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The Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, January 23, 2017 in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

7:21P.M. Public Speaking Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

7:47 P.M. Public Speaking Closed

7:47 P.M. Regular Council Meeting

Chairman James P. O'Brien called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:47 P.M.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:

Councilman Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of January 9, 2017 which was SECONDED by Councilman Eberle and APPROVED unanimously viva-voce.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication A. from West Haven Library Executive Director Colleen Bailie in regards to a Fee Waiver.

Communication B. from the Tax Collector in regards to Overpayment refunds for the month of January, 2017.

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Communication C. from Grants Writer Eileen Krugel in regards to a resolution concerning Emergency Services and Public Protection.

Communication D. from Corporation Counsel in regards to an MS-4 Storm Sewer System Ordinance.

Communication E. from Corporation Counsel in regards to an Ordinance Amending Section 119-1G of the Code of the City of West Haven.

Communication F. from Corporation Counsel in regards to a Solar Array Power Point presentation by Murtha Cullina to the City Council.

Communication G. from Corporation Counsel in regards to a resolution for a referral concerning CGS §8-24 concerning sale of certain properties.

Communication H. from Mayor O'Brien in regards to a re-appointment to the Greater New Haven Transit District of Sharon Mancini.

Communication I. from Mayor O'Brien in regards to an appointment to the Greater New Haven Transit District of Art Kelly to replace Paul Bauer.

Communication J. from Kizzy Melvin in regards to an abatement of Taxes and Interest.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance Committee, Councilwoman Morrissey, Chairman

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

Chairwoman Morrissey called Board of Education Superintendent and Finance Director to the podium to address the Balanced Budget Ordinance. A Q/A period follows with the City Council Members (See Tape).

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 by majority of the Finance Committee with Committee Member Riccio abstaining.

Committee Member Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication C. to the entire Council which was SECONDED

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by Committee Member David Riccio and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

Tax Deferral Committee, Councilwoman Riccio, Chairman

Committee Members: Eberle, Ruickoldt, Aldrich and David Riccio

Committee Member Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication J. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Eberle and APPROVED unanimously by the Tax Deferral Committee.

Communication B. from Dawn McCready in regards to an abatement of Taxes and Interest – was held in Committee and referred to Corporation Counsel, the Assessor, and the Tax Office for opinions.

Legislative Matters Committee, Councilman Quagliani, Chairman

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

Committee Member Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to recommend a FIRST READING and Public Hearing of Communication D. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Stacy Riccio and APPROVED unanimously by the Legislative Matters Committee.

Communication E. from Corporation Counsel in regards to an Ordinance Amending Section 119-1G of the Code of the City of West Haven – was held in Committee.

Personnel & Civil Service Committee, Councilman Ruickoldt, Chairman

Committee Members: Ronan, Morrissey, Quagliani, David Riccio

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

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

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Redevelopment Committee, Councilman Ronan, Chairman

Committee Members: Russell, Morrissey, Eberle, David Riccio

Committee Member Morrissey presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication G. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Eberle and APPROVED unanimously by the Redevelopment Committee.

Environment Committee, Councilwoman Hamilton, Chairman

Committee Members: Quagliani, Martone, Forsyth, David Riccio

Committee Member Quagliani presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication F. for purposes of a presentation which was SECONDED by Committee Member Martone and after the Presentation from Murtha Cullina (Paul Michaud) a Q/A with the City Council the Communication was satisfied by the Environment Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

RECONVENE: 9:40 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Clerk read Communication B. into the record.

Councilwoman Morrissey Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the majority reports of the committee with regards to Communication A. – from West Haven Library Executive Director Colleen Bailie in regards to a fee waiver. Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Aldrich and APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Councilman Riccio abstaining:

Resolved: The request from the West Haven Library for a waiver of all applicable municipal permit fees for the installation of the elevator and “re-purpose” of the unused garage space at the facility, be approved.

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Councilwoman Morrissey Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication C. from the Grants Writer Eileen Krugel in regards to a resolution concerning Emergency Services and Public Protection. Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Eberle and APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Councilman Riccio abstaining:

Resolved: That the West Haven City Council may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Edward O'Brien, as Mayor of West Haven, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the West Haven City Council and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

(Councilwoman Morrissey left the chamber)

Councilwoman Riccio Chairman of the Tax Deferral Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication J. – from Kizzy Melvin in regards to an abatement of Taxes and Interest. Councilwoman Riccio presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Chairman O'Brien abstaining:

Resolved: That the request for an abatement of interest and fees, currently due as of the date of this Council Meeting on the 2002 and 2003 Grand Lists from Kizzy Melvin of 768 Winchester Avenue, New Haven, be approved, based on the following:

- Tax balance must be paid in full within 3 Weeks from the date of this meeting.
- All tax bills issued from this date forward must be paid when due.
- A good faith effort to pay a minimum of \$35.00 a week must be established.

Councilman Quagliani Chairman of the Legislative Matters Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication D. from

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Corporation Counsel in regards to an MS-4 Storm Sewer System Ordinance. Councilman Quagliani presented a FIRST READING (SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE) and asked the Chairman to set a Public Hearing date.

Chairman O'Brien set a Public Hearing for 6:50 P.M. on February 13th, 2017 in the City Council Chambers.

Councilman Ruickoldt Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication H. – from Mayor O'Brien in regards to a re-appointment to the Greater New Haven Transit District of Sharon Mancini. Councilman Ruickoldt presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Aldrich and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

Resolved: That Sharon Mancini of 85 Second Avenue, West Haven, CT has been re-appointed to the Greater New Haven Transit District effective immediately and to expire November 1, 2020.

Councilman Ruickoldt Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication I. – from Mayor O'Brien in regards to an appointment to the Greater New Haven Transit District of Art Kelly to replace Paul Bauer. Councilman Ruickoldt presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Ronan and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

Resolved: That Art Kelly of 18 Holcomb Street, West Haven, CT has been appointed to the Greater New Haven Transit District to replace Paul Bauer effective immediately and to expire November 1, 2020.

Councilman Ronan Chairman of the Redevelopment Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication G. – from Corporation Counsel in regards to a resolution for a referral concerning CGS §8-24 concerning sale of certain properties. Councilman Ronan presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Aldrich and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

Resolved: The West Haven City Council hereby refers to the Planning & Zoning Commission and the West Haven Redevelopment Agency for CGS §8-24 Report on proposed sale of the following properties, all located in West Haven CT and owned by the City of West Haven, to The Haven Group, LLC: Center Street (Assessor's Map 44 Lot 198), 395 First Avenue and Bayview Place Park.

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NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Ronan made a MOTION to elect Stacie C. Hurley as Clerk of the West Haven City Council which was SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

Resolved: Stacie C. Hurley of 392 Elm Street has been elected Clerk of the Council to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the 2015-2017 Legislative Session.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:40 P.M.

ATTEST: Stacie C. Hurley, Clerk of the Council

BY: Michael A. DiMassa, Administrative Assistant

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.