

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL & WPCA
REGULAR MEETING
City Hall Auditorium / Zoom
August 21, 2023

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 Monday, August 21, 2023. Present at the City Hall Auditorium were Mayor Elinor Carbone, City Councilors Drake Waldron, Armand Maniccia, and Anne Ruwet. Joining via Zoom was Councilor David Oliver. Councilors Keri Hoehne and Paul Cavagnero were absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Public Comment: (in-person only)

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the City Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public, in accordance with Section 4(e) of the City Council & WPCA Meeting Rules of Procedure. No one from the public wished to speak.

Approve Minutes

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the City Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the Special Joint meeting with the Board of Finance on August 7, 2023.

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the City Council voted unanimously to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 7, 2023.

Board of Ethics Appointments and Reappointments

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the City Council voted unanimously to appoint Darnell Battle (U), Sharon Waagner (D), and Travis Tanuis (D) as members of the Board of Ethics to fill the remainder of a term set to expire on August 31, 2023. Mayor Carbone explained that the short term was a formality to get the members on the Board, and then reappoint them for the following term.

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Waldron, the City Council voted unanimously to reappoint Joseph Quartiero (R), Tylar Young (R), Darnell Battle (U), Sharon Waagner (D), and Travis Tanuis (D) as members of the Board of Ethics with a term expiring August 31, 2026.

Inland Wetlands Commission Reappointments

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the City Council voted unanimously to reappoint Jay Bate (R) and Randy Stelma (U) as members of the Inland Wetlands Commission for a three-year term set to expire September 4, 2026.

Conservation Commission Reappointment

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the City Council voted unanimously to reappoint Michael Kaneb (U) as a member of the Conservation Commission for a three-year term set to expire on September 4, 2026.

Building Department Report

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the City Council voted unanimously to accept the Building Department Report for the month of July 2023.

Lien Releases

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the City Council voted unanimously to release the liens listed in the Corporation Counsel's memo of August 21, 2023.

Tax Collector Refunds

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Waldron, the City Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the tax refunds indicated on the list dated August 21, 2023.

Sewer Usage Refunds

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the City Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the sewer usage refunds indicated on the list dated August 21, 2023.

Business by Dept. Heads

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the City Council voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. There was no business to be discussed.

Business by Mayor & Members

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the City Council voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and City Council members.

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Mayor Carbone invited the Council to the Army PAYS program on September 6, 2023, at 4 p.m. She explained that this is a great opportunity for the City, for the workforce to be able to hire retired veterans.

Public Comment (in-person only)

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Waldron, the City Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public to comment on agenda items only.

Sharon Waagner thanked the Council for her appointment to the Board of Ethics.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk

ATTEST:


CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK