

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held at the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, April 1, 2019.

Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone and City Councilors Frank Rubino, Gregg Cogswell, Anne Ruwet, Marie Soliani, and Fred Simon. Corporation Counsel Atty. Victor Muschell and FuelCell Energy's Vice President of Global Operations Michael Lisowski were also present. Councilman Paul Cavagnero was absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Minutes**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Public Hearings held March 18, 2019. Councilor Simon abstained.

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 18, 2019. Councilor Simon abstained.

**Special Recognition: FuelCell Energy, Inc.**

Mayor Carbone congratulated FuelCell Energy, Inc. for celebrating 50 years in business. Mr. Lisowski thanked the Mayor, the City Council, and the City of Torrington for their support.

**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.

Ray Bottass expressed his concerns regarding the potential impact of sewage from new elderly housing units being built in Harwinton and commended the Fire Department for their response to the fire at 330 Highland Avenue on March 30, 2019.

Alyssa Peterson expressed her concerns regarding the process by which the City Council authorizes the release of liens.

**Mayoral Appointments**

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Mayor's appointment of alternate Planning & Zoning Commission member Atty. Jaime LaMere as a regular member, to fill the remainder of a five-year term to expire December 1, 2021.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Mayor's appointment of Rana Justice Rylander-Strawson as a regular member of the Conservation Commission, to fill the remainder of a three-year term to expire September 5, 2021.

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Robert DeMallie as a regular member of the Conservation Commission for a three-year term to expire September 5, 2021.

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Carrie Vibert and Kenneth Edwards as alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals for five-year terms to expire December 1, 2023.

**Release of Liens**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, 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 April 1, 2019.

**Tax Collector Refunds**

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the 18 tax refunds indicated on the list dated April 1, 2019.

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council acting herein as the Water Pollution Control Authority voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the 14 sewer usage refunds indicated on the list dated April 1, 2019.

**Business by the Ordinance Subcommittee**

Councilor Cogswell stated that the Ordinance subcommittee is prepared to move forward with an ordinance to raise the minimum age for the sale of tobacco and vaping products to 21. On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to schedule a public hearing to solicit citizen input regarding the proposed ordinance at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2019.

**Business by Dept. Heads**

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

**Comments for the Good of the Order**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to consider comments for the Good of the Order by the Mayor and Council members.

Councilors Cogswell and Simon expressed their appreciation for the first responders and the Red Cross for their response to the fire at 330 Highland Avenue on March 30, 2019.

Mayor Carbone provided an update on bonding for the projects that were approved at the 2018 referendum.

**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. No one from the public wished to speak.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC  
CITY CLERK