

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, March 5, 2018. Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Jaime LaMere and City Councilors Paul Cavagnero, Fred Simon, Anne Ruwet, Marie Soliani and Frank Rubino. City Councilor Gregg Cogswell was absent. Public Works Director Jerry Rollett, Water Pollution Control Administrator Ray Drew, and Economic Development Director Erin Wilson were also present.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the public hearing held January 31, 2018.

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held February 5, 2018. Councilor Ruwet abstained.

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the public hearing held February 12, 2018.

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held February 20, 2018.

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the public hearing held February 20, 2018.

**Open to Public**

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

**Appointments**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Alex Sobchuk to the Board of Assessment Appeals to fill an alternate vacancy for a term to expire 12/5/2019.

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to re-appoint George Noujaim to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a three year term to expire 12/5/2020.

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's appointment of Travis Lipinski to the Economic Development Commission to fill a vacancy for a term to expire 2/9/2019.

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's appointment of JoAnn Fenty to the Economic Development Commission to fill a vacancy for a term to expire 2/9/2021.

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's appointment of Diane Carroll to the Economic Development Commission to fill a vacancy for a term to expire 2/9/2023.

**Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement**

Acting herein as the Water Pollution Control Authority, on a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to approve the following payments from Fund #490 Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement:

DATE	CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT\$	DESCRIPTION
8/28/17	P&G Pepper	\$3,258.00	Sewer Repair-Litchfield St
9/18/17	P&G Pepper	\$5,825.00	Sewer Repair-Wall & Donahue St
12/27/17	P&G Pepper	\$2,798.28	Sewer Repair-Chestnut St

**UConn Property**

On an amended motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to provide written notice of the City's intentions not to exercise its right of first refusal to UConn President Susan Herbst, in response to her letter dated February 28, 2018 regarding an offer to purchase part of the UConn property.

**Lien Releases**

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, 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 March 5, 2018.

#### **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 70 tax refunds indicated on the list dated March 5, 2018.

Acting herein as the Water Pollution Control Authority, on a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the 14 sewer usage fee refunds indicated on the list dated March 25, 2018.

#### **Small Cities**

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted to consider business from the Small Cities subcommittee. Councilor Soliani stated the Small Cities committee's recommendation and the Council voted unanimously to approve the subordination agreement that was requested based upon the revised loan information for 521 New Litchfield Street.

#### **2018 Community Development Block Grant**

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to schedule a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the 2018 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input.

#### **Executive Session**

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to enter Executive Session to discuss potential acquisition of real property at 6:18 p.m. Corporation Counsel Jaime LaMere and Economic Development Director Erin Wilson were also present.

#### **Open Session**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to enter open session at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Acquisition of Property**

On an amended motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to enter negotiations for acquisition of property owned by Kelley Realty at 160 Church Street and Railroad Avenue.

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to refer the acquisition for the property at 160 Church Street and Railroad Avenue to Planning and Zoning for § 8-24 approval.

#### **Business by Dept. Heads**

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. No business was reported.

#### **Business: Mayor & Members**

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and Members of the Council. No business was reported.

#### **Open to the Public for Agenda Items Only**

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public to discuss agenda items only. There was no one from the public who wished to speak on agenda items.

#### **Adjournment**

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
*Jonathan Draper, Asst. Clerk*

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC  
CITY CLERK