

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 Thursday, July 21, 2022. Present at the City Hall auditorium were Mayor Carbone and City Councilor Paul Cavagnero. City Councilors Keri Hoehne, Anne Ruwet, and David Oliver joined via Zoom. Also present at City Hall were, Public Works Director Ray Drew, Facilities Director Jamie Sykora, WPCA Administrator Ed Tousey, Executive Director of the Torrington Housing Authority Claudia Sweeney, Police Chief William Baldwin, Police Captain Bart Barown, and Building Committee Co-Chair Ed Arum. Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell and City Engineer Paul Kundzins also joined via Zoom. City Councilors Armand Maniccia and Drake Waldron were absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. beginning with the pledge of allegiance.

**Police Firearms Purchase – SSH-023-062022**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Hoehne, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to award, execute, and administer the contract for the purchase/trade-in of the Sig Sauer Handguns and supplies to Atlantic Tactical, Inc., of New Cumberland, PA for \$12,750, funded from the GL Uniform Allowance Account, as further explained in the Purchasing Agent's letter dated July 13, 2022, having been previously approved by the Board of Public Safety on July 18, 2022.

**Terryville Chevrolet, LLC, on RFQ HT5622**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council, acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the WPCA Administrator to accept the Bid from Terryville Chevrolet LLC, of Terryville CT to purchase a 2022 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado for \$49,745, which will be funded from Fund #31 WPCA Capital Reserve.

**Memorandum of Understanding – Town of Harwinton**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted to consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into a cost-sharing MOU with the Town of Harwinton concerning the Bogue Road Bridge over the Naugatuck River, as further explained in the City Engineer's memo dated July 18, 2022. City Engineer Paul Kundzins explained to Council that the current MOU is with the current tax figures, which lowered Torrington's cost for the project to 85.26%. He went on to say that the MOU was approved in Harwinton on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and that it will be signed. Councilor Cavagnero said that it is an unfair split with Harwinton and that the bridge should be studied to see which town uses it more. Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell stated that this contract was in the execution stage and that statutorily the City must follow the State Statutes for the expenses of bridges between towns. Councilor Hoehne asked if in 2005 there was \$70,000 worth of repairs done and what would happen if the town couldn't afford to replace the bridge, City Engineer Paul Kundzins let her know that the repairs were done in 2005 and that this bridge should have been replaced in 2017. He went on to explain that the State inspects the bridges and rates them, if the bridge rates are any lower than it is now, the State will be forced to close the roadway until it is fixed. That would have a detrimental impact on all the businesses in that area, as the trucks cannot travel up Bogue Road. Mayor Carbone let the Council know that the State Statute applies to every municipality in the State of Connecticut regarding cost sharing for bridges. Councilor Ruwet motioned to move the question for a vote, which was seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, who asked for a roll call vote. On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted 3-1, with Councilor Cavagnero opposed, to authorize the Mayor to enter into a cost-sharing MOU with the Town of Harwinton concerning the Bogue Road Bridge over the Naugatuck River.

**The Rehabilitation of Bogue Road Over the Naugatuck River CTDOT Bridge NO. 05059 Bid #027-150622**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council voted 3 to 1 with Councilor Cavagnero opposed, to authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the City to award and execute a contract agreement, and all construction change orders, to O&G Industries, Inc. of Torrington for \$2,377,351, and allow for expenditures of up to \$237,735, for the Rehabilitation of Bogue Road Over the Naugatuck River. This project is funded by the City of Torrington Pavement Management Program Bond Fund (85.26%) and the Town of Harwinton (14.74%), as further explained in the City Engineer's memo dated July 18, 2022. Councilor Cavagnero let the Council know that he was opposed to this project due to the same reasons as his previous arguments. Councilor Hoehne asked if the overages for this project go above the 10% will it come back to the Council for additional approval, City Engineer Paul Kundzins said that it would.

**Small Salt Shed Cover Replacement - #SSR-031-070622**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Hoehne, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the City and to award and execute the contract for the replacement of the small salt shed cover at the Public Works Department to Iron Horse Structures of North Eastham, MA for \$43,470, which will be funded from the Capital Reserve-Public Works-Roof.

**Extension of Tree Trimming and Removal Service for City Departments – RFP #TTR-031-063021**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to extend the Tree Trimming and Removal Services contract to Asplundh Tree Expert Company, Willow Grove, PA (branch location East Windsor, CT) for fiscal year 22/23. Further explained in the Purchasing Agent's letter dated July 7, 2022.

**Resolution #143-232 Fire Alarm / Sprinklers**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #143-232 supporting the City of Torrington's application with the Torrington Housing Authority for DECD funding through the Community Investment Fund 2030 Grant in the amount of \$255,600, for rehabilitation of the Torrington Towers Sprinkler and Fire Alarm System. Executive Director of the Torrington Housing Authority Claudia Sweeney explained why this grant was necessary for the repairs needed at the Torrington Towers. She let the Council know that PVC piping has failed over the microwaves in the apartments and every time that they fail, it causes a flood in the building. The water will go into the elevator shaft and land on top of the elevator which causes rust and needed repairs to the elevators. This has happened four times in the past year and a half. She went on to say that when they have problems with the elevators and they are down, it is hard for residents to get around with 14 floors to climb. Councilor Cavagnero asked if the Grant would take care of the current problem, Mrs. Sweeney let him know that it would and that it would also upgrade the fire alarm system for the hearing impaired. See addendum #1.

**THS/TMS Memorandum of Understanding – Parking Lot**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Hoehne, the Council voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the MOU between the City of Torrington and the Board of Education for long-term use of the property located at 277 Winthrop Street (Elise Besse Park Parking Lot), having been previously approved by the Building Committee and Board of Education on July 14, 2022.

**THS/TMS O&G Guaranteed Maximum Price**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Hoehne, the Council voted unanimously to approve O&G's Guaranteed Maximum Price amendment for Phase 1 – Site Enabling Construction, having been previously approved by the Building Committee and Board of Education on July 14, 2022.

**State/Regional/National Bids and Contracts**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council and Mayor voted 3 to 2 with Councilors Cavagnero and Hoehne opposed, to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Director and Purchasing Agent to waive the bid process and accept the State, Regional, and National Bids for City projects and materials for the contracts listed in the Public Works Director's memo dated July 14, 2022. Councilor Cavagnero stated that he does not like waiving the bid process.

**Replacement Submersible Pump - Bid #SPR-030-071122**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council, herein acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the WPCA Administrator to accept the Bid from GA Fleet Associates Inc., of Rye Brook, NY, to purchase a replacement submersible pump for the New Harwinton Avenue pump station for \$56,820, funding will be from Fund 31 - WPCA Capital Reserve.

**Sewer Use Lien Release**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Hoehne, the Council voted unanimously to release the sewer use liens in Corporation Counsel's *revised* memo of July 18, 2022.

**Adopt Resolution #143-233 – Nat. Haz. Mitigation Plan**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #143-233 which adopts the Northwest Hills Council of Governments Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2022 – 2027 as the City of Torrington's official plan. See addendum #2.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Hoehne, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk

ATTEST:

  
CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK

Addendum #1:

Resolution #143-232

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
(AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER)  
**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

I, Carol L. Anderson, City Clerk, certify that below is a true and correct copy of a  
(Name of Official) (Title of Official)

resolution duly adopted by City of Torrington  
(Name of the Applicant)

at a meeting of its Board of Councilmen  
(Governing Body)

duly convened on July 21, 2022 and which has not been rescinded or modified in  
(Meeting Date)

any way whatsoever and is at present in full force and effect.

July 22, 2022  
(Date)

Carol L. Anderson, City Clerk  
(Signature and Title of Official)

SEAL

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.G.S. § 32-285a,  
(State Statutory Reference)

the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and **WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Torrington Housing Authority make an application to the State for  
(Applicant)

\$ 255,600.00 in order to undertake the Torrington Towers Sprinkler and  
(Name and Phase of Project)

Fire Alarm System Rehabilitation and to execute an Assistance Agreement.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

City of Torrington  
(Governing Body)

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by  
C.G.S. § 32-285a(c)(1)  
(State Statutory Reference)

2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by The City of Torrington and the  
Torrington Housing Authority  
(Applicant)  
in an amount not to exceed \$ 255,600.00 is hereby approved and that

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Executive Director Claudia Sweeney

(Title and Name of Authorized Official)

is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of

Torrington Housing Authority

(Name of Applicant)

Addendum #2:

Resolution #143-233

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION  
CITY OF TORRINGTON CITY COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NORTHWEST HILLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE, 2022-2027**

WHEREAS, the City of Torrington has historically experienced severe damage from natural hazards and it continues to be vulnerable to the effects of those natural hazards profiled in the plan (e.g. *flooding, high wind, thunderstorms, winter storms, earthquakes, droughts, dam failure, and wildfires*), resulting in loss of property and life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrington City Council approved the previous version of the Plan in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrington and Northwest Hills Council of Governments developed and received conditional approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2022-2027 under the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, public and committee meetings were held and public input was sought in 2020 and 2021 regarding the development and review of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2022-2027; and

WHEREAS, the Plan specifically addresses hazard mitigation strategies and Plan maintenance procedure for the City of Torrington; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends several hazard mitigation actions/projects that will provide mitigation for specific natural hazards that impact the City of Torrington, with the effect of protecting people and property from loss associated with those hazards; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Plan will make the City of Torrington eligible for funding to alleviate the impacts of future hazards; now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the City Council:

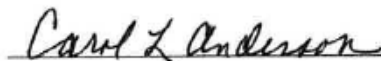
1. The Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the City of Torrington;
2. The respective officials identified in the mitigation strategy of the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended actions assigned to them;
3. Future revisions and Plan maintenance required by 44 CFR 201.6 and FEMA are hereby adopted as a part of this resolution for a period of five (5) years from the date of this resolution.
4. An annual report on the progress of the implementation elements of the Plan shall be presented to the City Council.

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2022 by the City Council of City of Torrington, Connecticut



Mayor Elinor Carbone

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has affixed his/her signature and the corporate seal of the City of Torrington this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2022.



City Clerk

