

March 23, 2020

The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7:05 P.M. via electronic means pursuant to City Council Rule #30.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Hamilton reminded the Council that the vulnerable population of elderly, disabled, and mentally handicapped need to be taken care of during these difficult times. Vertical Church is looking to reach out and protect this population. Councilwoman Hamilton asked the Council and the Public to provide her with any names and numbers of those individuals so that Vertical Church can reach out to them.

7:05 P.M. Public Information Session

(No Comments Submitted by the Public)

Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:

Councilman Donovan presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the March 9, 2020 regular meeting which was SECONDED by Councilman Bruneau and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Communication from Corporation Counsel in regards to a fee waiver for a Veteran.
- B. Communication from C.D.A. Manager Mark Bisaccia in regards to unallocated prior year H.U.D. funds.
- C. Communication from the Tax Collector in regards to overpayment refunds for March 2020.
- D. Communication from the Tax Collector in regards to overpayment refunds for March 2020.

RECESS: 7:08 PM

Finance Committee, Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman

Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Bruneau, Massaro, Cohen

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

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

*Mark Bisaccia joined the electronic meeting and answered questions for the City Council members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RECONVENE: 7:18 PM

Clerk read Communication C. into record.

Clerk read Communication D. into record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication A. from Corporation Counsel in regards to a fee waiver for a Veteran.

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

RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves and authorizes a fee waiver of the peddler/hawker license fee for Ramon Antonio Rivera in concurrence with State Statue and his Veteran status.

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication B. from C.D.A. Manager Mark Bisaccia in regards to unallocated prior year H.U.D. funds.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Cohen and was APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Councilwoman O'Connor abstaining.

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the amended Project Year 45 Annual Action Plan for C.D.A. and reallocates the available sum of \$250,000 to complete the Allingtown Green Renovation Project.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED: None

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Councilwoman O'Connor reported that the Library picked a group to move forward with the Library Study.

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NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Gallignano inquired about the MUNIS report and negative balances in some accounts. Mayor Rossi stated transfers would be done after April 1st. The Mayor advised the Council to send her questions prior to the City Council meeting and she would try to get answers for the members.

Councilwoman Hoskie did speak with the Mayor and stated she wanted to bring some department heads to the council meetings before the remote meetings started.

Councilman Bruneau inquired if the Police Department payroll and overtime was up to date. Mayor stated everyone was paid as they were supposed to be.

Councilman Massaro inquired about the “problem paying overtime” that was in an email from Finance Director Cieplinski. Mayor Rossi explained they are trying to be proactive and cut base pay ahead of time and also cut a separate check for overtime as they go. The overtime is a wild card because it does not stay the same every week.

Councilman Massaro inquired about “time clocks” in the fire service as being requested by the M.A.R.B. Board. He stated this idea would not be feasible. Mayor Rossi stated some departments are not “up to speed” on payroll processing. She stated she is addressing the issue and looking at an outside Company doing payroll. Tightened controls will be initiated.

Councilman Donovan asked to have someone from Economic Development show up quarterly and provide updates on what is happening within the City. The Mayor stated Fred Messoro had recently been to a City Council meeting and would be the one to come to provide future updates.

Chairman Quagliani inquired about the base pay and overtime for clarification. Mayor Rossi clarified the City’s position.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:47 PM

ATTEST: Stacy Riccio, Clerk of the Council

BY: Michael A. DiMassa, Administrative Assistant

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.