

October 11, 2016

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

Present were Council Members Aldrich, Eberle, Quagliani, Hamilton, Morrissey, O'Brien, Ronan, Russell (7:05), Ruickoldt, Martone, Stacy Riccio, David Russell, and Councilman David Riccio. Absent was Council Member Forsyth. Mayor O'Brien was also absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

6:56 P.M. Public Hearing - An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of West Haven, By Adopting Section 211-14: Waiver of Assessment Penalty

6:57 P.M. Public Hearing Close (No Speakers)

7:00 P.M. Regular Council Meeting

7:01 P.M. Public Information Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:

Councilman Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of September 26, 2016 which was SECONDED by Councilman Ronan and APPROVED with corrections (See Tape) unanimously viva-voce.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication A. Communication from the Tax Collector in regards to overpayment refunds for October, 2016.

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

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RECESS: 8:03 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance Committee, Councilwoman Morrissey, Chairman

Committee Members: Aldrich, Ruickoldt, Quagliani, and David Riccio

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

Tax Deferral Committee, Councilwoman Riccio, Chairman

Committee Members: Eberle, Ruickoldt, Aldrich, and David Riccio

Committee Member Eberle presented a MOTION to recommend the DENIAL of Communication B. from the 9/12/16 Agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member David Riccio and APPROVED unanimously by the Tax Deferral Committee.

Committee Member Aldrich presented a MOTION to recommend the DENIAL of Communication D. from the 9/12/16 Agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Eberle and APPROVED unanimously by the Tax Deferral Committee.

Legislative Matters Committee, Councilman Quagliani, Chairman

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

Committee Member David Riccio presented a MOTION to recommend a SECOND READING AND APPROVAL of Communication F. from the 9/12/16 Agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Ruickoldt and APPROVED by unanimously by the Legislative Matters Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

RECONVENE: 8:06P.M.

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Clerk read Communication A. into the record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

<u>FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Joshua Cintron-Feliciano	\$220.00

Councilwoman Riccio Chairman of the Tax Deferral Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication B. from the 9/12/16 Agenda, from Mayra B. Tacuri in regards to an abatement of taxes and interest. Councilwoman Riccio presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Eberle and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED: That the request for an abatement of interest and fees, currently due as of the date of this Council Meeting on the 2005 and 2006 Grand Lists from Mayra B. Tacuri of 47 Bristol Street, West Haven, be denied, based on the following:

- Application not complete as submitted.

Councilwoman Riccio Chairman of the Tax Deferral Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication D. from the 9/12/16 Agenda, from Mayra B. Tacuri in regards to an abatement of taxes and interest. Councilwoman Riccio presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Aldrich and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

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RESOLVED: That the request for an abatement of interest and fees, currently due as of the date of this Council Meeting on the 2005 Grand Lists from Victor Robles of 47 Bristol Street, West Haven, be denied, based on the following:

- Application not complete as submitted.

Councilman Quagliani Chairman of the Legislative Matters Committee presented the SECOND READING of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WEST HAVEN, BY ADOPTING SECTION 211-14: WAIVER OF ASSESSMENT PENALTY PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE 12-63c.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HAVEN that the Code of the City of West Haven is hereby amended by adoption of Section 211-14 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WEST HAVEN: WAIVER OF ASSESSMENT PENALTY, which reads as follows:

§211-14

WAIVER OF ASSESSMENT PENALTY

As authorized by Sec. 12-63c (d) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and effective for the Grand List of 2016 and all subsequent Grand Lists, the Tax Assessor may waive the statutory penalty increasing the property tax assessment, due to the failure of a property owner to timely submit the information requested by the Tax Assessor pursuant to 12-63c (a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, provided accurate information is submitted to the Tax Assessor before the waiver of the assessment penalty is considered.

As to the Grand List of 2016 only, notwithstanding the above, if a tax payer failed to submit the information requested to the Tax Assessor by June 1st or within the period of any extension, then the statutory penalty assessed shall be waived so long as the information requested is submitted to the Tax Assessor in accurate form no later than November 1, 2016 along with a late fee of \$250.00.

Beginning with the Grand List of October 1, 2017 and all subsequent Grand Lists, notwithstanding the above if a tax payer fails to submit the information requested to the Tax Assessor by June 1st or within the period of any extension, then the statutory penalty assessed shall be waived so long as the information requested is submitted to the Tax Assessor in accurate form no later than September 1st, along with a late fee of \$250.00. If a property owner submits the information requested after September 1st, then a letter requesting

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Councilman Quagliani Chairman of the Legislative Matters Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication F. from the 9/12/16 Agenda, from Corporation Counsel in regards to an Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of West Haven, By Adopting Section 211-14: Waiver of Assessment Penalty. Councilman Quagliani presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Ronan and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

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ACTION ON ORDINANCE PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman O'Brien addressed the Council on the outstanding work being done by the administration on working with residents and addressing concerns about ongoing projects.

Councilman David Riccio addressed the Council on discussions he had with local business owners on the Assessment Penalty.

Councilwoman Morrissey asked a letter be sent to the Superintendent along with Commissioner Joseph Riccio in regards to the Security Camera work and the potential permit fees associated.

Councilwoman Morrissey asked that the Finance Committee receive an update on the Finances of the City at the next regular City Council meeting. She asked the Mayor and the Finance Director attend.

Councilwoman Martone asked a letter be sent to Corporation Counsel in regards to the properties the City Council is waiting on appraisal for to rebid.

Councilwoman Riccio asked the Council be updated on the F.O.I policy for responding to letters of such nature. Chairman O'Brien stated the Council would receive something in regards to that at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:36 P.M.

ATTEST: Michael DiMassa, Clerk of the Council

BY: Michael DiMassa, Clerk of the Council

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.