

**August 21, 2019**

The Special Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019, in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

Present were Council Members: Quagliani, Hoskie, Martone, Hamilton, Charney, Gallignano, Morrissey, and Bias. Absent were Council Members: Forsyth, DePalma, Massaro, Ruickoldt, and Ronan. Mayor Nancy R. Rossi was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk takes roll call attendance.

Clerk read the call of the Special Meeting: In accordance with Rule #11 of the Rules Governing the actions of the City Council, Chairman Quagliani has called a Special Meeting of the West Haven City Council to be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, August 21, 2019, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 355 Main Street (3rd Floor).

Chairman Quagliani called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

6:33 P.M. Council deliberated potential motions on Charter Revision Documents.

(1) Chairman Quagliani presented a MOTION to amend all areas of the Draft Charter where employees who are hired under an employment contract by the City of West Haven or West Haven Board of Education must have their wage and benefit packages approved by the City Council, SECONDED by Councilwoman Hoskie and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

(2) Councilman Charney presented a MOTION to strike the proposed changes in Chapter 20 Section 5 and replace it with the original text "No Pearson on retirement compensation from any department of municipal government shall be eligible for more than 19 hours per week of employment by the municipality.", SECONDED by Councilwoman Morrissey and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

(3) Chairman Quagliani presented a MOTION to add a Section on Board and Commission titled Vacancy - within six months of a vacancy or expiration of a term the Mayor shall recommend to the City Council a suitable replacement for approval, the Council shall have 60 days to act on such recommendation. If the replacement fails the Mayor shall have an additional 60 days to recommend another suitable replacement to be sent to the Council which will again have 60 days from that time to approve. The MOTION was SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

(4) Councilman Charney presented a MOTION to strike "Master's Degree" and replace it with "Graduate Degree" under qualifications for the City Manager in Chapter 4 Section 4-2, SECONDED by Councilwoman Martone and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

Chairman Quagliani presented a MOTION to add the following residence requirements:

City Manager: the City Manager must become a legal resident of the City of West Haven within one year of date hired. Department of Fire Protection: The West Haven Fire Chief must become a legal resident of the City of West Haven within one year of date hired. Department of Police Services: The Police Chief must become a legal resident of the City of West Haven within one year of date hired. Department of Education: the Superintendent of Schools must become a legal resident of the City of West Haven within one year of date hired (section to become law after current Superintendent of Schools who is

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grandfathered) . The MOTION was SECONDED by Councilwoman Hamilton. The MOTION was withdrawn by Councilwoman Hamilton and Chairman Quagliani.

(5) Chairman Quagliani presented a MOTION to Change the Economic Development Commission to allow the Mayor to appoint members of this commission consistent with all other Boards and Commissions, SECONDED by Councilwoman Hoskie and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

(6) Chairman Quagliani presented a MOTION to change Water Pollution Section five by removing the words City Manager and add the words City Council under approving all borrowing, SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

(7) Councilman Charney presented a MOTION to change the word “may “to “shall” under Board of Finance (the City shall have a Board of Finance), SECONDED by Councilwoman Martone and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

Chairman Quagliani put on record his thoughts regarding the Charter Revision Commission looking at the dates of implementation of various sections as the Council is still not positive given the timeframe when sections would take effect. He also suggested they create a “window” of two to five years for City wide redistricting. City Council will appoint a volunteer committee to help with outreach so the resident of West Haven can get outreach/education before the document is set for a vote. The Chairman also expressed his hope the Charter Commission would also dedicate more language to the “transition period” of time between the forms of government.

(8) Councilman Charney presented a MOTION to change Chapter 20 Section 1 - Village Improvement Association- Change “may” in the first line to “shall”, SECONDED by Councilwoman Bias and was DENIED by a roll call vote:

Councilman DePalma – Absent  
Councilman Forsyth – Absent  
Councilwoman Hoskie – Nay  
Councilman Ruickoldt – Absent  
Councilman Charney – Yea  
Councilman Gallignano – Nay  
Councilwoman Hamilton – Nay  
Councilman Massaro – Absent  
Councilwoman Bias - Yea  
Councilwoman Morrissey – Yea  
Councilman Ronan - Absent  
Councilwoman Martone – Nay  
Councilman Quagliani – Nay

Yea 3 | Nay 5 | Abstain 0 | Absent 5

(9) Councilman Charney presented a MOTION to change Chapter 20 Section 1 - Village Improvement Association- strike non-profit 501C3 and just go to “corporation”, SECONDED by Councilwoman Bias and was DENIED by a viva-voice with Councilwoman Hoskie and Councilman Gallignano voting no.

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(10) Councilman Charney presented a MOTION to change the electoral terms back to two years for the City Council, Mayor, and Board of Tax Assessment along staggered four year terms for the Board of Education, SECONDED by Councilwoman Morrissey and was DENIED by a roll call vote:

Councilman DePalma – Absent  
Councilman Forsyth – Absent  
Councilwoman Hoskie – Nay  
Councilman Ruickoldt – Absent  
Councilman Charney – Yea  
Councilman Galignano – Nay  
Councilwoman Hamilton – Nay  
Councilman Massaro – Absent  
Councilwoman Bias - Yea  
Councilwoman Morrissey – Yea  
Councilman Ronan - Absent  
Councilwoman Martone – Yay  
Councilman Quagliani – Nay

Yea 4 | Nay 4 | Abstain 0 | Absent 5

(11) Councilman Charney presented a MOTION to change City Council from four year terms back to two year terms, SECONDED by Councilwoman Morrissey and was DENIED by a roll call vote:

Councilman DePalma – Absent  
Councilman Forsyth – Absent  
Councilwoman Hoskie – Nay  
Councilman Ruickoldt – Absent  
Councilman Charney – Yea  
Councilman Galignano – Nay  
Councilwoman Hamilton – Nay  
Councilman Massaro – Absent  
Councilwoman Bias - Yea  
Councilwoman Morrissey – Yea  
Councilman Ronan - Absent  
Councilwoman Martone – Yay  
Councilman Quagliani – Nay

Yea 4 | Nay 4 | Abstain 0 | Absent 5

Councilwoman Hoskie presented a MOTION to ADJOURN SECONDED by Councilman Galignano and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:44 PM

**ATTEST:** Stacy Riccio, Clerk of the Council

**BY:** Michael A. DiMassa, Administrative Assistant

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.