

**March 9, 2020**

The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, March 9, 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, Conlon, Bruneau, and Quagliani. Mayor Nancy R. Rossi was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

6:55 P.M. City Council Public Hearing – Community Development Citizen Participation Program

(No Public Speakers)

7:08 P.M. Public Information Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:**

Councilman Galignano presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the February 24, 2020 regular meeting which was SECONDED by Councilman Bruneau and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Communication from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in regards to a fee waiver for a charitable event.
- B. Communication from the Finance Director in regards to a transfer of funds for the Allingtown Fire Department.
- C. Communication from Chief of Police Joseph Perno in regards to animal shelter donations.
- D. Communication from C.D.A. Manager Mark Bisaccia in regards to the Citizen Participation Plan.

**Emergency Manager Joe Soto presented the Council with an update on the “Pandemic Plan”.**

**RECESS: 7:23 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 Cohen and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

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

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

**Housing, Planning, & Recreation Committee, Councilwoman McGeé, Chairwoman**  
**Committee Members Present: Donovan, Johnston, Galignano, O'Connor**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

2019-2021 City Council Rules - Chairman Quagliani presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Bruneau and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

**RESOLVED:** The West Haven City Council 2019-2021 Rules shall be amended to include the following new section:

**Meetings of the City Council under Emergency Declarations**

Should an Emergency Declaration be issued by the State of Connecticut or the City of West Haven and such Emergency Declaration prohibits and or prevents the City Council to meet in person to conduct business for a Regular, Special, Committee, or Emergency meeting, the City Council may meet via electronic means or methods to conduct the meeting. The Clerk of the City Council shall be responsible for cataloging actions taken and minutes of the meeting.

**RECONVENE:** 7:27 PM

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication A. from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in regards to a fee waiver for a charitable event.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Cohen 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 associated with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Great Strides Walk scheduled for May 3, 2020.

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication B. from the Finance Director in regards to a transfer of funds for the Allingtown Fire Department.

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 following transfer of funds within the Allingtown Fire Department current year budget:

Account 19500010-56010 Unallocated Contingency Decrease \$10,242  
Account 19500010-52530 Building Maintenance/Repair Increase \$10,242

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 animal shelter donations.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman 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>
Patrick Kelly	6673	\$150.00
Angela Russo	1385	\$100.00
Sharon Molster	329	\$100.00
Angela Russo	1365	\$100.00
Eileen Severino	6521	\$10.00
First Congregational Church	5318	\$500.00
West Haven Professional Fire Fighters	004191	\$75.00
Karen Swaim	2510	\$25.00
Nora Jacobson	13223	\$20.00

Councilwoman McGeé Chairwoman of the Housing, Planning, & Recreation Committee presented the majority reports of the committee in regards to Communication D. from C.D.A. Manager Mark Bisaccia in regards to the Citizen Participation Plan.

Councilman Cohen presented an AMENDMENT to Section 4 (A) "This Committee will include 3 Members of the Citizen Advisory Committee. The Office Staff of C.D.A. will serve as advisors." which was

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SECONDED by Councilman Conlon and APPROVED unanimously with Councilwoman O'Connor abstaining.

Councilwoman McGeé presented the following AMENDED MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hamilton and was APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Councilwoman O'Connor abstaining.

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves and authorizes the revisions and changes to the Community Development Citizen Participation Plan submitted by C.D.A. Manager Mark Bisaccia. The Plan will include the following Amendment to Section 4 (A) "This Committee will include 3 Members of the Citizen Advisory Committee. The Office Staff of C.D.A. will serve as advisors."

**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 and the purchasing of flags and painting the Metro North Overpasses.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilman Cohen presented the Council with his report on the Hubbard Nature Park work and charity volunteer efforts to make the park beautiful, safe, and secure.

Councilman Gallignano presented a MOTION to enter into Executive Session for Discussion of the City of West Haven & Board of Education I.T. Infrastructure Plan SECONDED by Councilwoman O'Connor and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

Mayor Rossi, Finance Director Cieplinski, Attorney Tiernan, and David Richards were invited into Executive Session.

7:40 P.M. Executive Session

8:09 P.M. City Council Meeting Resumes

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:10 PM

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

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

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.