

**April 25, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, April 25, 2016 in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

Present were Council Members O'Brien (8:24), Aldrich, Stacy Riccio, Morrissey, Forsyth, David Riccio, Quagliani, Martone, Ronan, Russell, and Councilman Eberle. Absent were Council Members Watt, Ruickoldt. Mayor O'Brien was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

6:52 P.M. Chairwoman Morrissey called Finance Committee Public Hearing on C.D.B.G. Budget to order, no public input followed. At 6:52 P.M. the public hearing was closed.

6:53 P.M. Chairman Quagliani called the Legislative Matters Committee Public Hearing on Ordinance Amending Chapter 170 - Parking Pass to order. No public input followed. At 6:53 P.M. the public hearing was closed.

6:55 P.M. Chairman Quagliani called the Legislative Matters Committee Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 211 –Elderly Tax Freeze to order. No public input followed. At 6:55 P.M. the public hearing was closed.

6:55 P.M. Temporary Council Chairman Sean Ronan called a five minute recess.

7:00 P.M. Public Speaking Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

8:10 P.M. Public Speaking Closed

7:31 P.M. Regular Council Meeting

Temporary Chairman Sean Ronan called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:10 P.M.

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APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:

Councilwoman Morrissey presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of April 11, 2016 which was SECONDED by Councilman Russell and APPROVED unanimously viva-voce.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication A. from Commissioner Joseph Riccio in regards to the sale of City owned property located at 528 Forest Road.

Communication B. from the Tax Collector attaching Over-Payment refunds for the month of April.

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

Communication D. from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in regards to a waiver of permit fees for the Great Strides Walk (Sunday, May 22, 2016).

Communication E. from the Community Development Administration regarding approval of C.D.B.G. Budget for Program Year 42.

Communication F. from the Director of Finance in regards to account transfers.

Communication G. from Corporation Counsel regarding the lease for City property located at 237 Front Avenue with Elm City Materials.

RECESS: 8:12 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

Committee Members: Martone, Stacy Riccio, David Riccio and Ruickoldt  
Councilman Ruickoldt – Absent

Committee Member Martone presented a MOTION to recommend the SECOND READING/APPROVAL of Communication K. from the 12/14/15 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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Communication H. from the 3/28/16 Agenda – from Mayor O’Brien in regards to an Ordinance on a Senior Tax Freeze – was held in Committee.

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

Committee Members: Eberle, Ruickoldt, Aldrich and David Riccio  
Councilman Ruickoldt – Absent

Communication C. 3/28/16 Agenda - from Peter A. DeFrancesco in regards to an abatement of Taxes and Interest – was held in Committee.

- Chairwoman Riccio requested a final letter be sent asking for more information on this abatement from the Taxpayer.

**Finance Committee, Councilwoman Morrissey, Chairman**

Committee Members: Aldrich, Ruickoldt, Quagliani, and David Riccio  
Councilman Ruickoldt – Absent

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

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

Committee Member Aldrich presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication E. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Quagliani and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee excluding the two line items for the Community House (Head Start Program \$12,000 and Capital Improvements for \$18,500) after a Q&A with Community Development Staff, Mark Bisaccia and John Bernardo.

Committee Member David Riccio presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication E. specifically in regards to approving the Head Start Program for \$12,000 and the Capital Improvements for \$18,500, to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Aldrich and APPROVED by majority of the Finance Committee with Committee Member Quagliani abstaining.

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Committee Member Aldrich presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication F. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Quagliani and APPROVED by unanimously by the Finance Committee after remarks from Director of Finance Kevin McNabola.

Communication G. – from Corporation Counsel regarding the lease for City property located at 237 Front Avenue with Elm City Materials – was held in Committee.

**Public Lands Committee, Councilwoman Martone, Chairman**

Committee Members: Ruickoldt, Forsyth, Ronan, David Riccio  
Councilman Ruickoldt – Absent

Communication A. – from Commissioner Joseph Riccio in regards to the sale of City owned property located at 528 Forest Road –was withdrawn by the Commissioner.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

RECONVENE: 8:34 P.M.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Clerk read Communication B. into the record.

Councilman Quagliani, Chairman of the Legislative Matters Committee, presented for a SECOND READING “Ordinance Amending Chapter 170 - Parking Pass” and presented a MOTION for APPROVAL, DULY SECONDED by Councilman Eberle and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

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RESOLVED: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 170: PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS; ARTICLE II: PARKING AND PARKING AREAS §170-4 DESIGNATION OF PARKING AREAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HAVEN that the Chapter 170, Article II, §170-4 of the Code of the City of West Haven is hereby amended by adoption in subsection C pursuant to Section 27-135 the Connecticut General Statutes, which reads as follows:

- C. A special beach pass will be provided to each senior citizen of the City of West Haven, which shall be renewed every two years with the following conditions:
1. The seniors citizen requesting a beach pass must provide proof of residency by producing one of the following forms of identity;
    - a. Valid State of Connecticut Driver's License or State of Identification Card;
    - b. Real Property or Motor Vehicle Tax Bill in their name;
    - c. Current utility bill in their name.
  2. The senior citizen must be present in the vehicle seeking access to the designated parking area and at each time of access must produce any of the one of the forms of identification as referenced in subparagraphs, a, b or c in paragraph 1 herein.

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

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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>Shirley &amp; Bruce Mudzinski (in memory of Helen Anderson)</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>Robert &amp; Rosemary Abate (in memory of Jean Metcalfe)</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Patricia Carleton (in memory of Jean Metcalfe)</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Gordon Houlberg II</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
<u>Gale &amp; Robert Glover</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Scott Connors</u>	<u>\$1000.00</u>
<u>VOYA Foundation – David Pendergrass SVP and Treasurer</u>	<u>\$1000.00</u>

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

RESOLVED: The Request from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for a waiver of Building Department, and Health Department fees for the Great Strides Walk (Sunday, May 22, 2016), be approved.

Councilwoman Morrissey Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication E- from the Community Development Administration regarding approval of C.D.B.G. Budget for Program Year 42 (Excluding Head Start Program \$12,000 and Capital Improvements for \$18,500 for the Community House). Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Eberle and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED: That the CDBG Program Year 42 Budget (attached) excluding the Head Start Program \$12,000 and Community House Capital Improvements for \$18,500, be approved.

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Community Development Administration regarding approval of C.D.B.G. Budget for Program Year 42 specifically including Head Start Program \$12,000 and Capital Improvements for \$18,500 for the Community House. Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Ronan and APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Councilman Quagliani abstaining:

RESOLVED: That the CDBG Program Year 42 Budget (attached) including the Head Start Program \$12,000 and Community House Capital Improvements for \$18,500, be approved.

- Councilman Quagliani is a Board Member of the Community House and could not vote on those line items.

Councilwoman Morrissey Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication F- from the Director of Finance in regards to account transfers.. Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Quagliani and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED: Be it resolved that the City Council transfer \$930,613.22 to the Health Insurance Account 18109981 54110 based on various favorable account balances from the Department of the Mayor, Debt Service Interest, City Insurance, Building Maintenance, Central Services, Information Technology, Tax Collector, Assessor, Board of Assessment, Park Maintenance, Human Resources, Aquatics, Corporation Counsel, Planning & Development, Day Camp, Recreation, Building Department, Engineering, CMED, Grounds Maintenance, Elderly Services, Library, be approved.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Extensive discussion took place on the concerns/comments over the bathrooms at Veterans Memorial Field. Sports programs, budgetary constraints, and Councilmembers views on the Public Session were all discussed. (See tape for complete account).

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:20P.M.

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

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

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.