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CITY COUNCIL & WPCA

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED FROM 6:30 PM

City Hall Auditorium / Zoom

January 18, 2022

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council and Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) of the City of Torrington was held at the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Attendance was by ZOOM and in person. Present at City Hall were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell, and City Councilors Keri Hoehne, Armand Maniccia, and David Oliver. Councilor Paul Cavagnero joined via ZOOM.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. No one wished to address the Council.

Approve Minutes

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted to accept the meeting minutes from October 4, 2021. Abstaining from the vote was Councilor Hoehne and Councilor Maniccia.

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted to accept the meeting minutes from November 8, 2021. Abstaining from the vote was Councilor Hoehne and Councilor Maniccia.

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council voted to accept the meeting minutes from November 15, 2021. Abstaining from the vote was Councilor Hoehne and Councilor Maniccia.

On a motion by Councilor Hoehne, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted to accept the meeting minutes from December 20, 2021. Abstaining from the vote was Councilor Oliver.

On a motion by Councilor Hoehne, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted to accept the Joint meeting minutes from December 20, 2022, joint meeting with the Board of Finance. Abstaining from the vote was Councilor Oliver.

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from January 3, 2022.

Torrington Housing Authority Appointment

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Hoehne, the Council voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Torrington Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and appoint Samuel Marino, as the Resident Commissioner for the remainder of the term set to expire August 31, 2022.

Traffic Box Damage

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Hoehne, having previously been approved by the Board of Finance, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the use of up to \$25,000.00 from contingency to repair/replace the traffic box that was damaged at the intersection of Church Street and Migeon Avenue, with the stipulation that any recovery of funds from the insurance companies would be restored to the contingency fund.

VHF Antenna Repair

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, having previously been approved by the Board of Finance, the council voted unanimously to approve the payment of \$7,729.26 from contingency Funds to Marcus Communication of Manchester, CT for the repair of VHF antenna at University Drive Cell Tower.

Resolution #143-226

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #143-226 authorizing the Mayor to apply for the annual EMPG Grant. The Emergency Management Planning Grant is a Federal Grant for \$18,000.

Project #143-SC1801-14-Roof

On a motion by Councilor Hoehne, seconded by Councilor Oliver, previously approved by the Small Cities Committee, the Council voted unanimously to approve a payment of \$15,510 to A&E Services Group of

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Cheshire CT, for the installation of a new roof for project #143-SC1801-14-Roof.

Building Departments Reports

On a motion by Councilor Hoehne, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Building Departments Reports from November and December 2021.

Street Light Banners for Community Art Project

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Hoehne, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Director of Economic Development and the Purchasing Agent to award the design and implementation of multiple Street Light Banners to Sign Lite, North Haven, CT in the amount for \$7,350 as described in FRQ/RFP BCA-206-121521.

Sewer Use/Tax Lien Release

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously to release the sewer use/tax liens in Corporation Counsel's memo of January 18, 2022, regarding the Release of Liens.

Tax Collector Refunds

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Hoehne, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the tax refunds indicated on the list dated January 18, 2022.

Sewer Use Lien Release

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Hoehne, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the sewer usage refunds indicated on the list dated January 18, 2022.

Business by Dept. Heads

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. No one had business that they wished to discuss.

Business by Mayor & Members

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Hoehne, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and members of City Council.

Councilor Cavagnero wanted to know who was responsible for the sidewalks in front of the Yankee Pedlar, Mayor Carbone let him know that it is still the property owner's responsibility. The property owner has 12 hours from the cessation of a storm to clear any snow or ice from the sidewalks.

Mayor Carbone updated Council regarding the US Treasury's Final rule for the American Rescue Plan Funding. It contains a standard allowance for up to \$10,000,000 in lost revenue. There will be plans issued on how to utilize the funds.

She also stated that the Department heads are working on their budgets for the year, they will be presented to the Board of Finance at their meeting in February.

Public Comment

On a motion by Councilor Hoehne, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. No one was present who wished to speak.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by
Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk*

ATTEST:

Carol L. Anderson
CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK