

**May 26, 2020**

The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, May 26, 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

6:55 P.M Finance Committee Public Hearing: C.D.A. Neighborhood Assistance Act - Pursuant to 5:55 P.M. Hearing Notice in the West Haven Voice. (No Comments were sent it to the City Council)

Chairman Quagliani recognized the following individuals:

- Kevin Ward and his team of volunteers (Celebration Parades)
- President Curis of Notre Dame High School (City Donation)
- Councilwoman Hoskie, Kim Kenny, Rose Cambino, and Heather Shay (for working on adopt a West Haven High School Senior program)

Chairman Quagliani presented a moment of Silence for Connie Hubbard, the 76 West Haven Residents who lost their lives to COVID-19, and the Service Members across our Country who lost their lives in service.

7:08 P.M. Public Information Session

(No Pubic Comments)

Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:**

Councilman Cohen presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the May 6 2020 special meeting which was SECONDED by Councilman Massaro and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

Councilman Cohen presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the May 11, 2020 regular meeting which was SECONDED by Councilman Bruneau and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Communication from Building Oversight Chairman Ken Carney in regards to resolutions concerning Washington Elementary School.
- B. Communication from the Tax Collector in regards to Overpayment refunds in relation to the Governor's Executive Orders.
- C. Communication from the Tax Collector in regards to Overpayment refunds for the Month of May 2020.

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- D. Communication from Housing Specialist John Bernardo in regards to Community Development's Neighborhood Assistance Program.
- E. Communication from Finance Director Frank Cieplinski in regards to a Transfer of funds for the West Haven Library.
- F. Communication from the Sustainability Committee in regards to their Annual Report to the City Council.
- G. Communication from Commissioner McCarthy in regards to Street Lighting/Utility Poles.
- H. Communication from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to the City of West Haven's Five Year Plan.

**RECESS: 7:16 PM**

**Finance Committee, Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman**

**Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Bruneau, Massaro, Cohen**

\*Building Oversight Committee Chairman Ken Carney presented an Overview of Communication A.

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 Massaro and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice by the Finance Committee.

Communication D. Committee Member Hamilton presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication D. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Massaro and APPROVED by majority by the Finance Committee with Committee Member Cohen abstaining.

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

Communication H. Committee Member Hamilton presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication H. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Bruneau and DENIED by majority of the Finance Committee.

Councilwoman Hamilton – Nay  
Councilman Bruneau – Nay  
Councilman Massaro – Nay  
Councilman Cohen – Yea  
Councilwoman Hoskie – Nay

1 Yea | 4 Nay | Abstain 0 | Absent 0 |

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**Public Works Committee, Councilman Cohen, Chairman**

**Committee Members Present: Massaro, Donovan, McGeé, Bruneau**

Communication G. Committee Member Donovan presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication G. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Bruneau and APPROVED by majority by the Public Works Committee with Councilman Cohen abstaining.

**Sustainability Committee, Councilwoman Fanelli, Chairwoman**

**Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Hoskie, Johnston, O'Connor**

Presentation from Robin Parsons on the Sustainability Committee's Annual Update (Communication F).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**RECONVENE:** 9:28 PM

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication A. from Building Oversight Chairman Ken Carney in regards to resolutions concerning Washington Elementary School.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hamilton. Chairman Quagliani presented an AMENDMENT that the motion was contingent on Corporation Counsel's review and approval which was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice. Following the amendment the MOTION AS AMENDED was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

**RESOLVED:** Resolved, that the West Haven City Council authorizes the West Haven Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services to accept or reject a grant for the New Washington Elementary School.

Resolved, that the West Haven Building Committee is hereby established as the Building Committee with regard to the New Washington Elementary School.

Resolved, that the West Haven City Council, hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the New Washington Elementary School.

Resolved, that the West Haven City Council authorizes the City of West Haven to fund the New Washington Elementary School for the amount of \$19,390,171.

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the majority reports of the committee in regards to Communication D. from Housing Specialist John Bernardo in regards to

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Community Development’s Neighborhood Assistance Program.

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

**RESOLVED:** The City Council of the City of West Haven approves the Neighborhood Assistance Program received for 2020 submission by the Community Development Administration:

Connecticut Radio Information Systems, Inc.	\$5,000.00
West Haven Community House	\$110,000.00
West Haven Child Development	\$12,000.00
Ward-Heitmann House Museum Foundation Inc.	\$20,000.00

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication E. from Finance Director Frank Cieplinski in regards to a Transfer of funds for the West Haven Library.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilwoman O’Connor and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

**RESOLVED:** The City Council of the City of West Haven approves the following current year budget transfer:

Line Item 11000010-56009 Designated Contingency – Library	Decrease \$75,000.00
Line Item 16001060-51000 Regular Wages	Increase \$75,000.00

Councilman Cohen Chairman of the Public Lands Committee presented the majority reports of the committee in regards to Communication G. from Commissioner McCarthy in regards to Street Lighting/Utility Poles.

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

**RESOLVED:** The City Council of the City of West Haven approves Commissioner Thomas McCarthy’s request to place lights on the following Utility Poles:

- UI #2194
- UI #3277

Clerk read Communication B. into record.

Clerk read Communication C. into record.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:** None

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**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:** Councilman Bruneau reported that he spoke with the Chief of Police in regards to the Quality of Life Patrol which started on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and has been patrolling the Beach, Boardwalk, and parking lots. He also reported the P.D. would be upping patrols and that he successfully resolved an issue regarding vehicles not stopping at a stop sign in his district.

Councilman Massaro reported that the City has a lot of new Police Officers in training.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Quagliani asked the Mayor if the City had made a decision on Summer Camp openings.

The Mayor reported no decision had been made at this time.

Councilman Donovan inquired about the maintenance on the kiosks and asked if they were supposed to be up and running yet.

The Mayor advised she would discuss with Chief Perno. She also advised that the reason they might not be online is because the beach is supposed to be open to residents only at this point.

Councilwoman Fanelli inquired about the Beach Parking lots being closed on Sunday.

The Mayor advised it was due to the fact the constables must not have been on duty at the time of her visit.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:45 PM

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

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

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.