

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL & WPC AUTHORITY
December 18, 2017**

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority and the Board of Education was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, December 18, 2017. Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Jaime LaMere and City Councilors Paul Cavagnero, Gregg Cogswell, Anne Ruwet, Fred Simon, Marie Soliani and Frank Rubino.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

Minutes

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 4, 2017. Councilors Cavagnero and Ruwet abstained.

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Special and Telephonic Meeting held December 7, 2017.

Open to Public

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public.

Laurie Webster from AFSME Council 4 in New Britain recommended that the finance office unification committee be sure to consult with the bargaining units involved.

Peter Vergaro urged the City Council to take advantage of revenue-generating advertising and marketing opportunities to be found in naming rights on various city properties.

Resolution: Sustainable CT

Ms. Jessica LeClair from SustainableCT explained the program. On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to adopt the following Resolution #143-17-17 supporting participation in the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification Program:

WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is a comprehensive, statewide, action-oriented voluntary certification program, built by and for municipalities, with the vision that: Sustainable CT communities strive to be thriving, resilient, collaborative, and forward-looking. They build community and local economy. They equitably promote the health and well-being of current and future residents. And they respect the finite capacity of the natural environment.

WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is designed to boost local economies, help municipal operations become more efficient, reduce operating costs, and provide grants and additional support to municipalities.

WHEREAS, the City of Torrington embraces an ongoing process of working toward greater sustainability, selecting which actions it chooses to pursue from the voluntary menu of actions provided by Sustainable CT.

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Torrington that we do hereby authorize Tim Waldron, Mayoral Aide, to serve as Torrington's Sustainable CT contact person for the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification process and authorize him to complete Municipal Registration on behalf of the City of Torrington

RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within Torrington on matters of sustainability, and in order to promote the City of Torrington's local initiatives and actions toward Sustainable CT Municipal Certification, Torrington City Council establishes an advisory Sustainability Team.

RESOLVED, that the first meeting of the Sustainability Team must be held within 90 days of passing this resolution and that the Sustainability Team shall meet as frequently as needed, but no less than quarterly.

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RESOLVED, that the Sustainability Team shall report annually to City Council on the progress of its activities toward Sustainable CT certification, with reports and presentations made publicly available.

Mayoral Appts.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Eric Hammer to the Arts & Culture Commission to fill the remainder of a term expiring 12/30/2020.

Release Liens

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept Corporation Counsel's recommendation and authorize the Mayor, pursuant to CGS §12-179, to release the liens described in Atty. LaMere's Memo dated December 18, 2017.

Tax Collector Refunds

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the 2 tax refunds indicated on the lists dated Dec. 18, 2017.

Small Cities Invoices

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the following two payments from Small Cities Fund #272:

Vendor	Invoice #	Date	Amount	Description
L. Wagner & Assocs.	15-SC-61	12/7/2017	\$5462.50	Prof. Svcs. 5/1/17 through 9/23/17
City of Torrington	15-SC-62	12/7/2017	\$37.50	Misc. Expenses

Building Dept. Report

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Building Department Report for November 2017

Business by Dept. Heads

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by Dept. Heads. No business was presented.

Business by Mayor & Members

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and Members of Council.

Councilor Cavagnero proposed that Council consider the revision of City Ordinance Chapter 170, Sewers, at their January 16th meeting, specifically the allocation of funds for a third party analysis and valuation of the Sewer System. Mayor Carbone agreed to discuss the matter at that meeting.

Councilor Cogswell reported on the Ordinance Committee's work, saying no recommendation is ready to forward to Council at this time. He reminded everyone that a Public Hearing is always held before any ordinance is changed. Councilor Cogswell commended City Clerk Quartiero for his 24 years of service.

Councilor Ruwet recognized former Councilman Farley and City Clerk Quartiero, for their service.

Mayor Carbone announced a great first week for Christmas Village, and acknowledged the Parks and Recreation Commission, whose work made Christmas Village a destination. She reported that she attended the necessary and welcome closing of Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, now affiliated with Hartford Health Care. Mayor Carbone said she was proud to hear their many compliments about the hospital.

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Open to Public for Agenda Items Only

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public to discuss agenda items only. There was no one present who wished to speak.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

ATTEST: JOSEPH L. QUARTIERO, CMC
CITY CLERK

Carol L. Anderson, MMC, MCTC
Asst. City Clerk