

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
CITY COUNCIL & WPC AUTHORITY
ONLINE (ZOOM)
July 20, 2020**

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A **"VIRTUAL" PUBLIC HEARING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held on Monday, July 20, 2020 to solicit citizen input regarding a potential lease option and solar easement for the landfill property. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 7B, there was no physical location. The public hearing was held remotely using the ZOOM online meeting platform. Members of the public were encouraged to submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk's Office prior to the start of the public hearing.

Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone and City Councilors Drake Waldron, David Oliver, Sharon Waagner, Frank Rubino and Anne Ruwet. The public hearing was also joined by City Clerk Carol Anderson, Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell, City Comptroller Alice Proulx, Public Works Director Ray Drew, City Engineer Paul Kundzins, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Brett Simmons, Fleet Manager Emil Castro, TPD Lt. Brett Johnson and United States Solar Corporation Manager Peter Schmitt. Councilor Paul Cavagnero was absent.

Mayor Carbone called the Public Hearing to order at 6:32 p.m.

Assistant City Clerk Jonathan Draper read the legal notice that was published on the City's website on July 15, 2020 in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. 71 § 19(c).

Presentation by US Solar

US Solar Manager Peter Schmitt presented on the proposed solar project at the Torrington landfill site. He provided a background on the United States Solar Corporation and its founders and discussed the advantages of leasing the landfill property to US Solar.

Public Works Director Ray Drew expressed his support for developing a solar array at the landfill site. He stated that the project would generate revenue for the City and reduce maintenance costs.

Public Comments

Jonathan Draper reported that no comments were submitted to the City Clerk's office.

Meeting Closed

Mayor Carbone declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:57 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. Clerk*

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK