

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, June 6, 2022. Present at the City Hall auditorium were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell, and City Councilors Paul Cavagnero, Anne Ruwet, and Armand Maniccia. Councilors Drake Waldron and Keri Hoehne were absent. Councilor David Oliver participated via Zoom, as did City Comptroller Robin Stanziale. Also present was Personnel Director Atty. Jaime LaMere, Police Chief William Baldwin, Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp, Treasurer Dan Farley, Public Works Director Ray Drew, Economic Development Director Rista Malanca, and WPCA Administrator Ed Tousey.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: NAA

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously, with four votes in favor and none opposed, to accept the proposals from KidsPlay, PrimeTime, Susan B. Anthony, and United Way for participation in the 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program. Councilor Ruwet stated that she would like an update once the proposals had been accepted and what the businesses will be doing with the funds.

Roll Call Vote: Sewer Use Fee

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Board of Councilman, herein acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, voted unanimously, with four votes in favor and none opposed, to accept the recommendation of the WPCA Administrator and Public Works Director to set the sewer use fee for the year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 as follows:

For Residential User:	\$346.00 per dwelling unit
For All Other Users:	\$346.00 per 65,000 gallons of volume of flow

Tabled: Ordinance Changes regarding Food Trucks

On an amended motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously, to table the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 158, "Peddling and Soliciting" and refer it back to the Ordinance Committee to review. Councilor Ruwet recommended that this item be postponed and reviewed again by the Ordinance Committee to look more closely at the wording from 30 years ago.

Roll Call Vote: Out-of-State Motor Vehicle Ordinance

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously, with four votes in favor and none opposed, to establish Article VII "Motor Vehicle Registration" in Chapter 194 of the Code of Ordinances, "Vehicles and Traffic". *See addendum 1.

Public Comment

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. There was no one from the public who wished to speak.

Approve Minutes

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Joint meeting minutes with the Board of Finance from May 23, 2022.

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Public Hearing meeting minutes from May 23, 2022.

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted to accept the Special meeting minutes from May 23, 2022.

City Hall Employees Collective Bargaining Agreement

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council voted unanimously to accept the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the City of Torrington and the Local 2212 of Council #4, AFSCME AFL-CIO (City Hall Employees) for the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025, as described in the Personnel Director's letter dated May 27, 2022.

Management Resolution Contract

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to table the 2022 Management Resolution Updates for the June 20, 2022, City Council meeting.

Body Cameras

On a motion by Council Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to approve the purchase of 10 body cameras (as part of the Police Accountability Bill) from Axon Enterprise, Inc. of Scottsdale Arizona, in the amount of \$25,042.85, to be funded through the Asset Forfeiture Account. It was previously approved by the Board of Public Safety on June 1, 2022.

ARPA Funded Torrington Alerts Notice

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to approve Deputy Fire Chief Tripp's request to expend \$1748.71 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the printing and mailing of a *Torrington Alerts* insert in the July 2022 tax bills.

Budget Transfer

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to approve the use and transfer of \$35,209.27 from Contingency to Fund 312 General Obligation Funds to cover the remaining balance of Bond Issuance Costs, pending Board of Finance approval. Mayor Carbone explained that the transfer is to cover the costs associated with the sale of the bonds, the legal fees, bond advisor fees, and general closing fees. These expenses were not covered in this fiscal year's budget.

Streetlight Maintenance Contract

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Director to award an extension of the Streetlight Maintenance Contract to Turri, Inc. of Torrington for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Public Works Director Ray Drew explained that the 1% increase in cost is to cover the maintenance of the non-LED lights in the city. He went on to say that the increase is roughly \$75 a year. Councilor Ruwet asked if we intend to convert all lights to LED lights in the city, Mr. Drew said that they have submitted a request to Eversource for the lighting projects in the city

Payment Authorization

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council herein acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to award the purchase of two additional roll-off containers through Bucks Fabricating A Deist Industries Co, of Hadley, PA, and to have the Mayor act on behalf of the City regarding the execution of the contract and its administration.

DATE	CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
6/6/2022	Buck's Fabricating.	\$27,651	2 custom 28-yard sealed Tub containers for Sludge hauling

Payment Authorizations

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the City Council herein acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, voted unanimously to approve the following payments from Fund #490 Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement.

DATE	INVOICE	CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
5/17/2022	1270	Yield Ind.	\$27,500	22 Manhole frame and cover replacements
6/6/2022	#00002201	Wright-Pierce	\$1,719.0	Project Initiation, -Subsurface Data Collection and Geotechnical Evaluation

WPCA Budget

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Board of Councilmen, herein acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, voted unanimously to approve the WPCA Budget for the year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

WPCA Five-Year Capital Improvement Budget

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Board of Councilmen, herein acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, voted unanimously to approve the WPCA Five-Year Capital Improvement Budget/Program for the year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027.

WPCA Miscellaneous Fee Schedule

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Board of Councilmen, herein acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, voted unanimously to approve the WPCA Miscellaneous Fee Schedule for the year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Resolution 143-231 – Brownfield Area-wide Revitalization (BAR) Grant Application

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 143-231 and authorize the Mayor to apply for a \$200,000 grant to conduct planning efforts that will help remediate and redevelop the former Union Hardware/Brunswick properties and surrounding neighborhoods. *See addendum 2.

Building Department Reports

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Building Department Reports from April and May 2022.

Sewer Use Lien Release

On a motion by Councilor Maniccia, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to release the sewer use liens in Corporation Counsel's memo of June 6, 2022.

Tax Collector Refunds

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, 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 June 6, 2022.

Sewer Usage Refunds

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, 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 June 6, 2022.

Business by Dept. Heads

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by department heads.

Public Works Direction Ray Drew reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant has been completed as of April 29, 2022. He went on to say that the budget for the project was \$72.26 million and they came in just over \$66 million.

Deputy Fire Chief Tripp gave the Council an update on Torrington Alerts, and that now they currently have 1200 people signed up. He plans on marketing it at car shows and other downtown events to help people sign up on the spot.

Attorney Victor Muschell let the Council know that the sale of the High St. property will be officially closing Wednesday, June 8th.

City Clerk Carol Anderson let the Council know that the Clerk's office is busy licensing dogs.

Business by Mayor & Members

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

Paul Cavagnero asked Ray Drew to create an information packet about how they came in under budget on the Water Treatment Plant. He asked Chief Baldwin about the ordinance changes regarding food trucks, Chief Baldwin let him know that this ordinance was established in 1980, and its language should be adjusted to reflect the input from the Public Hearing.

Anne Ruwet stated that the Ordinance Committee intends to update and eliminate possible old ordinances.

Armand Maniccia thanked the food truck owners for feedback on the ordinance updates and said that the Ordinance Committee intends to protect food trucks in town just like brick and mortar.

David Oliver expressed appreciation for all the feedback from the public regarding the food trucks.

Public Comment (in-person only)

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public to comment on agenda items only.

Laurene Pesce wanted to know if there was a public comment at the ordinance committee meetings, Mayor Carbone let her know that there would be. She also shared how she would like to have the Ordinances posted in a way that showed the changes that were being made.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Maniccia, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk

ATTEST:


CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK

Addendum 1:

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF TORRINGTON
Motor Vehicle Registration

Be it Ordained by the Board of Councilmen of the City of Torrington that the following Chapter 194 Article VII has been established in the Code of Ordinances:

Chapter 194

VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Article VII. Motor Vehicle Registration

§ 194-40. – Motor vehicle registration.

1. Any owner of a motor vehicle that is subject to property tax in the City of Torrington pursuant to subsection (g) of section 12-71b of the general statutes shall register such motor vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, provided such motor vehicle is eligible for registration and required to be registered under the provisions of chapter 246 of the general statutes. The vehicle is "eligible and required to be registered" if garaged, stored, operated, or parked within the City of Torrington with plates issued from another state and/or the address on the out-of-state registration shows a Connecticut address.

2. Failure to so register the motor vehicle shall subject the owner to a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars. Any penalty for the failure to pay such a fine by a date prescribed by the municipality shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the original fine.

3. A first-time violator shall not be fined who presents proof of registration for such motor vehicle subsequent to the violation but prior to the imposition of a fine.

§ 194-41. - Enforcement.

The provisions of this chapter shall be enforced by citation. The following persons have authority to issue citations for violations pursuant to this chapter: City of Torrington Police Officers and/or the Zoning Enforcement Officer. Such citation shall be on a form as prescribed by the City of Torrington.

§ 194-42. - Appeals

The hearing procedure for violations of this ordinance shall follow the procedures set forth in the City Code of Ordinances appeals process and § 7-152c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Copies of the Ordinance are available on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk.

Passed: June 6, 2022

Published: June 8, 2022

Effective: July 7, 2022



Elinor Carbone
Mayor



Carol L. Anderson, MMC
City Clerk



Addendum 2:

SCHEDULE A- BAR PLANNING GRANT

Resolution 143-231

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

I, Carol Anderson certify that below is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the **City of Torrington** at a meeting of its **City Council** duly convened on June 6, 2022, and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever and is at present in full force and effect.

June 7, 2022
(Date)

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

SEAL

WHEREAS, pursuant to **C.G.S Section 32-763**, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for developing a comprehensive plan for the remediation and redevelopment of multiple brownfields (called the **Brownfield Area-Wide Revitalization (BAR) Planning Grant**); and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Torrington make an application to the State for **\$200,000** (proposed grant amount not exceeding \$200,000 in order to undertake the **Embracing our Legacy Study** and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites (including the match obligations) for the state financial assistance imposed by **C.G.S Section 32-763 and the Guidelines of the BAR Planning Program**;
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by **City of Torrington in an amount not to exceed \$ 200,000** is hereby approved and that **Elinor Carbone, Mayor** 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 **City of Torrington**.
3. That it agrees to fulfill the required 10% cash match of the BAR Planning Grant Program if the application is successful.