

Amended

Minutes of the July 11, 2022 Special Meeting of the City Council – City Council Chambers, 3rd floor, West Haven City Hall

The Special Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, West Haven City Hall. Chairman Massaro called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Members Present were Councilmembers: Gary Donovan, Colleen O’Connor, Ronald Quagliani, Sarah Ackbarali, Mitchell Galignano (Late 5:38 p.m.), Robbin Watt Hamilton, Katherine Tucker (late 5:37p.m.), Steven Johnstone and Chairman Massaro. Absent Bridgette Hoskie, Meli Garthwait, Victor Borrás and Robert Bruneau

Councilman Quagliani made a **MOTION** to Amend the Agenda to add **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 to the COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Donovan. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

5.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Quagliani made a **MOTION to APPROVE** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2022 which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Donovan. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

Councilwoman O’Connor made a **MOTION to APPROVE** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 27, 2022 which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Donovan. All in favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**

6.) FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilwoman Ackbarali, Acting Chairman, Committee members:
Robbin Hamilton, Colleen O’Connor, Councilman Quagliani, absent Bridgette Hoskie

Finance Committee was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

RECESS AT 5:37 p.m.

Back in Session at 5:39 p.m.

Communication L: Councilwoman O’Connor presented a **MOTION** to recommend approval to the entire Council of 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 which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Hamilton. All in favor.

MOTION passed
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Finance Committee closed at 5:48

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Council-As-A-Whole called to order at 5:58 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS: Sarah Ackbarali, Acting Chairwoman- Committee members: Robbin Hamilton Colleen O'Connor, Councilman Quagliani, absent Bridgette Hoskie

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 IAF Local 1198, AFL-CIO. Councilwoman Ackbarali made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Donovan. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY**

RESOLVED: that Nancy R. 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 to 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.

ARPA UPDATE

Ken Carney, Chairman of the APRA Committee gave update on the ARPA projects- See YouTube for updates.

Ken Carney ask for additional funds of \$50,000 for Communication A-2 CHILD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY –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 A attached hereto.

Councilman Donovan made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Johnston. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY.**

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the following ARPA transfer of **\$50,000 from the ARPA Contingency Funds to Communication A-2 Child Pedestrian Safety Project.**

Communication A-4: from May 31, 2022 Agenda regarding Mayor Nancy Rossi APRA Community Investment Plan – First Responder Pay \$1,030,000. (Three (3) Fire Departments hazardous pay.)

Councilman Quagliani made a MOTION to amend Communication A-4 from the May 31, 2022 Agenda EMS Premium Pay \$1,030,000 by deleting the sentence “Funding is provided up to \$1,200,000.00 city wide.” from the Resolution which was SECONDED by Councilman Donovan. All in favor. MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilman Quagliani made a MOTION to APPROVE Communication A-4 from the May 31, 2022 Agenda EMS Premium Pay \$1,030,000 as Amended which was SECONDED by Councilman Donovan. MOTION passed by MAJORITY with Councilwoman Tucker and Councilman Johnstone voted No. By Roll Call vote.

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Donovan – Yes
Councilwoman O'Connor – Yes
Councilman Quagliani – Yes
Councilwoman Ackbarali – Yes
Councilman Gallignano – Yes
Councilwoman Hamilton- Yes
Councilwoman Tucker – No
Councilman Johnstone – No
Chairman Massaro – Yes

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

EMS Premium Pay \$1,030,000

This program will provide a onetime stipend of hazardous pay for Emergency Medical Response personnel employed by the City or one of its independent fire districts, who were regularly involved with in-person interactions or regular physical handling of items that were also handled by others during the peak of the pandemic emergency response. The definition of eligible worker is “those workers needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors” as defined by the Treasury Department Final Rule for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, U.S. Department of Treasury.

For the purposes of this appropriation, the Council and Fire Departments agree the definition of eligible worker means the rank of Fire Captain and down to entry level rank, and assumes that all full time firefighter/EMT or Firefighter/Paramedics serving on front line EMS response for a work period beginning March 3rd, 2020 through to March 3rd, 2021 are eligible. Said grants shall be made to the Fire Departments upon receipt of a roster and grant application to pass funds through to their respective employees via their normal payroll process, at a fixed rate of \$10,000 per eligible worker, in addition to wages this will be a onetime payment in a form of a stipend to all the first responders. This stipend will be added at the end of the year of 2022, W-2 tax forms.

The U.S. Treasury’s ARPA Final Rule provides that any premium pay or grants provided should prioritize compensation of those lower income eligible workers that perform essential work. Premium pay must be entirely additive to a worker’s regular rate of wages and other remuneration and may not be used to reduce or substitute for a worker’s normal earnings.

The Fire Departments shall report back to the Mayor, and the Mayor shall report to the Council with an

accounting of the expenditure and roster of employees receiving premium pay no later than 30 days after disbursement of funds. By accepting these funds, the Fire Departments agree to comply with all City and US Treasury record keeping and audit requirements, as may be promulgated from time to time, and maintain all records in an auditable fashion until year 2036 or other such designated record date required by the US Treasury or the Mayor.

8.) ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Gallignano made a **MOTION** to **ADOURN**, which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Tucker. All in Favor. **MOTION** passed **UNANIMOUSLY**.

The City Council meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 6:36 p.m.

Peter Massaro
Chairman of the Council

Stacy Ricco
Clerk of Council

Diane Ascenzia
Admin. Asst. City Council

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