

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held at the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, March 18, 2019.

Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone and City Councilors Frank Rubino, Gregg Cogswell, Anne Ruwet, Marie Soliani, and Paul Cavagnero. Councilor Fred Simon was absent.

Also present were Corporation Counsel Atty. Victor Muschell, Public Works Director Ray Drew, Director of Personnel and Labor Relations Atty. Mark Dumas, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Brett Simmons, Deputy Public Works Director and City Engineer Paul Kundzins, City Treasurer Dan Farley, and Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer Rista Malanca.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

By way of Roll Call vote, the Council voted unanimously, with five votes in favor, to adopt the following Resolution #143-19-2:

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93-383, as amended: and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Torrington will make an application to the State for \$1,500,000.00 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL that it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the filing of an application by the City of Torrington in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 is hereby approved, and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Torrington.

Minutes

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 4, 2019.

Open to the Public

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

Ray Bottass expressed his dissatisfaction with Senator Richard Blumenthal and State Representative Michelle Cook. Barbara Gall stated her disagreement with Mr. Bottass's remarks.

Representatives from the Green T.E.A.R. campaign presented a brief overview of the campaign, which aims to promote awareness and understanding of mental health and addiction. They invited the Board and the public to attend their meeting on April 9, 2019 and the annual Hope for Recovery Vigil event at the Warner Theater on May 21, 2019.

Discussion Regarding a Request for Developer Qualifications for 100 Franklin Street

Mayor Carbone provided a brief background on the redevelopment of 100 Franklin Street and stated that the property has garnered a lot of interest from developers. On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to release a Request for Developer Qualifications.

Ad-Hoc Committee Established

Mayor Carbone and Ms. Malanca discussed Sustainable CT and requested the Council's approval to establish an Ad-Hoc Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee. On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to establish an Ad-Hoc Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Small Cities

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to approve the following payments from Fund #250 - Program Income:

DATE	CONTRACTOR	REQUISITION #	AMOUNT	PROJECT #
2/19/2019	Gilbertco	TO-HRRL-109	\$475	TO18-001
2/19/2019	Gilbertco	TO-HRRL-110	\$775	TO18-009
2/19/2019	Gilbertco	TO-HRRL-111	\$475	TO18-011
2/19/2019	Gilbertco	TO-HRRL-112	\$475	TO18-017
2/19/2019	Robert Green Assoc.	TO-HRRL-113	\$70	TO18-017
2/19/2019	Robert Green Assoc.	TO-HRRL-114	\$70	TO18-009
2/20/2019	Robert Green Assoc.	TO-HRRL-115	\$70	TO18-005
2/20/2019	Robert Green Assoc.	TO-HRRL-116	\$70	TO18-003
2/20/2019	Robert Green Assoc.	TO-HRRL-117	\$70	TO18-001
2/20/2019	Robert Green Assoc.	TO-HRRL-118	\$70	TO18-011

Highland Avenue Reconstruction Project

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Deputy Public Works Director and City Engineer to award the contract for the Highland Avenue Reconstruction project, as described in Paul Kundzins' memo dated March 18, 2019, to The Grasso Companies, LLC of Norwalk, CT for the total amount of \$943,405.05, and authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the City regarding the award and execution of the contract agreement.

Still River Gardens Contract Extension

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and authorize the Mayor to award the extension of the contract for the maintenance of the Downtown garden beds and planters to Still River Gardens, LLC of Litchfield, CT for the upcoming year at \$13,500 for FY 2019/2020.

Suburban Sanitation Contract Extension

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and authorize the Mayor to extend the current bid contract for portable toilet rentals to Suburban Sanitation Services, Inc. of Canton, CT for the 2019/2020 season at the same prices and terms as the current contract.

2019 Fireworks Display

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation and the Purchasing Agent, and authorize the Mayor to award the contract for the 2019 Fireworks Display to Zambelli Fireworks Mfg. Co. of New castle, PA for \$14,325.

Pool Cover Replacement

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation and the Purchasing Agent, and authorize the Mayor to award the contract for the purchase, fabrication, and installation of the swimming pool cover for the William Besse Municipal Pool to Lacuna Pool Covers, Inc., of Bohemia, NY for \$9,853. Councilor Soliani asked when the pool cover was last replaced and Mr. Simmons stated that the current pool cover was installed in the 1990s.

Release of Liens

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, 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 March 18, 2019.

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 19 tax refunds indicated on the list dated March 18, 2019.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council acting herein as the Water Pollution Control Authority voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the 18 sewer usage refunds indicated on the list dated March 18, 2019.

Building

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Building Department's report for February, 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. Mayor Carbone reported that Atty. Muschell closed his personal practice and accepted a full-time appointment as Corporation Counsel.

Comments for the Good of the Order

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to consider comments for the Good of the Order by the Mayor and Council members. Councilors Cogswell and Rubino recognized the late Richard Calkins' service to the City and Councilors Soliani and Ruwet congratulated Atty. Muschell on his appointment. Councilor Rubino informed the Council that the Budget Subcommittee meetings have begun.

Open to Public for Agenda Items Only

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, 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 Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council acting herein as the Water Pollution Control Authority voted unanimously to enter Executive session, pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 1-200(6)(E) and 1-210(b)(1), at 7:33 p.m. 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. They were joined by Mr. Drew and Attys. Dumas and Muschell.

Open Session

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council acting herein as the Water Pollution Control Authority voted unanimously to enter Open Session at 8:12 p.m.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK