

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL & WPCA  
REGULAR MEETING 6:30 PM  
City Hall Auditorium / Zoom  
March 7, 2022**

**Approved by City Council & WPCA Vol. 27, Page 69  
March 21, 2022  
Vote: Unanimous**

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, March 7, 2022. Attendance was by ZOOM and in person. Present at City Hall were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell, City Councilors Armand Maniccia, Anne Ruwet, David Oliver, Paul Cavagnero, and Drake Waldron. Also present at City Hall were Treasurer Dan Farley, Public Works Director Ray Drew, Board of Education Building Chair Mario Longobucco, and Board of Education Building Chair Ed Arum. Economic Development Director Rista Malanca, Water Pollution Control Authority Administrator Ed Tousey, and Torrington Police Department Lieutenant Greg Wityak joined via Zoom. Councilor Keri Hoehne was absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

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

Sharon Waagner spoke about the Affordable Housing Survey and the upcoming meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. She also stated that she fully supports a skatepark in Torrington, however, believes there could be a better location as Besse Park is family orientated.

Councilor Paul Cavagnero arrived at 6:32 p.m.

Robert Killackey expressed his concerns about the location of the skate park. He offered a few different options as solutions for where the park could potentially be moved to.

Mario Longobucco spoke about the perception that the skate park location is a Building Committee versus Parks & Recreation Committee, he stated that the Building Committee is focusing on the new school, not the location of the skate park.

**Approve Minutes**

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Waldron, the Council voted to accept the meeting minutes from February 22, 2022. Abstaining from the vote was Councilor Oliver.

After a discussion about adding an item to the agenda regarding the location of the skate park, Mayor Carbone noted that it will be on the March 21<sup>st</sup> agenda for the Council meeting.

**Winsted Road Force Main Payment Authorization**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously as the Water Pollution Control Authority to approve the following payments from Fund #490 Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement to Wright-Pierce Engineers, of Boston, MA for \$4,102.86, for invoice number 217693, and \$2,378.60 for invoice number 218406.

**RFP 144-SC18-LBP Lead Based Paint Testing and Consulting Services**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously on the recommendation of the Small Cities Committee, to authorize the Mayor to award Lead Abatement Services for the Small Cities Grant Project to Atlas Technical Consultants LLC, of East Hartford, CT, as described in Atlas Proposal dated February 17, 2022, for the costs described in the fee schedule on page five. Councilor Waldron explained that the company the Small Cities Committee was using had gone out of business, so they needed to find a new company that specializes in Lead Based Paint Testing and Consulting Services.

**Sewer Use Lien Release**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to release the sewer use liens in Corporation Counsel's memo of March 7, 2022, regarding the Release of Liens.

**Tax Collector Refunds**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the tax refunds indicated on the list dated March 7, 2022.

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**Sewer Usage Refunds**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the sewer usage refunds indicated on the list dated March 7, 2022.

**Business by Dept. Heads**

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads.

Public Works Director Ray Drew spoke about Mira's new contract options for trash disposal. He went on to say how they are looking into different programs for waste disposal options. He also updated Council regarding the Bulky Waste Permits during the first month of issuance.

Treasurer Dan Farley advised Council that they have postponed the Bond Sale 30 days to complete the Audit.

Economic Development Director Rista Malanca shared that there have been 150 responses so far to the ARPA survey. Once it's closed the ARPA Committee will review and share the results at the next Council meeting.

**Business by Mayor & Members**

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

Councilor Cavagnero wanted to reiterate that the Skate Park Discussion will be on the March 21<sup>st</sup> Council agenda.

Councilor Ruwet set a time for an Ordinance Committee meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> to be at 5:30 p.m.

**Public Comment**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. No one present wished to speak.

**Adjournment**

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

*Respectfully submitted by  
Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk*

ATTEST:

*Carol L Anderson*