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The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 7:05 P.M. via electronic means pursuant to City Council Rule #30.

Pledge of Allegiance

7:15 P.M. Finance Committee Public Hearing: C.D.A COVID-19 Federal Funding Allocations
(See Tape for 3 Public Comments)

Present were Council Members: Quagliani, Donovan, O'Connor, Gallignano, Johnston, Hamilton, Massaro, McGeé, Fanelli, Cohen, Hoskie, Conlon, and Bruneau.

7:34 P.M. Public Information Session

(See Tape for Public Comments)

Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:21 P.M.

Chairman Quagliani announced the City's COVID-19 Testing Site on the West Haven Green would be starting on Wednesday.

Chairman Quagliani also thanked the two West Haven Police Officers who assisted a swimmer in distress.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:

Councilman Massaro presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the June 4, 2020 Finance Committee special meeting which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Johnston and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

Councilman Massaro presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the June 8, 2020 regular meeting which was SECONDED by Councilman Cohen and APPROVED by majority with Councilman Quagliani abstaining.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Communication from C.D.A. Manager Mark Bisaccia in regards to Federal COVID-19 Funding Allocations.
- B. Communication from Councilman Cohen in regards to renaming Hubbard Nature and Recreation Center.
- C. Communication from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to a Regional Water Authority Resolution.

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- D. Communication from the Finance Director Frank Cieplinski in regards to a transfer of funds for the Library Study.
- E. Communication from Chief Joseph Perno in regards to animal shelter donations.
- F. Communication from the Finance Director Frank Cieplinski in regards to a transfer of funds for the purchase of 22 Collis Street.
- G. Communication from Councilman Massaro in regards to amending City Ordinance 156-2 Subsection (B).
- H. Communication from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to renaming Third Avenue Park.
- I. Communication from Commissioner Thomas McCarthy in regards to a bid waiver.

RECESS: 7:45 PM

Redevelopment Committee, Councilwoman O'Connor, Chairwoman

Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Johnston, Gallignano, Donovan

- Update from Commissioner Fred Messore in regards to Economic Development Projects.

Q/A with Councilmembers (See Tape)

Finance Committee, Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman

Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Bruneau, Massaro, Cohen

Communication A. Committee Member Hoskie presented a MOTION to recommend the SEPERATION of Communication A. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Cohen and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice by the Finance Committee.

A1. Motion to Approve 45-01 WH Human Resources-Emergency Funds \$30,000.00
Committee Member Bruneau, SECONDED by Committee Member Cohen and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

A2. Motion to Approve 45-02 WH CDA-Community Educators \$21,228.00
Committee Member Bruneau, SECONDED by Committee Member Massaro and APPROVED by majority of the Finance Committee with Committee Member Cohen opposed.

A3. Motion to Approve 45-03 BOE -Sneeze Guards \$6,453.00
Committee Member Bruneau, SECONDED by Committee Member Hamilton and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

A4. Motion to Approve 45-04 WH Child Development-Health and Safety Items for Response \$15,000.00

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Committee Member Bruneau, SECONDED by Committee Member Cohen and APPROVED by unanimously by the Finance Committee.

A5. Motion to Approve 45-05 WHEAT- Food Supplies to restock Pantry \$43,118.00
Committee Member Bruneau, SECONDED by Committee Member Massaro and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

A.6 Motion to Approve 45-06 WH Health Dept.- Health Educators/Interns Pandemic Response \$163,312.00
Committee Member Bruneau, SECONDED by Committee Member Hamilton and APPROVED by majority of the Finance Committee with Committee Member Cohen opposed.

A7. Motion to Approve 45-07 WH CDA- Office Laminate Barrier \$0.00
Committee Member Bruneau, SECONDED by Committee Member Cohen and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

A8. Motion to Approve 45-08 WH Recreation-Health Educators for Recreation Areas \$45,150.00
Committee Member Bruneau, SECONDED by Committee Member Massaro and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

A9. Motion to Approve 45-09 WH Library-Joblessness due to Covid 19 \$38,187.00
Committee Member Bruneau, SECONDED by Committee Member Hamilton and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

A10 Motion to Approve 45-10 FISH- Food Supplies to restock Pantry \$3,978.00
Committee Member Bruneau, SECONDED by Committee Member Massaro and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

A11. Motion to Approve 45-11 Marrakech-Health and Safety Items for Response \$38,250.00
Committee Member Bruneau, SECONDED by Committee Member Massaro and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

A12. Motion to Approve 45-12 Chamber of Commerce-Business Recovery Plan Assistance \$0.00
Committee Member Bruneau, SECONDED by Committee Member Cohen and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

A13. Motion to Approve 45-13 WH Public Works-Rehab 447 1st Ave to Establish Dream Center \$ 38,050.00
Committee Member Bruneau, SECONDED by Committee Member Massaro and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

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

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

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

Public Works Committee, Councilman Cohen, Chairman

Committee Members Present: Massaro, Donovan, McGeé, Bruneau

Communication C. Committee Member Massaro presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication C. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Bruneau and APPROVED unanimously by the Public Works Committee.

Public Lands Committee, Councilman Donovan, Chairman

Committee Members Present: Gallignano, Fanelli, Conlon, O'Connor

Communication B. Committee Member Fanelli presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication B. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Gallignano and APPROVED unanimously by the Public Lands Committee.

Communication F. Committee Member Gallignano presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication F. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Fanelli and APPROVED unanimously by the Public Lands Committee.

Communication H. Committee Member Gallignano presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication H. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Fanelli and APPROVED unanimously by the Public Lands Committee.

Legislative Matters Committee, Councilman Gallignano, Chairman

Committee Members Present: Johnston, Fanelli, Conlon, O'Connor

Communication G. Committee Member Fanelli presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication G. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Bruneau.

Committee Member Cohen presented a MOTION to AMEND the proposed Ordinance Change from \$150.00 to \$100.00 which was SECONDED by Committee Member Gallignano and APPROVED by Majority with Committee Members Fanelli and Gallignano opposed. Communication G. AS AMENDED was APPROVED unanimously by the Legislative Matters Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Fanelli discussed the continued parking problems along the shoreline and she requested more signage from Public Works. She also expressed a desire for more patrols along with water.

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Councilwoman Fanelli also expressed concerns regarding the gas company and paving the roads to the condition they were previously in before outside companies perform work.

Councilman Conlon inquired about the investigation into the shooting on Campbell Avenue. Attorney Tiernan provided a limited update. (See Tape)

Councilwoman Hoskie asked for an update from Corporation Counsel in regards to the Pension and Parking Studies. Attorney Tiernan provided an update on the Studies. (See Tape)

Councilman Cohen inquired about deposit from the Allingtown Community Building sale from Corporation Counsel. Attorney Tiernan stated that they did provide a deposit check.

Councilman Massaro inquired about the Library Study from Corporation Counsel. Attorney Tiernan stated he reviewed and executed the City's responsibilities and the Library signed the contract.

Councilman Massaro inquired about the re-opening of City Hall. Attorney Tiernan stated he was examining the options available and surrounding municipalities.

Councilwoman Hamilton inquired from the Finance Director on an update on the Non-Capital recurring reconciliation. Director Cieplinski stated it was started but not yet completed.

RECONVENE: 10:53 PM

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the majority reports of the committee in regards to Communication A. (A1-A13) from C.D.A. Manager Mark Bisaccia in regards to Federal COVID-19 Funding Allocations.

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

RESOLVED: the City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the following allocation of COVID-19 Federal Funds through the Community Development Administration:

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| 45-01 | WH Human Resources-Emergency Funds | \$30,000.00 |
| 45-02 | WH CDA-Community Educator | \$21,228.00 |
| 45-03 | BOE -Sneeze Guards | \$6,453.00 |
| 45-04 | WH Child Development-Health and Safety Items for Response | \$15,000.00 |
| 45-05 | WHEAT- Food Supplies to restock Pantry | \$43,118.00 |
| 45-06 | WH Health Dept.- Health Educators/Interns Pandemic Response | \$163,312.00 |
| 45-07 | WH CDA- Office Laminate Barrier | \$0.00 |
| 45-08 | WH Recreation-Health Educators for Recreation Areas | \$45,150.00 |
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| 45-11 | Marrakech-Health and Safety Items for Response | \$38,250.00 |
| 45-12 | Chamber of Commerce-Business Recovery Plan Assistance | \$0.00 |
| 45-13 | WH Public Works-Rehab 447 1st Ave to Establish Dream Center | \$ 38,050.00 |
| | | <u>\$ \$442,726.00</u> |

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication D. from the Finance Director Frank Cieplinski in regards to a transfer of funds for the Library Study.

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

RESOLVED: the City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the following transfer of funds:

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| Account #19009990-56243 Study-Library | Reduce \$25,000 |
| Account #16001060-51000 Regular Wages | Increase \$25,000 |

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication E. from Chief Joseph Perno in regards to animal shelter donations.

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

RESOLVED: That the following donation to the Department of Police Service be approved and deposited into line item #1010000028285 Animal Shelter donations:

| <u>FROM</u> | <u>Check #</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Patrick Kelly | 6795 | \$150.00 |
| Mark Kotak | 4737 | \$50.00 |
| Glenn Burrell | 1378 | \$25.00 |
| Karen Massaro | 4080 | \$25.00 |
| Dawn Evans | 4377 | \$100.00 |
| Angela Russo | 1455 | \$100.00 |
| West Haven Republican Town Committee | 1293 | \$25.00 |
| Bertha Tiano | 8651 | \$50.00 |
| Patrick Kelly | 6783 | \$150.00 |
| Elaine Costanzo | 9086 | \$50.00 |
| Br.#1-Tlr.#17 | 6903 | \$300.00 |

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication I. from Commissioner Thomas McCarthy in regards to a bid waiver.

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

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RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves a bid wavier for the emergency basketball courts repairs at the Nike Site. This contract shall be awarded to Hinding Tennis L.L.C. of West Haven for the amount of \$48,302.00.

Councilman Cohen Chairman of the Public Works Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication C. from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to a Regional Water Authority Resolution.

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

RESOLVED: WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, as agent for the South Central Regional Council of Governments and participating municipalities, has undertaken the permitting, construction and operation of a regional facility for the collection of household hazardous waste and conditionally exempt small quantity generator business waste at its headquarters at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities participating in the facility are able to have residents drop off their household hazardous wastes on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon, and conditionally exempt small quantity generators deliver business waste on Saturday mornings, by appointment from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., from spring through fall for proper processing, transportation and disposal;

WHEREAS, the facility is owned, managed and operated under the supervision of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for the benefit of the participating municipalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City OF West Haven THAT:

The City of West Haven declares its commitment to continue participation in the regional household hazardous waste collection center for a minimum three-year period (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023), and confirms its intent to contribute financially for the operation, processing, transportation and disposal of household hazardous waste.

The City of West Haven authorizes its Mayor to enter into this agreement with the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for the operation of the facility. Such agreement will permit the Authority to act as its agent to maintain the facility, to contract with a vendor for the transportation and disposal of the hazardous wastes, to receive financial support from grant sources, to enter into agreements with other municipalities and to operate the facility.

Invoicing will be based on a two part formula:

1. Annual operational costs are based on the number of 1- and 2- family housing units in West Haven, and
2. Annual transportation and waste disposal costs are prorated by residents' usage. This resolution shall be effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Councilman Donovan Chairman of the Public Lands Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication B. from Councilman Cohen in regards to renaming Hubbard Nature and Recreation Center.

Renaming of Hubbard Nature and Recreation Center to Hubbard Farms Park

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Chairman Quagliani set a Public Hearing for July 22nd (**27**), 2020 at 6:50 P.M. in accordance with City Council Rule #30. *(Date was incorrectly stated but corrected for Public Publication)*

Councilman Donovan Chairman of the Public Lands Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication F. from the Finance Director Frank Cieplinski in regards to a transfer of funds for the purchase of 22 Collis Street.

Councilman Donovan presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Conlon and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

RESOLVED: the City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the following transfer of funds:

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| Account #19009990-56010 Unallocated Contingency | Reduce \$5,000 |
| Account #11900010-56400 Property Management | Increase \$5,000 |

Councilman Donovan Chairman of the Public Lands Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication H. from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to renaming Third Avenue Park.

Renaming of Third Avenue Park to Chamber of Commerce/Ralph Eberle Park.

Chairman Quagliani set a Public Hearing for July 22nd (**27**), 2020 at 6:55 P.M. in accordance with City Council Rule #30. *(Date was incorrectly stated but corrected for Public Publication)*

Councilman Gallignano Chairman of the Legislative Matters Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication G. from Councilman Massaro in regards to amending City Ordinance 156-2 Subsection (B).

Councilman Gallignano presented the following MOTION for a FIRST READING which was SECONDED by Councilman Cohen and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

Change: Chapter 156 Nonresident Landlords Registration Subsection (B)

FIRST READING: Each nonresident owner or agent in charge shall pay a fee of \$100.00 for each initial registration, and a fee of \$20.00 for each notice of residential address change. This will be a yearly practice to the City.

Chairman Quagliani set a Public Hearing for July 22nd (**27**), 2020 at 6:45 P.M. in accordance with City Council Rule #30. *(Date was incorrectly stated but corrected for Public Publication)*

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED: None

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Councilwoman O'Connor updated the City Council on the West Haven Library's planned schedule.

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Councilman Bruneau advised the City Council that the Police Department was waiting for the conclusion of the active investigation before releasing any information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Johnston asked for consideration for people and animals who might be disturbed by illegal firework activity.

Councilman Bruneau stated he believed we need to move to get City Hall open for business.

Councilwoman Fanelli stated she has had constituents reach out and express their support of the Police Department and adopting the "Eight Can't Wait" policy.

Councilwoman McGeé advised the Council of surrounding Cities and towns labeling racism a public health crisis.

Councilman Massaro reported the Allingtown Green looks good but Cellini Place needs to be widened it is not large enough to accommodate a Fire Truck.

Councilwoman Hamilton presented a MOTION to Adjourn SECONDED by Councilwoman Fanelli and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:25 PM

ATTEST: Stacy Riccio, Clerk of the Council

BY: Michael A. DiMassa, Administrative Assistant

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.