

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held at the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone and City Councilors Frank Rubino, Gregg Cogswell, Marie Soliani and Fred Simon. Councilors Anne Ruwet and Paul Cavagnero were absent.

Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell was also present.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

**Minutes**

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held October 21, 2019. Councilor Cogswell abstained.

**Open to Public**

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

Raymond Bottass congratulated the Councilors and Torrington residents who were elected or reelected to the City Council and commended Mayor Carbone for her leadership.

Antoinette Denise Singleton requested that the appointment of individuals to the Cultural Affairs Committee be tabled until there is further clarification regarding the purpose and direction of the committee.

**TABLED: Mayoral Appointments**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to table the Mayor's appointments of Angaza Mwando, Delois Lindsey, Kathryn Meetz, Jasmine Hargrove, Deborah Justine Ickes, Julissa Martinez and Antoinette Denise Singleton to the Cultural Affairs Committee.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to table the Mayor's appointments of Starley Arias and Daysi Granodeoro to the Cultural Affairs Committee.

**Recreation Trails Grants**

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #142-196 authorizing the Mayor to enter into and sign contracts with the Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection regarding Recreation Trails Grants, including the 2019 grant which was previously approved by the Council on October 7, 2019, for the reimbursement of funds spent toward the purchase of the 6.29 acres of abandoned rail bed from North Elm Street to Newfield Road.

**Building Department's Reports**

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Building Department's reports for September, 2019 and October, 2019.

**Release of Liens**

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Rubino, 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 November 12, 2019.

**Tax Collector Refunds**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the 201 tax refunds indicated on the list dated November 12, 2019.

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council herein acting as the WPCA voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the two sewer usage refunds indicated on the list dated November 12, 2019.

**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 Carol Anderson announced the passing of retired Asst. City Clerk Stella Corey.

**Business by the Mayor and Council Members**

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and Council Members. Councilor Cogswell commended the Veterans Memorial Committee for their Observance of Veterans' Day ceremony and congratulated all who ran and were elected or re-elected to public office. Councilors Simon, Soliani, and Rubino congratulated Sharon Waagner on being elected to the City Council and wished her good luck. Councilor Soliani also shared some fond memories of Ms. Corey and Councilor Rubino requested an update on the City Council subcommittees. Mayor Carbone announced that the Parks and Street Departments would soon begin hanging wreaths and dressing the City up for the holidays. She reported that a small group of volunteers, including Councilor Soliani, joined to form a Christmas committee and updated the Council on important changes to the annual Christmas Village Parade.

Mayor Carbone also announced that the City would be putting together a calendar of events to include anything going on throughout the City between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day and provided a brief update regarding economic development.

**Open to Public for Agenda Items Only**

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

Antoinette Denise Singleton requested that the Council take from the table the appointments to the Cultural Affairs Committee. Councilor Rubino informed Ms. Singleton that there would be another City Council meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019 and the Council agreed to leave the appointments tabled until that meeting.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

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

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC  
CITY CLERK