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The Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, July 22, 2019, in the Harriet North Courtroom, second floor, City Hall.

Present were Council Members: Quagliani, Hamilton, Charney, Martone, Bias, Massaro, Hoskie, Gallignano, Ruickoldt, and DePalma. Absent were Council Members: Forsyth, Morrissey, and Ronan.

Pledge of Allegiance

7:10 P.M. Public Information Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:34 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:**

Councilman Massaro presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of June 24, 2019 which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hamilton and APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Councilman Ruickoldt, Charney, and Councilwoman Hoskie abstaining.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Communication from Youth & Family Services Director in regards to the acceptance of the Positive Youth Development Grant 2019-2020.
- B. Communication from Taxpayer/ Walter Tiffany in regards to an abatement of interest on taxes.
- C. Communication from the Health Director in regards to an Ordinance amending the Code of the City of West Haven to regulate Tattoo Establishments.
- D. Communication from the Tax Collector in regards to overpayment refunds for the month of June 2019.
- E. Communication from Deputy Chief Flemming in regards to animal shelter donations.
- F. Communication from Youth & Family Services Director in regards to the acceptance of the Enhancement Grant 2019-2020.
- G. Communication from Corporation Counsel in regards to a resolution regarding the M.O.U with the City of West Haven and the Municipal Accountability Review Board.
- H. Communication from Corporation Counsel in regards to approval of D.E.C.D. State Grant for Financial Assistance.

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**RECESS: 7:37 P.M.**

**Finance Committee, Councilwoman Martone, Chairwoman**

**Committee Members Present: Charney, Massaro, Bias, DePalma**

Communication A. Committee Member Massaro presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication A. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member DePalma and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee with Committee.

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

Communication F. Committee Member Charney presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication F. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Massaro and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee with Committee.

**Personnel & Civil Service Committee Councilman Gallignano, Chairman**

**Committee Members Present: Charney, Massaro, Bias, DePalma**

Communication A. Committee Member Hoskie presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication A. from the 6/24/19 agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Massaro and APPROVED unanimously by the Personnel & Civil Service Committee.

Communication B. Committee Member Hoskie presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication B. from the 6/24/19 agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Massaro and APPROVED unanimously by the Personnel & Civil Service Committee.

**Redevelopment Committee, Councilman Ronan, Chairman**

**Committee Members Present: Bias, Martone, DePalma**

Temporary Chair: Councilwoman Martone

Communication C. Committee Member Bias presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication C. from the 3/25/19 agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member DePalma and APPROVED unanimously by the Redevelopment Committee.

**Legislative Matters Committee, Councilman Charney, Chairman**

**Committee Members Present: Gallignano, Hoskie, DePalma**

Communication C. – Was held in Committee.

Communication F. Committee Member DePalma presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication F. from the 6/24/19 agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Hoskie and APPROVED unanimously by the Legislative Matters Committee.

Communication E. from the 5/13/19 agenda– Was held in Committee.

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**Tax Deferral Committee, Councilman Massaro, Chairman**

**Committee Members Present: Ruickoldt, Charney, Gallignano, DePalma**

Communication B. – Was held in Committee.

**Environmental Committee, Councilman Ruickoldt, Chairman**

**Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Gallignano, DePalma**

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 Gallignano and APPROVED unanimously by the Environment Committee.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**RECONVENE:** 7:43 P.M.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Clerk read Communication D. into record.

Chairman Quagliani presented Communication G. from Corporation Counsel in regards to a resolution regarding the M.O.U. between the City of West Haven and the Municipal Accountability Review Board.

Councilman Gallignano presented a MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hamilton and APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Councilman Charney voting no:

Resolved: The City Council should consider for approval the following motion at its next regular meeting July 22, 2019.

RESOLVED: Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of West Haven that it is in the best interest of the City of West Haven to enter into a contract Memorandum of Agreement ( MOA) with the Connecticut Office of Policy Management (OPM) as a requirement to receive \$4,115,542.00 in state restructuring funds in the fiscal 2020 West Haven city budget.

THEREFORE, in order to satisfy the demands of OPM through its Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) and requirements for approval of the MOA and to insure receipt of the \$4,115,542.00 in state restructuring funds, the City Council acknowledges that the current operating budget for fiscal 2020, for which the City of West Haven is currently operating, is indeed and in fact and identical to the fiscal 2020 recommended and approved West Haven City budget by MARB at its meeting of May 30, 2019 as reflected in the MARB minutes and further reflected in the "RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED MARB CHANGES TO FY20 BUDGET" attached and made part of this record; and

FURTHERMORE, City Council does acknowledge that the legal operating mill rate for the City of West Haven for fiscal 2020 is indeed and in fact 36.68; and

FURTHERMORE, that this action by the City Council is consistent with prior actions by the City Council concerning the Fiscal 2020 budget and its implementation for the city of West Haven and consistent

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with a legally binding MOA the city entered into with the OPM in December, 2018 which required MARB approval of the West Haven City budget as one of the conditions for receipt of restructuring funds. The Mayor is authorized to impress the seal of the City of West Haven, Connecticut on any such document, amendment, rescission or revision.

Councilwoman Martone Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication F. from Youth & Family Services Director in regards to the acceptance of the Enhancement Grant 2019-2020:

Councilwoman Martone presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED: That Nancy R. Rossi Mayor of the City of West Haven, and in her absence, the Chairman of the City Council, have been empowered to sign contracts and any amendments hereto, on behalf of the City of West Haven, between the City of West Haven and the Department of Youth and Family Services or its successor agency.

Councilwoman Martone Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication A. from Youth & Family Services Director in regards to the acceptance of the Positive Youth Development Grant 2019-2020:

Councilwoman Martone presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Massaro and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED: That Nancy R. Rossi Mayor of the City of West Haven, and in her absence, the Chairman of the City Council, have been empowered to sign contracts and any amendments hereto, on behalf of the City of West Haven, between the City of West Haven and the Department of Youth and Family Services or its successor agency.

Councilwoman Martone Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication E. from Deputy Chief Flemming in regards to animal shelter donations:

Councilwoman Martone presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano 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>AMOUNT</u>
<u>Linda F. Lesko</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Nancy &amp; Edward Sweeney</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Thomas &amp; Lisa Morgillo</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Linda G. Arpino</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Robert &amp; Marybeth McBride</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>

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<u>Carol A. Colt</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Lucille &amp; Robert Maloney</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
<u>Stephen &amp; Sandra Dunnigan</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Takashi Yoshikawa</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Edith Mackrille School</u>	<u>\$46.00</u>
<u>Sally Morton</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>

Councilman Gallignano Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication A. from the 6/24/19 agenda from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to the re-appointment of Ray Collins to the West Haven Police Commission:

Councilman Gallignano presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED: That the re-appointment to the West Haven Board of Police Commissioners of Ray Collins, of 7 Apple Tree Terrace, West Haven, CT, effective immediately and to expire on January 31, 2024, be approved.

Councilman Gallignano Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication B. from the 6/24/19 agenda from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to the appointment of Kevin Corcoran to replace Robert Pimer on the Allingtown Fire Commission Panel of Alternates:

Councilman Gallignano presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED: That the appointment to the Allingtown Fire Commission Panel of Alternates of Kevin Corcoran, of 96 Milton Avenue, West Haven, CT, to replace Robert Pimer, effective immediately and to expire on June 30, 2023, be approved.

Councilwoman Martone Temporary Chair of the Redevelopment Committee presented the majority reports of the committee in regards to Communication C. from the 3/25/19 agenda from Planning & Zoning Commission for the abandonment of Water Street, Richards Place (in-part), and Center Street (in-part):

Councilwoman Martone presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Massaro and was APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Councilman Ruickoldt voting no:

RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of West Haven votes to abandon the following roads subject to proof of demolition permits, building department submission of schedule, secure fencing of entire 26 acres of property, with a sunset date of six months for completion:

Water Street between the intersections of Elm Street and Bayview Place; Center Street between the intersections of First Avenue and Water Street; and Richards Place between the intersections of First Avenue and Water Street.

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Councilman Charney Chairman of the Legislative Matters Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication F. from the 6/24/19 agenda from Councilman DePalma in regards to a Tolls resolution:

Councilman Charney presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Massaro and was APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Councilman Ruickoldt voting no:

RESOLVED: Whereas, the Governor and many members of the State Legislature have signaled support for the placement of tolls on Connecticut's major highways; and

Whereas, many residents of West Haven use Interstate 91,95,84,691 and Route 15 each day for work, family obligations and pleasure to travel to surrounding towns and cities throughout the region; and

Whereas, the residents of Connecticut deserve the establishment and maintenance of a world class transportation infrastructure, but the costs of implementation of such infrastructure ought not be largely funded by those who can least afford to pay it; and

Whereas, the implementation of tolls will result in significant amount of traffic on, and additional maintenance of, West Haven town roads as drivers attempt to avoid the costs burden of tolls and,

Whereas, the implementation of tolls will naturally result in added costs for products purchased by residents of West Haven; and

Whereas, the residents of Connecticut already pay more in taxes and fees than most residents in other states around the country; and

Whereas, roads and bridge work costs for construction in Connecticut are the fifth highest in the country, and administration costs are the highest in the country with no resolve;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the West Haven City Council opposes the imposition of tolls on tis residents, an urges its elected representatives in the State Legislature to oppose any measure that would impose tolls on our residents.

Councilman Ruickoldt Chairman of the Environmental Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication H. from Corporation Counsel in regards to the approval of D.E.C.D. State Grant for Financial Assistance:

Councilman Ruickoldt presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Massaro and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice:

RESOLVED: That Nancy R. Rossi Mayor of the City of West Haven, and in her absence, the Chairman of the City Council, have been empowered to sign contracts and any amendments hereto, on behalf of the City of West Haven, between the City of West Haven and the Department of Economic and Community Development in regards to the Five Million Dollars in State Assistance for the Haven Project.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

None

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**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Martone requested to work with Planning & Zoning to address parking problems at the West Haven Beach.

Councilwoman Bias requested to work with Public Works regarding bleachers at Veteran's Field.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:41 PM

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

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

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.