

Amended

Minutes of the May 31, 2022 City Council Meeting – City Council Chambers

The Special meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Present were Council members: Donovan (Late 5:50p.m.), O'Connor, Quagliani, Hoskie, Garthwait, Ackbarali, Hamilton, Borrás (Late 5:10 p.m.), Bruneau, Johnstone and Massaro. Absent Gallignano and Tucker. Also present Doug Colter, Ken Carney Chairman of the ARPA Committee, Rick Spreyer, Scott Jackson, Finance Director, Lee Tiernan Corporation Counsel and Attorney Grudberg

Executive Session:

1. Discussion – with Attorney Joseph B. Burns regarding Investigation Committee

Councilman Quagliani made a **MOTION** to go into Execution Session at 5:10 p.m. which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Bruneau. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

6:20 p.m. Out of Execution Session

OPEN SESSION AT 6:20 p.m.

Council-As-A-Whole

Nominations for Liaison for the Investigation Committee – Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION** to nominate Councilwoman Ackbarali and Councilwoman Garthwait which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

Councilman Quagliani made a **MOTION** to recommend that Corporation Counsel enter into a letter of engagement with the law firm of Rome McGuigan. with Joseph B. Burns being lead attorney for the Council's Investigation Committee which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Hoskie. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

Communication A-1: Concerning Food Bank Support Fund

Councilman Quagliani made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Hoskie, Councilman Donovan and Councilwoman O'Connor. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

Food Bank Support Fund: \$400,000

This fund will support not-for-profit West Haven community kitchens, food and clothing bank operations that serve the residents of the City of West Haven exclusively. Funding will be made

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available as sub-grants to West Haven charitable organizations to provide goods and services or invest in infrastructure improvements that address their mission. Community agencies located in West Haven are invited to request funding.

Program A: Elderly Services \$100,000

Provide funding for a not-for-profit West Haven based facilitator to develop and manage a program to close the gap on food insecurity for our most vulnerable. It is envisioned that this program would collaborate with the City of West Haven Elderly Services and the West Haven Housing Authority to provide supplemental food to those 65 years and older that are in crisis. The program will provide food and personal hygiene items to participants.

Program B: School Based Services \$100,000

Provide funding for a not-for-profit West Haven based facilitator to develop and manage a program to close the gap on food insecurity for our youth. It is envisioned that the program provider will collaborate with the West Haven Board of Education to create a process for our students to receive supplemental food. The program provider will be tasked with creating a procedure that allows students pre-K-12, BOE employees, or parents to request food and/or personal hygiene items when in crisis. This is anticipated to be a year-round program. In addition, the program provider will be required to set up and maintain in-house food pantries at locations chosen by the West Haven BOE during the school year.

Program C: General Services \$100,000

Provide funding to a West Haven not-for-profit based facilitator to assist them in providing food and/or personal hygiene items to those West Haven residents that may be in crisis.

Program D: Infrastructure Improvements \$100,000

Provide funding for a West Haven based not-for-profit organization that may need monetary assistance to develop programming and/or improve infrastructure with the purpose of procuring food, assembling the food, managing distribution, and/or storage

Communication A-2- regarding the Child Pedestrian Safety

Councilman Quagliani made a MOTION to APPROVE which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hoskie. All in favor. MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY viva voce

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby appropriates funding for the following project:

CHILD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY \$409,540.81

This fund enables the installation of new sidewalks and crosswalks on City streets, around school facilities, provides continuity for existing partial sidewalks at parks, playgrounds, pocket parks, and similar places to promote walking to school, and reduce reliance on buses and cars. In accordance with exhibit attached hereto.

Communication A-3: Storm Water Management- Vac truck storm sewer has been deleted and will be combined with Communication A-17 – Councilman Quagliani made a MOTION to delete A-3 from the Communications and combine it with Communication A-17 which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hoskie. All in favor. MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY. viva voce

Communication A-4: from the Chiefs of the City's three (3) Fire Department regarding hazardous pay. HELD

Communication A-5: Concerning– Mayor's ARPA Community Investment Plan- Neighborhood Pocket Parks, Open Space, Trees, Gardens –

Councilman Donovan made a MOTION to APPROVE which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hoskie. All in favor. MOTION passed by a Majority. Councilwoman Garthwait and Councilman Johnstone Abstain. Viva voce

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby appropriates funding for the following project:

Pocket Parks, Trees, Open Space \$1,000,000.00 of which \$10,000 is specifically appropriated as a cash matching grant for the Urban Equity Tree Grant funded by DEEP, and additional \$40,000 is specifically appropriated for free matching Grant opportunities and other free matching Grant funds.

Communication A-6: Concerning – Mayor's ARPA Community Investment Plan- Recycling and Re-Use Center

Councilwoman Hoskie made a MOTION to APPROVE which was SECONDED by Councilman Bruneau. All in favor. MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY viva voce

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby appropriates funding for the following project: Recycling and Reuse Center (Dry Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Station) \$1,000,000.00 This project is authorized to develop a recycling and re-use collection center at City owned land on Helm Street, designed to eliminate bulky waste curbside pickup, reduce the amount of recyclable items being disposed of in regular or bulky trash, enhance re-use of durable goods such as building materials, appliances, and clothing, and to capitalize on redeemable bottles while creating new job opportunities. Upon State permitting and site design, the Mayor shall submit an operating plan and forecasted annual budget for Council Approval prior to construction activities commencing.

Communication A-7: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan – Replacement Windows, City Hall- Councilwoman Hoskie made a MOTION to DENY which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Garthwait. ROLL CALL –Councilman Donovan NAY, Councilwoman O’Connor NAY, Councilman Quagliani NAY, Councilwoman Hoskie YAY, Councilwoman Garthwait YAY, Councilwoman Ackbarali YAY, Councilwoman Hamilton NAY, Councilman Borrás YAY, Councilman Bruneau NAY, Councilman Johnstone NAY, and Chairman Massaro NAY. MOTION to DENY FAILED

Councilman Quagliani made a MOTION to TABLE Communication A-7 to the June 7, 2022 Agenda which was SECONDED by Councilman Bruneau. All in favor. MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY viva voce

Communication A-8: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan- Johnson Senior Center, Refurbishment

Councilwoman Hoskie made a MOTION to APPROVE which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hamilton. All in favor. MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY viva voce

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby appropriates funding for the following project: Municipal Building Improvements, \$640,000 is allotted to improvements to the Senior Center portion of the Johnson Community Center for interior refurbishment;

Communication A-9: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan – Roof replacement over Child Development Center

Councilman Donovan made a MOTION to APPROVE which was SECONDED by Councilwoman O’Connor and Councilman Johnstone. All in favor. MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY viva voce

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby appropriates funding for the following project: Municipal Building Improvements, \$360,000 is allotted to replacement of the roof over the Child Development Center portion of the Johnson Community Center;

Communication A- 10 – Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan – Housing Crisis Center Fund- TABLE put on June 9, 2022 Agenda. Councilman Bruneau made a MOTION to Table this Communication to obtain more information which was SECONDED by Councilwoman O’Connor. All in favor. MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY viva voce

Communication A-11: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan – Direct Cash Aid to Small Business

Councilman Quagliani made a MOTION to APPROVE which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hoskie. All in favor. MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY viva voce

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby appropriates funding for the following project:

AID TO SMALL BUSINESS \$1,000,000.00 – to formulate a plan and bring back to the Council for Approve

Communication A-12: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan – Allingtown Library Branch. Councilwoman made a **MOTION to APPROVE** move 1,000,000 in to the ARPA contingency account for the Library which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O’Connor and Councilman Quagliani. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

Communication A-13: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan- Public Health Outreach

Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O’Connor. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby appropriates funding for the following project:

Public Health Outreach \$680,000.00 –to formulate a plan and bring back to Council for their approval

Communication A-14- Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan – Arts Center Phase II Construction Funding – TABLE – put on June 9, 2022 Agenda

Communication A-15: Concerning -- Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan- FY 2021 Public Works Infrastructure Paving and Improvements.

Councilwoman Hoskie made **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Bruneau. All others in favor. **MOTION** passed by the **MAJORITY**. **Councilwoman Garthwait opposed viva voce**

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby appropriates funding for the following project:
Department of Public Works capital funds for infrastructure improvements \$2,000,000.00 to retroactively fund FY 2021 paving accomplishments.

Communication A-17: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan-Storm Water Management

Councilman Quagliani made a **MOTION to APPROVE** delete A -3 from the Communication the new Communication will be called A – 17 Storm Water Management which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Hoskie. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY. viva voce**

Councilman Quagliani made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Hoskie. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby appropriates funding for the following project:

Storm Water Management, \$3,000,000.00

Funds are appropriated for storm water management projects allocated as follows:

\$530,000 capital expenditure for specialized vacuum truck purchase, said truck to be shared between the Sewer Commission and Dept. of Public Works via an operating agreement to be negotiated by the Commissioner of Public Works for the maintenance of storm sewers and sanitary sewers. \$1,000,000 for grant matching funds, study funds, and development of a storm water utility plan, including capitalization of the initial fund; \$1,470,000 to address immediate needs for localized flooding hazards due to inadequate storm water infrastructure.

Communication A-16 through A- 25 were HELD and will be on the June 9, 2022 Agenda

Communication A-16: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan-
Aid to Fire Districts

Communication A-18: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan-
Broadband Access

Communication A-19: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan-
Traffic and Boardwalk monitoring cameras

Communication A-20: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan-
First Responder Family Relief (Micro-Grant Fund <\$1,000 per family)

Communication A-21: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan-
Painter Park Sports Field House

Communication A-22: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan-
Sports Camp Support

Communication A-23: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan-
FMA-PA and SLFRF rejection backup contingency

Communication A-24: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan-
CARES ACT Financial Oversight Support

Communication A-25: Concerning – Mayor’s ARPA Community Investment Plan-
Police Personnel Retention funding

7. Recess at 9:45 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Council at the July 25, 2022 meeting

**Peter Massaro
Chairman of the Council**

**Stacy Riccio
Clerk of Council**

**Diane Ascenzia
Administrative Assistant**