

December 13, 2021, 7:00 P.M. – Virtual

The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present were Council Members: Donovan, O'Connor, Quagliani, Hoskie, Garthwait, Ackbarali, Gallignano, Hamilton, Massaro, Mc Gee, Borrás, Bruneau and Johnstone. Mayor Nancy R. Rossi Corporation Counsel Lee Tiernan, Fire Marshal Mark Terenzio, Chief Joseph Perno, Finance Director Frank Cieplinski, Commissioner Ray Collins, Commissioner John Carrano and Grants Director Doug Colter were also present.

7:00 P. M. Chairman Massaro called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Moment of silence for Mrs. Mary Marino

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communication A. from Council to approve the City Council Rules 2021-2023. As a whole

Communication B from the Engineering Department regarding a request to apply for funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a sanitary sewer system for the Rockdale area.

Communication C from the Tax Collector regarding overpayment of refunds for the month of December 2021.

Communication D from the Tax Office regarding an application for abatement of interest from Quiana Carmon.

Communication E from the Grants Office requesting to apply for funds from the Community Development Block Grant of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Fire Marshal's free smoke detectors program for disadvantaged households.

Communication F. from the Finance Department regarding an unbudgeted staffing request for two immediate additions to the Finance Staff.

Communication G. from the Finance Department regarding a bid waiver for the purchasing consultant.

Communication H. from the Human Resources Department regarding a request to apply for funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program for Emergency and Relocation Assistance for disadvantaged households.

Communication I. from Taxpayer, Patricia Bollettieri regarding the issuing of an Ordinance preventing Eminent Domain abuse in West Haven. For discussion.

Communication J. from Mayor Rossi regarding an advance bonded expenditure request, electric vehicle purchases, bid waiver on charging infrastructure contractor.

Commissioner John Carrano made a motion to speak regarding West Haven Police Department issues.  
(See tape for discussion)

**APPROVAL OF MEETINGS.**

Chairman Massaro made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021, City Council Meeting; Councilman Bruneau seconded the motion and approved viva voce.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

Communication A. from Council to approve the City Council Rules 2021-2023.

**Finance Committee, Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman**

Committee Members: O'Connor, Quagliani, Ackbarali, Hamilton

Communication B. from the Engineering Department regarding a request to apply For funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a sanitary sewer system for the Rockdale area.

Communication E. from the Grants Office requesting to apply for funds from the Community Development Block Grant of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Fire Marshal's free smoke detectors program for disadvantaged households.

Communication F. from the Finance Department regarding an unbudgeted staffing request for two immediate additions to the Finance Staff.

Communication G. from the Finance Department regarding a bid waiver for the purchasing consultant.

Communication H. from the Human Resources Department regarding a request to apply for funds from the Community Development Block Program for Emergency and Relocation Assistance for disadvantaged households.

Communication J. from Mayor Rossi regarding an advance bonded expenditure request, electric vehicle purchases, bid waiver on charging infrastructure contractor.

Communication C. from the December 13, 2021 Agenda regarding an emergency expenditure request for the police department's mechanical and electrical systems and fire alarm system.

**Tax Deferral Committee, Councilwoman McGee, Chairwoman**

Committee Members: Bruneau, Johnstone, Ackbarali, Galignano

Communication C. from the Tax Office regarding an application for abatement of interest from Quiana Carmon.

**Legislative Matters, Councilman Bruneau, Chairman**

Committee Members: O'Connor, Galignano, Borrás, Ackbarali

Communication I. from Taxpayer, Patricia Bollettieri regarding the issue of an Ordinance preventing Eminent Domain abuse in West Haven. For discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Clerk read Communication C into record.

**COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

Communication A. from Council as A Whole to approve the City Council Rules 2021-2022.

Councilman Bruneau called for a discussion on redistricting for the next City Council Agenda. Councilman Donovan presented the MOTION which was SECONDED by Galignano all approved viva voce.

**Finance Committee, Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman**

Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports in regards to Communication B regarding a request to apply for funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a sanitary sewer system for the Rockdale area.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilwoman O'Connor and approved viva voce.

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the request for funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program for a sanitary sewer system for the Rockdale area.

Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports in regards to Communication E regarding a request to apply for funds from the Community Development Block Grant of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Fire Marshal's free smoke detectors program for disadvantaged households.

Councilwoman O'Connor presented the MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hamilton and Councilman Borrás and APPROVED viva voce.

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the request to apply for funds from the Community Development Block Program for the Fire Marshal's free smoke detectors program for the disadvantaged households.

Communication F – HELD.

Communication G – HELD

Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports in regards to Communication H regarding a request to apply for funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program for Emergency and Relocation Assistance for disadvantaged households.

Councilman Donovan presented the MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilwoman O'Connor and APPROVED viva voce.

Communication J – HELD

Communication C. from the December 13, 2021 Agenda – HELD

**Tax Deferral Committee, Councilwoman McGee, Chairwoman**

Communication D - HELD

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**Legislative Matters, Councilman Bruneau, Chairman**

Communication I no discussion – Referred to Corporation Counsel

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:

None

COUNCIL LIASON REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hamilton sat in on the City of West Haven Allingtown Fire Department's Commissioner's meeting to report the newly elected: Iris Diaz, Chairwoman, Troy Tappin, Vice Chairman and Paul Sikorsky, Secretary. Also Councilwoman Hamilton reported that Walmart provided a \$5000 car seat grant on New Year's Day.

Councilwoman Hoskie reported she spoke to the PTA and said everything is bad, expulsions are high

NEW BUSINESS:

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Councilwoman O'Connor presented a MOTION to Adjourn SECONDED by Councilwoman Hamilton and APPROVED viva voce.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:34 P. M.

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ATTEST: Stacy Riccio, Clerk  
These minutes are subject to City Council Approval

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