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The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 7:05 P.M. via electronic means pursuant to City Council Rule #30.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi was also present.

6:48 P.M. Finance Committee Public Hearing - C.D.A. Program Year 46 Budget.

6:49 P.M. Redevelopment Committee Public Hearing - Pursuant to C.G.S. 7-163(e) Sale of City Property. (100 Wilson Ave., 122A Wilson Ave. 124 Wilson Ave., 742 Washington Ave., 245 Front Ave., 1 Forest Road, 239 Front Ave., 239 Front Ave. Rear/Helm St. ,26 Harold St.)

7:28 P.M. Legislative Matters Committee Public Hearing - Amending Chapter 156 Non-Resident Landlords Registration Subsection (B)

7:30 P.M. Public Lands Committee Public Hearing - renaming Hubbard Nature and Recreation Center

7:31 P.M. Public Lands Committee Public Hearing - renaming Third Avenue Park.

7:32 P.M. Public Information Session

(See Tape for Public Comments)

Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:36 P.M.

Chairman Quagliani called for a moment of Silence for retired West Haven Police Captain Serra and former Mayor Cullen.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:

Councilman Cohen presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the June 15, 2020 special meeting which was SECONDED by Councilman Bruneau and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice with a correction to page one (spelling of Hoskie).

Councilman Bruneau presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the June 22, 2020 regular meeting which was SECONDED by Councilman Donovan and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A Communication from the Finance Director in regards to AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,313,100 BONDS PLUS ADDITIONAL FINANCING COSTS OF THE CITY TO MEET CERTAIN 2018/2019, 2019/2020 AND 2020/2021 CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS,

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AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

B. Communication from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to the appointment of Paul A. Sikorski Jr. to the West Haven Allingtown Board of Fire Commissioners.

C. Communication from Health Director Maureen Lillis in regards to extending Food License Renewals due to COVID-19.

D. Communication from Douglas Colter in regards to AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 81 BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES.

E. Communication from Chief Joseph Perno in regards to animal shelter donations.

F. Communication from Commissioner Sabo in regards to a tentative agreement between the City of West Haven and the Allingtown IAFF AFL-CIO, Local 1198.

G. Communication from Taxpayer/Adam Cowles in regards to a request for an abatement of interest on Taxes.

H. Communication from the Tax Collector in regards to refund requests for the month of June, 2020.

I. Communication from C.D.A. Manager Mark Bisaccia in regards to C.D.A. Program Year 46 Budget.

J. Communication from Corporation Counsel in regards to AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

K. Communication from the Director of Finance in regards to a transfer of funds for the Allingtown Fire Department.

L. Communication from the Director of Finance in regards to a transfer of funds for the Allingtown Fire Department.

M. Communication from the Director of Finance in regards to a transfer of funds for the Emergency Reporting System (ERS).

N. Communication from Corporation Counsel in regards to the Sale of 1 Forest Road.

O. Communication from Corporation Counsel in regards to a lease renewal between the City of West Haven and Prospect Beach Fish & Game Club, Inc.

RECESS: 7:41 PM

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Finance Committee, Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman

Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Bruneau, Massaro, Cohen

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public Lands Committee, Councilman Donovan, Chairman

Committee Members Present: Galignano, Conlon, O'Connor

Communication B. Committee Member Galignano presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication B. from 6/22/20 to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member O'Connor and APPROVED unanimously by the Public Lands Committee.

Communication H. Committee Member Galignano presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication H. from 6/22/20 to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member

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O'Connor and APPROVED unanimously by the Public Lands Committee.

Legislative Matters Committee, Councilman Galignano, Chairman

Committee Members Present: Johnston, Conlon, O'Connor

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 Legislative Matters Committee.

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

Personnel & Civil Service Committee, Councilman Massaro, Chairman

Committee Members Present: Hamilton, McGeé, Bruneau, O'Connor

Communication B. Committee Member O'Connor presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication B. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Hamilton and APPROVED unanimously by the Personnel & Civil Service Committee.

Charter Revision Committee, Councilwoman Hamilton Chairwoman

Committee Members Present: Hoskie, Galignano, Massaro, Cohen

Communication J. Committee Member Hoskie presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication J. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Bruneau and APPROVED unanimously by the Charter Revision Committee.

Tax Deferral Committee, Councilman Massaro Chairman

Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Conlon, Galignano, O'Connor

Communication G. – Held in Committee

Health, Welfare, & Safety Committee, Councilman Bruneau Chairman

Committee Members Present: Donovan, Johnston, Cohen

Communication C. Committee Member Cohen presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication C. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Donovan and APPROVED unanimously by the Health, Welfare, & Safety Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RECONVENE: 9:13 PM

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Clerk read Communication H. into the record.

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Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to a Communication A. from the Finance Director in regards to AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,313,100 BONDS PLUS ADDITIONAL FINANCING COSTS OF THE CITY TO MEET CERTAIN 2018/2019, 2019/2020 AND 2020/2021 CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS, AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following FIRST READING which was SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano and APPROVED by unanimously viva-voice.

FIRST READING: Proposed Bond Ordinance provides for the following:

- o Approves Capital Project Bonds in a maximum amount of \$6,313,000 plus costs of issuance to finance certain capital projects approved in the 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 Capital Budgets of the City in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes
- o Authorizes the Mayor, the Finance Director and the Treasurer (the "Bond Committee") to sell the Capital Project Bonds in a competitive or negotiated offering
- o Authorizes Bonds to be issued pursuant to the terms of the City trust indenture
- o Authorizes Bond Committee to issue bond anticipation notes for short term financing prior to the issuance of the Bonds
- o Provides Bond Committee with option to issue clean water fund obligations in an amount not to exceed \$1,740,000 plus costs of issuance for the EPA Consent Decree and the Sewer Pump Station Upgrade projects
- o Authorizes the Bond Committee to take all necessary actions in connection with the Capital Project Bonds, including actions relating to the tax-exempt nature of the Bonds, the reimbursement of prior City capital expenditures and those needed to satisfy post-issuance disclosure obligations
- o Authorizes the Mayor, the Finance Director and other duly authorized City officials to apply for grants for the capital projects

Chairman Quagliani set a Public Hearing for August 24, 2020 at 6:55 P.M. in accordance with City Council Rule #30.

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 unanimously viva-voice.

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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>
Rissa Mendlestein	5080	\$15.00
Lucille Allain	261	\$50.00
R L Heisner	9115	\$5.00
Robert Petrillo Jr.	1172	\$10.00
Marlene Beatty	994	\$25.00
Gail Esposito	6260	\$25.00
Joseph Garrison	4532	\$50.00
Angela Russo	1471	\$100.00
Florence Palermo	1441	\$25.00
Raymond Dudley	8014	\$30.00
Lake Phipps	0451	\$50.00

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication F. from Commissioner Sabo in regards to a tentative agreement between the City of West Haven and the Allingtown IAFF AFL-CIO, Local 1198.

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

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby authorizes Mayor Nancy R. Rossi to execute the attached tentative agreement between the City of West Haven and the Allingtown IAFF AFL-CIO Local 1198.

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication I. from C.D.A. Manager Mark Bisaccia in regards to C.D.A. Program Year 46 Budget.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Massaro and was APPROVED by majority viva-roll.

Councilman Donovan – Yea
Councilwoman O’Connor – Abstain
Councilwoman Hoskie – Yea
Councilman Conlon – Yea
Councilwoman Johnston – Yea
Councilman Gallignano – Yea
Councilwoman Hamilton – Yea
Councilman Massaro – Yea
Councilwoman McGeé – Yea

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Councilwoman Fanelli – Absent
Councilman Bruneau – Yea
Councilman Cohen – Yea

Yea 11 | Nay 0 | Abstain 1 | Absent 1

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the attached C.D.A. Program Year 46 Budget and the five-year consolidated plan as submitted.

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication K. from the Director of Finance in regards to a transfer of funds for the Allingtown Fire Department.

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

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

Account #19500010-56999 Reserve Deficit	Reduce \$5,365.00
Account #19500010-52530 Building Maintenance	Increase \$5,365.00

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication L. from the Director of Finance in regards to a transfer of funds for the Allingtown Fire Department.

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 hereby approves the following transfer of funds:

Account #19500010-52100 Gas Heating	Reduce \$2,000.00
Account #19500010-52330 Training & Education	Reduce \$3,500.00
Account #19500030-53400 Medical Supplies	Increase \$2,000.00
Account #19500030-53250 Tools & Miscellaneous Equipment	Increase \$3,500.00

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication M. from the Director of Finance in regards to a transfer of funds for the Emergency Reporting System (ERS).

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

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

Account #13000010-52510 Maintenance Service Agreement	Reduce \$90,000.00
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Account #35531000-55670 Other Equipment

Increase \$90,000.00

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication N. from Corporation Counsel in regards to the Sale of 1 Forest Road.

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

RESOLVED: the City Council of the City of West Haven hereby in accordance with City Council Rule 25(B) approves and authorizes Mayor Nancy R. Rossi to sign and execute a contract between Park Commons L.L.C. and the City of West Haven for the sale of 1 Forest Road for \$325,000, generally pursuant to terms previously provided to this Council.

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication O. from Corporation Counsel in regards to a lease renewal between the City of West Haven and Prospect Beach Fish & Game Club, Inc.

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

RESOLVED: the City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the attached lease agreement between the City of West Haven and the Prospect Fish & Game Clun, Inc. for a term not to exceed five years at the rate of \$1.00 per year, paid to the City of West Haven.

Councilman Donovan Chairman of the Public Lands Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication B. from 6/22/20 from Councilman Cohen in regards to renaming Hubbard Nature and Recreation Center.

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

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the renaming of Hubbard Nature and Recreation Center to Hubbard Farms Park.

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.

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

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RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the renaming of Third Avenue Park to Chamber of Commerce/Ralph Eberle Park.

Councilman Gallignano Chairman of the Legislative Matters Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication D. from Douglas Colter in regards to AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 81 BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES.

Councilman Donovan presented the following FIRST READING which was SECONDED by Councilman Bruneau and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

FIRST READING: The proposed edit to City Ordinances contained in Chapter 81, Building Department, will achieve the following:

1. Remove outdated and obsolete language
2. Address an Internet Security fault caused by outdated software
3. Provide enhanced remote customer access in response to social distancing requirements
4. Relieve the paper file storage burden and cost
5. Increase building permit fees in part to fund the required IT upgrade and digital storage demands
6. Provide for a penalty and citation appeals mechanism for persons working without the benefit of permits and inspections
7. Memorialize existing business practices not covered in the previous ordinance
8. Enhance compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program by providing outreach and education opportunities to promote flood insurance in areas vulnerable to disaster
9. Increase the fee revenue to the general fund to support the City's overall operational overhead related to staff increases in the Building Department.

Chairman Quagliani set a Public Hearing for August 24, 2020 at 6:50 P.M. in accordance with City Council Rule #30.

Councilman Gallignano Chairman of the Legislative Matters Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication D. from 6.22.20 from Douglas Colter in regards to AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 81 BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES.

Councilman Donovan presented the following SECOND READING/APPROVAL which was SECONDED by Councilman Bruneau and was APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the following Ordinance Change in Chapter 156 -2 Subsection (B) Each nonresident owner of 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.

Councilman Massaro Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee presented the unanimous

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reports of the committee in regards to Communication B. from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to the appointment of Paul A. Sikorski Jr. to the West Haven Allintown Board of Fire Commissioners.

RESOLVED: the appointment of Paul A. Sikorski Jr., of 65 Orange Terrace, West Haven, to the West Haven Allintown Board of Fire Commissioners effective immediately and to expire on June 30, 2025 to replace John Panza, be approved.

Councilwoman Hamilton Chairwoman of the Charter Revision Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication J. from Corporation Counsel in regards to AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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

FIRST READING: AN AMEDEMMENT TO THE CITY ORDINANCE CHAPTER 6 SECTION 2 VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Chapter 6. LOCAL VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

§ 6-2. Composition; appointment election; terms; alternates; officers; compensation.

The Local Veterans' Advisory Committee shall be comprised of five regular members and two alternate members. Each member shall either reside in the City of West Haven or have his or her regular place of business or employment in the City. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor elected by the electors of the City of West Haven.

A. Regular members of the Veterans' Local Advisory committee first appointed elected shall be designated to serve for one, two, three, four and five years, respectively, and thereafter shall be appointed elected annually to serve for five years. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment election.

B. Alternate members of the Committee first appointed elected shall be designated to serve for one and two years, respectively, and thereafter shall be appointed elected to serve for five years. Said alternate members shall serve on the Committee in the absence of a regular member, and when doing so, shall act with the full power and authority of a regular member. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment election.

C. Said Committee shall select from its members a Chairman and a Secretary, who shall serve for one year.

D. All members of said Committee shall serve without compensation.

The City Council further stipulates that this Ordinance change shall not take effect until the successful passage of the Charter Revision Document slated for the November 3rd Ballot.

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Chairman Quagliani set a Public Hearing for August 24, 2020 at 6:45 P.M. in accordance with City Council Rule #30.

Councilman Bruneau Chairman of the Health, Welfare, & Safety Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication C. from Health Director Maureen Lillis in regards to extending Food License Renewals due to COVID-19.

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

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby authorizes the Director of Health to extend the due dates for food license renewals and payments to September 1, 2020.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED: None

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman O'Connor reported the Library meet with a company that will be conducting the library survey.

Councilwoman Johnston reported the Board of Education met to discuss school reopening and were working on a hybrid plan pending State approval.

**Clerk Stacy Riccio read a letter that was missed in Public Comment (See Tape).*

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Hamilton requested a letter be sent to the Police Department asking for the status of the investigation into the vehicle that was accused of striking individuals from July 2020. Councilwoman Hamilton also inquired about assisting an individual in establishing a location for a Black Lives Matter mural.

Councilwoman O'Connor thanked the Youth Services Bureau for the Trash Cleanup.

Councilman Conlon requested a letter be sent to the Park & Recreation Commission suggesting the reference to the Chamber of Commerce be dropped and that Third Avenue Park be renamed in the late Councilman Ralph Eberle's name exclusively.

Councilman Cohen inquired from Mayor Rossi when the playgrounds may be opening. Mayor Rossi stated they have not made a decision yet, but stated a soft opening for City Hall would be occurring on August the 5th.

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Councilwoman Hoskie inquired from Mayor Rossi when she would be filling the opening on the Park & Recreation Commission.

Mayor Rossi stated she would be completing that shortly along with other Boards that need to be examined.

Councilwoman Hoskie stated she has received emails from concerned citizens about letters not being read in the Public Record at the Police Department or City Council meeting. Councilwoman Hoskie addressed those concerns and explained they needed to mark on the correspondence sent that they would like it read into the record at the appropriate meeting.

Councilwoman McGeé thanked everyone renovating the Nike Site.

Mayor Rossi stated that the Nike Site renovation was a dream of hers along with Mike Last and Tom McCarthy when they were all on the City Council. The Mayor also stated she would like to see some playground equipment on the site as well.

Councilman Cohen stated that District 10 is calling as well and is very pleased with the progress of the Nike Site.

Councilman Gallignano presented a MOTION to Adjourn SECONDED by Councilwoman O'Connor and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:33 PM

ATTEST: Stacy Riccio, Clerk of the Council

BY: Michael A. DiMassa, Administrative Assistant

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.