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The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:05 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Massaro presented a MOTION to waive the City Council Rules and add the approval to apply for S.C.R.C.O.G. Grants to the agenda SECONDED by Councilman Cohen and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

Chairman Quagliani assigned the approval to apply for S.C.R.C.O.G. Grants to the Sustainability Committee and designated it Communication I.

7:09 PM Public Information Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

**APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:**

Councilwoman Hoskie presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the January 13, 2020 regular meeting which was SECONDED by Councilman Bruneau and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Communication from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to amending Chapter 206 of the City Ordinances – Streets and Sidewalks (Article V – Street Excavations).
- B. Communication from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to amending Chapter 81 of the City Ordinances – Building Construction (Article II – Fees).
- C. Communication from Chief Joseph Perno in regards to animal shelter donations.
- D. Communication from the Tax Collector in regards to Overpayment refunds for January 2020.
- E. Communication from Commissioner Sabo in regards to approval to apply for Community Development Block Grant Funds for Community Assistance Programs.
- F. Communication from Superintendent Neil C. Cavallaro in regards to a tentative agreement with the West Haven Administrators' Association and the West Haven Board

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- G. Communication from Health Director Maureen Lillis in regards to approval to apply for Community Development Block Grant Funds for Community Assistance Programs.  
**(COMMUNICATION WITHDRAWN)**
- H. Communication from City Engineer Abdul Quadir in regards to approval to apply for Community Development Block Grant Funds for Sewer Use Upgrades.
- I. Communication from Grants Writer Doug Colter in regards to approval to apply for S.C.R.C.O.G. Grants.

**RECESS: 7:36 PM**

**Finance Committee, Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman**

**Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Bruneau, Massaro, Cohen**

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

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

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

Communication J. Committee Member Hamilton presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication J. from the 1/13/20 agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Massaro and APPROVED by majority of the Finance Committee with Committee Member Cohen abstaining.

**Housing, Planning, & Recreation Committee, Councilwoman McGeé, Chairwoman**

**Committee Members Present: Donovan, Galignano, O'Connor**

Communication E. Committee Member Galignano presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication E. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member O'Connor and APPROVED unanimously by the Housing, Planning, & Recreation Committee.

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**Public Works Committee, Councilman Cohen, Chairman**

**Committee Members Present: Massaro, Donovan, McGeé, Bruneau**

Communication H. Committee Member Donovan presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication H. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member McGeé and APPROVED unanimously by the Public Works Committee.

**Sustainability Committee, Councilwoman Fanelli, Chairwoman**

**Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Hoskie, Johnston, O'Connor**

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 O'Connor and APPROVED unanimously by the Sustainability Committee.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**RECONVENE: 8:05 PM**

Clerk read Communication D. 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 Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to amending Chapter 206 of the City Ordinances – Streets and Sidewalks (Article V – Street Excavations).

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

FIRST READING: RESOLVED: Be it resolved that the Code of the City of West Haven – Chapter 206 – Streets and Sidewalks (Article V - Street Excavations) be amended by the following:

From Existing Language:

“A fee of \$15.00 will be charged for each license issued” to:

New Language:

- \$75.00 for 50 square feet or less or single opening driveway repaving
- \$75.00 for each additional 200 square feet

Chairman Quagliani set a Public Hearing for February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:50 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

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Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication B. from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to amending Chapter 81 of the City Ordinances – Building Construction (Article II –Fees).

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

FIRST READING: Be it resolved that the Code of the City of West Haven – Chapter 81 – Building Construction (Article II – Fees 81-8 Fee Schedule Section A) be amended by the following:

- Building Permit (includes mechanical, electrical, and plumbing) \$20 would be amended to \$30 per first \$1,000.00 of value or a fraction thereof up to a value of \$1,000; \$20 fee for every value of \$1,001 to \$500,000; And \$25.00 for every \$1,000 value above \$500,000.

Chairman Quagliani set a Public Hearing for February 10th at 6:55 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

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

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Bruneau 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:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Robert Dellatorre	4776	\$30.00
Lorraine Amarin	886	\$75.00
Debra Johnson	9546	\$100.00

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication F. from Superintendent Neil C. Cavallaro in regards to a tentative agreement with the West Haven Administrators’ Association and the West Haven Board of Education.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves and authorizes the City to enter into the agreement between the City of West Haven Board of Education and the West Haven Administrators’ Association.

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Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the majority reports of the committee in regards to Communication J. from the 1/13/20 agenda from Mayor Nancy R, Rossi in regards to an updated Five Year Plan.

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

RESOLVED: Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of West Haven that the City Council is recommitted to its ongoing efforts to pursue sound fiscal practices to ensure equity and excellence for all residents of the City of West Haven and committed to establish a new, Five-Year Plan to comply with a contract Memorandum of Agreement ( MOA) with the Connecticut Office of Policy Management (OPM).

THEREFORE, in order to satisfy the demands of OPM through its Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) and requirements of the MOA and to comply with Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 7-576d that requires the MARB "...ensure budgetary balance in such plan..."; and

FURTHERMORE, City Council does recognize that future budgetary actions may change and differ from the plan if such changes are necessary to ensure budgetary balance for the City of West Haven for fiscal 2021 and beyond; and

FURTHERMORE, that this action by the City Council is consistent with prior actions by the City Council concerning the Fiscal 2020 budget and its implementation for the city of West Haven and consistent with a legally binding MOA the city entered into with the OPM in December, 2018 which required a recognized and approved Five-Year Plan as one of the conditions for receipt of restructuring funds.

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

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Councilwoman McGeé Chairwoman of the Housing, Planning, & Recreation Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication E. from Commissioner Sabo in regards to approval to apply for Community Development Block Grant Funds for Community Assistance Programs.

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

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

Councilman Cohen Chairman of the Public Works Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication H. from City Engineer Abdul Quadir in regards to approval to apply for Community Development Block Grant Funds for Sewer Use Upgrades.

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Councilman Cohen 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 Engineering and authorizes them to submit such application to the Community Development Administration for consideration. It is the understanding that if the application is accepted a Public Hearing will be requested before any funds are spent or work is initiated.

Councilwoman Fanelli Chairwoman of the Sustainability Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication I. from Grants Writer Doug Colter in regards to approval to apply for S.C.R.C.O.G. Grants.

Councilwoman Fanelli 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 met on January 27, 2020 and adopted a Resolution by a vote of 12 to 0 endorsing the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) proposals listed below, authorizing SCRCOG to apply for funding under RPIP, and authorizing SCRCOG to enter into any required contract and/or agreement should the proposals be selected for an RPIP award, all as referenced in Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-124s. Such proposals are attached to and made a part of this record.

- Regional Cybersecurity Initiative
- School Waste Diversion Pilot Program

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:** None

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Donovan inquired about the status of Charter Revision to which Chairman Quagliani advised that the matter is still being worked on by the Charter Revision Committee Chaired by Councilwoman Hamilton.

Councilwoman O'Connor inquired as to the status of all grant requests coming before the Council prior to the Grants Writer submitting an application to which the Chairman replied that they will.

Chairman Quagliani advised the Council Members he would be inviting the Economic Development Commissioner to the next meeting to provide an update to the Council.

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Councilman Gallignano presented a MOTION to adjourn SECONDED by Councilwoman McGeé and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:01 PM

**ATTEST:** Stacy Riccio, Clerk of the Council

**BY:** Michael A. DiMassa, Administrative Assistant

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.