

**May 9, 2016**

**AMENDED**

The Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, May 9, 2016 in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

Present were Council Members O'Brien (7:30), Aldrich, Morrissey, Quagliani, Martone, Ronan, Russell, and Councilman Eberle. Absent were Council Members Stacie Riccio, Forsyth and David Riccio. Mayor O'Brien was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

7:00 P.M. Scott Bassett presented an Update on the Audit for Fiscal Year Ending 2015.

7:22 P.M. Public Speaking Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

8:10 P.M. Public Speaking Closed

8:10 P.M. Regular Council Meeting

Chairman James P. O'Brien called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:10 P.M.

A Moment of Silence was held for Cristal Baker.

**APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:**

Councilman Russell presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of April 25, 2016 which was SECONDED by Councilman Quagliani and APPROVED by majority viva-voce with Councilman Ruickoldt abstaining.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communication A. from Mayor O'Brien in regards to an appointment to the West Haven Energy Commission/Moshe Cohen.

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

Communication C. (C-1 – C-2) from the Deputy Chief of Police in regards to donations.

Communication D. from Ruth L. Arotsky in regards to an abatement of Taxes and Interest.

Communication E. from Marvin Ogman in regards to an abatement of Taxes and Interest.

Chairman O'Brien called a brief recess at 8:15 for Attorney Vincent Amendola to confirm that it was correct to proceed without Minority Representation. A minute later the meeting was called back to order and it was concluded it was alright to proceed.

RECESS: 8:16 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

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

Committee Member Martone 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 Ruickoldt and APPROVED unanimously by the Legislative Matters Committee.

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

Committee Members: Ronan, Morrissey, Quagliani, David Riccio  
David Riccio – Absent

Committee Member Ronan presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication A. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Morrissey and APPROVED by unanimously by the Personnel and Civil Service Committee.

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

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

Communication C. 3/28/16 Agenda - from Peter A. DeFrancesco in regards to an abatement of Taxes and Interest – was held in Committee. (See tape for motion made regarding removing this communication, which failed by lack of majority, motion must be held)

Communication D. from Ruth L. Arotzky in regards to an abatement of Taxes and Interest – was held in committee.

Communication E. from Marvin Ogman 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  
Councilman David Riccio – Absent

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

Committee Member Morrissey presented a MOTION to recommend the MOVING Communication G. to the unfinished business for Executive Session which was SECONDED by Committee Member Ruickoldt and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

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

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

Committee Member Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication B. from the 3/28/2016 agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Ronan and APPROVED unanimously by the Public Lands Committee.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

8:28 P.M. Executive Session was held on Communication G. from 4/25/2016 Agenda regarding the lease of City property at 237 Front Avenue with Elm City Materials.

RECONVENE: 8:36 P.M.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Clerk read Communication B. into the record.

Councilman Quagliani, Chairman of the Legislative Matters Committee, presented for a FIRST READING on an Ordinance adopting a Senior Tax Freeze.

Chairman O'Brien set a Public Hearing for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:55 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Councilman Ruickoldt Chairman of the Personnel and Civil Service Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication A- from Mayor O'Brien. Councilman Ruickoldt presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Ronan and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

Resolved: That Moshe Cohen of 255 Beach Street, West Haven, CT has been re-appointed to the West Haven Energy Commission effective immediately and to expire February 25, 2019.

Councilwoman Morrissey Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication C- from the Deputy Chief of Police. Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt 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:

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Florence Palermo	\$25.00
TRUST	\$10.50

Councilwoman Martone Chairman of the Public Lands Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication B from the 3/28/2016 Agenda - from Judge Mark J. DeGennaro regarding a request to abandon paper road. Councilwoman Martone presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED: that the proposal to abandon the paper road known as Herman Street, north of Lee Street to its proposed connection with Felicia Drive be approved.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Martone requested a letters be sent to the Board of Education for a Forensic Audit, as well as a letter to the City regarding enforcement of the smoking policy on City property.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:50P.M.

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

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

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.