

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL & WPCA
REGULAR MEETING
City Hall Auditorium / Zoom
December 5, 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 Monday, December 5, 2022. Present at the City Hall auditorium were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell, and City Councilors Drake Waldron, and Anne Ruwet. Also present at City Hall were Public Works Director Ray Drew, Acting Fire Chief Dave Tripp, Deputy Public Works Director – City Engineer Paul Kundzins, and Facilities Director Jamie Sykora. Councilors David Oliver and Paul Cavagnero joined via Zoom. Also joining via Zoom was Director of Information Technology Gerry Crowley. Councilors Keri Hoehne and Armand Maniccia were absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 8:27 p.m.

Public Comment: (in-person only)

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the 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.

Sharon Waagner spoke to the Council about the need for more affordable housing in Torrington.

Approve Minutes

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Oliver the Council voted to accept the Regular meeting minutes from November 21, 2022. Councilor Ruwet abstained from the vote.

Frontier WAN Contract

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Oliver the Council voted unanimously to renew the City's 60-month contract with Frontier Communications for Wide Area Network (WAN) connectivity to our municipal locations. The updated pricing represents a savings of \$1,665 per month and is based on the existing Connecticut State Contract #18PSX0025, as further explained in the Director of Information Technology's memo dated November 18, 2022.

Planning and Zoning Commission Reappointment

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to reappoint Greg Mele (U) as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a five-year term set to expire on November 20, 2027.

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Waldron, the Council voted unanimously to reappoint Tom Telman (R) as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a five-year term set to expire on November 30, 2027.

Route 202 (East Main Street) Sidewalks Phase 1

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Waldron, the Council, on the recommendation of the Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer, voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the City to award, execute and administer a contract agreement for the Route 202 (East Main Street) Sidewalks Phase 1 project to Costa & Son LLC of South Windsor, CT in the amount of \$768,625.80 allowing for \$76,862.58 for contingencies. This project is fully funded under the State of Connecticut Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development Planning Grant Program, as further explained in the Deputy Public Works Directors memo dated November 29, 2022.

Lien Releases

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to release the liens listed in the Corporation Counsel's memo of December 5, 2022.

Tax Collector Refunds

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the tax refunds indicated on the list dated December 5, 2022.

Sewer Usage Refunds

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the sewer usage refunds indicated on the list dated December 5, 2022.

Business by Dept. Heads

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Waldron, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by department heads. There was no business to be discussed.

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Business by Mayor & Members

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Waldron, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by Mayor and Members.

Councilor Ruwet can't wait for the opening day of Christmas Village on Sunday, December 11, 2022.

Public Comment (in-person only)

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public to comment on agenda items only. No one from the public wished to speak.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk

ATTEST:


CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK