Minutes of the April 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council in the Council Chambers 3rd floor, West Haven City Hall

The Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00p.m. in the City Council Chambers 3rd floor. Acting Chairman Vargo called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Council Members Present: Anne Heffernan, Edward McMillian, Gary Donovan, Christopher Vargo, Jr., Dawn Callahan, Kathleen Mueller, Brian Laucks, Katherine Tucker, Ruby Melton, Meli Garthwait, Sarah Ackbarali. and Steven Johnstone (7:27pm). Absent: Nicholas Pascale. Also present: Mayor Dorinda Borer, Steve Fontana, Director of Economic Development, Michael Gormany, Finance Director, Mike Ajello, Deputy Corporation Counsel.

<u>7:00p.m.-7:00 p.m.-Public Hearing Finance Committee- Communication E, from the March 24, 2025 agenda, from Abdul Quadir, City Engineer, regarding an ordinance appropriating \$538,000.00 for the costs associated with the planning, design and rehabilitation of the sewer pipes and manholes related to Contract 2-citywide high priority areas, and the issuance of bonds thereon. No one spoke at the hearing.</u>

7:01 p.m. to 7:26 p.m. Public Session

See City's website for remarks.

Acting Chairman Vargo called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilwoman Callahan made a MOTION to APPROVE the Regular Meeting minutes from the March 24, 2025, meeting, which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Heffernan. All in favor. MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY.

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication A: from the Tax Collector regarding Overpayment of refunds for March 2025.

Communication B: from Chief Joseph Perno regarding Animal Shelter donations.

Communication C: from Mayor Dorinda Borer regarding an ordinance amending Chapter 211 of the Code of the City of West Haven, Article VIII: Elderly Tax Freeze.

Communication D: from Mayor Dorinda Borer regarding the renewal of a Lease of City owned property to the Prospect Beach Fish and Game Club.

Communication E: from Mayor Dorinda Borer regarding an offer of \$15,000.00 from the Estate of Richard Shippy to purchase city owned vacant lot located at 37 Myrtle Avenue, West Haven, CT.

Communication F: from Mayor Dorinda Borer regarding a proposal to sell North End Field, a 3.2-acre City owned former playground (comprising a 0.58-acre property located at 1101 Campbell Avenue and

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the 2.60-acre former Baggot Street playground), to the University if New Haven ("UNH") for five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00).

III. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance Committee called to order at 7:29 p.m.

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilwoman Ackbarali, Chairwoman- Committee members; Councilman Vargo, Councilman Laucks, Councilwoman Tucker and Councilman Johnstone</u>

FINANCE UPDATES

- 1. Finance updates from Michael Gormany, Finance Director-Mr. Gormany provided an update on the Departmental Budget progress and procedures.
- 2. MARB Meeting update-Mayor Borer stated the next MARB meeting was scheduled for April 24th and reported that the next Police Pension mediation will be on April 15th, which could be the final one.

See City's website for remarks.

Councilman Johnstone presented a **MOTION** to recommend the acceptance to the entire Council regarding **Communication B**, from Chief Joseph Perno regarding Animal Shelter donations, which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Tucker. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**.

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Finance Committee closed at 7:33 p.m.

Legislative Matters Committee called to order at 7:33 p.m.

<u>LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE, Councilman Vargo, Chairman - Committee members: Councilman Laucks, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilwoman Melton and Councilman Johnstone</u>

Communication C: from Mayor Dorinda Borer regarding an ordinance amending Chapter 211 of the Code of the City of West Haven, Article VIII: Elderly Tax Freeze. Public Hearing to be set for April 28, 2025 at 6:50 pm.

Legislative Matters Committee closed at 7:53 p.m.

Public Lands Committee called to order at 7:53 p.m.

<u>PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE, Councilman Donovan, Chairman -Committee members: Councilman Laucks, Councilwoman Callahan, Councilwoman Melton and Councilman Johnstone</u>

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Councilman Johnstone presented a **MOTION** to recommend referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission to the entire Council regarding **Communication F**, from Mayor Dorinda Borer regarding a proposal to sell North End Field, a 3.2-acre City owned former playground (comprising a 0.58-acre property located at 1101 Campbell Avenue and the 2.60-acre former Baggot Street playground), to the University if New Haven ("UNH") for five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Callahan. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY viva voce.**

Public Lands Committee closed at 8:47 p.m.

IV: UNFINISHED BUSINESS: -None.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS-8:40 p.m.

Clerk to read Communication A into record

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilwoman Ackbarali, Chairwoman- Committee members; Councilman Vargo, Councilman Laucks, Councilwoman Tucker and Councilman Johnstone

Communication B: from Chief Joseph Perno regarding Animal Shelter donations. Councilwoman Ackbarali made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Garthwait. All in favor, **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY**.

Resolved: The West Haven Police Department has received the following donations totaling \$ 600.00 to the Animal Shelter. Per Connecticut Statues 7-148(c) (3) (A&B) and General Order 98-04, we are forwarding these donations for approval. The City Council approved the following motion at a regular meeting held on April 14, 2025.

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the Animal Shelter Donations to be deposited into the Animal Shelter Donations account # 10100000-28285.

<u>Name</u>		<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
1	Albert A Perillo III	224	\$50.00	
2.		271	\$100.00	
3.	Debra A Johnson	2116	\$50.00	
4.	Kevin C Geenty	2120	\$150.00	
5.	A Tambis Holdings Inc	2703	\$250.00	

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RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves an ordinance appropriating \$538,000 for the costs associated with the planning, design and rehabilitation of sewer pipes and manholes related to High Priority area contract 2 in the City of West Haven and authorizing the issuance of \$538,000 bonds of the City of West Haven to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

FURTHER RESOLVED, Dorinda Borer, as Mayor of The City of West Haven, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents related to this Resolution on behalf of the City of West Haven 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.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$538,000 FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND REHABILITATION OF SEWER PIPES AND MANHOLES RELATED TO THE HIGH PRIORITY AREA CONTRACT 2 IN THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$538,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HAVEN:

Section 1. The sum of \$538,000 is hereby appropriated for costs associated with the planning, design and rehabilitation of sewer pipe and manholes related to the High Priority Area Contract 2 in the City, and for architectural, design, engineering, hydraulic, site acquisition, development, demolition and disposal, environmental studies, surveying, infrastructure improvements, paving, material, utility charges, data systems, furniture and fixtures, equipment, testing, insurance, training, administrative, advertising, printing, legal, other consultant fees, and any appurtenances related to the project, as well as the cost of the establishment and maintenance of any reserve pursuant to Chapter 109, Chapter 117 and other chapters of the General Statutes of Connecticut (the "Connecticut Statutes"), as amended (the "Project"). Said appropriation shall be inclusive of any and all Federal and State grants-in-aid thereof.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation, \$538,000 bonds or other obligations of the City plus an additional amount for all necessary and appropriate financing costs not in excess of three percent of the cost of the Project, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose (the "Bonds"), may be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date, or such later date as may be allowed by law. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Mayor, City Treasurer, and the Director of Finance (collectively, the "Bond Committee"), and the amount of Bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by a majority of the Bond Committee. The Bonds shall be issued in an amount up to the City's share of the cost of the Project determined after considering the estimated amount of any State and Federal grants in aid for the Project, or the actual amount thereof if such amount is ascertainable, and the anticipated times of receipt thereof, provided that the total amount of Bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient, with other funds available for such purpose, to pay the principal of and the interest on

all outstanding temporary borrowings issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said Bonds, and any administrative, printing and legal costs of issuing the Bonds as determined by a majority of the Bond Committee. The Bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in bearer form or in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of a majority of the Bond Committee, bear the City seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by a majority of the Bond Committee, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by a majority of the Bond Committee and be approved as to their legality by the City's bond counsel. The Bonds shall bear such rate or rates of interest as shall be determined by a majority of the Bond Committee. The Bonds shall be general obligations of the City and shall comply with all requirements of law, including any debt limit, relating to the authorization or issuance of such Bonds. The Bonds may also be secured as to both principal and interest, to the extent permitted by law, by a pledge of certain revenues or benefit assessments or both. The aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such Bonds, including any repayment agreements or memoranda of understanding, or whether any of the Bonds will be issued as taxable bonds, shall be determined by a majority of the Bond Committee, in accordance with the requirements of the Connecticut Statutes.

Section 3. In connection with the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized herein (collectively, the "Obligations"), the City, as determined by a majority of the Bond Committee, may exercise any power delegated to municipalities pursuant to the Connecticut Statutes, including the authority to establish credit facilities and to enter into agreements managing interest rate risk. The City, as determined by a majority of the Bond Committee, shall have all appropriate powers under the Connecticut Statutes, including Chapter 748 (Registered Public Obligations Act), Chapter 446k (Water Pollution Control) and Chapter 109 (Municipal Bond Issues), to issue, sell and deliver the Obligations and, further, shall have the full power and authority to do all that is required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and other applicable laws and regulations of the United States, to provide for issuance of the Obligations in tax exempt form and to meet all requirements which are or may become necessary in and subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Obligations in order that the interest on the Obligations be and remain exempt from Federal income taxes, including, without limitation, to covenant and agree to restriction on investment yield of bond proceeds, rebate of arbitrage earnings, and expenditure of proceeds within required time limitations. In order to meet the capital cash flow expenditure needs of the City, a majority of the Bond Committee is authorized to collectively allocate and reallocate expenditures incurred for the Project to any bonds or notes of the City outstanding as of the date of such allocation, and the bonds or notes to which such expenditures have been allocated shall be deemed to have been issued for such purpose, including the bonds and notes herein authorized.

Section 4. Said Bonds shall be sold in a competitive offering or by negotiation as determined by a majority of the Bond Committee. If sold at competitive offering, the Bonds shall be sold by a majority of the Bond Committee at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the City, by sealed proposals, auction, or other comparative method. If the Bonds are sold by negotiation, the purchase contract shall be signed by a majority of the Bond Committee. With respect to the receipt of original issuance premium or bid premium upon the sale of the bonds or notes herein authorized, the City is authorized, but not required, to apply original issuance premium and bid premium, if applicable, to fund future debt service payments on the City's bonds and notes or to fund any purpose for which bonds of the City are authorized to be issued, and such application shall reduce the amount of authorized and unissued bonds for the purpose to which the premium was applied, in the amount so applied.

Section 5. Said Bonds may be secured by the City's property taxes, including interest, penalties and related charges, pursuant to Chapter 117 and other chapters of the Connecticut Statutes, and, if deemed necessary or appropriate and in the City's best interest by a majority of the Bond Committee, the Bond Committee, on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized: (i) to establish a property tax intercept procedure and a debt service payment fund pursuant to Chapter 117 of the Connecticut Statutes, §7-560 et seq., and other Chapters of the

Connecticut Statutes, on such terms as a majority of the Bond Committee deem necessary or appropriate, and (ii) to take all further actions which a majority of the Bond Committee deem necessary or appropriate to so secure the Bonds or which are contemplated by law. A majority of the Bond Committee, if they determine it to be advisable, necessary or appropriate, is authorized, on behalf of the City, to enter into an indenture of trust and/or a supplemental indenture of trust to any existing indenture of the City (collectively, the "Indenture") with a bank or trust company located within or without the State of Connecticut (the "Trustee"), and to covenant: (i) if the Bonds are issued pursuant to such Indenture that all or a portion of the City's property taxes shall be paid to the Trustee and be held in trust for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds as provided in Chapter 117 and other Chapters of the Connecticut Statutes, and (ii) the terms on which any payments or reserves securing the payment of the Bonds will be paid, and the terms of any reserve or other fund for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds; and, in any event, to amend or supplement the Indenture containing such terms and conditions as a majority of the Bond Committee shall determine to be necessary or advisable and in the best interest of the City, the execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of such determination.

Section 6. The issue of the Obligations aforesaid and of all other bonds or notes of the City heretofore authorized but not yet issued, as of the effective date of this Ordinance, would not cause the indebtedness of the City to exceed any debt limit calculated in accordance with law.

Section 7. The City is authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of any series of said Bonds or any anticipated amounts of State and Federal grants in aid for the Project. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signatures of a majority of the Bond Committee, have the seal of the City or a facsimile thereof affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by a majority of the Bond Committee, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by a majority of the Bond Committee, pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut Statutes, and be approved as to their legality by the City's bond counsel. Notes shall be sold in competitive offering or by negotiation as determined by a majority of the Bond Committee. If sold in a competitive offering, the notes shall be sold by a majority of the Bond Committee at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the City, by sealed proposals, auction or other comparative method. If the notes are sold by negotiation, the purchase contract shall be signed by a majority of the Bond Committee. The notes shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut Statutes that govern the issuance of such notes. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and shall comply with all requirements of law, including any debt limit, relating to the authorization or issuance of such notes. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said Bonds, shall be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of said Bonds the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such temporary borrowings then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose. The City is also authorized to issue notes in anticipation of the receipt of grants, if applicable, and a majority of the Bond Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of such issuance.

Section 8. For the Project, \$538,000 of interim funding obligations and project loan obligations or any other obligations of the City evidencing an obligation to repay any portion of the costs of the Project determined by the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Public Health or other department as applicable to be eligible for funding under Section 22a-475 et seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Clean Water Fund Program") plus an additional amount for all necessary and appropriate financing costs not in excess of three percent of the cost of the Project, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose (the "Clean Water Fund Obligations"), may be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date, or such later date as may be allowed by law. The Clean Water Fund Obligations may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Bond Committee, and the amount of Clean Water Fund Obligations of each series to be issued shall be fixed by a majority of the Bond Committee. The Clean Water Fund Obligations shall be issued in an amount up to the City's share of the cost of the Project determined after considering the estimated amount of any State and Federal grants in aid for the Project, or the actual amount thereof if such amount is ascertainable, and the anticipated times of receipt thereof. The issuance of the Clean Water Fund Obligations and of all other bonds or

notes of the City heretofore authorized but not yet issued, as of the effective date of this Ordinance, would not cause the indebtedness of the City to exceed any debt limit calculated in accordance with law. The Clean Water Fund Obligations shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of a majority of the Bond Committee, bear the City seal or a facsimile thereof. The Clean Water Fund Obligations may be general obligations of the City and shall comply with all requirements of law, including any debt limit, relating to the authorization or issuance of such Clean Water Fund Obligations. The Clean Water Fund Obligations may also be secured as to both principal and interest, to the extent permitted by law, by a pledge of certain revenues or benefit assessments or both. The aggregate principal amount of the Clean Water Fund Obligations, installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such Clean Water Fund Obligations, including the rate or rates of interest, any repayment agreements or memoranda of understanding, shall be determined by a majority of the Bond Committee, in accordance with the requirements of the Connecticut Statutes; and

(b) any combination of Obligations and Clean Water Fund Obligations for the Project as set forth in the preceding sections may be issued, provided that the total, aggregate principal amount thereof issued, and including the amount of any grant funding obtained, shall not exceed \$538,000 plus an amount needed for necessary and appropriate financing costs related to the Project.

Section 9. Resolution of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with Borrowings. The City hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid 60 days prior to and after the date of passage of this Ordinance in the maximum amount and for the Project described above with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations authorized to be issued by the City. Such obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The City hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Director of Finance or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement obligations, and to amend this declaration.

Section 10. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to exercise all powers conferred by section 3-20e of the Connecticut Statutes with respect to secondary market disclosure and to provide annual information and notices of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds, notes or other obligations authorized by this Ordinance.

Section 11. The Mayor, the Director of Finance and any other duly authorized City, Board of Education or WPCA official is authorized to seek grants and other contributions for the costs of the Project. Any such grants or contribution received prior to the issuance of any Obligations or Clean Water Fund Obligations authorized herein shall be applied to the costs of the Project or to pay at maturity the principal of any outstanding bond anticipation note, grant anticipation note or other temporary obligation issued pursuant this Ordinance and shall reduce the amount of Obligations or Clean Water Fund Obligations that can be issued pursuant to this Ordinance. If such grants and contributions are received after the issuance of any Bonds or Clean Water Fund Obligations, they shall be applied to pay either non-financed portions of the Project or debt service on the Bonds or Clean Water Fund Obligations provided such application does not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Bonds or Clean Water Fund Obligations.

	Section 12.	This Ordinance shall be	effective im	mediately upor	n the Mayor's signature
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APPR	OVED BY THE MA	YOR:		_ DATE:	

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VI. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilwoman Garthwait stated that Animal Control Officer Appreciation week is April 13th to 19th. Mayor Borer and Chief Perno met with the Audubon Society and may be receiving a grant for Sandy Point patrol. Councilwoman Callahan reported that Marginal Drive clean-up is every 1st Saturday and thanked the Mayor. She thanked Public Works, Police and Fire for continually monitoring the area.

See remarks on City's website.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Johnstone reported that there will be mattress pick-up, there is no drop-off because the cost was too high and could not track non-residents using the service. Mattress bags are \$30 and using the pick-up system instead of drop-off saves the city approximately \$50,000 annually. On May 1st a Developer Summitt at City Hall will be held. Councilwoman Garthwait asked about the Havens, Mayor Borer reported continually meeting with potential developers. Councilwoman Tucker asked for an update on what is being done about Domestic Violence. The Mayor replied that they must let the investigators do their work. They have not yet met with the advocates and are not ignoring them. The city is sharing with the public what resources are available (Community Outreach Navigator, Social Worker, Bilingual Outreach Worker) to continue to get the word out, especially in the schools. Councilwoman Mueller wanted more details on the schedule and was told that the Community outreach worker is out at Youth Services events and WH Schools. Councilwoman Tucker suggested an

Awareness Campaign, the Mayor stated that a coalition will be at all the city events and that they are putting together improved marketing materials. Councilwoman Melton suggested notifying the media or speakers to this YouTube stream. The Mayor also stated that John Carrano from Human Resources will be working on a more visible campaign. Mayor Borer announced a \$153,000 grant for the boat ramp design and plan. She has been meeting with a coalition of Mayors regarding revaluations and mill rates and is in contact with the Fire Departments daily regarding this. Councilman Vargo stated that the City Council was working hard on the budget, thanked Commissioner Carrano on the noise issue. He wished a Happy Birthday to his son Mikey.

See remarks on City's website.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Tucker made a **MOTION to ADJOURN** which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Vargo. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY**.

The City Council meeting was ADJOURNED at 9:37 p.m.

Nicholas Pascale
Chairman of the Council

Stacy Riccio
Clerk of the Council

Carlotta M. Serrini
City Council Administrator

^{**}These minutes are subject to City Council approval.