

**January 14, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, January 14, 2019, in the Harriet North Courtroom, second floor, City Hall.

Present were Council Members: Morrissey, Ruickoldt, Hamilton, DePalma, Charney, Martone, Gallignano, Ronan, Quagliani, Hoskie, Forsyth, Bias, and Massaro. Mayor Nancy R. Rossi was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

7:05 P.M. Public Information Session

(See tape for Public Comments)

Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:25 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:**

Councilman Gallignano presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the November 26, 2018 which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hamilton and APPROVED by majority with Councilman Massaro, Councilwoman Bias, Councilwoman Hoskie, and Chairman Quagliani abstaining.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Communication (A1-A3) from Deputy Chief Perno in regards to donations.
- B. Communication from the Tax Collector in regards to overpayment refunds for the month of December 2018.
- C. Communication from Corporation Counsel in regards to a deed restriction release for 264 Union Avenue.
- D. Communication from Youth & Family Services in regards to a C.D.B.G. request for funding for programs.
- E. Communication from Commissioner Sabo in regards to C.D.B.G. funding approval for emergency services.
- F. Communication from Grants Writer Eileen Krugel in regards to authorizing an agreement with the Department of Energy and Environmental protection for the Forest School playground Urban Act Funding.
- G. Communication from Mayor Rossi in regards to an Emergency Purchase pursuant to City Code §42-11.
- H. Communication from Mayor Rossi in regards to an Emergency Purchase pursuant to City Code §42-11.

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**RECESS: 8:27 PM**

**Health, Welfare, & Safety Committee, Councilman Ronan, Chairman**

**Committee Members Present: Hoskie, Ruickoldt, Massaro, DePalma**

Presentation from the Board of Police Commissioners & Q/A with the City Council Members  
(Deputy Chief Joseph Perno, Commissioner Raymond Collins III, Commissioner Peter BonTempo)

Communication D. Committee Member Hoskie presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication D. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member DePalma and APPROVED unanimously by the Health, Welfare, and Safety Committee.

**Finance Committee, Councilwoman Martone, Chairwoman**

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

Communication A. (A1-A3) – Committee Member Charney presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication A (A1-A3). to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member DePalma and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance 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.

**Public Lands Committee, Councilwoman Morrissey, Chairwoman**

**Committee Members Present: Charney, Ronan, Martone, DePalma**

Communication C. – Committee Member Ronan presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication C. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Charney and APPROVED unanimously by the Public Lands Committee.

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

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

Communication C. from the 10/22/18 agenda – Committee Chairman Massaro presented a MOTION to recommend the DENIAL of Communication C. from the 10/22/18 agenda to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Charney and APPROVED unanimously by the Tax Deferral Committee.

**Housing, Planning, & Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman**

**Committee Members Present: Forsyth, Hamilton, Bias, DePalma**

Communication F. – Committee Member Hamilton presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication F. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Forsyth and APPROVED unanimously by the Housing, Planning, & Recreation Committee.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**RECONVENE:** 9:43 P.M.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Clerk read Communication B. into record.

Councilman Ronan Chairman of the Health, Welfare, & Safety Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee from Youth and Family Services in regards to a C.D.B.G. request for funding for programs.

Councilman Ronan presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano and was APPROVED unanimously via voice.

RESOLVED: The City of West Haven Community Development Administration has grant funds available for its 45th Program Year [ July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020] F.Y. 19-20 through the Community Development Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;  
WHEREAS: The West Haven Youth & Family Services desires to apply for such funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE: City of West Haven of West Haven Youth & Family Services that Robert S. Morton, Director, is hereby authorized to submit such applications and execute all contracts or amendments pertaining to any award thereof.

Programs Included in Application:

- \$2,600.00 for Youth & Family Services Clinic
- \$2,500.00 for Child Care for Support Groups
- \$7,000.00 for Children with Special Needs Programs
- \$2,500.00 for Adolescent Support Groups

Councilwoman Martone Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication A. (A1-A3) from the Deputy Chief of Police in regards to donations.

Councilwoman Martone presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano and was APPROVED unanimously via 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>
Susan E. Falcha	\$125.00
Carol A. Colt	\$100.00
In Memory of Art Hart	\$1000.00

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<u>Maria Stevens</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Jann L. Strawser</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Edward J. Penn</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Georgianna Jette</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Sondra J. Lubin</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
<u>Gordon V. Houlberg, II</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
<u>Lynda Papallo</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Charlotte Mansfield</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>Jo Ann M. Messina</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Doggie Au Pair Inc.</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Nancy B. Dautel</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Paul &amp; Katheryn Oberempt</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Debra A. Johnson</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Vitality Personal Fitness</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Linda M. Kaminsky</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Antoinette Criscuolo</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>

Councilwoman Martone Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication E. from Commissioner Sabo in regards to C.D.B.G. funding approval for emergency services.

Councilwoman Martone presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hamilton and was APPROVED unanimously via voice.

RESOLVED: The City of West Haven Community Development Administration has grant funds available for its 45th Program Year [ July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020] F.Y. 19-20 through the Community Development Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;  
Whereas: The City of West Haven Department of Human Resources desires to apply for such funds;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE: West Haven City Council of the City of West Haven that:  
Beth A. Sabo, Commissioner of Human Resources is hereby authorized to submit such application and to execute all contracts or amendments pertaining to any award thereof.  
Certified a true copy of a resolution adopted by the West Haven City Council of the City of West Haven on January 14, 2019, and which has not been rescinded or modified in anyway whatsoever.

Councilwoman Morrissey Chairwoman of the Public Lands Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication C. from Corporation Counsel in regards to a deed restriction removal for the property located at 264 Union Avenue.

Councilwoman Morrissey presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Ruickoldt and was APPROVED unanimously via voce.

RESOLVED: The City Council approves the deed restriction change for 264 Union Avenue removing the requirement that the property be used only for parking. The City agrees to remove this restriction for the monetary compensation of \$10,200 to be paid by the owner or their designee.

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Councilman Massaro Chairman of the Tax Deferral Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to the DENIAL of Communication C. from 10/22/18 agenda from Taxpayer/James E. Jones in regards to an abatement of interest on taxes.

Councilman Massaro presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano and was APPROVED unanimously via voce.

RESOLVED: That the request for an abatement of interest currently due as of the date of this Council Meeting on the 2002, 2003, and 2004 Grand Lists from James E. Jones of 35 George Street, West Haven be denied.

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Housing, Planning, & Recreation Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication F. from Grants Writer Eileen Krugel in regards to authorizing an agreement with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the Forest School playground Urban Act Funding.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hamilton and was APPROVED unanimously via voce.

RESOLVED: that Nancy R. Rossi, Mayor of the City of West Haven be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of this municipal corporation a Personal Services Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to develop a playscape at Forest Elementary School in West Haven, CUAP 2019-10. IN ADDITION, that Nancy R. Rossi, Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all document necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut.

BE IT FURTHER CERTIFIED: that Nancy R. Rossi was elected Mayor. Her term of Office began on December 3, 2017 and will continue until December 1, 2019. As the Mayor, Nancy R. Rossi serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the City of West Haven, and will sign and has the authority to sign this agreement on behalf of the City of West Haven to develop a playscape at Forest Elementary School.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Bias provided an update on the Board of Education. (See Tape)

Councilman Gallignano presented an update on the High School Building Committee. (See Tape)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Council As A Whole, Councilwoman Hamilton, Chairwoman**

Councilman Quagliani placed the name of Stacy Riccio into nomination for Clerk of the Council, SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano.

Councilman Ruickoldt placed the name of Glen Bradley into nomination for Clerk of the Council, SECONDED by Councilman Ronan.

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Councilman Charney placed the name of Christine Barrington into nomination for Clerk of the Council, SECONDED by Councilwoman Martone.

Councilwoman Morrissey presented a MOTION to AMEND the NOMINATIONS to include a provision that the new Council Clerk receive a set rate of \$125.00 per meeting attended which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Martone and approved by majority via-voice with Councilman Ruickoldt opposing.

A Roll Call Vote on the NOMINATIONS AS AMENDED was taken:

Councilman DePalma – Stacy Riccio  
Councilman Forsyth – Stacy Riccio  
Councilwoman Hoskie – Stacy Riccio  
Councilman Ruickoldt – Stacy Riccio  
Councilman Charney – Christine Barrington  
Councilman Galignano – Stacy Riccio  
Councilwoman Hamilton – Stacy Riccio  
Councilman Massaro – Stacy Riccio  
Councilwoman Bias – Abstain  
Councilwoman Morrissey – Christine Barrington  
Councilman Ronan- Christine Barrington  
Councilwoman Martone – Christine Barrington  
Councilman Quagliani – Stacy Riccio

Stacy Riccio 8 | Glen Bradley 0 | Christine Barrington 4 | Abstain 1 | Absent 0

RESOLVED: Stacy Riccio of 70 York Street, West Haven has been elected Clerk of the West Haven City Council by majority.

Communication G. from Mayor Rossi in regards to an Emergency Purchase pursuant to City Code §42-11 was read into the record (full copy attached).

Communication H. from Mayor Rossi in regards to an Emergency Purchase pursuant to City Code §42-11 was read into the record (full copy attached).

Councilwoman Morrissey inquired about a Forensic Audit for the City of West Haven.

Councilwoman Bias inquired about the timeframe and procedure for Public Works requests.

Councilwoman Martone and Councilman Charney inquired about setting up a Police Pension Study Committee.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:40 PM

**ATTEST:** Michael A. DiMassa (Acting-Clerk)

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

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.