

**MINUTES
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
November 17, 2020**

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A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Finance was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. In response to the Governor's Executive Orders regarding COVID-19, members of the public were able to attend the meeting remotely using the ZOOM online meeting platform. Board members and City staff also had the option to join the meeting remotely. In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Elinor Carbone, City Comptroller Alice Proulx and Board of Finance Members James Wright and Laurene Pesce. Board of Finance members Christopher Anderson, Mark Bushka and Lance Boynton participated via ZOOM and Christopher Beyus was absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Pesce, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held October 20, 2020. Mr. Bushka and Mr. Boynton abstained.

TRANSFERS AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS APPROVED

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the transfers and budget amendments described in the City Comptroller's memo dated November 10, 2020. Mrs. Pesce requested clarification regarding the request to move \$175,000 out of the City Real Estate budget line item and City Comptroller Alice Proulx explained that no projects would be compromised by the budget amendment.

BOARD OF EDUCATION'S FINANCIAL REPORTS

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bushka, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Board of Education's financial reports.

CITY'S FINANCIAL REPORTS

On a motion by Mrs. Pesce, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the City's financial reports. Mrs. Pesce asked if the City received any reimbursement for COVID-19 expenses. Ms. Proulx explained that the City's requests were submitted but formal decisions and reimbursements from the issuing agencies had not yet been rendered.

BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Bushka, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. Ms. Proulx wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

BUSINESS BY MAYOR & MEMBERS

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and members of the Board of Finance.

Mr. Boynton thanked Ms. Proulx for her service to the City.

Mr. Bushka requested information regarding the impact of the pandemic on the City's budget. Ms. Proulx reported that expenses for the City totaled \$175,000 to date and she reported that there were some small savings for various departments, including Parks & Recreation.

Mr. Anderson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked Ms. Proulx for her time as Comptroller.

Mr. Wright thanked Ms. Proulx and congratulated the City's employees for putting on a successful election.

Mrs. Pesce congratulated Ms. Proulx on her retirement and expressed her concerns about waste management and recycling in Torrington. She suggested that the City come up with a plan for educating residents on how to recycle properly. Mayor Carbone notified the Board that she was invited to co-chair a committee to review statewide solid waste disposal policies and explore unit-based pricing. She also noted that the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) requested that Torrington participate in a pilot program for unit-based pricing and stated that she would be establishing an ad-hoc committee to identify strategies with benchmarks for addressing solid waste disposal in Torrington.

Mayor Carbone commended Ms. Proulx for her commitment to Torrington and thanked her for supporting the City as it transitions to find her replacement.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:31 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Draper, Asst. City Clerk*

ATTEST:

Carol L. Anderson
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CITY CLERK