

A **SPECIAL MEETING** of the City Council and Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) of the City of Torrington was held at the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, May 23, 2022. Present at the City Hall auditorium were Mayor Carbone, Police Chief William Baldwin, Treasurer Dan Farley, City Councilors Drake Waldron, Keri Hoehne, Anne Ruwet, David Oliver, and Paul Cavagnero. Attorney Jaime LaMere and Councilor Armand Maniccia joined via Zoom.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Approve Minutes

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Hoehne, the Council voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from May 16, 2022.

Police Contract Amendment

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Hoehne, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Personnel Director to enter into an agreement between the City and Police Union Local 442, Council #4, AFSMCE, AFL-CIO regarding the adoption of a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). Attorney LaMere explained the benefits of the DROP Plan, which provides employees who are retirement eligible to keep working for a specified period. She said that the minimum number of years to enter the DROP is two years and the maximum is five years. She went on to explain that instead of collecting their monthly pensions the employer sets aside the monthly pension payment if the employee continues to work, and upon separation from the City and completion of the DROP period, the employee will receive the lump sum of the pension amount set aside during that time. Atty LaMere explained that this is currently only available for the Police Officers who are in the pension plan. Councilor Hoehne asked if this plan was available to other departments within the City or if it was strictly for the Police Department, Mayor Carbone let her know that with the staffing issues that the Police Department has had hiring recruits it is only for them at this time.

Cleaning of Armory and Teen Center BID #CLN-038-050622

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the City and award a one-year contract for cleaning services to Borja Housekeeping, LLC of Torrington, CT for \$31,080.

Portable Toilets

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Waldron, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to award the rental of Portable Toilets to United Rentals dba Reliable Onsite Services, Wappingers Falls, NY, and to act on behalf of the City regarding the execution of the contract and its administration, as presented in the Purchasing Agents memo dated May 19, 2022.

Fireworks

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to award the contract for the 2022 Fireworks display to Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Co, of Warrendale, PA for \$16,500.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Hoehne, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk

ATTEST:


CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK