

**MINUTES
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
August 20, 2019
City Hall Auditorium**

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A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Finance was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, August 20, 2019.

Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone and Board of Finance Members Lance Boynton and James Wright. Mark Bushka and Christopher Anderson joined by telephone. Also present were City Comptroller Alice Proulx and Fleet Manager Emil Castro. Board of Finance Members Laurene Pesce and Christopher Beyus were absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held June 18, 2019.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

On a motion by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. There was no one from the public present to speak.

POLICE INTERCEPTORS

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Vehicle Replacement Advisory Board and the Fleet manger to award the purchase of three Ford Police Interceptors, as described in the Purchasing Agent's memo dated August 15, 2019, from MHQ Municipal Vehicles of Middletown, CT for \$144,607.50 through State Contract #12PSX0194, and authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the City regarding the execution of the contract and its administration.

BOE FINANCIAL REPORTS

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Board of Education financial reports for May, June, and July, 2019.

BUSINESS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE

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

Mr. Bushka requested a year-end update on the Board of Education's finances, relative to its 2018/2019 budget. Mayor Carbone reported that they appear to have ended the year with a \$50,000 surplus.

Mr. Boynton expressed his satisfaction regarding roadwork and paving projects in town and Mr. Anderson expressed his satisfaction regarding recent developments in the downtown area.

Mayor Carbone highlighted the importance of the City investing in itself in order to encourage others to invest in Torrington. She also provided an update on recent property acquisitions and developments in the downtown area and informed the Board that Pennrose, LLC would be seeking a tax abatement for property on Franklin Street. Mr. Anderson questioned whether tax abatements are under the purview of the Board of Finance and the Mayor informed him that they are not. Mr. Anderson requested a summary of current and ongoing tax abatements. Mr. Boynton questioned whether the Economic Development Commission weighs in with recommendations regarding tax abatements and the Mayor informed him that the EDC has in the past.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. Clerk

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK