

Minutes of the June 27, 2022 City Council Meeting – City Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 6:40 P.M.

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

**Roll Call** Present were Council members: Donovan, O'Connor, Quagliani, Hoskie, Garthwait, Ackbarali, Gallignano (late 6:45p.m.), Hamilton, Tucker (Late 7:47p.m.), Borrás, Bruneau, Johnstone and Massaro. Also present: Mark Bisaccia, CDA

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing

6:40 p.m. – 6:42 p.m. – Communication O- from the June 13, 2022 agenda Ordinance Appropriating \$1,161,000 for the Costs Associated with the Dawson Ave Contract 2 – No comments

6:45p.m. – 6:45 p.m. - Communication N – from the June 13, 2022 agenda Ordinance Appropriating \$ 900,000 for the Costs Associated with Dawson Ave Contract 1 – No comments

6:50 p.m. – 6:50 p.m. Communication B- from the June 13, 2022 agenda West Haven Audio Accessibility for People who are Blind or Print Challenged – Connecticut Radio Information System – No comments

6:55 p.m. – 8:10 p.m. Communication C – from the June 13, 2022 agenda Program Year 48 CDA Community Development Block Grant Budget –See YouTube for comments

8:13 p.m. - 9:59 p.m. Public Session –See YouTube Live stream for Public Comments

Recess at 10:00 p.m. Back in Session at 10:09 p.m.

Chairman Massaro called the Regular Meeting to order 10:09 p.m.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 31, 2022 **HELD**

Councilman Quagliani made a **MOTION to APPROVE** the minutes of Special Meeting of June 7, 2022 which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Bruneau. All in favor. **MOTION passed by MAJORITY** with Councilwoman Garthwait abstaining

Minutes of Special Meeting of June 9, 2022 **HELD**

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 13, 2022 **HELD**

Councilwoman O'Connor made a **MOTION to APPROVE** minutes of Special Meeting of June 21, 2022 as amended which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Donovan. All in favor. **MOTION passed by MAJORITY** with Councilman Gallignano, Councilman Borrás and Councilwoman Hamilton abstaining

**II. COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

**Communication B:** from Robbin Watt Hamilton, Chairwoman of the Redistricting Committee regarding approval of the local redistricting map mandated by the 10 year census.- Schedule public hearing July 25, 2022 at 6:55 p.m.

**Communication C:** from Patricia Horvath, City Clerk regarding a request for inter departmental transfer of funds

**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 10:14 p.m.

**FINANCE UPDATES**

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

**Communication C:** Councilwoman Ackbarali presented a **MOTION** to recommend approval of Communication C: from Patricia Horvath, City Clerk regarding a request for inter departmental transfer of funds to the entire Council which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Hamilton and **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

**Communication A:** Councilwoman Ackbarali presented a **MOTION** to recommend approval of Communication A: from the June 13, 2022 Agenda from the Tax Manager Rachel A-Masssih regarding the Tax Suspense List for Grand List 2018 to the entire

Council which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor and **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

**Communication B:** Councilman Quagliani presented a **MOTION** to recommend approval of Communication B: from the June 13, 2022 Agenda from Diane Waver Dunne, Connecticut Radio Information System regarding Audio Accessibility for People who are Blind or Print Challenged to the entire Council which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor and **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

**Councilwoman Hoskie made a MOTION to separate Communication C CDA PY 48 Community Development Block Grant Budget to C1 everything except the Community House and C2 the Community House which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Ackbarali. MOTION passed by MAJORITY with Councilwoman O'Connor abstained**

**Communication C 1:** Councilwoman Ackbarali presented a **MOTION** as Amended to recommend approval of Communication C1 from the June 13, 2022 Agenda from CDA Mark Bisaccia regarding CDA PY 48 CDA Community Development Block Grant Budget All programs except the West Haven Community House to the entire Council which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor and **APPROVED by MAJORITY** with Councilwoman O'Connor abstained **viva voce**

**Communication C 2:** - Councilwoman O'Connor presented a **MOTION** as Amended, to recommend approval of Communication C2 from the June 13, 2022 Agenda from CDA Mark Bisaccia regarding CDA PY 48 CDA Community Development Block Grant Budget West Haven Community House to the entire Council which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Hamilton **APPROVED** by **MAJORITY** with Councilwoman O'Connor and Councilman Quagliani abstained **viva voce**

**Communication D:** from the June 13 2022 Agenda from Lee Tiernan Corporation Counsel and Rick Spreyer, Purchasing/Procurement request for transfer of funds Police Vehicles/Police boat emergency **HELD**

**Communication G:** from June 13, 2022 Agenda from Lee Tiernan Corporation regarding Approval of UNH Banner Advertising Agreement-**WITHDRAWN**

**Communication I:** Councilwoman O'Connor presented a **MOTION** to recommend approval of Communication I: from the June 13, 2022 Agenda from the Finance Director, Scott Jackson regards to the Tax Lien Assignment List to the entire Council which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Ackbarali and **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

**Communication N:** Councilwoman Hamilton represent a **MOTION** to recommend approval of Communication N: from the June 13 2022 Agenda from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi regarding Ordinance Appropriating \$900,000 for a first read to the entire Council which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor and **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

**Communication O:** Councilwoman O'Connor present a **MOTION** to recommend approval of Communication O: from the June 13, 2022 Agenda from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi regarding Ordinance Amending a Restating Resolution Appropriating \$1,616,000 to the entire Council which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Hamilton and **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

Finance Committee closed at 11:02 p.m.

Public Lands called to orders at 11:05 p.m.

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

**Communication H:** from the June 13, 2022 Agenda, form Corporation Counsel, Lee Tiernan regarding the Potential Sale, Lease, or Transfer of 204 Jaffrey St. **HELD See YouTube Livestream for discussion**

Public Lands closed at 11:05 p.m.

**RE-DISTRICTING COMMITTEE: Councilwoman Hamilton, Chairwoman-Committee members, Bridgette Hoskie, Sarah Ackbarali, Meli Garthwait and Robert Bruneau**

Re-Districting Committee called to order at 11:05 p.m.

**Communication B:** Councilwoman Hoskie presented a **MOTION** to recommend approval of Communication B: from Robbin Watt Hamilton, Chairwoman of the Redistricting Committee regarding approval of the local redistricting map mandated by the 10 year census. Schedule public hearing July 25, 2022 at 6:55p.m. to the entire Council which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Ackbarali and **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY viva voce**

Re-Districting Committee closed at 11:09 p.m.

**IV: UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

Councilwoman Garthwait asked for update from Abdul Quadir, City Engineer on the Beach St. project for the next Council meeting.

**V: COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Clerk read Communications A into record**

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

**Communication C:** from Patricia Horvath, City Clerk regarding a request for inter departmental transfer of funds- Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O’Connor. 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 11250010-52770 Other Contractual Service</u>	<u>Increase \$16,100.00</u>
<u>Line Item 11250010-52290 Election Day Expense</u>	<u>Increase \$8,200.00</u>
<u>Line Item 11250010-51500 Overtime</u>	<u>Increase \$600.00</u>
<u>Line Item 19009990-56010 Unallocated Contingency</u>	<u>Decrease (\$24,900.00)</u>

Communication A: from the June 13, 2022 Agenda from the Tax Manger Rachel A-Massih regarding the Tax Suspense List for Grand List 2018. Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O’Connor. All in favor. **MOTION** passed by **MAJORITY** with Councilman Borrás abstaining

**RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the Suspense List for the 2018 City of West Haven Grand List.**

**Communication B:** from the June 13, 2022 Agenda from CDA regarding a request from Diane Weaver Dunne, Connecticut Radio Audio Accessibility for People who are Blind or Print Challenged – Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O’Connor. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY**

**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 for the Connecticut Radio Information System in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Audio Accessibility for People who are Blind or Print Challenged.**

**Communication C 1:** from the June 13, 2022 Agenda from CDA Mark Bisaccia regarding CDA PY 48 CDA Community Development Block Grant Budget All programs except the West Haven Community House—Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION to APPROVE** as amended which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Quagliani. **MOTION passed by MAJORITY.** Councilwoman Garthwait not in the room and Councilwoman O’Connor and Councilman Borrás Abstained.

**Communication C 2:** from the June 13, 2022 Agenda from CDA Mark Bisaccia regarding CDA PY 48 CDA Community Development Block Grant Budget West Haven Community House. Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION to APPROVE** as amended which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Donovan. **MOTION passed by MAJORITY.** Councilwoman O’Connor, Councilman Quagliani and Councilman Borrás Abstained.

**RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the attached C.D.A. Community Development Block Grant PY 48 Budget as submitted.**

**Communication D:** from the June 13, 2022 Agenda from Lee Tiernan Corporation Counsel and Rick Spreyer, Purchasing/Procurement request for transfer of funds Police Vehicles/Police boat emergency- **HELD**

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**RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven Hereby approves the Tax Lien Sale to Fig Capital Group for the assignment list as of June 1, 2022 for \$1,124,860.39 or as amended for properties paid current to date**

**Communication J:** from June 13, 2022 Agenda from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi 5 Year Plan -**HELD**

**Communication L:** from the June 13, 2022 Agenda 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 N:** from the June 13, 2022 Agenda from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi regarding Ordinance appropriating \$900,000. - Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY**

**RESOLVED:** The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves an ordinance appropriating \$900,000 for the costs associated with the planning, design and rehabilitation of sewer pipes and manholes related to the Dawson Ave area contract 1 in the West Shore portion of the City and authorizing the issuance of \$900,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose. See attached ordinance

**Communication O:** from the June 13, 2022 Agenda from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi regarding Ordinance Amending and Restating Resolution Appropriating \$1,161,000. - Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman O'Connor. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY**

**RESOLVED:** The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves an Ordinance amending and restating a resolution appropriating \$1,161,000 for the costs associated with the planning, design and rehabilitation of sewer pipes and manholes related to the Dawson Avenue area Contract 2 in the West Shore portion of the City and Authorizing the issuance of \$1,161,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose. See attached ordinance

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

**Communication H:** from the June 13, 2022 Agenda Corporation Counsel, Lee Tiernan regarding the Potential Sale, Lease, or Transfer of 204 Jaffrey St. **HELD- pending withdrawn letter from Corporation Counsel**

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**VI. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:**

**NONE**

**VII. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:**

**NONE**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

Stacy Riccio, Council Clerk – Change to monthly stipend beginning July 1, 2022. Councilwoman Hoskie made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Hamilton. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY**

**RESOLVED:** The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the following: That the Clerk of the City Council's payroll be changed beginning July 1, 2022 to a monthly stipend based on the approve FY 2022-2023 Budgeted amount.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Johnstone made a **MOTION TO ADJOURN**, which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Hoskie. All in favor. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The City Council meeting was **ADJOURNED** at **11:27 p.m.**

**Peter Massaro**  
**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.**