

**February 12, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, February 12, 2018, in the Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

Present were Council Members: Morrissey, Ronan, Quagliani, Bias, DePalma, Hoskie, Massaro, Charney, Gallignano, Forsyth, Ruickoldt, Martone and Hamilton.

7:10 PM Regular Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

7:00 PM Public Information Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:51 PM.

**APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:**

Councilman Gallignano presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the January 22, 2018 which was SECONDED by Councilman Ronan and APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Council Members Ruickoldt, Hamilton, and Martone abstaining.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Communication (A1-A2) from Deputy Chief of Police Joseph Perno in regards to donations.
- B. Communication from the Tax Collector in regards to overpayment refunds for the month of January 2018.
- C. Communication from Mayor Rossi in regards to an appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission Panel of Alternates of Debra A. Johnson to replace Richard Standish.
- D. Communication from Mayor Rossi in regards to the initiation of Charter Revision and a Charter Revision Commission.
- E. Communication from Mayor Rossi in regards to a re-appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission of Christopher Suggs.
- F. Communication from Mayor Rossi in regards to the re-appointment to the West Haven Police Commission of Deborah B. Wright.
- G. Communication from Mayor Rossi in regards to the appointment of Gene F. Sullivan to the Planning & Zoning Commission to replace Emilio Encarnacion.
- H. Communication from Mayor Rossi in regards to the appointment of Andrea Talameli to the Water Pollution Control Board to replace Michael Blagmon.

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- I. Communication from Grants Writer Eileen Krugel in regards to a State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection grant.
- J. Communication from Grants Writer Eileen Krugel in regards to a Connecticut Port Authority Small Harbor Improvement project grant.
- K. Communication from Mayor Rossi in regards to the Department of Motor Vehicles lease space for the D.M.V. satellite office.
- L. Communication from Grants Writer Eileen Krugel in regards to the Office of Policy and Management's Neglected Cemetery Grant Program.
- M. Communication from Mayor Rossi in regards to a bid waiver for the Winkle Bus Company contract.
- N. Communication from Health Director Maureen Lillis in regards to a Public Swimming Pool Ordinance.

**RECESS: 7:55PM**

**Finance Committee, Councilwoman Martone, Chairwoman**  
**Committee Members Present: Charney, Massaro, Bias, DePalma**

Finance Director McNabola and Mayor Rossi updated the Council on the financial outlook.

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

Communication K. – Committee Member Massaro presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication K. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Bias and APPROVED by majority by the Finance Committee with Committee Member Charney abstaining.

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

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

**Personnel & Civil Service Committee, Councilman Gallignano, Chairman**  
**Committee Members Present: Hoskie, Massaro, Forsyth, DePalma**

Communication C. – Committee Member Massaro presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL

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of Communication C. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Forsyth and APPROVED unanimously by the Personnel & Civil Service Committee.

Communication E. – Committee Member Forsyth presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication E. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Massaro and APPROVED unanimously by the Personnel & Civil Service Committee.

Communication F. – Committee Member Massaro presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication F. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Forsyth and APPROVED unanimously by the Personnel & Civil Service Committee.

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

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

**Health, Welfare, & Safety Committee, Councilman Ronan, Chairman**  
**Committee Members Present: Hoskie, Ruickoldt, Massaro, DePalma**

Communication I. – Committee Member Ruickoldt presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication I. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member DePalma and APPROVED unanimously by the Health, Welfare, and Safety Committee.

**Housing, Planning, & Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman**  
**Committee Members Present: Forsyth, Hamilton, Bias, DePalma**

Communication J. – Committee Member Hamilton presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication J. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Forsyth and APPROVED unanimously by the Housing, Planning & Recreation Committee.

**Legislative Matters Committee, Councilman Charney, Chairman**  
**Committee Members Present: Forsyth, Hamilton, Bias, DePalma**

**Communication N. was held in Committee and referred to Corporation Counsel for review.**

**RECONVENE: 9:20 PM**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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Clerk read Communication B. into the record.

Councilwoman Martone Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication A. (A1-A2) from the Deputy Chief of Police in regards to donations.

Councilwoman Martone presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano 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>AMOUNT</u>
Lori Bastian	\$100.00
Judith Seigel Bedini	\$100.00

Councilwoman Martone Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the majority reports of the committee in regards to Communication K. from Mayor Rossi in regards to the Department of Motor Vehicles lease space for the D.M.V. satellite office.

Councilwoman Martone presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano and was APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Councilman Charney and Chairman Quagliani abstaining.

**RESOLVED:** The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the attached lease agreement between the City of West Haven and the State of Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles for a D.M.V. satellite office, and authorizes the Mayor to execute said contract.

Councilwoman Martone Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication L. from Grants Writer Eileen Krugel in regards to the Office of Policy and Management's Neglected Cemetery Grant Program.

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

**RESOLVED:** Whereas the City of West Haven has been provided the opportunity to apply for a state award under the Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program;

**Whereas:** The City of West Haven will provide assistance on much needed maintenance to local neglected historic cemeteries within the awarded \$ 2,000;

Whereas: The City of West Haven Council provides this Resolution in the best interest of its residents in order to receive this funding opportunity.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of West Haven that:

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On Behalf of the City of West Haven, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, having been duly sworn to serve as Mayor of the City of West Haven on December 3, 2017, is empowered to enter into Agreements with the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management.

Councilwoman Martone Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication M. from Mayor Rossi in regards to a bid waiver for the Winkle Bus Company contract.

Councilwoman Martone presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano and was APPROVED by majority viva a roll call vote.

- Councilman DePalma – Yea
- Councilman Forsyth – Yea
- Councilwoman Hoskie – Yea
- Councilman Ruickoldt – Yea
- Councilman Charney – Nay
- Councilman Gallignano – Yea
- Councilwoman Hamilton – Yea
- Councilman Massaro – Yea
- Councilwoman Bias – Yea
- Councilwoman Morrissey – Yea
- Councilman Ronan – Yea
- Councilwoman Martone – Nay
- Chairman Quagliani - Yea

Yea – 11 | Nay 2 | Abstain 0 | Absent 0

**RESOLVED:** The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby grants a bid wavier for the attached contract between the City of West Haven and Winkle Bus and authorizes the Mayor to execute said contract.

Councilman Gallignano Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication C. from Mayor Rossi in regards to an appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission Panel of Alternates of Debra A. Johnson to replace Richard Standish.

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

**RESOLVED:** The appointment of Debra A. Johnson of 246 Peck Avenue, West Haven, to the Police Commission effective immediately to expire on January 31, 2019, be approved.

Councilman Gallignano Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication E. from Mayor Rossi in regards to a re-appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission of Christopher Suggs.

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

**RESOLVED:** The re-appointment of Christopher Suggs of 152 Terrace Avenue, West Haven, to the Planning & Zoning Commission effective immediately to expire on January 31, 2023, be approved.

Councilman Gallignano Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication F. from Mayor Rossi in regards to the re-appointment to the West Haven Police Commission of Deborah B. Wright.

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

**RESOLVED:** The re-appointment of Deborah B. Wright of 7 Chris Jon Circle, West Haven, to the West Haven Police Commission effective immediately to expire on January 31, 2023, be approved.

Councilman Gallignano Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication G. from Mayor Rossi in regards to the appointment of Gene F. Sullivan to the Planning & Zoning Commission to replace Emilio Encarnacion.

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

**RESOLVED:** The appointment of Gene F. Sullivan of 6 Harding Avenue, West Haven, to the Planning and Zoning Commission effective immediately to expire on January 31, 2022, be approved.

Councilman Gallignano Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication H. from Mayor Rossi in regards to the appointment of Andrea Talameli to the Water Pollution Control Board to replace Michael Blagmon.

Councilman Gallignano presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Massao and was APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Councilman Charney and Councilwoman Martone abstaining.

**RESOLVED:** The appointment of Andrea Talamelli of 112 Benham Hill Road, West Haven, to the Water Pollution Control Commission effective immediately to expire on December 1, 2019, be approved.

Councilman Ronan Chairman of the Health, Welfare, & Safety Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication I. from Grants Writer Eileen Krugel in regards to a State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection grant.

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

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**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

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That Nancy R. Rossi, 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 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 Hoskie Chairwoman of the Housing, Planning, & Recreation Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication J. from Grants Writer Eileen Krugel in regards to a Connecticut Port Authority Small Harbor Improvement project grant.

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

**RESOLVED:** Whereas, pursuant to the Act, the CPA, a body politic and corporate and public instrumentality of the State created to coordinate the development of the State's ports and harbors and to, among other things, coordinate the planning and funding of capital projects promoting the development of the ports and harbors;

Whereas, the governing body of the Grantee has submitted the CPA a series of document, including a SHIPP grant application, a certified resolution from the Grantee's applicable organizational body authorizing the Grantee to submit said application, a work plan, budget, site map and exhibits, if any, and other documents (all, together with this agreement and all other documents and agreements executed by the Grantee in connection with this agreement collectively the "Project Documents") for a project entitled Boat Launch Ramp Feasibility Study ("the study") and has represented to CPA that it can rely upon the information within the Project Documents as accurate and complete; and

Whereas, the CPA has determined the funding of this Project is consistent with the Act and has agreed to provide grant funding to Grantee for the Projects upon the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of West Haven that: On behalf of the City of West Haven Mayor, Nancy R. Rossi, having been duly sworn to serve as Mayor of the City of West Haven on December 3, 2017, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to enter into the Project Documents and such other agreements with the Connecticut Port Authority with respect to the Project as the Mayor determines to be in the best interests of the City of West Haven with the review of such Project Documents and agreements by the City of West Haven Corporation Counsel.

Councilman Hamilton presented the following MOTION (Establishing a Charter Revision Commission) which was SECONDED by Councilman Charney and was APPROVED (AS AMENDED) unanimously viva a roll call vote.

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Councilman DePalma – Yea  
Councilman Forsyth – Yea  
Councilwoman Hoskie – Yea  
Councilman Ruickoldt – Yea  
Councilman Charney – Yea  
Councilman Galignano – Yea  
Councilwoman Hamilton – Yea  
Councilman Massaro – Yea  
Councilwoman Bias – Yea  
Councilwoman Morrissey – Yea  
Councilman Ronan – Yea  
Councilwoman Martone – Yea  
Chairman Quagliani - Yea

Yea – 13 | Nay 0 | Abstain 0 | Absent 0

**RESOLVED:** Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City of West Haven that:

- I. Pursuant to Section 7-1888 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the City Council does hereby create a Charter Revision Commission consisting of 7 or 9 electors of the City of West Haven; and be it further;
- II. That the City Council does hereby direct said Charter Revision Commission to submit its draft report to the Town Clerk no later than July 6, 2019 and be it further;
- III. That the City Council does hereby direct that the Office of the Corporation Counsel shall appoint Counsel to provide whatever legal services that the Charter Revision Commission shall require.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:** Councilwoman Bias (B.O.E.) reported information regarding the budget. Councilman Galignano (High School Building Committee) gave an update on the most recent meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilwoman Morrissey asked for an update of the Haven project and the status of the four outstanding contracts being negotiated with the City.

Discussion took place in regards to the asbestos information in regards to municipal buildings.

Councilman Massaro presented a MOTION to ADJOURN which was SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and APPROVED unanimously by the viva voice.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:38 PM

**ATTEST:** Stacie C. Hurley, Clerk of the Council

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

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.