

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL & WPCA  
REGULAR MEETING  
City Hall Auditorium  
Online (ZOOM)  
August 17, 2020**

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A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council and Water Pollution Control Authority was held in the City Hall auditorium on Monday, August 17, 2020. In response to the Governor's Executive Orders regarding COVID-19, members of the public were able to attend this meeting remotely using the ZOOM online meeting platform. Board members and City staff also had the option to join the meeting remotely.

The meeting was attended in-person by Mayor Elinor Carbone, City Treasurer Daniel Farley, City Comptroller Alice Proulx, Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell and City Councilors Sharon Waagner, David Oliver and Anne Ruwet. Economic Development Director Rista Malanca, City Engineer Paul Kundzins, WPCA Administrator Ed Tousey and City Councilors Drake Waldron and Frank Rubino joined by ZOOM. Councilman Paul Cavagnero was absent.

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

**Minutes**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor by Oliver, the Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 3, 2020.

**Explanatory Text for Referendum**

On a motion by Councilor Waagner, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council voted unanimously to approve the explanatory text for the referendum to be held on November 3, 2020, previously tabled on August 3, 2020. Mayor Carbone explained that the revised explanatory text reflected the changes requested by the City Council on August 3, 2020. k

**WPCA Invoice**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council acting herein as the Water Pollution Control Authority, voted unanimously to approve the payment of \$4380 from Fund #490 to Wright-Pierce for NASSCO staff trainings.

**Putter Lane Sanitary Sewer Extension**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council acting herein as the Water Pollution Control Authority, voted unanimously to refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Section 8-24 review of the proposed "Putter Lane Sanitary Sewer Extension". Councilor Rubino asked if the extension would be for only one house and Mr. Kundzins stated that there was the possibility of a second home as well.

**Vehicle for Engineering Dept.**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Fleet Manager and Purchasing Agent to purchase a 2021 Chevy Colorado from NW Hills Automotive of Torrington, CT for \$24,970.80, to be funded from the Vehicle Replacement Account, not to exceed \$30,000.

**Coe Park Budget**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Coe Memorial Park Budgets approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission on March 4, 2020.

**FY 2020/2021 Budget Modifications**

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Comptroller's request for budget modifications for FY 2020/2021 described in her memo dated August 11, 2020.

**2019/2020 Bonded Projects Report**

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to accept the 2019/2020 Bonded Projects report.

**100 Franklin St. – Brownfield Remediation**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the remediation contractor, GZA, to award bid #FBR-039-072020, Franklin Street Brownfield Remediation, to Red Technologies of Bloomfield, CT in the amount of \$268,742 funded from DECD Grant Funds Project #2014143006. Ms. Malanca reported the City was awaiting written approval from the DECD and the CHRO but the contractor was used by the City for previous remediation work.

**Release of Liens**

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Waagner, 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 August 17, 2020.

**Tax Collector Refunds**

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

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council acting herein as the Water Pollution Control Authority, voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the sewer usage refunds indicated on the list dated August 17, 2020.

**Business by Dept. Heads**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. Ms. Malanca presented an update on the City's recovery plan for overcoming the impact of COVID-19.

**Business by Mayor & Members**

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

Councilor Oliver commended the City for its response to Hurricane Isaias and expressed his concerns about Eversource.

Councilor Waagner also commended the Mayor and City staff for their response to the storm and thanked the volunteers that assisted with the delivery of produce.

Councilor Waldron provided an update on his recovery and thanked the Mayor for her response to the storm.

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Councilor Rubino commended the City Engineer for the road reconstruction work that was completed near his house.

Mayor Carbone announced that there would be an event on August 19, 2020 to commemorate the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1955 flood. She also expressed her appreciation for City personnel who responded to the storm, including the public safety departments and Public Works. In addition, the Mayor provided an update on Verogy's application to the CT Siting Council for a solar farm in Torrington and she informed the Council that Superintendent Lubomski would be presenting on the financial impact of reopening Torrington Public Schools at the Board of Finance meeting on August 18, 2020.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC  
CITY CLERK