

November 8, 2021

The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Harriet North Courtroom (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present were Council Members: Quagliani, Donovan, O'Connor, Hoskie, Conlan, Johnston, Gallignano, Hamilton, Massaro, McGee, Fanelli, Bruneau, and Cohen. Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, Corporation Counsel Lee Kennedy Tiernan and Finance Director, Frank Cieplinski were also present.

7:04 p.m. Public Information Session

(See Tape for Public Comments)

Clerk read letter into record

Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:26 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:**

Councilman Bruneau presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the October 25, 2021 Regular Meeting, which was SECONDED by Councilman Conlon and APPROVED by majority with Councilman Gallignano abstaining.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communication A. from the Chief of Police, Joseph Perno regarding Animal Shelter donations

Communication B from the Tax Collector regarding overpayment of refunds for the month of October 2021.

Committee Meetings:

**Finance Committee, Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman**

**Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Bruneau, Massaro, Cohen**

Communication A. Committee member Massaro presented a motion to recommend approval of Communication A to the entire Council which was seconded by Committee Member Bruneau and approved viva voce.

**Finance Update**

1. Police Pension Study. Finance Director Frank Cieplinski and City Attorney Lee Kennedy Tiernan both provided an update on the study. Within the next 30 days Attorney Tiernan will put together a plan to bring to the Mayor.

2. MARB Meeting Synopsis. (See Tape). Chairman Quagliani presented a motion to the entire Council that the City Council prohibits any money being spent out of ARPA Funds unless it comes before the Council which was seconded by Councilman Bruneau and approved viva voce.

**Redevelopment Committee, Councilwoman O'Connor, Chairwoman**

**Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Johnston, Donovan**

Communication E. from Mayor Rossi regarding a resolution for the complete environmental assessment of the Blake, Stiles and Thompson properties. A motion to recommend the approval was presented by Council member Gallignano and seconded by Council Member Hamilton and approved viva voce.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hoskie, Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication A from Police Chief Joseph Perno in regards to Animal Shelter donations

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman

Gallignano and Councilman Massaro and APPROVED unanimously viva voce.

RESOLVED. That the following donations to the Department of Police Services be approved and deposited into line item #10100000 Animal Shelter donations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Eleanor Froehlich	1168	100.00
2. Wayne Hugendubel	4327	25.00
3. Michelle Bernardi	7548	100.00
4. Frank Milone	2631	25.00
5. Patricia Jensen	1502	10.00
6. Angela Russo	1811	100.00
7. Roseanne Kelly	6997	25.00
8. Stop&Shop	017126	424.00
9. Money Order	026635	500.00
10. Hearst Service Center	7063696	47.70
11. West Haven ELKS #1537	1235	75.00
12. Convex Credit Union	14060851	100.00
13. Florence Palermo	1687	25.00
14. Angela Russo	1833	100.00
15. Hearst Service Center	7065149	31.12

Clerk read Communication B. into record.

Councilwoman O'Connor, Chairwoman of the Redevelopment Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication E from the October 25, 2021 meeting from Mayor Rossi in regards to the complete environmental assessment of the Blake, Stiles and Thompson properties.

Councilwoman O'Connor presented the following MOTION which was Seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton and Hoskie and approved unanimously viva voce.

RESOLVED

The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the financial assistance from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development in the amount of \$178,500.00 in order to undertake the Stiles, Blake and Thompson Environmental Assessment.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:25 pm Councilman Donovan made a MOTION to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to commence a discussion of Contract terms for Hydroponic Development Project and was SECONDED by Councilman Massaro also to include Corporation Counsel Lee Tiernan and the Corporation Counsel intern.

**COUNCIL LIASON REPORTS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Donovan who is Chairman of the Public Lands Committee requested a Special Meeting to be held on November 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm about all of our most recent RFP's submitted regarding the Savin Rock Conference Center and the Blake, Stiles and Thompson school properties.

Councilwoman Hoskie would like to invite the Personnel Director and Corporation Counsel to go over comp. time and record keeping at the next Council meeting.

Councilwoman Johnston commented; Havens stalled and what is happening? An update from the Mayor? Attorney Lee Tiernan advised an invoice was sent for some demolition. He is working with the student interns to draft an agreement. Councilwoman Johnston asked if there is any information on State funding for the demolition to which Attorney Lee Tiernan advised \$2 million dollars has been set aside for the clearing of some of the site.

Councilwoman Hoskie asked for an update on ARPA and the Police Pension study and wants these updates to be standing items on the Agendas.

Councilwoman Hoskie asked if the Administrative Assistant City Clerk position has been posted to which Attorney Tiernan advised that he thinks it was posted.

Councilman Gallignano presented a MOTION to Adjourn SECONDED by Councilman Massaro and APPROVED unanimously viva-voce.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:10 pm

ATTEST: Stacy Riccio, Clerk

These minutes are subject to City Council Approval