

**March 14, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, March 14, 2016 in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

Present were Council Members O'Brien, Aldrich, Ruickoldt, Stacy Riccio, Watt, Morrissey, Forsyth, David Riccio, Quagliani, Ronan, Russell, and Councilman Eberle. Absent were Council Member Martone. Mayor O'Brien was also present.

6:50 P.M. Public Hearing – Legislative Matters –  
Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of West Haven by the Adoption of Chapter 218: Vehicles, Parking Penalties.

Chairman Quagliani called the Public Hearing to order and asked that anyone wishing to speak on that matter approach the podium. Six members of the Public as well as the Mayor spoke on the Ordinance.

(See tape for Public Comments)

7:10 P.M. Public Hearing Closed

7:12 P.M. Regular Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Nancy Reagan

Book Presentation to City Council by West Haven High School Governance Council

7:17P.M. Public Information Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

Chairman James O'Brien called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30P.M.

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**APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:**

Councilwoman Morrissey presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of February 22, 2016 which was SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and APPROVED viva-voce with Council Members Quagliani and Ronan abstaining.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communication A. from the Mayor O'Brien regarding an appointment to the West Haven Police Commission/Keith Sweeney.

Communication B. from Mayor O'Brien regarding an appointment to the West Haven Energy Commission/Mia Sumra.

Communication C. from the Tax Collector attaching the Over-Payment refunds for the month of February 2016.

Communication D. from the Tax Collector attaching the second Over-Payment refunds for the month of February 2016.

Communication E. from a Taxpayer in regards to an abatement of Taxes and Interest.

Communication F. from Corporation Counsel in regards to a Transfer agreement for Where Angels Play Foundation Charlotte Helen Bacon Playground.

Communication G. from the Deputy Chief of Police in regards to donations.

Communication H. from Corporation Counsel, Attorney Amendola, regarding property maintenance liens for 2 Westfield Street.

RECESS: 7:35 P.M.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

**Legislative Matters Committee, Councilman Quagliani, Chairman**

Committee Members: Martone, Stacy Riccio, David Riccio and Ruickoldt

Absent: Councilwoman Martone

Communication D. - from Corporation Counsel, Attorney Amendola, in regards to An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of West Haven by the Adoption of Chapter 218: Vehicles, Parking Penalties. – Chairman Quagliani asked for a motion for a SECOND READING made by Councilwoman Riccio SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and APPROVED unanimously by the Legislative Matters Committee.

Communication J. 12/14/15 Agenda – Amendment to Resolution defining employee benefits for non-union employees – was held in Committee.

Communication K. 12/14/15 Agenda – Beach passes for seniors– was held in Committee.

**Personnel and Civil Service Committee, Councilman Ruickoldt, Chairman**

Committee Members: Ronan, Morrissey, Quagliani, David Riccio

Committee Member Ronan presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication A. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Quagliani and APPROVED by majority by the Personnel and Civil Service Committee with Councilman Riccio abstaining.

**Tax Deferral Committee, Councilwoman Riccio, Chairman**

Committee Members: Eberle, Ruickoldt, Aldrich and David Riccio

Committee Member Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication E. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Eberle and APPROVED unanimously by the Tax Deferral Committee.

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Committee Member Eberle presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication G. from the 2/22/2016 Agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Aldrich and APPROVED unanimously by the Tax Deferral Committee.

Committee Member Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to recommend the DENIAL of Communication I. from the 1/25/2016 Agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Aldrich and APPROVED unanimously by the Tax Deferral Committee.

Committee Member Aldrich presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication J. from the 1/25/2016 Agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Eberle and APPROVED unanimously by the Tax Deferral Committee.

**Finance Committee, Councilwoman Morrissey, Chairman**

Committee Members: Aldrich, Ruickoldt, Quagliani, and David Riccio

Committee Member Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication G. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member David Riccio and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

Committee Member Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication H. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Aldrich and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

Communication D. 1/11/2016– database to collect all past due City fines/fees, Enhancement of the Boot Program - was held in Committee

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**Housing, Planning & Recreation Committee, Councilman Ronan, Chairman**

Committee Members: Eberle, Russell, Watt, and David Riccio

(COMMUNICATION MOVED FROM REDEVELOPMENT BY CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUS MOTION – SEE TAPE)

Communication F. – from Corporation Counsel in regards to a Transfer agreement for Where Angels Play Foundation Charlotte Helen Bacon Playground. – was held in committee.

RECONVENE: 8:20 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Quagliani, Chairman of the Legislative Matters Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to a SECOND READING AND APPROVAL of “An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of West Haven by adoption of Chapter 218: Vehicles, Parking Penalties” which was DULY SECONDED by Councilman Riccio and APPROVED Unanimously viva-voce.

RESOLVED: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HAVEN that the Code of the City of West Haven is hereby amended by the adoption of CHAPTER 218, VEHICLES, PARKING PENALTIES, which reads as follows;

Sec.218-1 Fines

The following shall be the fines for parking violations in the City of West Haven:

A. Group I, \$50.00 Penalty

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- 1.) Vehicle on crosswalk;
- 2.) Beyond established time for area;
- 3.) Vehicle on sidewalk;
- 4.) Within 25 feet of corner;
- 5.) Within 25 feet of stop sign;
- 6.) More than 12 inches away from curb;
- 7.) Wrong side of curb;
- 8.) Obstructing driveway

B. Group II, \$75.00 Penalty

- 1.) Bus stop;
- 2.) Obstructing traffic;
- 3.) Loading zone;
- 4.) Parking prohibited, commercial vehicle in residential area;
- 5.) No parking zone

C. Group III, \$100.00 Penalty

- 1.) Beach parking lot without sticker;
- 2.) Winter parking violation (parking prohibited);
- 3.) Summer parking violation;
- 4.) Emergency order violation;
- 5.) Mayor's proclamation (parking violation);
- 6.) Fire lane or zone;
- 7.) Within 10 feet of fire hydrant;
- 8.) In tow zone

D. Group IV, \$ 150.00 Penalty

1. In handicapped parking space or area without official area handicapped notice.

E. If the penalty for any violation is not paid within 21 days of the issuance of parking ticket, said penalty shall double.

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Councilman Ruickoldt, Chairman of the Personnel and Civil Service Committee, presented the majority reports of the committee with regards to Communication A- appointments. Councilman Ruickoldt presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Eberle and APPROVED by majority viva-voce with Councilman David Riccio abstaining:

RESOLVED: That the appointment to the West Haven Police Commission of Keith Sweeney of 69 Lake Avenue, West Haven, to replace Richard Smith effective immediately and to expire on January 31, 2021, be approved.

Councilwoman Riccio, Chairman of the Tax Deferral Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication E- request from a Taxpayer for an abatement of Taxes and Interest. Councilwoman Riccio presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Aldrich and APPROVED viva-voce by majority with Councilman Watt Opposed:

RESOLVED: That the request for an abatement of interest, currently due as of the date of this Council Meeting on the 2012 and 2013 Grand Lists from Amos Isaac of 1536 Ridge Pointe Drive, Orlando Florida, be approved, based on the following:

- Tax balance must be paid in full within 17 Weeks from the date of this meeting.
- All tax bills issued from this date forward must be paid when due.
- A good faith effort to pay a minimum of \$35.00 a week must be established.

Councilwoman Riccio, Chairman of the Tax Deferral Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication G- from the 2/22/2016 Agenda- request from a Taxpayer for an abatement of Taxes and Interest. Councilwoman Riccio presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Aldrich and APPROVED unanimously viva-voce.

RESOLVED: That the request for an abatement of interest, currently due as of the date of this Council Meeting on the 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 Grand Lists

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from Kathleen O'Connor of 516 Third Avenue, West Haven, be approved, based on the following:

- Tax balance must be paid in full within 17 Weeks from the date of this meeting.
- All tax bills issued from this date forward must be paid when due.
- A good faith effort to pay a minimum of \$35.00 a week must be established.

Councilwoman Riccio, Chairman of the Tax Deferral Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication I- from the 1/25/2016 Agenda- request from a Taxpayer for an abatement of Taxes and Interest. Councilwoman Riccio presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Aldrich and APPROVED by majority viva-voce with Councilman Ruickoldt Opposing.

RESOLVED: That the request for an abatement of interest, currently due as of the date of this Council Meeting on the 2001, 2002, 2003, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, and 2014 Grand Lists from Joe Powell Jr. of 63 DOWNDRAFT Circle, West Haven, be denied.

Councilwoman Riccio, Chairman of the Tax Deferral Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication J- from the 1/25/2016 Agenda- request from a Taxpayer for an abatement of Taxes and Interest. Councilwoman Riccio presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Aldrich and APPROVED unanimously viva-voce.

RESOLVED: That the request for an abatement of interest, currently due as of the date of this Council Meeting on the 2011, and 2012 Grand Lists from Gail Roczynski of 59 Glade Street, West Haven, be approved, based on the following:

- Tax balance must be paid in full within 17 Weeks from the date of this meeting.
- All tax bills issued from this date forward must be paid when due.
- A good faith effort to pay a minimum of \$35.00 a week must be established.

Councilwoman Morrissey Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication G- from the

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Deputy Chief of Police in regards to donations. Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Watt and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED: That the following donation to the Department of Police Service be approved and deposited into line item #1010000028285 Animal Shelter donations:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>Marjorie T. Sydney (in memory of Geraldine Cohen)</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>

Councilwoman Morrissey Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication H- from Corporation Counsel, Attorney Amendola, in regards to a property maintenance liens for 2 Westfield Street. Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED: Pursuant to C.G.S. §7-148aa the following property maintenance liens for the property located at 2 Westfield street are hereby released:

Maintenance Line - Book 1683 Page 785 in the amount of \$1,525.29

Maintenance Line - Book 1675 Page 509 in the amount of \$8,606.00

**ACTION ON ORDINANCE PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Ruickoldt inquired about naming Educational Way Soderman Way

Councilwoman Riccio inquired about V.A. parking situation and the problem of blocked mailboxes

Councilman Quagliani requested information on the revenue generated by the Conference Center from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to the present.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:05P.M.

**ATTEST:** Michael DiMassa, Clerk of the Council

**BY:** Michael DiMassa, Clerk of the Council

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.