

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 5, 2022

Pursuant to rules of Council of the Town of Westfield, the members thereof convened in regular session Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Brindle made the following announcements:

“The adequate notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, was provided by the posting, mailing and filing of the annual notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the Town Council on December 8, 2021. The notice was, on that date, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, mailed to THE WESTFIELD LEADER, and THE STAR LEDGER, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Westfield.”

PRESENT: Mayor Brindle, Council Members, Habgood, Parmelee, LoGrippe, Katz, Mackey, Contract, Dardia, and Boyes

ABSENT: None

Invocation was given by Councilman Katz

Salute to the flag.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Brindle presented the following proclamations:

Town of Westfield

Westfield, New Jersey

PROCLAMATION

2021-2022 Westfield High School Blue Devils Girls Basketball Team

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2022, the Westfield High School Blue Devils Girls Basketball Team won the NJSIAA Group 4 State Championship by a score of 43-37 over Cherokee; and

WHEREAS, the victory was the first state title for the Girls Basketball Team in program history; and

WHEREAS, on the way to winning the state championship the team won its first North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 Championship by defeating Hillsborough 69-42 and made their first appearance in the Tournament of Champions; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Liz McKeon, the Courier News and NJ.com Union County Girls Basketball Coach of the Year, Assistant Coach Brian Ciemniecki and Volunteer Coach Marcie Williams, the players represented their team, their school and their hometown with the highest standards of athleticism, integrity and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, all of the members of the team ~ Senior Co-Captains Grace Klag and Chloe Kreusser, Juniors Sutton Factor, Paige Gorczyca, Annie Ryan, Ava Burke, Cara Van Allen, Sophomores Erin Doherty, Makenna Reed, Sara Rooney, Lizzy Varano, Freshman Catie Carayannopoulos, Team Manager Katie Fischer ~ are deserving of recognition for their individual contributions to the team's outstanding accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Westfield wish to commend the coaches and the players of the Westfield High School Blue Devils Girls Basketball Team for their sportsmanship and many successes during the 2021-2022 season;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Mayor Michelle W. Brindle, on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of the Town of Westfield, on this fifth day of April, two thousand and twenty-two, do hereby congratulate the 2021-2022 Westfield High School Blue Devils Girls Basketball Team on their successful season capped by capturing the NJSIAA

Group 4 State Championship title, and do hereby applaud them for their exceptional dedication to the sport and to sportsmanship.

Town of Westfield

Westfield , New Jersey

PROCLAMATION

2021- 2022 Westfield High School Blue Devils Boys Winter Track and Field

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2022, the Westfield High School Blue Devils Boys Winter Track and Field Team won the NJSIAA Group 4 Indoor Championship, it's first state title since 1987; and

WHEREAS, on their way to winning the State Group Championship, the team also won the Union County Championship, the Sectional Championship and placed second in the Group 4 State Relays Meet; and

WHEREAS, the team sent several members to the New Balance National Track and Field Meet to compete in both individual and relay events, where members of the Sprint Medley placed first in their event, had the fifth best time in New Jersey, and set a Westfield High School record; and

WHEREAS, the Westfield High School Boys Track and Field team had many members place in the top 10 in track and field events and set Westfield High School records at the Meet of Champions; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Chris Tafelski, Assistant Coach Erik Anderson and Assistant Coach Sam Haimann, the team represented their school and their hometown with the highest standards of athleticism, integrity, and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, all of the members of the team ~ Seniors Justin Colby, Conor Daly, Charlie Garretson, Ben Hacker, Max Owens, Ben Spergel, Charlie Stock, Juniors Daniel Cortese, Liam Maurillo, Owen Paul, Joe Pierro, Jonathan Scalia, Leo Schwartz, Sophomores James Gildea, Avery Keith, Graham Korins, Max Romano ~ are deserving of recognition for their individual contributions to the success of the team; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Westfield wish to commend the coaches and the players of the Westfield High School Blue Devils Boys Winter Track and Field team for their sportsmanship and many successes during the 2021-2022 season;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Mayor Michelle W. Brindle, on behalf of the Town Council and the good citizens of the Town of Westfield, on this fifth day of April, two thousand and twenty two, do hereby congratulate the 2021-2022 Westfield High School Blue Devils Boys Winter Track and Field Team on their successful season capped by capturing the Group 4 State Championship title and do hereby applaud them for their exceptional dedication to the sport and to sportsmanship.

Town of Westfield

Westfield, New Jersey

PROCLAMATION

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County Day April 2022

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield in the State of New Jersey recognizes the problem of child abuse and neglect and is committed to helping its victims; and

WHEREAS, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County recruits, trains, supports, and supervises community volunteers as advocates for children who have been removed from their homes due to neglect or abuse; and

WHEREAS, CASA has a record of public service protecting the safety and well-being of Union County's foster children, defending them from harm and ensuring they are provided with the court-ordered services they need; and

WHEREAS, CASA establishes and maintains effective relationships with the family court, the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP), Child Placement Review Board, Office of the Public Defender, Legal Aid, and other child serving agencies/institutions in order to create a cooperative environment to best meet the needs of each child served; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Michelle W. Brindle, on behalf of the Town Council, do hereby proclaim April 5, 2022, as *Court Appointed Special Advocate of Union County Day* in the Town of Westfield and urge my fellow residents to become aware of the work and mission of CASA of Union County. Let it be known that we support the education efforts to raise awareness of the CASA program at the local level and the need for community members to provide a voice for the children in foster care.

Green Team Update-Earth Day Events

David Siegler and Lois Kraus, Green Team Co-chairs, provided an update of various Earth Month Activities that are planned throughout the month of April. Also thanked Mayor Brindle, Town Councilmembers, the Town Administrator, Public Information Officer, Police Chief, Department of Public Works and many other organizations for their support and assistance.

Administrator's Update

- Reminded residents that the grace period for the payment of sewer bills ends on April 10, 2022;
- Provided an update of road paving and announced that approximately 26 miles of roads are scheduled to be paved in 2022. The majority of those roads, approximately 20 miles, would be paved by utility companies. Stated that information would be provided to impacted residents and discussed the list of roads to be paved during 2022 that is posted on the Town's website. Encouraged all residents to review this list, especially those who intend to conduct any type of work at their home during the year that would require opening the road. Explained that early coordination is needed because once the road is paved, there is a 7-year moratorium before the road could be opened again;
- Discussed pole replacement being conducted by PSE&G and the process and timeframe for moving all services to the new pole, with removal of the old pole being the last step. Explained that pole replacement projects are typically a multi-month process;
- Discussed the Memorial Day Parade and announced that there would be a change with the parade route this year. Explained that the parade would end at Mindowaskin Park and a police escort would be provided to those interested in attending the memorial service at Fairview Cemetery. In addition, various events have been planned at the American Legion during the afternoon of Memorial Day. Thanked Joe Mindak and Jim McDonald for their efforts in coordinating the parade and afternoon events.

Mayor's remarks

Good evening, everyone, and thanks to all who are joining us both here in the Council Chambers and online tonight. As a reminder, public comment will be accepted in person only, and we are live streaming for viewing only via Facebook. As always, the replay will also be available afterwards on Facebook, YouTube, and TV 36.

2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

I'd like to remind everyone that the public hearing for the 2022 municipal budget will be held at our April 26 meeting. I hope you've had the opportunity to view the budget introduction presentation given at our last meeting by Jim Gildea and Councilwoman Habgood, which is available by replaying the meeting on the Town's Facebook page. You can also see the presentation slides and detailed budget information at westfieldnj.gov/budget, and you can submit your questions to budget@westfieldnj.gov between now and April 26. I'm very proud of the budget we've proposed – one that reflects the Town's sound financial health and priorities, as

we continue to put your tax dollars to work through responsible fiscal management, investment spending, and strategically utilizing our regenerating surplus.

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

■ New Board Appointments

Tonight, we have two Board appointments to make as a result of recent resignations. I'd like to welcome Mitchell Shusteris to the Board of Health, and Kyle McCarthy to the Bicycle Advisory Board, both filling unexpired terms through the end of this year. As always, we are grateful for our many volunteers in Town and their willingness to give their time, energy, and expertise to serve our residents. Thank you, Mitchell and Kyle.

■ Ordinances on Second Reading

On the legislative front, tonight we'll hear ordinances on second reading to establish a cap bank and to authorize the consumption of alcoholic beverages outdoors in certain parts of our downtown, as well as a bond ordinance to fund various capital improvement projects this year.

■ Proclamations and Presentations

I'm very pleased to be able to honor several groups of residents tonight with proclamations, including CASA of Union County, as well as the Westfield High School state championship Boys Winter Track and Girls Basketball teams (and we will honor the WHS Girls Swimming Team at our April 26 meeting in recognition of their state championship).

We'll also have a brief update from the Westfield Green Team about their upcoming Earth Month activities (westfieldnj.gov/earth-month), and our redevelopment and traffic circulation consultant is here to discuss the findings that led to tonight's ordinance introduction out of the Public Safety, Transportation, and Parking Committee.

■ Public Safety Ordinance Introduction

I'd like to provide some context before John Federico of WSP makes some remarks tonight about traffic improvements we are making to the lower part of Prospect Street. As a reminder, WSP is our redevelopment circulation and traffic consulting firm, the same firm who prepared the Traffic and Circulation element of our Master Plan, so they are already intimately familiar with town traffic flow and circulation. Any redevelopment rwork WSP conducts for us is paid via escrow account by redevelopers as part of the redevelopment agreements we require.

As I communicated at our March 8 meeting, a Traffic Impact Study related to the proposed redevelopment at Ferris and Prospect is currently underway, the scope of which includes the intersections of Ferris and Prospect, East Broad and Prospect, Clark and North, and Clark and Ferris – all areas that have been problematic for quite some time, and in need of improvements regardless of any proposed redevelopment. That study continues today and, when complete, the findings will be shared with the public.

Separately, the Town has taken the initiative to look at more immediate and impactful public safety improvements we can make on the lower part of Prospect Street as we await the outcome of the larger study. In doing so, we asked WSP to work with our on-call traffic consultant, Brightview Engineering, to review the area and propose mitigation measures. These recommendations were then forwarded to the Town's Public Safety and Transportation Committee for review, which is chaired by Councilman Jim Boyes. Based on this input, the Public Safety committee has forwarded their recommendations, which are now reflected in the ordinance being introduced at tonight's meeting.

The recommended changes in the ordinance consist of three main actions:

1. Left turns will be prohibited at all times from Prospect Street onto East Broad Street, addressing a long-time problem area for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
2. The loading zone on Prospect Street adjacent to Bovella's will be moved ten feet north to improve the line of sight for cars and pedestrians at the intersection of Prospect and East Broad.
3. Loading zones in the area (on Elm, Prospect, and East Broad) will shift their hours of utilization, which are currently 9:00am - 7:00pm, to 6:00am - 6:00pm, to better reflect their actual peak usage times and free up the areas for residential and visitor parking earlier in the evening.

In terms of next steps, after tonight's introduction, a public hearing will be held at the April 26 meeting before a final vote on the ordinance by the Town Council.

It's important to note that these recommended improvements in the ordinance represent just a piece of a much bigger picture to address the issues in this area. The Town also plans to widen the entrance and egress points to Lot 1 on Prospect Street to allow for better traffic circulation, and Jim Gildea is also in active conversations with Trader Joe's management at the national level regarding potential improvements to their lot that can assist with parking and traffic mitigation in the area. We will continue to provide updates on these efforts as any new information becomes available, but we are hopeful that the measures in tonight's ordinance are a productive start.

Before I turn the meeting over to John, let's all wish Chief Battiloro a very happy birthday!

As always, thanks to everyone for your ongoing engagement and participation.

John Federico of WSP USA explained that he is a licensed planner and engineer in New Jersey and has worked with Westfield since 21019 on different initiatives including, the Walk-Bike route and the circulation element of the Master Plan Reexamination Report. In addition, explained that he also works on an on-call basis for traffic review in connection with redevelopment projects. Discussed the Ferris Place/Prospect Street site and explained that he observed issues with this area which were documented in the Master Plan Reexamination Report. Stated that possible long-term solutions included the installation of a traffic signal at Prospect Street and East Broad Street, and short-term solutions include prohibiting left-hand turns from Prospect Street to East Broad Street, and changes to regulations to loading zones. Also stated that clearer signage would also be installed and other areas would continue to be reviewed.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Brindle proposed the following Board appointments. Motion made by Councilman Contract and seconded by Councilwoman Habgood was carried.

Board of Health

Mitchell Shusteris December 31, 2022 (Unexpired term)

Bicycle Advisory Board

Kyle McCarthy December 31, 2022 (Unexpired term)

ADVERTISED HEARINGS

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10

AN ORDINANCE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022 TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A 40A:4-45.14)

Advertised returnable this evening.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed.

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,175,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Advertised returnable this evening.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD

Advertised returnable this evening.

Courtney Schael, Summit Avenue, stated that she owns a business on Quimby Street and expressed concern with the adoption of General Ordinance No. 2022-11. Stated that parking is a major component for service businesses and discussed the impact the closure of Quimby Street during the warmer weather has on these businesses. Feels the Quimby Street closure only benefits 2 restaurants but impacts remaining businesses on that street because it reduces parking by 28 spaces. Also stated that when Quimby Street is not closed, those spaces are restricted to fifteen (15) minute parking which also negatively impacts service businesses. Feels the Town is driving service businesses from Westfield and believes allowing the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property is not the way to revitalize the downtown.

John Blake, Carleton Road, feels the adoption of General Ordinance No. 2022-11 creates liability issues for the Town. Also expressed concern with enforcement by the Police Department and how drinking would be monitored in the designated areas.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Brindle declared the hearing closed.

Mayor Brindle responded to comments concerning General Ordinance No. 2022-11 and discussed the purpose of the ordinance. Explained that it would simply allow people to bring packaged goods for consumption on designated Town properties, similar to “BYOB” that is permitted at restaurants.

PENDING BUSINESS

An ordinance entitled, “GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10 – AN ORDINANCE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022 TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A 40A:4-45.14)” by Councilwoman Habgood seconded by Councilman Boyes was taken up, read and passed by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent:
Parmelee		
LoGrippe		
Katz		
Mackey		
Contract		
Dardia		
Boyes		
Mayor Brindle		

An ordinance entitled, “SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 – BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,175,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.” by Councilwoman Habgood seconded by Councilman Contract was taken up, read and passed by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent:
Parmelee		
LoGrippe		
Katz		
Mackey		
Contract		
Dardia		
Boyes		
Mayor Brindle		

An ordinance entitled, “GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD” by Councilman Parmelee seconded by Councilman Katz was taken up, read and passed by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas: Habgood	Nays:	Absent:
Parmelee		
LoGrippo		
Katz		
Mackey		
Contract		
Dardia		
Boyes		
Mayor Brindle		

BIDS

MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman LoGrippo and seconded by Councilwoman Habgood Council approved the Minutes of the Town Council Conference Session and Regular Meeting held March 22, 2022.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

OPEN DISCUSSION BY CITIZENS

Mayor Brindle opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Robert Tarte, Prospect Street, stated that he is happy to learn of the changes to address traffic and parking concerns in the Prospect Street area, specifically the regulation to prohibit left-hand turns from Prospect Street to East Broad Street. However, feels parking would continue to be an issue, despite amendments to loading zone regulations, because drivers are currently parking in loading zone areas. Feels no parking signs/stands need to be installed to prevent this.

Lorre Korecky, wished the Police Chief a happy birthday and thanked him for his efforts in keeping the community safe. Discussed the Tooley Building on Prospect Street and the number of cars that are parked on the property and on the street, which has resulted in more congestion in the area. Questioned the impact the proposed redevelopment project at Ferris/Prospect would have on the area. Also questioned how parking for visitors would be addressed. Referred to the Walk-Bike plan mentioned by Mr. Federico and requested clarification as to “where all the cars would go”. Lastly, discussed the proposed development of the Lord & Taylor site and its potential impact to the area. Stated that she is glad the Town is taking measures to address the existing traffic and parking issues in the Ferris/Prospect area but expressed concern with the future impact of these projects.

Susan Fuhrman, Prospect Street, requested clarification of traffic studies as they relate to redevelopment and the point in which the results would be presented to the public. Feels this should be considered before any redevelopment project moves forward.

John Blake, Carleton Road, discussed a confidentiality agreement related to the construction of the Savannah on Prospect Street as well as a confidentiality agreement related to an issue in the Township of Clark. Feels confidentiality agreements serve no purpose but to hide things from the public and suggested that the Town adopt an ordinance prohibiting confidentiality agreements in Town.

Jerome Feder, Knollwood Terrace, discussed the proposed field project at Edison Intermediate School (EIS) as it relates to the budget. Provided a handout to the Mayor and Town Council and discussed costs related to the installation and maintenance of artificial turf. Overall, questioned the benefits versus the cost of this project and feels a cost benefit analysis is necessary.

Greg Kasko, Everson Place, commended the Westfield High School Varsity Boys Track & Field team on its state championship. Also discussed an issue his wife had with a Wonder truck

blocking the driveway to his home while idling and playing loud music. Stated that both he and his wife approached the driver and asked him to move, but the driver refused. Stated that the Police Department was called and the matter was resolved, but feels the employees of Wonder should be courteous and accommodating to those they serve.

Courtney Schael, Summit Avenue, referred to Mayor Brindle's comments during the public hearing for General Ordinance No. 2022-11 and feels they were misleading. Believes the provisions of the ordinance are much broader than what Mayor Brindle described.

Matt Lipskey, 227 Prospect Street, discussed the proposed redevelopment project at Ferris/Prospect and while he feels parking and traffic are concerns, believes potential environmental impacts must be considered as well. Mentioned the green roof that is included in the proposal for this project and expressed concern that it would not be enough to address heavy rains and flooding due to the amount of green space that would be lost when the structure is built. Also expressed concern that the green roof would not be adequately maintained. In addition, feels there are no specifics concerning the historic structure, such as whether or not it would be moved and how the public would have access to it. Further, discussed comments in which this site was referred to as a transitional neighborhood and is consistent with the Master Plan. Stated that the proposed structure at Ferris/Prospect is a story taller than other buildings and does not have the same setbacks as other buildings. Feels this is important to many of the residents who live in this neighborhood and believes a building of this size is not consistent with the neighborhood.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Brindle closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Mayor Brindle addressed comments, beginning with the proposed redevelopment project at Ferris/Prospect and informed residents that a traffic impact study is currently being conducted by the developer. Once complete, it would be reviewed by the Town's traffic engineer for accuracy and validation. The next step would be mitigation measures and solutions based upon the results of the study which would be presented to the public. Also stated that the Town has made a commitment to residents that it would not move forward with a redevelopment agreement until it was comfortable with those measures. Explained that she is unsure of timing at this point because it is dependent upon when the traffic impact study is completed. In addition, responded to comments concerning environmental concerns and explained that the developer is required to implement certain measures to ensure there is no impact environmentally and the Town Engineer would work with DEP to ensure those requirements are met. Lastly, with respect to the historic building, explained that the redevelopment agreement would include a preservation and restoration plan which would include details on whether or not the structure would be moved and the like.

Mayor Brindle also addressed Mr. Kasko's comment and stated that Wonder would be contacted.

Councilman Parmelee addressed comments concerning General Ordinance No. 2022-11 and explained that it was first considered by the Town when a state statute was enacted in January. This statute allows municipalities to designate certain outdoor areas for consumption of alcoholic beverages. Feels parking has always been an issue on Quimby Street and most of the feedback he has heard is that residents and visitors enjoy the Quimby Street area during the summer months because they enjoy the opportunity to buy food and bring it to the Quimby Street area when events are taking place. This ordinance would allow people to also bring packaged goods for consumption at those designated areas and during certain Town events. It does not allow people to carry open containers throughout Downtown. Also discussed time limitations in which alcohol could be consumed in these designated areas and explained that the ordinance also allows for the consumption of alcoholic beverages at block parties, so designated areas are not limited to the Downtown. Lastly, explained that the Code Review and Town Property Committee discussed this ordinance over the course of several meetings and also consulted with the Police Chief. The Code Review and Town Property Committee felt comfortable after speaking with the Police Chief and his view on how his officers could adequately enforce laws as they relate to the designated areas.

Councilman LoGrippe requested clarification as to whether this ordinance designates only Quimby Street or the entire Downtown.

Councilman Parmelee explained that it does not include the entire Downtown and listed the areas designated as per General Ordinance No. 2022-11.

Councilman LoGrippo asked if the ordinance would also allow for alcoholic beverages at Festifall.

Councilman Parmelee explained that Festifall is held in an entirely different area and the consumption of alcoholic beverages at that event would require a special permit.

Councilwoman Habgood addressed Mr. Feder's comments concerning the proposed EIS project as it relates to the budget and explained that all factors are being considered and reviewed. The Town would be focused on the financial impacts as well as the benefits of the project. Feels Mr. Feder has raised some good points and explained that while she has not seen his financial model and might object to some of his assumptions, she would be happy to discuss with him.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

On motion by Councilwoman Habgood, and seconded by Councilwoman Mackey, bills and claims were adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED that the bills and claims in the amount of \$478,757.71 per the list submitted to the members of this Council by the Chief Financial Officer, and approved for payment by the Town Administrator be, and the same are hereby, approved and that payroll warrants previously issued by the Chief Financial Officer be ratified.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Policy Committee

The following resolutions, introduced by Councilwoman Habgood and seconded by Councilman Boyes, were unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 104

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to issue a warrant for \$16.00 for the payment of the 2022 Animal License application fee to:

Melissa Schwartzman
930 Dunham Avenue
Westfield, NJ 07090

Resolution No. 105

RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is, authorized to draw warrant for unused parking permit fee as follows:

Justin S. Koppel 612 Girard Avenue Westfield, NJ 07090	South Side RR Stn/Lot 3	#22030351	\$522.00
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Resolution No. 106

RESOLVED, that the Town Treasurer be authorized to refund the following fees to the following individual:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Jingfen Li 924 Pennsylvania Ave Westfield, NJ 07090	Tennis/Rec T-05-600-071	Refund Ultimate Frisbee / In-Town League Max Wen / Spring 2022	\$175.75
Neil Matwani 827 Knollwood Terrace Westfield, NJ 07090	Tennis/Rec T-05-600-071	Refund Playground Camp 2022 Shaan Motwani / Tamaques	\$346.75
Peter Shane 14 Gallowae Westfield, NJ 07092	Department of Public Works 2-01-55-920-221	Refund Conservation Center Bulk Waste Permit ~ 2/28/22	\$35.00
Nathan Richman	Tennis/Rec	Refund	\$95.00

771 Fairacres Ave
Westfield, NJ 07090

T-05-600-071

Pickleball-Youth / Spring
Georgia Richman/Session 2

Resolution No. 107

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a warrant in the amount of \$375.00 to the order of Treasurer, State of New Jersey, P.O. Box 660, Trenton, NJ 08646-0660 for Marriage/Civil Union License Fees issued by the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the quarter of January - March 2022.

Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee

Code Review & Town Property Committee

General Ordinance No. 2022-12

Regarding the following ordinance, Councilman Parmelee made the following announcement: I hereby move that an ordinance entitled, "GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, CHAPTER 13, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

The motion was seconded by Councilman LoGrippto.

General Ordinance No. 2022-12 was approved by the following vote of all present upon roll call as follows:

Yeas:	Nays:	Absent:
Habgood		
Parmelee		
LoGrippto		
Katz		
Mackey		
Contract		
Dardia		
Boyes		
Mayor Brindle		

Heretofore introduced, General Ordinance No. 2022-12 does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 26th day of April at 8:00 o'clock, p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and that at such time and place or any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The following resolutions, introduced by Councilman Contract and seconded by Councilwoman Mackey, were unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 108

WHEREAS, two (2) sealed bids were received on March 23, 2022 by the Town Clerk for the 2022 Hauling of Woodchips in the Town of Westfield; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the low bid submitted exceeded the amount budgeted by the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield that the bids received on March 23, 2022 for the 2022 Hauling of Woodchips in the Town of Westfield be and hereby are rejected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn, made by Councilman Contract and seconded by Councilman LoGrippo at 9:49 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk