

Minutes of the June 13, 2022 City Council Meeting – Harriett North Court Room

The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:48 P.M.

In the Harriett North Court Room 2nd floor of City Hall City Hall.

Roll Call Present were Council members: Donovan (Left at 8:12pm and return at 8:45pm), O'Connor, Quagliani, Hoskie (left at 12:07am), Garthwait, Ackbarali, Gallignano, Hamilton, Tucker (left), Borrás, Bruneau, Johnstone (need to leave before meeting started returned at 8:25pm), Absent Massaro. Also present: Mayor Nancy Rossi, Mark Bisaccia, CDA, Scott Jackson, Finance Director, Abdul Quadir, City Engineer, and Tom McCarthy, Commissioner of Public Works Dept.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing

6:49 p.m. – 6:50 p.m. - Communication F- from the May, 23, 2022 agenda Ward Heitmann House Museum Foundation – Energy Conservation HVAC System

6:50 p.m. – 6:51 p.m. - Communication G – from the May 23, 2022 agenda West Haven Community House Association – Energy Conservation and Capital Improvements to Facilities.

6:55 p.m. – 6:56 p.m. Communication H- from the May 23, 2022 agenda West Haven Child Development Center- Energy Efficient Air Filtration System for Classroom.

See YouTube Live stream for Public Hearing Comments

7:00p.m. Public Session –See YouTube Live stream for Public Comments – 9:20 p.m.

Acting Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:20 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bruneau presented a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2022, which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Donovan and was **APPROVED**. All in favor. Passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication A: from the Tax Manager Rachel A-Massih regarding the Tax Suspense List for Grand List 2018

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Communication B: from CDA regarding a request from Diane Weaver Dunne, Connecticut Radio Audio Accessibility for People who are Blind or Print Challenged – Schedule Public Hearing

Communication C: from CDA Mark Bisaccia regarding CDA PY 48 CDA Community Development Block Grant

Communication D: from Lee Tiernan Corporation Counsel and Rick Spreyer, Purchasing/Procurement request for transfer of funds Police Vehicles/Police boat emergency

Communication E: from Tom McCarthy, Commissioner of Public Works regarding a request for inter departmental transfer of funds

Communication F: from the Tax Collector in regards to Overpayment refunds for June 2022

Communication G: from Lee Tiernan, Corporation Counsel regarding Approval of UNH Banner Advertising Agreement

Communication H: from Corporation Counsel, Lee Tiernan regarding the Potential Sale, Lease, or Transfer of 204 Jaffrey St.

Communication I: from the Finance Director, Scott Jackson regards to Tax Lien Assignment List

Communication J: from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi 5 Year Plan – Action if necessary

Communication K: from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi Budget Review – Action if necessary

Communication L: from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi regarding the Tentative Agreement between The City of West Haven and the West Haven Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 1198, AFL-CIO

Communication M: from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi Municipal Restructuring Fund Agreement between the State of Connecticut’s office of Policy and Management and the City of West Haven

Communication N: from the Mayor Nancy R. Rossi regarding Ordinance appropriating \$900,000. For a first read. Schedule Public Hearing

Communication O: from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi regarding Ordinance Amending and Restating Resolution Appropriating \$1,161,000 for a first read. Schedule Public Hearing

III. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilwoman Bridgette Hoskie, Chairwoman – Committee members: Colleen O'Connor, Ronald Quagliani, Sarah Ackbarali, Robbin Watt Hamilton

Finance Committee was called to order at 9:25 p.m.

FINANCE UPDATES

1. YTD Budget Review – Scott Jackson, Finance Director
2. ARPA – Update
3. MARB – Update
4. Police Pension Study update

Communication A: from the Tax Manager Rachel A-Massih regarding the Tax Suspense List for Grand List 2018- **HELD**

Communication B: Councilwoman Ackbarali presented a **MOTION to recommend approval of Communication B** from CDA regarding a request from Diane Weaver Dunne, Connecticut Radio Audio Accessibility for People who are Blind or Print Challenged- **for the scheduling of Public Hearing, to the entire Council** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor and Approved **UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

Communication C: Councilwoman O'Connor presented a **MOTION to recommend approval of Communication C** from CDA Mark Bisaccia regarding CDA PY 48 Community Development Black Grant Budget **for the scheduling of Public Hearing, to the entire Council** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Hamilton and Approved by **MAJORITY viva voce with** Councilwoman O'Connor abstaining

Communication D: from Lee Tiernan Corporation Counsel and Rick Spreyer, Purchasing/Procurement request for transfer of funds Police Vehicles/Police boat emergency- **HELD**

Communication E: Councilwoman O'Connor presented a **MOTION to recommended approval of Communication E** from Tom McCarthy, Commissioner of Public Works regarding a request for inter departmental transfer of funds **to entire**

Council which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Ackbarali and approved **UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

Communication G: from Lee Tiernan, Corporation Counsel regarding Approval of UNH Banner Advertising Agreement- **HELD**

Communication I: from the Finance Director, Scott Jackson regards to Tax Lien Assignment List - **HELD**

Communication J: from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi 5 Year Plan – Action if necessary- **HELD**

Communication K: Councilwoman Hamilton presented a **MOTION to recommend approval to of Communication K:** from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi Budget Review **to the entire Council** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor and approved **UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

Communication L: from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi regarding the Tentative Agreement between The City of West Haven and the West Haven Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 1198, AFL-CIO- **HELD**

Communication M: Councilwoman O'Connor presented a **MOTION to recommended approval of Communication M:** from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi Municipal Restructuring Fund Agreement between the State of Connecticut's office of Policy and Management and the City of West Haven **as amended to the entire Council** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Ackbarali and approved **UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

Communication N: - Councilwoman Hamilton presented a **MOTION to recommend approval of Communication N:** from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi regarding Ordinance appropriating \$900,000. For a first read. Schedule Public Hearing **to the entire Council** **which** was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor and approved **UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

Communication O: Councilwoman O'Connor presented a **MOTION to recommended approval Communication O:** from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi regarding Ordinance Amending and Restating Resolution Appropriating \$1,161,000 for a first read. Schedule Public Hearing – **to the entire Council** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Ackbarali and approved **UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

Communication F: – Councilwoman Hamilton presented a **MOTION to recommended approval of Communication F** from the May, 23, 2022 Agenda from Patrice Farquharson Ward Heitmann House Museum Foundation regards Energy Conservation HVA System. Total

NAA funding request \$25,000.00 **to the entire Council** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor and approved **UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

Communication G: Councilwoman O'Connor presented a **MOTION to recommend approval of Communication G:** from the May 23, 2022 Agenda 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-**to the entire Council** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Ackbarali and approved **UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

Communication H: Councilwoman O'Connor presented a **MOTION to recommend approval of Communication H:** from the May 23, 2022 Agenda 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 - **to the entire Council** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Ackbarali and approved **UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

Communication D: Councilwoman Hamilton presented a **MOTION to recommend approval of Communication D** from May 9, 2022 Agenda from Corporation Counsel, Lee Tiernan regarding a Resolution Defining Employee Benefits for non-union employees. Amended: Elected officials receive no Compensatory Time and no Vacation buy back. **as Amended, to the entire Council** which was **SECONDED** by O'Connor and approved **UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

Finance Committee closed at 11:10 p.m.

Legislative Matters Committee called to orders at 11:10 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: Councilman Bruneau Chairmen, Committee members: Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Gallignano, Councilman Borrás and Councilwoman Ackbarali

Communication I: Councilman Gallignano present a **MOTION to recommend approval of Communication I:** from May 23, 2022 Agenda from Tom McCarthy, Commissioner of Public Works regards except Bottle Bill Funds & Term 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 **to the entire Council** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor and Councilwoman Ackbarali and approved passed **UNANIMOUSLY vive voce**

Legislative Matters Committee closed at 11:13 p.m.

Public Lands Committee was called to order at 11:13 p.m.

PUBLIC LANDS: Councilman Gary Donovan, Chairman-Committee member, Colleen O'Connor, Ronald Quagliani, Robert Bruneau and Robbin Watt Hamilton

Communication H: from Corporation Counsel, Lee Tiernan regarding the Potential Sale, Lease, or Transfer of 204 Jaffrey St. **HELD**

Public Lands Committee closed at 11:25p.m.

IV: UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chris Soto, Planning and Zoning Department gave updates: See YouTube Live stream for updates.

Lee Tiernan, Corporation Counsel update on the HAVENS- See YouTube Live stream for update

V: COMMITTEE REPORTS: Council entered into Committee reports at 11:47 p.m.

Clerk read Communications F into record

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilwoman Bridgette Hoskie, Chairwoman – Committee members: Colleen O’Connor, Ronald Quagliani, Sarah Ackbarali, Robbin Watt Hamilton

Communication A: from the Tax Manager Rachel A-Massih regarding the Tax Suspense List for Grand List 2018- **HELD**

Communication B: from CDA regarding a request from Diane Weaver Dunne, Connecticut Radio Audio Accessibility for People who are Blind or Print Challenged – Schedule Public Hearing. – Acting Chairman Quagliani set a Public Hearing for June 27, 2022 at 6:50 p.m.

Communication C: from CDA Mark Bisaccia regarding CDA PY 48 CDA Community Development Block Grant– Acting Chairman Quagliani set a Public Hearing for June 27, 2022 at 6:55 p.m.

Communication D: from Lee Tiernan Corporation Counsel and Rick Spreyer, Purchasing/Procurement request for transfer of funds Police Vehicles/Police boat emergency- **HELD**

Communication E: from Tom McCarthy, Commissioner of Public Works regarding a request for inter departmental transfer of funds – Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Gallignano. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the following inter-department line-item transfers:

<u>Line Item 14704010 -51400 Temp payroll</u>	<u>Decrease \$21,000.00</u>
<u>Line Item 14100010-51000 Engineering</u>	<u>Decrease \$50,000.00</u>
<u>Line Item 14706076-52550 Park Maintenance</u>	<u>Increase \$33,000.00</u>
<u>Line Item 14606075-52740 Security</u>	<u>Increase \$3,000.00</u>
<u>Line Item 14606075-53490 Other Operation</u>	<u>Increase \$3,000.00</u>
<u>Line Item 14606075-53445 Safety Supplies</u>	<u>Increase \$2,000.00</u>
<u>Line Item 14606075-52530 Building Maintenance</u>	<u>Increase \$30,000.00</u>

Communication G: from Lee Tiernan, Corporation Counsel regarding Approval of UNH Banner Advertising Agreement- **HELD**

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Communication J: from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi 5 Year Plan – Action if necessary- **HELD**

Communication K: from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi Budget Review Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Gallignano. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven authorizes the amended Fiscal 2022-2023 City expenditures & capital non-recurring of \$168,316,116 mill rate at 34.00 mills, Allingtown Fire Department expenditures of \$9,183,313 and sets the mill rate at 11.61 mills, Sewer expenditures of \$12,498,222 with sewer use fees of \$453 and a car tax of 29.46 mills.

Roll Call

- Donovan – Yes
- O’Connor – Yes
- Quagliani – Yes
- Hoskie – Yes
- Garthwait – Yes
- Ackbarali – Yes
- Gallignano – Yes
- Hamilton – Yes
- Tucker – Yes
- Borras – Yes
- Bruneau – Yes
- Johnstone – Yes

Communication L: from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi regarding the Tentative Agreement between The City of West Haven and the West Haven Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 1198, AFL-CIO- **HELD**

Communication M: from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi Municipal Restructuring Fund Agreement between the State of Connecticut's office of Policy and Management and the City of West Haven- As Amended -Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

RESOLVED: Communication M from the June 13, 2022 Agenda from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi regarding the Municipal Restructuring Fund Agreement between the State of Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management and the City of West Haven as amended.

Roll Call

Donovan – Yes
O'Connor – Yes
Quagliani – Yes
Hoskie – Yes
Garthwait – Yes
Ackbarali – Yes
Galignano – Yes
Hamilton – Yes
Tucker – Yes
Borras – Yes
Bruneau – Yes
Johnstone – Yes

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RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the following program for the 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Program under the Community Development Administration Ward Heitmann House Museum Foundation, Inc. \$25,000.00

Communication G: from the May 23, 2022 Agenda 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- Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Bruneau. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**. Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Borrás and Acting Chairman Quagliani abstained

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the following program for the 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Program under the Community Development Administration The West Haven Community House Association \$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- Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Bruneau. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY** Councilwoman O'Connor and Councilman Borrás abstained

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the following program for the 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Program under the Community Development Administration West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. \$15,000.00

Communication D: from May 9, 2022 Agenda from Corporation Counsel, Lee Tiernan regarding a Resolution Defining Employee Benefits for non-union employees. Amended: Elected officials will not receive any Compensatory Time and will not be able to buy back Vacation time. Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Gallignano and Councilwoman O'Connor. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

RESOLVED: A RESOLUTION DEFINING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS: The City of West Haven has contracts with various municipal unions; and

WHEREAS: The contracts between the City and the unions define the employee benefits received by the employees covered under those contracts; and

WHEREAS: The City also employs non-union employees who are not covered by a defined benefit policy; and

WHEREAS: It is the policy of the City of West Haven to provide employee benefits to' those non-union employees employed by the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HAVEN THAT:

The Resolution Regarding Fringe Benefits For Other Than Union Employees: and as adopted on November 26, 2007 as well as subsequent amendments are hereby repealed and in place thereof is adopted the following:

1) Elected Officials

A. All elected officials of the City West Haven shall receive a salary in the amount set by the West Haven City Council. The amount set at the time the elected official takes the oath of office, shall not be increased or decreased during said term of office.

B. Elected officials receive no Compensatory Time and no Vacation buy back, however, all full-time elected officials shall be entitled to and receive, in the same way and manner as currently provided or to be provided in the future to municipal employees covered under the agreement between the. City, of West Haven and Communications Worker's of America AFL-CIO, Local 1103 or any recognized successor bargaining unit, the following benefits;

- (1) Insurance
- (2) Car Allowance
- (3) Retirement;
- (4) and Worker's Compensation

C. Elected Officials who are designated as working less than twenty (20) hours per week are not eligible for the benefits provided in Section 1-B except as otherwise required by law.

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph B above the life insurance and health, prescription and dental benefits otherwise available as a retirement benefit shall only be available to full-time elected officials who have been employed by the City of West Haven for at least 10 years prior to the date of this resolution.

2. Appointed Officials

A. All full-time appointed officials not covered by any bargaining unit agreement shall be entitled to and receive, in the same way and manner as currently provided or to be provided in the future to municipal employees covered under the agreement between the City of West Haven and Communications Worker's of America AFL-CIO, Local 1103 or any recognized successor bargaining unit, the following benefits;

- (1) Holidays

- (2) Sick Leave
- (3) Military Leave
- (4) Jury Duty
- (5) Bereavement Leave
- (6) Vacations
- (7) Insurance
- (8) Car Allowance
- (9) Educational Assistance
- (10) Retirement
- (11) Personal Days
- (12) Worker's Compensation
- (13) Wages
- (14) Hours of work; if and only if employee records time worked in the city established time clock system.

B. Appointed officials who are designated as working less than twenty (20) hours per week are not eligible for the benefits provided in Section 2-A of this resolution, excepts as otherwise provided by law.

3. The provisions of this resolution shall not be interpreted to deny, impair or withhold in any way the portability of life, health and other insurance coverages as my be required under any applicable state or federal law, including all rights and obligations under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA).

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: Councilman Bruneau Chairmen, Committee members: Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Gallignano, Councilman Borrás and Councilwoman Ackbarali

Communication I: from May 23, 2022 Agenda from Tom McCarthy, Commissioner of Public Works regards except Bottle Bill Funds & Term 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 – Councilman Bruneau made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor and Councilman Gallignano. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the Bottle Bill Funds & Terms that the City Council hereby directs the Mayor to cause said receive Funds to be separately accounted for and not Deposited into the General Fund

WHEREAS the City experiences an undue burden of litter from single serving liquor containers;

WHEREAS said Substitute Senate Bill states in part and material relevance:

“Funds received by any municipality pursuant to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section shall be expended by such municipality on environmental

measures intended to reduce the generation of solid waste in such municipality or reduce the impact of litter caused by such solid waste, including, but not limited to, the hiring of a recycling coordinator, the installation of storm drain filters designed to block solid waste and beverage container debris or the purchase of a mechanical street sweeper, vacuum or broom that removes litter, including, but not limited to, such beverage containers and other debris from streets, sidewalks and abutting lawn and turf areas.”

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council appropriates said funds for the purposes stated above in addition to, and as an augment to the annual Public Works budget for litter control efforts.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nancy Rossi, as Mayor of The City of West Haven, will develop a program narrative and budget for the programs listed above, and present such narratives, budgets and resulting expense accounting reports to the City Council for review no less than once annually until all funds are expended and or the revenue ceases.

FURTHER RESOLVED, Nancy Rossi, as Mayor of The City of West Haven, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents related to this Resolution on behalf of the City of West Haven and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Nancy Rossi now holds the office of Mayor and that she has held that office since December 3rd of 2017, and that said term will continue December 2nd of 2023.

PUBLIC LANDS: Councilman Gary Donovan, Chairman-Committee member, Colleen O’Connor, Ronald Quagliani, Robert Bruneau and Robbin Watt Hamilton

Communication H: from Corporation Counsel, Lee Tiernan regarding the Potential Sale, Lease, or Transfer of 204 Jaffrey St. **HELD**

**VI. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:
NONE**

VII. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Donovan - West Haven Child Development Center extends invitation on June 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Concert with the Children on the Grove

Councilwoman Garthwait and Ackbarali – needs clarification on Investigation Committee- was not to investigate the Auditors and was to investigate what the Council voted on

Councilwoman Hamilton- Saturday 18, 2022 2nd Annual Juneteenth celebration 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Brent Watt Park

IX. ADJOURMENT

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

The City Council meeting was ADJOURNED at 12:11 a.m.

Ronald Quagliani
Acting Chairman of the Council

Stacy Riccio
Clerk of Council

Diane Ascenzia
Admin. Asst. City Council

These minutes were approved by the City Council on July 11, 2022.