The Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, February 13, 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, Stacy Riccio, and Councilman Eberle. Absent was Council Members David Forsyth and David Russell. Mayor O'Brien was also present.

## Pledge of Allegiance

7:14 P.M. Legislative Matters Committee Hearing –

Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of West Haven by the

Adoption of Chapter 204- Storm Water Discharges

(No Public Comments)

7:15 P.M. Public Speaking Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

7:46 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 Ronan presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of January 23, 2017 with corrections to page 1 (See Tape) which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Martone and APPROVED unanimously viva-voce.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communication A. from Mayor O'Brien in regards to an appointment of Peter BonTempo to the West Haven Police Commission to replace Andrew Giaquinto Jr.

Communication B. from Corporation Counsel in regards to a Public Hearing Pursuant to CGS §7-163e.

Communication C. (C1-C3) from the Deputy Chief of Police in regards to donations.

Communication D. from Corporation Counsel in regards to conservation and recreation easement/Contact Drive.

Communication E. from Commissioner Riccio in regards to the results of an R.F.P for City owned properties.

Communication F. from Corporation Counsel in regards to a contract from Murtha Cullina for a solar RFP.

### **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 C. (C1-C3) to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Ruickoldt and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

Committee Member Morrissey presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication F. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Ruickoldt and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee after a Q/A with Corporation Counsel Amendola.

## Tax Deferral Committee, Councilwoman Riccio, Chairman

Committee Members: Eberle, Ruickoldt, Aldrich and David Riccio

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

# Legislative Matters Committee, Councilman Quagliani, Chairman

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

Committee Member David Riccio presented a MOTION to recommend a SECOND READING and APPROVAL of Communication D. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Martone and APPROVED unanimously by the Legislative Matters Committee.

## Personnel & Civil Service Committee, Councilman Ruickoldt, Chairman

Committee Members: Ronan, Morrissey, Quagliani, David Riccio

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

### Redevelopment Committee, Councilman Ronan, Chairman

Committee Members: Russell, Morrissey, Eberle, David Riccio

Committee Member Ronan presented a MOTION to recommend a PUBLIC HEARING of Communication B. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Morrissey and APPROVED unanimously by the Redevelopment Committee.

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

### Public Lands Committee, Councilwoman Martone, Chairman

Committee Members: Ronan, Forsyth, Ruickoldt, David Riccio

Committee Member David Riccio presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication E. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Ruickholdt and APPROVED by majority by the Redevelopment Committee with Committee Member Ronan abstaining.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None** 

RECONVENE: 8:43 P.M.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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 of Police in regards to donations. Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Quagliani 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>
Lynn & Joel Kenney	\$100.00
United Way of Greater New Haven, Inc.	\$174.00
Lois M. Dioro	\$25.00

Councilwoman Morrissey Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication F. from Corporation Counsel in regards to a contract from Murtha Cullina for a solar RFP. Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Aldrich and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

Resolved: That Edward M. O'Brien, Mayor of the City of West Haven is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of West Haven the attached contract with Murtha Cullina for a solar RFP.

IN ADDITION, that Edward M. O'Brien, Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary in connection with the Murtha Cullina solar RFP contact.

Chairman O'Brien called for a recess at 8:48 P.M.

Chairman O'Brien reconvened at 9:00 P.M.

Councilwoman Riccio Chairman of the Tax Deferral Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication B. – from the 1/9/2017 Agenda from Dawn McCready in regards to an abatement of Taxes and Interest. Councilwoman Riccio presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Eberle and APPROVED by majority vivavoice:

Resolved: That the request for an abatement of interest and fees, currently due as of the date of this Council Meeting on the 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, & 2014 Grand Lists from Dawn McCready of 690 Jones Hill Road Unit 9, West Haven, be approved, based on the following:

- 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 the 1/23/2017 Agenda from Corporation Counsel in regards to an MS-4 Storm Sewer System Ordinance. Councilman Quagliani presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Ronan and APPROVED by majority viva-voice:

Resolved: See Attached Resolution

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Councilman Ruickoldt Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication A. – from Mayor O'Brien in regards to an appointment of Peter

BonTempo to the West Haven Police Commission to replace Andrew Giaquinto Jr. Councilman Ruickoldt presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilman Eberle and APPROVED unanimously viva-roll call vote:

Councilman Forsyth – Absent
Councilman Quagliani – Yea
Councilman Riccio – Yea
Councilman Aldrich- Yea
Councilman Ruickoldt – Yea
Councilman Eberle – Yea
Councilwoman Riccio Yea
Councilwoman Hamilton – Yea
Councilman Russell – Absent
Councilwoman Morrissey – Yea
Councilman Ronan – Yea
Councilwoman Martone – Yea
Chairman O'Brien- Yea

### Yea 11 / No 0 / Abstain 0 / Absent 2

Resolved: That Peter BonTempo of 37 Martin Street, West Haven, CT has been appointed to the West Haven Police Commission to replace Andrew Giaquinto, Jr. effective immediately and to expire January 31, 2022.

Councilman Ronan Chairman of the Redevelopment Committee, presented the unanimous reports of the committee with regards to Communication B. – from Corporation Counsel in regards to a Public Hearing Pursuant to CGS §7-163e. Councilman Ronan asked the Chairman to set a PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

Chairman O'Brien set the PUBLIC HEARING for 6:50 P.M. on February 27, 2017 in the City Council Chambers.

Councilman Ronan Chairman of the Redevelopment Committee, presented the unanimous reports to the committee with regards to Communication D. – from Corporation Counsel in regards to conservation and recreation easement/Contact Drive. Councilman Ronan presented the following MOTION which were DULY SECONDED by Councilwoman Riccio and approved unanimously viva-voice:

Resolved: That Edward M. O'Brien, Mayor of the City of West Haven be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of this municipal corporation a Conservation and Public Recreation Easement with the State of Connecticut to dedicate 2.6908± ac. Of real land located off Contact Drive for open space preservation and recreation purposes

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IN ADDITION, that Edward M. O'Brien, Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut

Councilwoman Martone Chairwoman of the Public Lands Committee, presented the majority reports to the committee with regards to Communication E. – rom Commissioner Riccio in regards to the results of an R.F.P. for City owned properties. Councilman Quagliani presented a MOTION to AMEND and APPROVE the resolution and to add 41 Harold Street to the approved list which was SECONDED by Councilman Eberle and approved viva-roll call vote:

Councilman Forsyth – Absent
Councilman Quagliani – Yea
Councilman Riccio – Yea
Councilman Aldrich- Yea
Councilman Ruickoldt – No
Councilman Eberle – Yea
Councilwoman Riccio Yea
Councilwoman Hamilton – Yea
Councilman Russell – Absent
Councilwoman Morrissey – Yea
Councilman Ronan – No
Councilwoman Martone – Yea
Chairman O'Brien- Yea

Yea 9 / No 2 / Abstain 0 / Absent 2

Resolved: That the following highest bids from the sealed bid process of February 2, 2017, be accepted by the City of West Haven:

Address: 41 Harold Street Bidder: Brian Banning Amount: \$55,000

Address: 108 Prindle Hill Bidder: Rosewood Development Amount: \$57,000

Address: 53 Rodney Street Bidder: Rosewood Development Amount: \$67,000

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Address: 67 Rodney Street Bidder: Rosewood Development Amount: \$67,000

<u>Denied - Address: 69 Westfield Street Bidder: Rosewood Development Amount:</u> \$27,000

BE IT FURTHUR RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven directs Corporation Counsel to arrange the immediate transfer of said properties to the successful bidders.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman O'Brien held a moment of silence in honor of Nancy Belous.

Mayor O'Brien commented on the recent regulator decision regarding the Verizon towers.

Councilman Rickoldt made a MOTION to adjourn which was SECONDED by Councilman RONAN.

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:46 P.M.** 

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

BY: Stacie C. Hurley, Clerk of the Council

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.