

Minutes of the May 23, 2022 City Council Meeting – City Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 7:05 P.M.

In the City Council Chambers 3rd floor of City Hall.

Roll Call Present were Council members: Donovan, O'Connor, Quagliani, Hoskie (left at 8:20p.m.) Garthwait, Ackbarali, Hamilton, Tucker, Borrás, Bruneau, Johnstone and Massaro. Absent Gallignano

Pledge of Allegiance

7:07p.m. Public Session –See YouTube Live stream for Public Comments – 8:29 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bureau presented a **MOTION to APPROVE** the minutes of Special Meeting of May 5, 2022, which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor and was **APPROVED**, All in favor. Passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

Councilwoman Hamilton presented a **MOTION to APPROVE** the minutes of the Budget Meetings of April 5, 2022 – May 5, 2022, which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Bruneau, All in favor. Passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

Councilman Bruneau presented a **MOTION to APPROVE** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 9, 2022, which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Hamilton, All in favor. Passed **UNANIMOUSLY**, Chairman Massaro Abstain

Councilwoman O'Connor presented a **MOTION to APPROVE** the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 16, 2022, which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Hamilton, All in favor. Passed **UNANIMOUSLY**. Councilman Quagliani Abstain

Councilman Bruneau presented **MOTION to APPROVE** the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 18, 2022, which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor, All in favor. Passed **UNANIMOUSLY**. Councilman Quagliani and Councilwoman Ackbarali Abstain

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilman Bruneau made an **MOTION to APPROVE** to add to the Agenda

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Communications J and K which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor, All in favor. Passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

Communication A: from the Tax Collector in regards to Overpayment refunds for April 2022

Communication B: from the Tax Collector in regards to Overpayment refunds for May 2022

Communication C: from Joseph Perno, Chief of Police of the West Haven Police Department in regards to the Animal Shelter Donations.

Communication D: from Mayor Nancy Rossi regards to consider the appointment of Roberta M. Garlock, 125 Great Circle Road, West Haven, CT 06516 to the Board of Ethics. This appointment would be effective immediately and expire on January 31, 2024

Communication E: from Mayor Nancy Rossi regards to consider the appointment of Jonathan E. Jones, 30 Chew Street, West Haven, CT 06516, to the Board of Health. This appointment would be effective immediately and expire on January 31, 2024

Communication F: from Patrice Farquharson, Ward Heitmann House Museum Foundation regards Energy Conservation HVAC System. Total NAA funding requested \$25,000.00.

Communication G: from Amy Guary-Macfarlane, Executive Director, The West Haven Community House Association regards Energy Conservation and Capital Improvements to Facilities. Total NAA funding requested \$120,000.00

Communication H: from Dr. Patrice Farquharson, West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. regards Energy Efficient Air Filtration Systems for Classrooms. Total NAA funding requested \$15,000.00

Communication I: from Tom McCarthy, Commissioner of Public Works regards accept Bottle Bill Funds & Terms that the City Council hereby directs the Mayor to cause said received Funds to be separately accounted for and not deposited into the General Fund

Communication J: from Mayor Nancy Rossi regards to the contract between PKF O'Connor Davies and the City of West Haven for the annual FY 21 audit

Communication K: from Mayor Nancy Rossi regards to the contract between PKF O'Connor Davies and the City of West Haven for the annual FY 22 audit

III. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilman Quagliani, Acting Chairman –

Committee members: Colleen O'Connor, Sarah Ackbarali, Robbin Watt Hamilton, Bridgette Hoskie (Left at 8:20 p.m.)

Finance Committee was called to order at 8:36 p.m.

FINANCE UPDATES

1. YTD Budget Review – Scott Jackson, Finance Director See YouTube live stream for update
2. ARPA Update – No update
3. MARB – Update – No update
4. Police Pension Study update – No update

Communication C: from Joseph Perno, Chief of Police of the West Haven Police Department in regards to the Animal Shelter Donations-Councilwoman Hamilton made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

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Communication K: from Mayor Nancy Rossi regards to the contract between PKF O'Connor Davies and the City of West Haven for the annual FY 22- Councilwoman O'Connor made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Ackbarali. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

Communication D: from Corporation Counsel Lee Tiernan regarding a Resolution Defining Employee Benefits for non-union employees – **HELD**

Finance Committee closed at 8:51 p.m.

PERSONNEL & CIVIL SERVICES: Councilman Quagliani Chairman,
Committee members, Robert Bruneau, Colleen O'Connor, Robbin Watts Hamilton and
Bridgette Hoskie (Left at 8:20 p.m.)

Personnel & Civil Services called to order at 8:51 p.m.

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Personnel & Civil Services closed at 8:54 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: Councilman Robert Bruneau Chairman, Committee
members: Colleen O'Connor, Victor Borrás, Sarah Ackbarali and Mitchell Galignano
absent

Legislative Matters Committee was called to order at 8:55.m.

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Public Lands Committee Closed at 8:55 p.m.

IV: UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

V: COMMITTEE REPORTS: 8:55 p.m.

Clerk to read Communication A and B into record.

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Councilwoman Bridgette Hoskie (Left at 8:20p.m.)

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HELD Public Hearing June 13, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.

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COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE

Communication A-4: from the May 9, 2022 Agenda- from the Chiefs of the City's three (3) Fire Departments regarding ARPA Funds request. HELD

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VI. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:

NONE

VII. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

See YouTube Live stream for Councils Comments

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Donovan made a **MOTION** to enter into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. which was **SECINDED** by Councilman Borrás. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

Back in opened session at 9:48 p.m.

Councilwoman O'Connor made a MOTON that the City Council Receive from Mayor Nancy Rossi by June 1, 2022 the 5 Year Plan in conjunction with its budget, a viable 5-Year Plan that adequately funds it expenses in a sustainable manner. And the Council request update on following:

Unfunded Contractual Provisions- If the City intends to proceed with a contract that impacts salaries, or any benefits, for the Police union, the related costs must be incorporated into the budget and the 5-Year Plan.

Insufficient Progress on Fund Balance – The FY 2023 Budget and the updated 5-Year Plan must demonstrate a commitment to growing fund balance that is consistent with previously approved 5-Year Plans.

Unsupported Departmental Expenditure Increases – Numerous unexplained expenditure increases are included in the FY 2023 Budget. The budget must justify significant expenditure increases and any new expenditures.

which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Donovan. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

X. ADJOURMENT:

Councilman Donovan made a **MOTION TO ADOURN**, which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Borrás All in favor. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The City Council meeting was ADJOURNED at 9:50 p.m.

Peter Massaro
Chairman of the Council

Stacy Riccio
Clerk of Council