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The Special Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

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

6:00 P.M. Public Hearing - Five Year Capital Plan

(See tape for Public Comments)

6:04 P.M. Public Hearing Closed

Pledge of Allegiance

Temporary Chairman Sean Ronan called the Special Meeting to order at 6:04P.M.

6:04 P.M. Temporary Chairman Ronan called the Special Meeting to order and turned the Council over to Finance Chairwoman Morrissey to conduct the final deliberations and close of the Finance Committee (recessed from May 4th).

6:05 P.M. Chairman Morrissey opened the Finance Committee and asked if anyone had any other motions for discussion.

Councilman Aldrich presented a MOTION to move \$10,000 from (General Liabilities) Account #18009980-54030 to (Library) Account #16001060-51000, which was SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and APPROVED by majority via a Roll-Call.

Council As A Whole:

Councilman Forsyth – Yes

Councilman Quagliani – Yes

Councilman Riccio – Abstain

Councilman Aldrich – Yes

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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 - Absent

Yes 10 / No 0 / Abstentions 1 / Absent 2

Councilman Eberle presented a MOTION to reduce \$25,000 from (Unemployment Compensation) Account #18109983-54160 and increase (Demo Buildings) Account #11900013-52590, which was SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and APPROVED unanimously via a Roll-Call vote after discussion.

Council As A Whole:

Councilman Forsyth – Yes
Councilman Quagliani – Yes
Councilman Riccio – Yes
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 - Absent

Yes 11 / No 0 / Abstentions 0 / Absent 2

Councilman Riccio presented a MOTION to reduce \$39,780 from (City Council Wages) Account #1100010-51000 and increase Deficit Reduction by that amount, which was SECONDED by Councilman Quagliani and FAILED unanimously via a Roll-Call vote after discussion.

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Council As A Whole:

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

Yes 0 / No 11 / Abstentions 0 / Absent 2

Councilman Ronan via a point-of-order called Corporation Counsel to the podium and asked if Council Memebtrs could make any cuts they deem necessary. Attorney Vincent Amendola responded that he believed they could.

Councilman Riccio presented a MOTION to reduce \$33,810 from (Part Time Elected) Account #11000010-51350 and increase Deficit Reduction by that amount, which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Riccio and FAILED by majority via a Roll-Call vote after discussion.

Council As A Whole:

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

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Councilwoman Riccio asked Attorney Vincent Amendola if the resolution in regards to budget changes after the budget is passed violates any law. Attorney Amendola answered the Council had emergency provisions and that he could not answer on the spot if it would violate any and all laws and regulations. A brief Q/A period with the Council followed.

Chairwoman Morrissey called a brief recess of the Finance Committee at 7:05 P.M.

Chairwoman Morrissey called the Finance Committee out of recess at 7:19 P.M.

Councilwoman Morrissey began to present a motion to approve the Budget with the changes, however a question with a change in the mill rate was brought up. Councilmembers were unaware that the Mill rate would change from the Mayor's proposed under the current changes. After a discussion between the Council and Finance Director McNabola, a majority caucus was called.

Councilwoman Morrissey called the meeting back to order at 8:14 P.M.

Councilman Quagliani presented a MOTION to reduce Unallocated Contingency by \$58,000 Account #19009990-56010, which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Ruickoldt and APPROVED unanimously via a Roll-Call vote.

Council As A Whole:

Councilman Forsyth – Yes
Councilman Quagliani – Yes
Councilman Riccio – Yes
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 - Absent

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Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which was DULY SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and APPROVED by majority via a Roll-Call vote of the Finance Committee after discussion.

Be It Resolved: That the Finance Committee approves the Mayor's budget as amended, the tax Rate of 35.26 (PP/RE) Mills plus 25 Mills on Motor Vehicle on the dollar is hereby laid in order to meet said appropriations for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 upon the last Grand List of the City of West Haven and an additional 11.07 Mills (PP/RE) and 7 Mills on Motor Vehicle on the dollar on the property in Allingtown for fire services, be approved.

Finance Committee:

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

Yes 4 / No 1 / Abstentions 0 / Absent 0

Copy of amendments appears at the end of this Journal.

Councilwoman Morrissey presented a MOTION to adjourn the Finance Committee which was DULY SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and APPROVED via Voice.

Temporary Chairman Ronan called the Special Meeting of the City Council back to order after the Finance Committee's report.

Roll Call Vote was taken by the clerk of members present (see attendance above).

The Clerk of the Council read the call of the Special Meeting:

"A Special Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall (third floor) City Council Chambers for deliberations and actions on Mayor O'Brien's Recommended Operating Budget and Five Year Capital Plan for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 and to set the Mill Rate thereon, including

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appropriations and laying taxes for the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown. A Public Session will be held at 5:55 P.M. on the Five Year Capital Plan.”

Temporary Chairman Ronan presented the following MOTION which was DULY SECONDED by Councilwoman Morrissey and APPROVED by majority via a Roll-Call vote after discussion and remarks from Chairman O’Brien were read.

Be It Resolved: That the City Council approves the Mayor’s budget as amended, the tax Rate of 35.26 (PP/RE) Mills plus 25 Mills on Motor Vehicle on the dollar is hereby laid in order to meet said appropriations for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 upon the last Grand List of the City of West Haven and an additional 11.07 Mills (PP/RE) and 7 Mills on Motor Vehicle on the dollar on the property in Allingtown for fire services, be approved.

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- Councilwoman Riccio – Yes
- Councilman Watt- Absent
- Councilman Russell – Yes
- Councilwoman Morrissey – Yes
- Councilman Ronan – Yes
- Councilwoman Martone – Yes
- Chairman O’Brien - Absent

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Temporary Chairman Ronan presented the following MOTION which was DULY SECONDED by Councilman Aldrich and APPROVED by majority via a Roll-Call vote after discussion.

Be It Resolved: WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter XIX of the West Haven Code (the “code”), the Mayor has submitted his fiscal year 2016-2017 General Fund Operating Budget (the “ Proposed Budget”) to the City Council; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter XIX of the code, the City Council has considered the Proposed Budget and conducted the public hearing regarding the Proposed Budget required by the Code; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has yet to adopt the State's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 General Fund Budget (the "State Budget"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Budget depends on certain revenue assumptions derived from the State Budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered and amended the Proposed Budget and has relied on certain assumptions concerning the State Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to comply with the requirements of the Chapter XIX of the Code despite the adoption of the State Budget, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the City Council hereby adopts (i) the City's 2016-2017 General Fund Operating Budget (the "Budget") in the form [presented to this meeting] or [attached hereto] and (ii) the mil rate required to fund that portion of the Budget to be funded by City property taxes; and be it further

RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to make such adjustments to the Budget (the "adjusted Budget") as may be necessitated by the final version of the State Budget subject to ratification by the City Council of such Adjusted Budget and the ml rate required to implement the Adjusted Budget., be approved.

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ACTION ON ORDINANCE PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:41P.M.

ATTEST: Michael DiMassa, Clerk of the Council

BY: Michael DiMassa, Clerk of the Council

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.