

Minutes of the September 20, 2022 West Haven City Council Meeting – 3rd floor Council Chambers, West Haven City Hall

The West Haven City Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the 3rd floor, West Haven City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Members Present were Gary Donovan, Colleen O'Connor Ronald Quagliani, Mitchell Gallignano, Robbin Watt Hamilton, Katherine Tucker (5:39p.m.), Robert Bruneau, Steven Johnstone and Peter Massaro. Absent Bridgette Hoskie, Meli Garthwait, Sarah Ackbarali and Victor Borrás. Also present Fire Department Chief James O'Brien, Chief Stephen Scafariello, Chief Michael Terenzio, Deputy Chief William Johnson, Police Chief Joseph Perno and Ken Carney, Chairman of the ARPA Committee

The Clerk read the call of the Meeting.

5:32 p.m. – 5:37 p.m. PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

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Council-As –A-Whole called to order at 5:37 p.m.

Mayor Rossi ARPA Community Investment Plan

6. Communication A-26: from the Fire Departments Chief James O'Brien, Chief Stephen Scafariello and Chief Michael Terenzio regarding the EMS Worker Ballistic Protection Equipment\$48,500.00.

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

RESOLVED: WHEREAS the City is in receipt of certain Federal Corona Virus Stimulus Funds, hereinafter referred to as ARPA Funds;
WHEREAS the Mayor has submitted to the Council an outline plan for the expenditure of ARPA funds;
WHEREAS the City Council has fiscal responsibility for the appropriation of ARPA Funds under Section 4 of the City Charter entitled Supplemental Appropriation;
WHEREAS the Mayor, her administration, and empaneled citizen review committee have executive duties for administering ARPA funds, including but not limited to the purchasing requirements of Chapter 42 of the Code of the City of West Haven, attached hereto for reference;
WHEREAS, the Council is required to appropriate funds for projects the Council selects to fund;
WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to supersede and replace previous resolutions made on the same subject:

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby appropriates funding for the following project:
EMS Worker Ballistic Protection Equipment, \$48,500.00
Funds to be used to purchase ballistic protection vests and equipment to protect EMS workers

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employed by the West Haven Fire Departments from stab and bullet attacks when responding to crime scene injuries.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nancy R. Rossi, as Mayor of The City of West Haven, shall:

- a.) develop a program narrative and project budget for the ARPA funded program listed above;
- b.) report said narrative, budget, and resulting expense accounting reports to the City Council for oversight and monitoring no less than once monthly;
- c.) that monthly reports to the Council continue until all funds are expended and final reports are made to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the ARPA funded projects;
- d.) that contingency funds shall remain un-appropriated until the City Council authorizes transfer to an approved expense account;
- e.) that all project cost over-runs shall be approved by the City Council before costs are incurred; and
- f.) that all project surplus be returned to the ARPA Contingency Fund for further action by the City Council.

FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 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.

ROLL CALL

Councilman Donovan	YES
Councilwoman O'Connor	YES
Councilman Quagliani	YES
Councilman Galignano	YES
Councilwoman Hamilton	YES
Councilwoman Tucker	YES
Councilman Bruneau	YES
Councilman Johnstone	YES
Chairman Massaro	YES

7. Communication A-27: from Chief Joseph Perno, Chief of Police regarding the Police Breathing Protection Apparatus, \$49,500.00.

Chairman Massaro made a **MOTION to APPROVE** which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Galignano. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Police Breathing Protection Apparatus, \$49,500.00

Funds to be used to purchase gas mask equipment to protect Police personnel from drugs and other airborne contaminants and hazardous substances.

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ROLL CALL

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Councilwoman O'Connor	YES
Councilman Quagliani	YES
Councilman Gallignano	YES
Councilwoman Hamilton	YES
Councilwoman Tucker	YES
Councilman Bruneau	YES
Councilman Johnstone	YES
Chairman Massaro	YES

8. Discussion on other ARPA issues and suggestons

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ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Quagliani made a MOTION to Adjourn which was SECONDED by Councilman Bruneau. All in favor. Meeting was Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Peter Massaro
Chairman, City Council

Stacy Riccio, Clerk
City Council

Diane Ascenzia
Administrative Assistant

These minutes are subject to City Council approval