

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone, City Councilors Marie Soliani, Frank Rubino, Anne Ruwet, Gregg Cogswell, Paul Cavagnero, and Fred Simon, Public Works Director Jerry Rollett, Economic Development Director Erin Wilson, Water Pollution Control Administrator Ray Drew, Atty. Vic Muschell, and Director of Personnel and Labor Relations Atty. Mark Dumas.

Also present were Good Earth Advisors, LLC Founder Val Ferro, Project Manager Samuel Haydock and Senior Landscape Architect Wayne Violette from BL Companies, and the Torrington Junior Little League baseball team.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.

Presentation of Awards: Torrington Junior Little League

Mayor Carbone presented certificates to the players and coaches of the Torrington Junior Little League 2018 CT state champions and commended them for their accomplishments.

Minutes

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting with the Board of Finance held August 7, 2018.

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 20, 2018.

Presentation: BAR Grant

Ms. Ferro, Mr. Haydock, and Mr. Violette presented on the Torrington Brownfield Area Revitalization (BAR) Project. Ms. Ferro provided a brief background summary of the BAR Program, discussed strategy for redeveloping brownfields, and presented plans for brownfield redevelopment in Torrington.

Councilman Cavagnero expressed his opposition to the proposed bus repair facility along the rail line adjacent to Summer Street. Ms. Ferro explained that the bus repair facility is being proposed by the CT Department of Transportation and the Stone Container/Hendey Concept is intended to redevelop the remaining space in a way that can successfully coexist with that facility.

Open to the Public

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

George Craig questioned how negotiations regarding the IMA with the Woodridge Lake Sewer District (WLSD) are progressing and asked if the proposed contract would be made accessible to the public before it is approved. Mayor Carbone stated that the Board is still reviewing the terms of the contract and informed Mr. Craig that negotiations are not public.

Executive Session

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session to discuss the potential acquisition of real property, per C.G.S. §1200(6D) at 7:19 p.m. Atty. Muschell and Mrs. Wilson were also present.

Open Session

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Board voted unanimously to enter Open Session at 8:17 p.m. Councilor Cavagnero was absent.

Appointments

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's appointment of Christopher Beyus as a Regular Member of the Board of Finance, to fill the remainder of a six year term to expire December 15, 2019.

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's appointment of James Wright as a Regular Member of the Board of Finance, to fill the remainder of a six year term to expire December 15, 2019.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's appointment of Diane Cerruto as a Regular Member of the Torrington Housing Authority for a five year term to expire September 1, 2023.

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's appointment of Sharon Waagner as an Alternate Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, to fill the remainder of a five year term to expire December 1, 2020.

Councilman Cavagnero returned to the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Ballistic Vests

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Police Training Officer and Purchasing Agent and authorize the City to award the bid for ballistic vests for the Police Department to Security Uniforms, Inc., of New Britain, CT for \$830 per vest (\$63,910 for 77 vests), pending Board of Public Safety approval on September 5th.

Release Liens

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to accept Corporation Counsel's recommendation and authorize the Mayor, pursuant to C.G.S. §12-179, to release the liens described in Atty. Muschell's memo dated September 4, 2018.

Building

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Building Department's report for July, 2018.

Ordinance: Discussion Tabled

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to table the discussion of business by the Ordinance subcommittee.

Item Added to the Agenda: 13a

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to add item number 13a to the agenda – to consider business by the Small Cities subcommittee.

Small Cities

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by the Small Cities subcommittee.

Councilor Soliani stated the recommendation of the Small Cities subcommittee to approve an additional \$1,749 to the Small Cities loan previously approved by the City Council on August 20, 2018 for a new roof at 131 Roberts Street. On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to approve the revised loan amount.

Business by Dept. Heads

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads.

Atty. Dumas reported that the collective bargaining negotiations continue to progress with four of the City's five units and stated that the City is nearing the end of the process for hiring a new Police Chief. City Clerk Carol Anderson reported that Assistant Town Clerk Ruth Febroriello transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Comments for the Good of the Order

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to consider comments for the good of the order by the Mayor and Council Members.

Councilor Simon asked the Mayor if she has received feedback on the pink bags for recycling. Mayor Carbone responded that the Mayor's Office has received several inquiries about the bags. Mr. Rollett stated that the pick-up rate has been good overall throughout the City.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items Only

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public to discuss agenda items only. No one from the public wished to speak.

Executive Session

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council acting herein as the Water Pollution Control Authority and City Council, voted unanimously to enter into Executive session, pursuant to C.G.S. §1-200(6)(E) and C.G.S. §1-210(b)(1), to discuss draft intermunicipal agreements for the discharge of sewage from real property lying outside the bounds of the City into the City sewage system at 8:32 p.m. Mr. Rollett, Mr. Drew, and Atty. Dumas joined as well.

Open Session

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to enter Open Session at 9:18 p.m.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. City Clerk

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK