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The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 7:05 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

Present were Council Members: Donovan, O'Connor, Galignano, Johnston, Hamilton, Massaro, McGeé, Fanelli, Cohen, Hoskie (7:10 P.M.), Conlon, and Quagliani. Absent was Council member Bruneau. Mayor Nancy R. Rossi was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Cohen presented a MOTION to add the Harry M. Bailey School Roof Resolution to the agenda which was SECONDED by Councilman Donovan and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

Chairman Quagliani assigned Communication H. (Harry M. Bailey Roof Resolution) to the Finance Committee.

7:01 P.M. Public Information Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:

Councilwoman O'Connor presented a MOTION to reconsider Communication F. from the 2/10/20 agenda which was SECONDED by Councilman Donovan and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

Councilman Galignano presented a MOTION to APPROVE Communication F. from the 2/10/20 agenda which was SECONDED by Councilman Cohen and APPROVED by majority with Chairman Quagliani abstaining.

Councilman Galignano presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the February 10, 2020 regular meeting which was SECONDED by Councilman Massaro and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

Councilwoman Hamilton presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the January 15, 2020 Charter Revision Committee meeting which was SECONDED by Councilman O'Connor and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

Councilman Cohen presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the January 22, 2020 Finance Committee meeting which was SECONDED by Councilman Conlon and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Communication from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to the re-appointment of Joseph Vecellio to the Planning & Development Commission Panel of Alternates.
- B. Communication from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to the re-appointment of Gregory Milano to the Planning & Zoning Commission Panel of Alternates.

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- C. Communication from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to the appointment of Sammy Rivera to replace John Lewis on the Zoning Board of Appeals Panel of Alternates.
- D. Communication from Taxpayer/Sandy Bellino in a regards to an abatement of interest and penalties on taxes due.
- E. Communication from the Tax Collector in regards to Overpayment refunds for February 2020.
- F. Communication from Mayor Rossi in regards to an inter-department line item transfer.
- G. Communication from Church of the Holy Spirit in regards to a fee waiver for a charitable event.
- H. Communication from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to a resolution for the Harry M. Baily Roof.

RECESS: 7:15 PM

Finance Committee, Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman
Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Massaro, Cohen

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 Cohen and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

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

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

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 O'Connor and APPROVED unanimously by the Personnel & Civil Service Committee.

Communication B. Committee Member Hamilton presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL

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of Communication B. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member O'Connor and APPROVED unanimously by the Personnel & Civil Service 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 O'Connor and APPROVED unanimously by the Personnel & Civil Service Committee.

Tax Deferral Committee, Councilman Massaro, Chairman

Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Conlon, Galignano, O'Connor

Communication D. Committee Member Galignano presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication D. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member O'Connor and APPROVED by majority by the Tax Deferral Committee with Committee Member Conlon voting no.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City Attorney Lee Tiernan provided an update on the Haven Project. He stated the project funding was in place with the State and that the developer was moving forward with a schedule.

RECONVENE: 7:39 PM

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 F. from Mayor Rossi in regards to an inter-department line item transfer.

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

RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves and authorizes the following transfer for necessary equipment purchase within the West Haven Police Department's current year budget:

Line Item: 13100030-51000 Regular Wages – Reduction \$23,390.00

Line Item: 13100010-52660 Software Licenses Increase \$23,390.00

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication G. from Church of the Holy Spirit in regards to a fee waiver for a charitable event.

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

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RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves and authorizes a waiver of the Building Department and Health Department fees for Church of the Holy Spirit for charitable events effective as of the date of this meeting to expire December 31, 2020.

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication H. from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to a resolution for the Harry M. Baily Roof.

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

RESOLVED: that the West Haven City Council authorizes the West Haven Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services to accept or reject a grant for the partial roof replacement project at the Harry M. Bailey Middle School.

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the West Haven High School Building Committee of hereby established as the Building Committee that will oversee the partial roof replacement at the Harry M. Bailey Middle School.

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the West Haven City Council, hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the partial roof replacement project at the Harry M. Bailey Middle School.

SO BE IT RESOLVED: that the West Haven City Council authorizes the City of West Haven to fund the partial roof replacement project as the Harry M. Bailey Middle School for the amount of \$ 600,000.00

Councilman Massaro Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication A. from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to the re-appointment of Joseph Vecellio to the Planning & Development Commission Panel of Alternates

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

RESOLVED: That the re-appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission Panel of Alternates of Joseph Vecellio of 27 Eagle Place, West Haven, effective immediately, and to expire on January 31, 2022 be approved.

Councilman Massaro Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication B. from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to the re-appointment of Gregory Milano to the Planning & Zoning Commission Panel of Alternates.

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

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RESOLVED: That the re-appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission Panel of Alternates of Gregory Milano of 23 Tyler Street, West Haven, effective immediately, and to expire on January 31, 2022 be approved.

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 Sammy Rivera to replace John Lewis on the Zoning Board of Appeals Panel of Alternates.

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

RESOLVED: That the appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals Panel of Alternates of Sammy Rivera of 14 Hamilton Street, West Haven, effective immediately, and to expire on January 31, 2022 to replace John Lewis be approved.

Councilman Massaro Chairman of the Tax Deferral Committee presented the majority reports of the committee in regards to Communication D. from Taxpayer/Sandy Bellino in a regards to an abatement of interest and penalties on taxes due.

Councilman Massaro presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilwoman O'Connor and was APPROVED by majority with Councilman Conlon voting no.

RESOLVED: That the request for an abatement of interest and fees, currently due as of the date of this Council Meeting on the 2014 and 2015 Grand Lists from Sandy Bellino of 78 Homeside Avenue, West Haven, be approved, based on the following:

- Tax Balance must be paid in full within 8 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.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED: None

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Councilman Cohen reported on the Economic Development Commission meeting and discussed the mission of the committee revolving around re-branding the City of West Haven.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Hoskie requested the contract/data on the overdue tickets from the West Haven Police Department, specifically hand written tickets.

Attorney Tiernan stated he is working on the information and has been in Contact with the D.M.V. on this issue.

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Councilman Massaro inquired about an Ordinance for 18 Wheeler Trucks and Food Trucks in residential neighborhoods.

Councilman Cohen inquired about the follow-up and next steps for the Finance ideas presented at the Finance Committee's Special Meeting. Chairman Quagliani stated the next step would be getting the Finance Director on an agenda to discuss any updates.

Councilman Gallignano presented a MOTION to Adjourn SECONDED by Councilman Massaro and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 PM

ATTEST: Stacy Riccio, Clerk of the Council

BY: Michael A. DiMassa, Administrative Assistant

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.