TO AUGMENT NOT REPLACE CURRENT MUNICIPAL FUNDING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF OR SERVICES.

Order no. FY 23-168

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, TO ACCEPT FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR THE ROOFTOP SOLAR ARRAY INSTALLED AT 189 WELLS STREET IN GREENFIELD MA, ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF GREENFIELD.

THE PROJECT WILL BENEFIT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BY SUPPLYING 100% ENERGY FOR THE BUILDING, WHICH IS ELECTRIC. ALL SOLAR BENEFITS WILL BE RETAINED BY THE CITY.

DISCUSSION:

- Energy Director Collins revealed the anonymous donor as Greenfield resident Bill Ashley as part of his mission to mitigate climate change by providing solar arrays to communities throughout Franklin County. The City hoped the gift would publicize the solar arrays to reach their net zero energy goals and provide 100% of the building’s usage.
- President Guin thanked Mr. Ashley for his donation and efforts to this issue.

It was unanimously,
VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-168.

Order no. FY 23-155

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Terounzo, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENFIELD AND THE CITY HALL CLERICAL AND LIBRARY EMPLOYEES, UNITED ELECTRICAL RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA (UE), BE APPROVED.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,
VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-155.

Order no. FY 23-163

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Terounzo, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, THE SUM OF \$100,000 BE TRANSFERRED FROM 01009120.5740 WORKERS COMPENSATION TO THE FOLLOWING GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS:

01002200.5130	FIRE DEPARTMENT OVERTIME	\$87,000
01002200.5241	FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS	\$13,000

DISCUSSION: Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,
VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-163.

Order no. FY 23-164

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Forgey, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, THE SUM OF \$70,000 BE TRANSFERRED FROM 01009140.5177 HMO HEALTH [INSURANCE] ACCOUNT TO THE FOLLOWING GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS:

01001510.5302	[TOWN] CITY ATTORNEY
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DISCUSSION: Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded no recommendation to full Council. The Committee had requested further backup documentation for this appropriation request due to the increase in the [Town] City Attorney’s account from last year.

- Estimate of the outstanding legal bills that had to be paid for FY23.
- Process to be followed if the Council had voted to transfer less than what was originally requested and the account required more funds.
- When the City received an invoice for any services rendered it has to be paid. If the City disputed the charges for whatever reason it remained a liability that had to be addressed.
- Suggestion was made to schedule an executive session regarding updates on current legal cases involving the City.

It was by majority 10 yes, 1 opposed, 1abstention,
VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-164.

Order no. FY 23-165

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Elmer, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, THE SUM OF \$86,500 BE TRANSFERRED FROM 01009140.5177 HMO HEALTH [INSURANCE] ACCOUNT TO THE FOLLOWING GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS:

01001910.5341	TELEPHONE – CENTRAL SERVICES	\$ 45,000
01007510.5922	MP 2022 – DEBT	\$ 16,000
01007510.5925	SHORT TERM INTEREST	\$ 500
01009160.5181	MEDICARE TOWN MATCH	\$ 25,000

DISCUSSION: Councilor Forgey recused herself from vote as she benefits from the Health Insurance Account. Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation (1 recusal).

It was unanimously, (1 recusal),
VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-165.

Order no. FY 23-166

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Forgey, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, THE SUM OF \$44,000 BE TRANSFERRED FROM ACCOUNT #01007100.5999.1, DEBT SERVICE- PRINCIPAL PAYDOWN TO ACCOUNT #01007510.5925, DEBT SERVICE - SHORT TERM INTEREST.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,
VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 23-166.

Councilor Ricketts left the meeting at 9:29 pm.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS None.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES – Councilor Desorgher reported the Ways & Means Committee had discussed scheduling an Executive Session regarding the City’s cyber-security report from the Auditor. President Guin would meet and confer with Clerk Scott to see if it met the criteria for executive session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilor Bullock inquired if the Schools discussed the strategic planning during their communications. She was appointed as liaison for the strategic planning for the City Council; however, she did not receive communications regarding meetings and was invited to only one meeting. She would like to see in the future more open communication between committees and Councilors appointed as representatives for the City Council on important, in depth issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Guin appointed Councilor Bottomley to represent the City Council to the Greenfield Business Association.
- President Guin thanked everyone involved with the Juneteenth event and the new skate park opening.
- Councilor Desorgher held the following first reading:
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- Approve payment of \$24,509.88 for GTR Greenfield Millbrook Solar LLC FY 2022 invoice from FY24 WPCF Electricity Account.
- Approve FY2024 Community Preservation Fund Budget – Admin Costs and Reserves.
 - ❖ Appropriate FY24 CPC Administrative Expenses in the amount of \$13,225.00 (5%)
 - ❖ Reserve \$171,925 from the FY2024 Community Preservation Fund Revenues for Community Preservation Fund Purposes (FY24 Annual Budgeted Reserve – 65%)
 - ❖ Reserve \$26,450 from FY2024 Community Preservation Fund Revenues for Open Space (10%).
 - ❖ Reserve \$26,450 from FY2024 Community Preservation Fund Revenues for Historic Resources (10%).
 - ❖ Reserve \$26,450 from FY2024 Community Preservation Fund Revenues for Community Housing (10%).
- President Guin inquired if any Councilor would like to support the Resolution to the Proposed 28th Amendment to the US Constitution submit by the Stony-Burnham Students from last month’s meeting. No Councilor responded.
- Councilor Bullock announced the she was following the opioid settlement funds issue and would be involved in any further meetings. She was also working on a proposal for a public participation process that would align with the guidelines for the funding that had been set forth including an oral history piece. She would keep the Council updated with any information as it was received.

MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Elmer, it was unanimously **VOTED: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:11 P.M.**

A true copy,

Attest: _____
 Kathryn J. Scott, City Clerk

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Zon Community Center/Zoom Hybrid
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	Attendance	FY23-152				
1. Golub, Katherine	Y	Y				
2. Guin, Daniel President	Y	Y				
3. Desorgher, Virginia	Y	Y				
4. Bottomley, John	Y	N				
5. Bullock, Marianne	Y	Y				
6. Gilmour, Sheila	Y	Y				
7. Lapienski, Jasper	Y	---				
8. Mayo, Douglas	Y	Y				
9. Helie, Derek	Y	Y				
10. Elmer, Philip	Y	Y				
11. Forgey, Christine Vice - President	Y	Y				
12. Ricketts, Penny	Y	Y				
13. Terounzo, Michael	Y	Y				

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