

Minutes of the May 9, 2022 City Council Meeting – Harriett North Court Room

The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00P.M.

In the Harriett North Court Room, 2nd floor, City Hall.

Roll Call Present were Council members: Donovan, O’Connor, Quagliani, Hoskie, Garthwait, Ackbarali, Gallignano, Hamilton, Tucker, Bruneau, and Johnstone, Also present: Mayor Nancy Rossi. Absent Massaro and Borrás

Pledge of Allegiance

7:03p.m. Public Session –See YouTube Live stream for Public Comments – 7:55 p.m.

Acting Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:56 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bureau presented a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the minutes of Regular Meeting of April 25, 2022, which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O’Connor and was **APPROVED**, All in favor. Passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

Minutes of Special Meeting May 5, 2022 - **HELD**

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication A: from the Tax Collector in regards to Overpayment refunds for April 2022

Communication B: from Mark Paine, Director of Parks and Recreation regarding request for transfer of funds

Communication C: from Mayor Nancy Rossi regards to consider the reappointment of Jeffrey L. Moreno, 175 Canton Street, West Haven to the Ethics Board. Effective immediately and expire on June 30, 2024.

Communication D: from Corporation Counsel Lee Tiernan regarding Resolution Defining Employee benefits for non-union employees.

Communication A-4: from the Chiefs of the City’s three (3) Fire Department regarding ARPA Funds request.

Communication A-5: Concerning –Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan – Neighborhood Pocket Parks, Open Space, Tree, Gardens

Communication A-6: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan – Recycling and Re-Use Center

Communication A-7: Concerning- Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan- Replacement Windows, City Hall

Communication A-8: Concerning –Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan- Johnson Senior Center, Refurbishment

Communication A-9: Concerning- Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan – Roof replacement over Child Development Center

III. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilwoman Bridgette Hoskie, Chairwoman – Committee members: Colleen O’Connor, Ronald Quagliani, Sarah Ackbarali, Robbin Watt Hamilton

Finance Committee was called to order at 7:59 p.m.

FINANCE UPDATES

1. YTD Budget Review – Scott Jackson, Finance Director See YouTube live stream for update
2. ARPA – Update – Ken Carney give update and handed out packet- 2nd Presentation. See YouTube live stream for update
3. MARB – Update – Next meeting May 17, 2022
4. Police Pension Study update – Lee Tiernan give update- See YouTube live stream for update

Communication B: from Mark Paine, Director of Park and Recreation regarding request for transfer of funds- Councilwoman Hamilton made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Bruneau, All in favor. **MOTION Passed UNANIMOUSLY**

Communication D: from Corporation Counsel Lee Tiernan regarding a Resolution Defining Employee Benefits for non-union employees – **HELD**

Finance Committee closed at 9:12 p.m.

PERSONNEL & CIVIL SERVICES: Councilwoman Hamilton Acting Chairman,
Committee members, Robert Bruneau, Colleen O'Connor, Ronald Quagliani and
Bridgette Hoskie

Personnel & Civil Services called to order at 9:12 p.m.

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Personnel & Civil Services closed at 9:15 p.m.

PUBLIC LANDS: Councilman Gary Donovan, Chairman-Committee member,
Colleen O'Connor, Ronald Quagliani, Robert Bruneau and Robbin Watt Hamilton

Public Lands Committee was called to order at 9:15p.m.

Updates on all Public Lands sold: Lee Tiernan, Corporation Counsel and Hunter Naizby give updates of Public Lands sold and the progress from October 2021. See YouTube live stream for update.

Public Lands Committee Closed at 9:40 p.m.

IV: UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

V: COMMITTEE REPORTS: 9:41 p.m.

Clerk to read Communication A into record.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilwoman Bridgette Hoskie, Chairwoman –
Committee members: Colleen O'Connor, Ronald Quagliani, Sarah Ackbarali, Robbin Watt Hamilton

Communication B: from Mark Paine, Director of Park and Recreation regarding request for transfer of funds- Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Gallignano and Councilwoman O'Connor, All in favor. **MOTION** Passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

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Council-As-A-Whole

Communication A-4: Concerning - Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan – from the Chiefs of the City’s three (3) Fire Department regarding ARPA Funds request. **HELD**

Communication A-5: Concerning –Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan regarding the– Neighborhood Pocket Parks, Open Space, Tree, Gardens. Councilman Donovan made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O’Connor, All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

ARPA Resolutions

WHEREAS the City is in receipt of certain American Rescue Plan Act Federal Corona Virus Stimulus Funds, hereafter referred to as ARPA funds;

WHEREAS the City Council has fiscal responsibility for the appropriation of ARPA funds under section 4 of the City Charter entitled Supplemental Appropriation;

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WHEREAS the Mayor desires to have an indication from the Council on which projects they choose to fund and to what extent;

WHEREAS the Council requires more detailed plans and work scope to make formal appropriations for the projects in the Mayor’s ARPA Plan presented to the Council:

RESOLVED that the City Council has determined that conceptual plans be further developed for the following projects and associated dollar amounts

Neighborhood Pocket Parks and Open Space	\$1,000,000
Public Tree Planting, Volunteer Training	\$10,000

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nancy Rossi, as Mayor of the City of West Haven, may expend funds for architectural, engineering, and other planning services to more fully develop the projects selected above subject to Chapter 42 Purchasing Procedures of the Code of the City of West Haven;

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Communication A-6: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan – Plan – Recycling and Re-Use Center Councilman Bruneau made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Hamilton, was **APPROVED** by a Majority with Councilwoman Garthwait and Councilman Johnstone abstained

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Communication A-7: Concerning- Mayor's ARPA Community Investment Plan- Replacement Windows, City Hall and Energy efficiency Study. Councilman Bruneau made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor, all in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

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Window replacement – City Hall	
Energy efficiency Study	

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Communication A-8: Concerning –Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan- Johnson Senior Center, Refurbishment. Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Donovan, All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

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Municipal Building Improvements	
Child Development Center Roof	\$360,000

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VI. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:

NONE

VII. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Gallignano made a **MOTION TO ADJOURN**, which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Johnston All in favor. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The City Council meeting was ADJOURNED at 10:05 p.m.

**Peter Massaro
Chairman of the Council**

**Stacy Riccio
Clerk of Council**