

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held at the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, April 15, 2019.

Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone and City Councilors Frank Rubino, Gregg Cogswell, Anne Ruwet, Marie Soliani, Paul Cavagnero, and Fred Simon. Corporation Counsel Atty. Victor Muschell, Public Works Director Ray Drew, City Engineer Paul Kundzins, City Treasurer Dan Farley, and Police Chief William Baldwin, Jr. were also present.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council discussed tabling the vote to approve amending the Code of Ordinances by adding an ordinance regarding the sale of tobacco and vaping products to a later date.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to table the vote to May 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

**Minutes**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held April 1, 2019.

**Open to the Public**

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

**Addition of Section B**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to add "Section B" to the agenda.

**Section B**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to reappoint Susanne Emmons as a regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals for a three year term to expire on December 6, 2021.

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to reappoint Patricia Ward as an alternate member of the Board of Assessment Appeals for a three year term to expire on December 6, 2021.

**Municipal Development Plan**

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Torrington Development Corporation (TDC) and reapprove the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) in accordance with section 8-189(b)(2) of the Connecticut general statutes.

Peter Herbst, Esq. spoke on behalf of the Torrington Development Corporation to recommend that the City Council reapprove the MDP. Councilors Soliani and Ruwet expressed their support for the MDP and the TDC.

**Collective Bargaining Agreements**

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to approve the three year City of Torrington and Torrington City Hall Employees, Local 2212 AFSCME, Counsel 4, AFL-CIO Successor Agreement commencing July 1, 2018 and expiring June 30, 2021.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to approve the three year City of Torrington and Torrington Public Works Employees, Local 2212 AFSCME, Counsel 4, AFL-CIO Successor Agreement commencing July 1, 2018 and expiring June 30, 2021.

**Road Reconstruction Contract**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and Deputy Public Works Director to award the contract for the reconstruction of various roads, as described in Paul Kundzins' memo dated April 11, 2019, to Waters Construction Company of Bridgeport, CT for \$2,611,359.90 and authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the City regarding the award and execution of the contract agreement.

Councilor Rubino asked if the road construction associated with the contract was part of the pavement management program which received authorization for bonding at the November, 2018 referendum.

**Small Cities Invoices**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to approve the following payments from Fund 250 – Program Income:

| DATE     | CONTRACTOR                    | REQ #       | AMOUNT   | DESCRIPTION                        |
|----------|-------------------------------|-------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| 4/3/2019 | Hearst Media Services CT, LLC | TO-HRRL-119 | \$561.60 | 2/25/2019 Notice of Public Hearing |
| 4/4/2019 | Hearst Media Services CT, LLC | TO-HRRL-122 | \$561.60 | 3/1/2019 Notice of Public Hearing  |
| 4/3/2019 | Robert Green Assoc., LLC      | TO-HRRL-121 | \$70.00  | Project #TO18-013                  |
| 4/3/2019 | Robert Green Assoc., LLC      | TO-HRRL-120 | \$70.00  | Project #TO18-019                  |
| 4/8/2019 | Fair Housing Assoc. of CT     | TO-HRRL-123 | \$230.00 | Annual Dues & Conference Fees      |

**Release of Liens**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Simon, 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 April 15, 2019.

**Tax Collector Refunds**

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the seven tax refunds indicated on the list dated April 15, 2019.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council acting herein as the Water Pollution Control Authority voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the five sewer usage refunds indicated on the list dated April 15, 2019.

**Building Department Report**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Building Department’s report for March, 2019.

**Business by the Ordinance Subcommittee**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council discussed scheduling a public hearing for the purpose of soliciting citizen input regarding changes to Chapter 194 of the Code of Ordinances, including the addition of a downtown residential parking permit program.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to schedule the public hearing on May 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall auditorium.

**Business by Dept. Heads**

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. Mr. Farley updated the Council on progress being made with the first round of bonding for the projects that were approved at the 2018 referendum.

**Comments for the Good of the Order**

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to consider comments for the Good of the Order by the Mayor and Council members.

Councilor Cavagnero requested information regarding a previous application by the City for a 20-year lease of a property that was intended to be used as a solar panel farm. Mayor Carbone informed the Council that the lease never went through. Councilors Cogswell and Ruwet expressed their appreciation for the public who attended and spoke at the public hearing. Mayor Carbone announced that there will be a “soft” opening of the new Sliders Sports Bar & Grill on April 16, 2019 and a “Legacy City” presentation on April 18, 2019.

**Open to Public for Agenda Items Only**

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

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by*  
*Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. City Clerk*

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC  
CITY CLERK