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The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:05 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

Present were Council Members: Donovan, O'Connor, Johnston, Galignano, Hamilton, Massaro, McGeé, Fanelli, Bruneau, Cohen, Hoskie, Conlon, and Quagliani. Mayor Nancy R. Rossi was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

6:55 P.M. Streets & Squares Committee Public Hearing – Communication from Taxpayer/David Kileen in regards to changing the name of Second Avenue Triangle Park.

David Kileen presented to the City Council an overview of the request.

Councilman Galignano presented a MOTION to wave the City Council Rules and add the Library R.F.P. Study to the agenda SECONDED by Councilman Conlon and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

Chairman Quagliani assigned the Library R.F.P. to the Finance Committee and designated it Communication K.

7:02 PM Public Information Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:46 PM.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:

Councilman Massaro presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the December 9, 2019 special meeting which was SECONDED by Councilman Donovan and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

Councilman Bruneau presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the December 9, 2019 regular meeting which was SECONDED by Councilman Cohen and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Communication from Corporation Counsel in regards to an extension of D.E.E.P Bike Path Trail Contract.
- B. Communication from Chief Joseph Perno in regards to animal shelter donations.
- C. Communication from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to the appointment of Cheryl Tompkins to replace John Biancur on the Ethics Board.
- D. Communication from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to the appointment of Nicholas A. Pascale to replace John Coppola on the Ethics Board.

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- E. Communication from the Tax Collector in regards to Overpayment refunds for November 2019.
- F. Communication from Commissioner Beth Sabo in regards to a tentative agreement with the 911 Dispatchers and the City of West Haven.
- G. Communication from Corporation Counsel in regards to an agreement with D.E.C.D. for Five-Million Dollars in State assistance.
- H. Communication from Corporation Counsel in regards to a Police Pension Administrative Bid Waiver.
- I. Communication from Corporation Counsel in regards to approval of the Pension Study R.F.P. for publication.
- J. Communication from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to an updated Five Year Plan.
- K. Communication from Corporation Counsel in regards to the approval of the Library Study R.F.P. for publication.

RECESS: 7:49 PM

Finance Committee, Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman

Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Bruneau, Massaro, Cohen

Communication A. Committee Member Bruneau presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication A. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Hamilton and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

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

Communication F. Committee Member Hamilton presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication F. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Bruneau and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

Communication H. Committee Member Hamilton presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication H. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Massaro and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

Communication I. Committee Member Hamilton presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication I. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Cohen and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

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Communication J. – Was Held In Committee.

Communication G. Committee Member Cohen presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication G. from the 12/9/19 agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Cohen and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

Communication K. Committee Member Cohen presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication K. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Massaro and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

Personnel & Civil Service Committee, Councilman Massaro, Chairman
Committee Members Present: Hamilton, McGeé, Bruneau, O'Connor

Communication C. Committee Member Bruneau presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication C. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Hamilton and APPROVED unanimously by the Personnel & Civil Service Committee.

Communication D. Committee Member Hamilton presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication D. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member McGeé and APPROVED unanimously by the Personnel & Civil Service Committee.

Redevelopment Committee, Councilwoman O'Connor, Chairwoman
Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Johnson, Gallignano, Donovan

Communication G. Committee Member Donovan presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication G. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Hamilton and APPROVED unanimously by the Personnel & Civil Service Committee.

Streets & Squares Committee, Councilman Conlon, Chairman
Committee Members Present: Massaro, Johnston, Fanelli, Cohen

Communication F. - Committee Member Fanelli presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication F. from the 12/9/19 agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Cohen and APPROVED unanimously by the Streets & Squares Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on the Haven Development Project Re: Road Abandonment Requirements – Attorney Tiernan provided and update and the Council Members entered into a Q/A session on the status of the project.

RECONVENE: 9:08PM

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Clerk read Communication E. into the record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication A. from Corporation Counsel in regards to an extension of D.E.E.P. Bike Path Trail Contract.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

RESOLVED: WHEREAS, the City of West Haven desires to make application and obtain financial assistance from the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of West Haven, the governing body of the City of West Haven, that:

An application be made to the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, State of Connecticut for a grant in the amount of \$250,000 for West Haven's Design and Development of the Bike Trail (CPAP 2015-2); as approved by the State Bond Commission on July 25, 2014; Edward M. O'Brien, Mayor of the City of West Haven, having been duly elected to serve as Mayor of the City of West Haven, sworn into office on December 1, 2013, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of the City of West Haven with the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Nancy R. Rossi was elected Mayor and her term of office began December 1st 2019 and will continue until December 5, 2021. As the Mayor, Nancy R. Rossi, serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the City of West Haven and has both the authority and the office to sign on behalf of the City a Personal Services Agreement for West Haven's Design and Development of the Bike Trail.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of West Haven, at a meeting of the City Council held on October 27, 2014 and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever.

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication B. from the Deputy Chief of Police in regards to donations.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hamilton and was 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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<u>FROM</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Patrick Kelly	6657	\$150.00
Patrick Kelly	6644	\$150.00
Joseph Limauro	102	\$100.00
Linda Shea	1863	\$2.00
Patrick Kelly	6628	\$155.00
Diane Campane	7524	\$50.00
Margaret Anderson	130	\$50.00
Angela Russo	1341	\$100.00
Georgianna Jette	2068	\$100.00
Jacqueline Kearney	8942	\$25.00
Cynthia Anderson	447	\$40.00
C. Bush	25563556754	\$25.00
North End Hose Co. #3	1047	\$50.00
Jessie Terrasi	849	\$25.00
Maria Stevens	8823	\$100.00
Sheila Krajcir	1991	\$266.00
Alyce Benson	9520	\$50.00
Cheryl Robertson	6979	\$50.00
Debra Reynolds	5904	\$25.00
Jane Beirne	7573	\$25.00
Linda Kaminsky	4525	\$25.00
Tri-lift, Inc.	25981	\$200.00
The Hometown Foundation, Inc.	2294	\$2,900.00

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication F. from Commissioner Beth Sabo in regards to a tentative agreement with the 911 Dispatchers and the City of West Haven.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor or in her absence the Chairman of the City Council to sign the attached agreement between the City of West Haven and 911 Dispatchers International Association of Fire Fighters & UPFFA of CT, Local #5127.

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication H. from Corporation Counsel in regards to a Police Pension Administrative Bid Waiver.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Bruneau and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby grants a bid waiver between the City of West Haven and David Moran, Senior Vice President and Raymond James Associates, Inc. for the West Haven Police Department Pension and authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract for these services.

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Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication I. from Corporation Counsel in regards to a Police Pension R.F.P. for publication.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Cohen and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby authorizes and directs Mayor Nancy R. Rossi or her designee to publish the attached police pension Study R.F.P within thirty calendar days from this meeting date.

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication G. from the 12/9/19 agenda from Public Works/Engineering to submit an application for Community Development Funds for Allingtown Green Site Improvements.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Massaro and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the attached application from Public Works/Engineering and authorizes them to submit such application to the Community Development Administration for consideration.

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication K. from Corporation Counsel in regards to approval of the Library Study R.F.P for publication.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Massaro and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby authorizes and directs Mayor Nancy R. Rossi or her designee to publish the attached library Study R.F.P within thirty calendar days from this meeting date.

Councilman Massaro Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication C. from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to the appointment of Cheryl Tompkins to replace John Biancur on the Ethics Board.

Councilman Massaro presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hoskie was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

RESOLVED: That the appointment to the Ethics Board of Cheryl Tompkins of 770 Savin Avenue, West Haven, effective immediately, and to expire on January 31, 2023 to replace John Biancur be approved.

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Councilman Massaro Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication D. from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to the appointment of Nicholas A. Pascale to replace John Coppola on the Ethics Board.

Councilman Massaro presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hoskie was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

RESOLVED: That the appointment to the Ethics Board of Nicholas A. Pascale of 247 Washington Avenue, West Haven, effective immediately, and to expire on January 31, 2023 to replace John Coppola be approved.

Councilwoman O'Connor Chairwoman of the Redevelopment Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication G. from Corporation Counsel in regards to an agreement with D.E.C.D. for Five-Million Dollars in State assistance.

Councilwoman O'Connor presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

RESOLVED: Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of West Haven that it is in the best interest of the City of West Haven to approve a Five-Million Dollar (\$5,000,000.00) bond money grant for the development of road improvements and waterfront access.

THEREFORE: The State Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) has approved this grant-in-aid to reimburse the City for the costs associated with certain infrastructure and improvements relating to the project.

FURTHERMORE: The City agrees to fund the project costs from the grant-in-aid proceeds.

The Mayor is authorized to impress the seal of the City of West Haven, Connecticut on any such document, amendment, rescission or revision.

Councilman Conlon Chairman of the Streets & Squares Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication F. from the 12/9/19 agenda from Taxpayer/David Kileen in regards to changing the name of Second Avenue Triangle Park.

Councilman Conlon presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby authorizes the City to officially change the name of Second Avenue Triangle Park to Sandy Point Overlook Park. The City agrees that all the costs associated with this change, including but not limited to the signage, will be paid for by a volunteer committee of residents (the applicants) and not by any City appropriation.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED: None

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Councilman Bruneau presented his report on the Police Department and

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the eleven recruits in the academy graduating January 23rd. The Department has hired three new officers and two have already resigned due to the Pension concerns.

Councilman Donovan presented an update from the Park & Recreation Commission requesting that the maintenance department be put back under Park & Recreation's budget.

Councilwoman Hamilton presented an update on the Allingtown Fire Department and informed the Council that Iris Diaz was elected by the Commission to be its new Chair.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Hoskie inquired about an Ordinance that may be needed to have the D.M.V. hold up registrations for back tickets owed to the City of West Haven. Attorney Tiernan is going to follow up with the Chief of Police.

Councilwoman Hoskie requested a breakdown of how the Fire Department Collects Fees, and if they have any "bad debit", and enquired about sending a letter asking the Departments to examine raising fees versus taxes.

Councilwoman Johnson suggested it would be beneficial to broaden the conversation on the collection of fees and revenue to look at all sources we collect for efficiencies.

Chairman Quagliani reminded the Council Members of Chairwoman Hamilton's Charter Revision Meeting scheduled for Wednesday January 15, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. The Chairman also reminded members of the Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for January 22, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented a MOTION to adjourn **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Hamilton and **APPROVED** unanimously viva-voice.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:42 PM

ATTEST: Stacy Riccio, Clerk of the Council

BY: Michael A. DiMassa, Administrative Assistant

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.