

**March 8, 2021**

The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, March 8, 2021 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, McGee, Hamilton, Massaro, Fanelli, Cohen, Conlon, and Bruneau. Councilwoman Hoskie was absent. Mayor Nancy R. Rossi was also present.

7:06 P.M. Public Information Session

Clerk read letter regarding Residential Concerns. (See Tape)

Clerk read letter regarding homeless shelters/warming centers. (See Tape)

Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:13 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:**

Councilman Bruneau presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the February 22, 2021 meeting which was SECONDED by Councilwoman O'Connor and APPROVED unanimously viva voice.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A. Communication from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi on the appointment of Margaret Goodwin to the West Haven Energy Commission.

B. Communication from Chief Terenzio in regards to the City Council approving moving forward on the SAFER Grant Application.

**RECESS: 7:13 PM**

**Personnel & Civil Service Committee, Councilman Massaro, Chairman  
Committee Members Present: Hamilton, McGee, Bruneau, O'Connor**

Communication A. Committee Member McGee presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication A. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Bruneau and APPROVED unanimously by the Personnel & Civil Service Committee.

**Finance Committee, Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman - \*Councilwoman Hamilton temporary Chair.  
Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Bruneau, Massaro, Cohen**

Communication D. – Held in Committee.

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

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

Communication H. from 2/22/21 Committee Member Bruneau presented a MOTION to recommend the DENIAL of Communication H. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Hamilton and APPROVED unanimously by the Tax Deferral Committee.

Communication I. from 2/22/21 Committee Member Galignano presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication I. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member O'Connor and APPROVED unanimously by the Tax Deferral Committee.

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

**Committee Members Present: Donovan, McGee, Fanelli, Cohen**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Economic Development Update – Attorney Tiernan (See Tape)

**RECONVENE: 8:37 PM**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Massaro Chairman of the Personnel & Civil Service Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication A. from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi on the appointment of Margaret Goodwin to the West Haven Energy Commission.

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

**RESOLVED:** the appointment of Margaret Goodwin, of 246 Peck Avenue, West Haven, to the West Haven Energy Commission effective immediately and to expire on February 25, 2023 to fill a vacancy, be approved.

Councilman Massaro Chairman of the Tax Deferral Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication H. from 2/22/21 agenda from Taxpayer/Bernie Seawright in regards to an abatement of interest and fees on taxes.

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

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**RESOLVED:** the application for an abatement of interest on taxes has been denied.

Councilman Massaro Chairman of the Tax Deferral Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication I. from 2/22/21 agenda from Taxpayer/Assunta Nimley-Phillips in regards to an abatement of interest and fees on taxes.

Councilman Massaro presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Bruneau and APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Councilman Conlon voting no.

**RESOLVED:** That the request for an abatement of interest and fees, currently due as of the date of this Council Meeting on the 2011, 2016, 2017, and 2018 Grand Lists from Assunta Nimley Phillips of 64 Kilborn Street, West Haven, be approved based on the following:

- Tax Balance must be paid within 24 weeks from the date of this meeting.
- All tax bills issued from this date forward must be paid when due.
- A good faith effort to pay a minimum of \$50.00 a week must be established.

Councilman Bruneau Chairman of the Health, Welfare, & Safety Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication B. from Chief Terenzio in regards to the City Council approving moving forward on the SAFER Grant Application.

Councilman Bruneau presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hamilton and APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Councilman Massaro abstaining.

**RESOLVED:** the City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the West Haven Allingtown Fire Department's application to move forward with applying for the S.A.F.E.R. Grant. The City Council agrees to adhere to the terms of the grant as set forth in the addendum of the application.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:** None

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:**

Clerk read letter from West Haven Police Officer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman McGee highlighted International Women's Day 2021!

Councilwoman Hamilton announced every Saturday in March a clothing distribution will take place down at the Savin Rock Plaza.

Councilman Massaro presented a MOTION to adjourn SECONDED by Councilman Donovan and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:59 PM

**ATTEST:** Stacy Riccio, Clerk & Michael DiMassa, Temporary Clerk

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

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.