

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held at the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, July 15, 2019. City Councilors Anne Ruwet, Frank Rubino, Paul Cavagnero, Gregg Cogswell, Fred Simon, and Marie Soliani were present. Councilor Ruwet presided over the meeting as Acting Mayor, in accordance with §C3-4 of the City Charter. Mayor Carbone was absent.

Corporation Counsel Atty. Victor Muschell, Public Works Director Raymond Drew, City Engineer Paul Kundzins, and Economic Development Director Rista Malanca were also present.

Acting Mayor Ruwet called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 1, 2019. Councilor Soliani abstained.

Open to Public

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

Tom Kandefer expressed his concerns regarding annual operational and maintenance expenditures for projects that may add facilities or infrastructure, and gave suggestions regarding the proposal to enter into master agreements for on-call engineering services.

Barbara Gall expressed her concerns regarding IMAs and requested that a moratorium be put in place until the City establishes a formal policy regarding the construction of IMAs.

Mary Bagnaschi expressed her frustration regarding allegations of mistreatment and negligence toward her by the City, the Torrington Housing Authority, and the Police Department.

ACC Appointment

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Jacque Williams as an ex-officio member of the Arts and Culture Commission for a two-year term to expire December 31, 2020. Councilors Soliani and Cogswell thanked Mr. Williams for his service to the City.

Naugatuck River Greenway Multi-Use Trail project

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Deputy Public Works Director and City Engineer to award the contract for the Naugatuck River Greenway Multi-Use Trail project to Millennium Builders, Inc. of Rocky Hill, CT for the amount of \$351,373 and authorize the Mayor to act on the behalf of the City regarding the award and execution of the contract agreement.

Councilors Cogswell, Soliani, and Cavagnero requested additional information regarding the anticipated annual operational and maintenance expenditures. Mr. Kundzins agreed to provide annual project expense reports upon request. Mr. Drew stated that annual costs would include the clearing of vegetation and snow removal. Ms. Malanca added that the City would incur no additional liability from the project due to an agreement with the State, and stated that the location next to the senior center would reduce annual maintenance costs.

On-Call Engineering Services

On an amended motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Deputy Public Works Director and City Engineer to enter into master agreements - **subject to City Council approval** - with VHB (Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.) and Milone & MacBroom for on-call engineering services, as described in Paul Kundzins' memo dated July 10, 2019, and authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the City regarding the execution of the general service agreements and all future task orders.

Councilor Cogswell requested regular updates on the contracted engineering services and Councilor Cavagnero expressed his concerns regarding a perceived lack of oversight by the City Council that could result from approving the master agreements without a mandated reporting schedule. Mr. Kundzins and Mr. Drew explained the purpose of the master agreements.

Addition of Section B

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to add section B to the agenda.

Section B

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Economic Development Director to waive the City's bid process, and allow the City to request proposals for additional assessment work at 100 Franklin Street only from the 18 pre-qualified consulting firms from the State of CT, Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Contract number 18PSX0153 "Environmental Investigation, Remediation and Project Management Services". Ms. Malanca provided additional information regarding the current LEP and explained the benefits of soliciting proposals from the State's list of pre-qualified firms.

Release of Liens

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Simon, 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 July 15, 2019.

Tax Collector Refunds

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the two tax refunds indicated on the list dated July 15, 2019.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council herein acting as the WPCA voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the sewer use refund indicated on the list dated July 15, 2019.

Building

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Building Department's report for June, 2019.

Business by Dept. Heads

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

Business by the Mayor and Council Members

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and Council members. The Councilors congratulated Mr. Williams on his appointment to the ACC and Councilor Cavagnero requested an update and discussion regarding the IMA with Woodridge Lake Sewer District at the next regular meeting on August 5, 2019.

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 Simon, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK