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The Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, March 28, 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, Martone, Ronan, Russell, and Councilman Eberle. Mayor O'Brien was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Brussels

7:15 P.M. Public Hearing Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

7:57 P.M. Public Hearing Closed

7:57 P.M. Regular Council Meeting

Chairman James O'Brien called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:57P.M.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:

Councilman Quagliani presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of March 14, 2016 which was SECONDED by Councilman Watt and APPROVED unanimously viva-voce with one correction (Mia Sumra's Appointment needs to be listed as coming out of committee and being unanimously approved) .

Councilman Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of March 16, 2016 which was SECONDED by Councilman Ronan and APPROVED unanimously viva-voce.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication A. from the Mayor O'Brien regarding an appointment to the West Haven Allingtown Fire Commission/Andrea Palumbo.

Communication B. from Judge Mark J. DeGennaro regarding a request to abandon a paper road.

Communication C. from Peter A. Defrancesco in regards to an abatement of Taxes and Interest.

Communication D. (D-1-D5) from the Deputy Chief of Police in regards to donations.

Communication E. from the Tax Collector attaching the Overpayments for the month of March 2016.

Communication F. from Elizabeth Chomiak in regards to donating a parcel of land to the City.

Communication G. from Mayor O'Brien in regards to naming of Private Road as Notre Dame Way.

Communication H. from Mayor O'Brien in regards to an Ordinance on a Senior Tax Freeze.

RECESS: 8:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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Legislative Matters Committee, Councilman Quagliani, Chairman

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

Committee Member Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication J. from the 12/14/15 Agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Martone and APPROVED unanimously by the Legislative Matters 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 Quagliani presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication A. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Ronan and APPROVED unanimously by the Personnel and Civil Service Committee.

Tax Deferral Committee, Councilwoman Riccio, Chairman

Committee Members: Eberle, Ruickoldt, Aldrich and David Riccio

Communication C. 3/28/16 Agenda - from Peter A. Defrancesco in regards to an abatement of Taxes and Interest – was held in 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 D. (D1-D5) to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member David Riccio 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

Committee Member Eberle presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication F. from the 3/14/16 Agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Watt and APPROVED unanimously by the Housing, Planning & Recreation Committee.

Public Lands Committee, Councilwoman Martone, Chairman

Committee Members: Ruickoldt, Forsyth, Ronan, David Riccio

Communication B. 3/28/16 Agenda – from Judge Mark J. DeGennaro regarding a request to abandon a paper road – was held in Committee.

Communication F. 3/28/16 Agedna- from Elizabeth Chomiak in regards to donating a parcel of land to the City – was held in Committee.

Streets & Squares Committee, Councilman Forsyth, Chairman

Committee Members: Watt, Russell, Morrissey, David Riccio

Committee Member Russell 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 Streets & Squares Committee.

Council As A Whole, Councilman Ronan, Chairman

Communication H. from the 3/28/16 Agenda – from Mayor O'Brien in regards to an Ordinance on a Senior Tax Freeze – was held on Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

RECONVENE: 8:10 P.M.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Clerk – Read Communication E. from the Collector of Taxes into the Record.

Councilman Quagliani, Chairman of the Legislative Matters Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication J. from the 12/14/15 Agenda – amendment to Resolution defining employee benefits for non-union employees, which was DULY SECONDED by Councilwoman Morrissey and APPROVED Unanimously viva-voce.

RESOLVED: Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of West Haven that the Resolution Defining Employee Benefits for Non-Union Employees adopted on November 26, 2007 is hereby amended by limiting the amount of sick time an Appointed Official may credit for years of service or age towards retirement under Section 2 (A) (10) of said resolution to thirty (30) days.

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 Russell and APPROVED by majority viva-voce with Chairman O'Brien abstaining:

RESOLVED: That the appointment to the West Haven Allingtown Fire Department of Andrea Palumbo of 156 Everett Street, West Haven, to replace Katherine Tucker effective immediately and to expire on June 30, 2017, be approved.

Councilwoman Morrissey Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication G- from the Deputy Chief of Police in regards to donations. Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Quagliani and APPROVED unanimously viva-voce:

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

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<u>FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>Leena Davis</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Florence Palermo</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Elaine Williams (in memory of Sidney Holt)</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Karen Duguay (in memory of Jean Metcalfe)</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
<u>Lois M. Dioro (in memory of Jean Metcalfe)</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>

Councilman Ronan Chairman of the Housing, Planning, & Recreation Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication F- from the 3/14/16 Agenda – Transfer agreement for Where angels Play Foundation Charlotte Helen Bacon Playground. Councilman Ronan presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Russell and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, the foundation is the current owner of the playground equipment constructed on the real property owned by the City and situated at 711 Ocean Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, (hereinafter referred to as “the Premises”); and

WHEREAS, the Foundation has completed construction of the community playground and intends to transfer all its rights and ownership to the City. NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree that:

- 1.) The foundation agrees to transfer to the City and the City agrees to accept any and all rights, title, and interest which the Foundation has in the community playground , equipment and surrounding improvements on the premises;
- 2.) The foundation and the City agree that hereinafter the City shall have complete ownership of said playground, equipment and improvements and shall have all future rights, privileges and responsibilities of said ownership;

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- 3.) The City agrees that the playground shall be named the Charlotte Helen Bacon Playground in consideration of the efforts of the Foundation and its transfer of the playground to the City;
- 4.) The City shall maintain the Charlotte Helen Bacon Playground as it does the other playgrounds owned by the City; and
- 5.) The Foundation and the City agree that the City may establish an account for future donations from the Foundation or from any other entity or person specifically designated for the benefit of the Charlotte Helen Bacon Playground and any such funds shall be allocated for the maintenance, upkeep, and replacement of the playground equipment and other such appurtenances specifically related to the Charlotte Helen Bacon Playground.

Councilman Forsyth Chairman of the Streets & Squares Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication G- from Mayor O'Brien in regards to naming a Private Road as Notre Dame Way. Councilman Forsyth presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Quagliani and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED:

WHEREAS Notre Dame High School is the record owner of 24 Ricardo Street, West Haven, Connecticut, 06516 and all the improvements thereon;

WHEREAS Notre Dame High School is requesting a change of address due to public safety concerns and secondarily for the safety and convenience of its campus visitors.

WHEREAS Ricardo Street presently terminates as a dead end street, abutting the Notre Dame Athletic Field, therefore emergency vehicles en route and other

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vehicles, including buses visiting the campus, that attempt access to the campus utilizing a GPS, or by driving down Ricardo Street must make a three point turn and access the campus via Zegmont Street.

WHEREAS the Board of Directors and the Administration of Notre Dame High School are requesting that the City of West Haven name the private roadway located within the Notre Dame campus to Notre Dame Way and that the official address of Notre Dame High School become changed to 1 Notre Dame Way, West Haven, Connecticut 06516.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED: that the private roadway located within the Notre Dame Property connecting to Zegmont Street and Cook Avenue is hereby named Notre Dame Way and the address of Notre Dame High School is changed to 1 Notre Dame Way. Notre Dame Way shall remain a private road owned by Notre Dame High School and is not a part of the road system of the City of West Haven, Connecticut.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED: that Notre Dame High School shall maintain Notre Dame Way in accordance with all governmental regulations relating to the maintenance of roads, including but not limited to resurfacing, lining or marking; installing any drainage that may be required, and keeping the roadway clear of ice, snow, sand and other debris.

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ACTION ON ORDINANCE PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:31P.M.

ATTEST: Michael DiMassa, Clerk of the Council

BY: Michael DiMassa, Clerk of the Council

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.