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The Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, April 11, 2016 in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence Chris Skeens

7:01 P.M. Public Speaking Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

7:31 P.M. Public Speaking Closed

7:31 P.M. Regular Council Meeting

Chairman James O'Brien called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:31P.M.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:

Councilman Quagliani presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of March 28, 2016 which was SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and APPROVED unanimously viva-voce.

Councilman Ronan presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of March 30, 2016 which was SECONDED by Councilman Eberle and APPROVED by majority viva-voce with Councilman Riccio abstaining.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication A. from the Mayor O'Brien regarding an appointment to the West Haven Energy Commission/ Nathan Wrann.

Communication B. from the Director of Finance regarding Delinquent Tax Lien Assignment Bids

Communication C. from the American Heart Association regarding a waiver of fees for a charitable event.

RECESS: 7:32 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Legislative Matters Committee, Councilman Quagliani, Chairman

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

Committee Member Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to recommend the FIRST READING of Communication K. 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.

Committee Member Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to recommend the FIRST READING of Communication H. from the 3/28/16 Agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Stacie Riccio and APPROVED unanimously by the Legislative Matters Committee.

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Personnel and Civil Service Committee, Councilman Ruickoldt, Chairman

Committee Members: Ronan, Morrissey, Quagliani, David Riccio

Committee Member Morrissey presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication A. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member David Riccio 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 B. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member David Riccio and APPROVED by majority by a roll-call vote of the Finance Committee.

Councilman Aldrich – Yes
Councilman Ruickoldt – Yes
Councilman Quagliani – Yes
Councilman Riccio – No
Councilwoman Morrissey – Yes

Vote Tally: 4 Yea, 1 Nay

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

Committee Member Aldrich presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication D.- from the 1/11/16 Agenda - to the entire Council which was

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SECONDED by Committee Member Quagliani and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance 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.

Committee Member Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication F. – from the 3/28/16 Agenda- to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Forsyth and APPROVED unanimously by the Public Lands Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

RECONVENE: 8:22 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Quagliani, Chairman of the Legislative Matters Committee, presented for a FIRST READING “An Ordinance amending Chapter 170: Parks And Recreation Areas; Article II: Parking Areas § 170-4 Designation of Parking Areas” and requested the Chair set a Public Hearing date. Copy of ordinance appears at the end of this Journal.

The Chair set a Public Hearing date for Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:50 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

Councilman Quagliani, Chairman of the Legislative Matters Committee, presented for a FIRST READING “An Ordinance amending Chapter 211: Taxation; Adoption of Article VIII - Elderly Tax Freeze” and requested the Chair set a Public Hearing date. Copy of ordinance appears at the end of this Journal.

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The Chair set a Public Hearing date for Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:55 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

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 unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED: That the appointment to the West Haven Energy Commission of Nathan Wrann of 320 First Avenue, West Haven, to replace Reneson Loisel effective immediately and to expire on February 25, 2017, be approved.

Councilwoman Morrissey Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication D- from the 1/11/16 Agenda – Database to collect all past due City fines/fees, Enhancement of the Boot Program. Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Quagliani and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED: That the establishment of a database to collect all past due fines/fees and Enhancement of the Boot Program, be approved.

Councilwoman Morrissey Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication C- from the American Heart Association. Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Riccio and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED: The Request from the American Heart Association for a waiver of Building Department, Fire Department, and Health Department fees, for the 2016 New Haven Heart Walk, be approved.

Councilwoman Morrissey Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the majority reports of the committee with regards to Communication B- from the Director of Finance regarding Delinquent Tax Lien Assignment Bids. Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Aldrich and APPROVED by majority by a roll-call vote:

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Councilman Forsyth – Yes
Councilman Quagliani – Yes
Councilman Riccio – No
Councilman Aldrich – Yes
Councilman Ruickoldt – Yes
Councilman Eberle – Yes
Councilwoman Riccio – Yes
Councilman Watt – Absent
Councilman Russell – Yes
Councilwoman Morrissey – Yes
Councilman Ronan – Yes
Councilwoman Martone – Yes
Chairman O'Brien – Yes

Vote Tally: 11 Yea, 1 Nay, 1 Absent

RESOLVED: That the sale of Delinquent Tax Liens be awarded to Caz Creek in the amount of \$1,869,916.07, be approved.

Councilwoman Martone Chairman of the Public Lands Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication F- from the 3/28/16 Agenda – from Elizabeth Chomiak in regards to donating a parcel of land to the City. Councilwoman Martone presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Ronan and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED: that the communication to accept possession of the property known as 32 Ipswich Street (Map 52 Block 29), owned by Elizabeth Chomiak, be approved and hereby accepted by the City of West Haven, and as such, all back taxes due on said property be forgiven.

ACTION ON ORDINANCE PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Riccio requested a letter be sent to Corporation Counsel asking about the validity of claims against issues with the Building Oversight Committee Members.

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Councilwoman Riccio requested a letter be sent to the Mayor's Office requesting an update on negotiations with the remaining properties under negotiation in the "Haven Project". Mayor O'Brien stated that any updates would be difficult as negotiations were ongoing and he felt it would have to be done under executive session.

Chair set a Public Hearing date for the C.B.D.G. Budget Year 42 for Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:45 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:40P.M.

ATTEST: Michael DiMassa, Clerk of the Council

BY: Michael DiMassa, Clerk of the Council

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.