

**Minutes of the May 8, 2023 Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council City Council  
Chambers 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, West Haven City Hall**

The Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, West Haven. Chairman Massaro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Members Present were: Gary Donovan, Colleen O'Connor, Ronald Quagliani, Meli Garthwait, Sarah Ackbarali, Robbin Watt Hamilton, Katherine Tucker, Robert Bruneau, Steven Johnstone and Peter Massaro. Absent: Bridgette Hoskie, Mitchell Gallignano and Victor Borrás. Also present: David Taylor, Acting Finance Director, Jennifer Amendola, Director of ERS and Peter Gall, NorcomCT, Simon McDonald, Director of Membership and Marketing Regional Chamber of Commerce Milford and West Haven and Christine Gallo, Chairwoman of the Economic Development Commission.

**Moment of silence for Ernestine Jackson, Her civic involvement in West Haven included the Black Heritage Committee, Town Committee, election volunteer, Black Coalition, PTA, and Senior Center.**

**Moment of silence for JoAnn DeLizio- she worked as a bus aide for Special Needs Children, Then a Lunch mother, paraprofessional and custodian for the West Haven Board of Education.**

**7:05 p.m. Public Session – 7:17 p.m.**

See Video on the City's website for comments.

**Chairman Massaro called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.**

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**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Donovan made a **MOTION to APPROVE** the Regular Meeting minutes of April 24, 2023 which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY**

**II. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Communication A:** from the Tax Collector regarding Overpayment refunds for April, 2023

**Communication B:** from Jennifer Amendola, Director of ERS regarding Lease Agreement with Yale University Public Safety – utilize the radio equipment building at Shingle Hill Tower site

**Communication C:** from Simon McDonald Director of Membership and Marketing Regional Chamber of Commerce Milford and West Haven regarding a program consists of hanging banners on Captain Thomas Blvd. with city seal and business logo.

### **III. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

#### **Council-As-A-Whole**

1. ARPA Updates- Ken Carney, Chairman of the ARPA Committee – **NONE**  
Mr. Carney will be at the next Council meeting schedule for May 22, 2023

**Finance Committee called to order at 7:21 p.m.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilwoman Hamilton Acting Chairwoman** – Committee members: Councilwoman O’Connor, Councilman Quagliani and Councilwoman Ackbarali. Absent Councilwoman Hoskie

1. YTD Budget Review – David Taylor, Acting Finance Director – Gave update see video on the City’s website
2. MARB Meeting update – **NONE**
3. Police Pension Study update – **NONE**

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**HELD**

**A discussion was held see the City’s website for the discussion.**

**Communication C:** from Simon McDonald Director of Membership and Marketing Regional Chamber of Commerce Milford and West Haven regarding a program consists of hanging banners on Captain Thomas Blvd. with city seal and business logo. **HELD**

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**Finance Committee closed at 8:18 p.m.**

### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

NONE

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS: 8:19 p.m.**

Clerk read Communication A into record

**FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilwoman Hamilton Acting Chairwoman** – Committee members: Councilwoman O’Connor, Councilman Quagliani and Councilwoman Ackbarali. Absent Councilwoman Hoskie.

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**HELD**

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**HELD**

**VI. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:**

NONE

**VII. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:**

NONE

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Donovan made a **MOTION to ADJOURN** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O’Connor. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY.**

The City Council meeting was **ADJOURNED at 8:20 p.m.**

Peter Massaro  
Chairman of the Council

Stacy Riccio  
Clerk of the Council

Diane Ascenzia  
Admin. Asst. City Council

These minute are subject to City Council approval