

January 9, 2017

The Special Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, January 9, 2017 in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

7:12P.M. Public Speaking Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

7:20 P.M. Public Speaking Closed

7:21 P.M. Special Council Meeting

Chairman James P. O'Brien called the Special Meeting to order at 7:21 P.M.

ATTENDENCE/CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING

CLERK READ THE CALL: In accordance with Rule #11 of the Rules Governing the actions of the City Council, Chairman O'Brien has called a Special Meeting of the West Haven City Council to be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 9, 2017, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 355 Main Street (3rd Floor).

The purpose of this Special Meeting is as follows:

- Matters on the enclosed agenda

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:

Councilman Forsyth presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of December 12, 2017 which was SECONDED by Councilman David Riccio and APPROVED unanimously viva-voce.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication A. from Commissioner Sabo in regards to a Community Block Grant Funds.

Communication B. from Dawn McCready in regards to an abatement of Taxes and Interest.

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

Communication D. from Commissioner Sabo in regards consideration and action on a Tentative Agreement between the City of West Haven & Local 681.

Communication E. from the Tax Collector in regards to Overpayment refunds for the month of December, 2016.

Executive Session on Pending Litigation:

Councilman Sean Ronan presented a MOTION to recommend the Council RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss pending litigation concerning the Haven which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Morrissey and APPROVED unanimously by the City Council.

RECESS: 7:28

RECONVENE: 7:29 P.M.

The Previous Motion was rescinded by Councilman Ronan and Councilwoman Morrissey and a new motion was presented.

Councilman Sean Ronan presented a MOTION to recommend the Council RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (inviting Mayor O'Brien, Attorney Amendola, Commissioner Riccio, and Attorney O'Conner) to discuss pending litigation concerning the Haven which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Morrissey and APPROVED unanimously by the City Council.

RECESS: 7:29 P.M.

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RECONVENE: 8:37 P.M.

Chairman O'Brien asked Finance Director Kevin McNabla to the Podium to give an update on the Audit, Financing, Budget FY17-Current, & Bonding in accordance with the Agenda.

Chairman O'Brien called a brief RECESS at 8:40 P.M. as a disturbance was taking place in the public portion of the chamber.

RECONVENE: 9:02

Finance Director McNabola proceeded with his presentation and Councilmembers were allowed to ask questions (See Tape).

Chairman O'Brien asked Commissioner Joseph Riccio to the Podium to give an update on economic development projects in the City of West Haven in accordance with the Agenda.

Commissioner Riccio proceeded with his presentation and Councilmembers were allowed to ask questions (See Tape).

(Councilman Forsyth left the Chamber 9:35 P.M.)

RECESS: 9:50 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 A. 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 C. (C1-C2) to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Ruickoldt and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

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Committee Member Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication D. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Aldrich and DENIED by majority by the Finance Committee after an extensive Q/A with the Attorney Ryan (City's Attorney) and a roll call vote.

Councilman Ruickoldt – Yea
Councilman Aldrich – Yea
Councilman Quagliani – Pass – Abstain
Councilman Riccio- No
Councilwoman Morrissey – Abstain

2 Yea / 1 No / 2 Abstain/ 0 Absent

Finance Chairwoman Morrissey called a brief RECESS at 11:02 P.M.

RECONVENE: 11:25

Tax Deferral Committee, Councilwoman Riccio, Chairman

Committee Members: Eberle, Ruickoldt, Aldrich and David Riccio

Communication B. from Dawn McCready in regards to an abatement of Taxes and Interest – was held in Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

RECONVENE: 11:31 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Clerk read Communication E. into the record.

Councilwoman Morrissey Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication A. - from Commissioner Sabo in regards to a Community Block Grant Funds.

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Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

Resolved: Whereas The City of West Haven Community Development Administration has grant funds available for its 43rd Program Year (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) F.Y. 17-18 through the Community Development Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;

Whereas The City of West Haven Department of Human Resources desires to apply for such funds;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the West Haven City Council of the City of West Haven that: Beth A. Sabo, Commissioner of Human Resources is hereby authorized to submit such applications and to execute all contracts or amendments pertaining to any award thereof.

Councilwoman Morrissey Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication C. (C1-C2) – from the Deputy Chief in regards to donations. Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman David Riccio 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>
Andrew Giaquinto Jr.	\$50.00
Ruth Targuino (in memory of Gary Targuino Jr.)	\$25.00

ADJOURNMENT: 11:47 P.M.

ATTEST: Michael DiMassa, Clerk of the Council

BY: Michael DiMassa, Clerk of the Council

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.