

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, December 4, 2017. Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Jaime LaMere, City Councilors Gregg Cogswell, Fred Simon, Marie Soliani and Frank Rubino. City Councilors Anne Ruwet and Paul Cavagnero were absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 20, 2017. Councilors Soliani, Rubino and Simon abstained.

Open to Public

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

Mr. Roger Fulton spoke in favor of ordinance changes that may be proposed regarding the discharging of firearms.

Mr. Michael Banzurik shared his thoughts and research about the structure of the 'sewer enterprise' system and its connection fees.

Mayoral Appts.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's re-appointment of Tom Stanton to the Northwest CT Transit District Board of Directors for a four-year term expiring July 1, 2021.

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's re-appointment of Regular Member Gregory Mele and Alternate Member Donna Greco to the Planning & Zoning Commission for five-year terms expiring December 1, 2022.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's re-appointment of Joel Perlotto and James Steck as Blight Task Force Hearing Officers for two-year terms to expire December 31, 2018; and as Zoning Citation Hearing Officers for two-year terms to expire September 30, 2019.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's re-appointment of Fletcher Waldron as Sealer of Weights and Measures for a two-year term to expire December 15, 2019.

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's re-appointment of Kenneth Buckbee as Municipal Historian for a four-year term to expire December 15, 2021.

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 lien described in Atty. LaMere's Memo dated December 4, 2017.

Tax Collector Tax Refunds

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the 3 tax refunds, and 7 additional tax refunds, indicated on the lists dated December 4, 2017.

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Business by Dept. Heads

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. City Clerk Joseph Quartiero reported on funds received through online land records requests.

Business by Mayor & Members

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and Members of City Council. All members congratulated and welcomed the new and returning members of City Council.

Councilor Cogswell assured Mr. Fulton that his issue will be addressed by the Ordinance Committee.

Mayor Carbone agreed that the matter is important, and important that they get it right. She noted that she is proud to serve with this City Council, saying they can do great things for the City of Torrington. Mayor Carbone announced the upcoming Christmas Parade and opening of Christmas Village.

Open to Public for Agenda Items Only

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public to discuss agenda items only.

Sharon Waagner announced the upcoming Pearl Harbor Day ceremony.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST: JOSEPH L. QUARTIERO, CMC
CITY CLERK

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