

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held at the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, January 6, 2020. Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone and City Councilors Drake Waldron, Sharon Waagner, Frank Rubino, Anne Ruwet, Paul Cavagnero and David Oliver. Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell and Public Works Director Ray Drew were also present.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Tognalli Drive Sewers

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Waldron, the Council herein acting as the WPCA voted unanimously by roll call vote to accept the sanitary sewer mainline on Tognalli Drive as a public sewer.

Minutes Approved

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held December 16, 2019.

Open to the Public

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public.

Mayor Carbone recognized WPCA employee Joseph Gyurko for over 46 years of service and presented him with a plaque. Mr. Gyurko thanked the City and the Public Works Department. Public Works Director Ray Drew also expressed his appreciation for Mr. Gyurko and presented him with the "Golden Shovel" award.

Raymond Bottass remarked that the holiday lights display on Main Street was beautiful. He also suggested a flashing message board to spread awareness about City Council meetings and expressed his support for *City Views*.

Nicholas Tella expressed his concerns regarding the Torrington school system, crime rates, a declining population and lack of growth.

Mayoral Appointments Approved

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Mayor's appointment of Effie Mwando as a regular member of the Coe Memorial Park Committee for the remainder of a five-year term expiring on December 31, 2023.

On a motion by Councilor Waagner, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Mayor's appointment of Tom Telman and Starley Arias as alternate members of the Flood and Erosion Control Board for the remainder of three-year terms expiring on February 1, 2022.

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Christine Altman, Dan McGuinness, and Tomasz Kalinowski as regular members of the Conservation Commission for three-year terms expiring on September 5, 2022.

Presentation: Nucleus Augmented Reality

Adam Reiser discussed the opportunities and risks with augmented reality advertising and explained how Nucleus Augmented Reality can serve municipalities such as Torrington.

Liens Released

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Waldron, the Council voted unanimously to accept Corporation Counsel's recommendation and authorize the Mayor, pursuant to C.G.S. §12-179, to release the liens described in Atty. Muschell's memo dated January 6, 2020.

Tax Collector Refunds Approved

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the 17 tax refunds indicated on the list dated January 6, 2020.

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council herein acting as the WPCA voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the sewer usage refund indicated on the list dated January 6, 2020.

Building Department Report

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Building Department's report for November, 2019.

Business by Dept. Heads

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. No business was reported.

Business by the Mayor and Council Members

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and Council members. Councilor Cavagnero thanked Mr. Tella for his comments during the public comment portion of the meeting and requested an in-depth conversation with other City boards regarding crime and the Torrington Public Schools system. Councilor Ruwet congratulated Mr. Gyurko on his retirement and expressed her appreciation for the artwork on display in the rear of the auditorium. She also requested an update from Torrington’s state representatives in advance of the next legislative session and Mayor Carbone stated that she would invite the delegation to the City Council meeting on January 21, 2020. Councilor Waagner agreed that it would be nice to hear from the delegation, announced that the THS music teacher is seeking instrument donations and commended the Torrington Trails Network for a successful event held at Burr Pond State Park on January 1, 2020. Lastly, Councilor Waldron wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Open to Public for Agenda Items Only


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

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
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ATTEST:


CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK