

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**CITY COUNCIL & WPC AUTHORITY**  
**August 7, 2017**

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A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, August 7, 2017. Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone, City Councilors Paul Cavagnero , Gregg Cogswell, Anne Ruwet, Daniel Farley and Drake Waldron. City Councilor Luisa Noujaim was absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

**MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 17, 2017.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

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

Sharon Waagner noted that a lot of people were impressed with the previous meeting on the consolidation of Finance Departments. She congratulated the Mayor on the negotiations for the acquisition of the UConn property and expressed reservations about the maintenance and insurance costs of the property.

**MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's appointment of John Riggs to the Services for the Elderly Commission as an alternate member replacing Joan Krampitz.

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's appointment of Sharon Provancher to the Torrington Housing Authority for a five year term effective September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2022.

**RELEASE LIENS**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, 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 8/7/17.

**TAX COLLECTOR TAX REFUNDS**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the 7 tax refunds indicated on the list dated 8/7/2017.

**TAX COLLECTOR SEWER USAGE FEE REFUNDS**

Herein acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, on a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to vote to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the sewer usage fee refund indicated on the list dated August 7, 2017.

**SMALL CITIES**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the payment of \$116.00 from Fund #272 to the Republican American for an Invitation to Bid Ad, on Requisition No. 15-SC-55 dated June 19, 2017.

**BUSINESS BY DEPT. HEADS**

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

**BUSINESS: MAYOR & MEMBERS**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to consider business presented by the Mayor and members of the City Council.

Councilor Cavagnero recommended a full hour for the next Ordinance Committee meeting.

Councilor Cogswell asked for the status of the Budget. Mayor Carbone said there are no State funds available to keep municipalities whole from the Motor Vehicle Mill Rate cap. She said that Secretary Barnes may look to our fund balance to cover any deficit. She said this is an early sign that it is not going to be good.

Councilor Ruwet said a message should go to our State Representatives to make sure they are representing the City of Torrington. Mayor Carbone said that the notion that the State would punish us for our good financial planning through our fund balance is beyond egregious.

Councilor Farley commended the Police Department for a great event at National Night Out.

Mayor Carbone pointed out that, regarding the former UConn property, she would not venture into acquiring any piece of property that would be a burden to our taxpayers.

**Open to Public: Agenda Items Only**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Farley, 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 Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST: JOSEPH L. QUARTIERO, CMC  
CITY CLERK

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