

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, May 21, 2018.

Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone and City Councilors Marie Soliani, Frank Rubino, Paul Cavagnero, and Gregg Cogswell. Councilman Fred Simon and Councilwoman Anne Ruwet were absent.

Water Pollution Control Administrator Ray Drew, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Brett Simmons, and Senior Claims Specialist from the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) Bill O'Connell were also present.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

Minutes

On a motion by Councilman Cogswell, seconded by Councilman Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held April 30, 2018. Councilwoman Soliani abstained.

On a motion by Councilman Cogswell, seconded by Councilwoman Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 7, 2018.

Open to the Public

On a motion by Councilman Cogswell, seconded by Councilman Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. No one from the public wished to speak.

Executive Session

On a motion by Councilman Cogswell, seconded by Councilman Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to enter executive session pursuant to CGS 1-200(6) at 8:09 p.m. to discuss possible settlement of pending heart and hypertension claims brought under CGS 7-433c. Corporation Counsel Jaime LaMere and Mr. O'Connell were also present.

On a motion by Councilwoman Soliani, seconded by Councilman Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to return to open session at 8:33 p.m.

Settlement of Claims

On a motion by Councilman Rubino, seconded by Councilwoman Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to settle claim #0127548 in the amount of \$50,000.00 and claim #0116492 in the amount of \$40,000.00.

Skate Park Restoration Project

On a motion by Councilman Cogswell, seconded by Councilman Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation to waive the City's bid process and authorize the Mayor to purchase off the National Joint Powers Alliance and contract American Ramp Company (ARC) to complete a restoration project at the City of Torrington's Skate Park in the amount of \$19,995.40 with funding from the Besse Trust.

Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Brett Simmons explained his request for the City's bid process to be waived.

Housing Rehabilitation Program Ads

On a motion by Councilman Cogswell, seconded by Councilman Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to approve the payment of \$994.04 out of the Housing Rehabilitation Program Income account to the Republican-American newspaper for legal ads published between March 6, 2018 and March 15, 2018.

Public Hearing

On a motion by Councilman Cogswell, seconded by Councilman Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to schedule a Public Hearing for June 4, 2018 at 6:30 PM to review and discuss proposals for participation in the 2018 Neighborhood Assistance Act.

Release Liens

On a motion by Councilman Cogswell, seconded by Councilwoman Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept Corporation Counsel's recommendation and authorize the Mayor, pursuant to CGS §12-179, to release the liens described in Atty. LaMere's memo dated May 21, 2018.

Tax Collector Refunds

On a motion by Councilwoman Soliani, seconded by Councilman Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the 21 tax refunds indicated on the list dated May 21, 2018.

On a motion by Councilman Cogswell, seconded by Councilman Rubino, the Council acting herein as the Water Pollution Control Authority voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the 7 sewer usage fee refunds indicated on the list dated May 21, 2018.

Business by Dept. Heads

On a motion by Councilman Cogswell, seconded by Councilwoman Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads.

No business was reported.

Business by Mayor & Members

On a motion by Councilman Rubino, seconded by Councilman Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and Council Members.

Councilman Cavagnero requested an update on the timeline for completing the IMA with Woodridge Lake Sewer District (WLSO). Atty. LaMere stated that there have been meetings with City staff and WLSO and clarified that a draft will be presented to the City Council before any action is taken. Mayor Carbone stated that the Department of Public Health is also interested in the IMA and stated that the IMA would be completed in accordance with the City's timeframe.

Councilman Cogswell recognized the late Ann Giannattasio for more than 25 years of public service to the City of Torrington.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items Only

On a motion by Councilman Cogswell, seconded by Councilman Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public to discuss agenda items only.

Glenn Royals and Ray Bottass expressed their disagreement with the City's negotiation of an IMA with WLSO.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilman Rubino, seconded by Councilman Cogswell the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

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

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK