

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL & WPCA
REGULAR MEETING
City Hall Auditorium
April 19, 2021**

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council and Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) was held at the City Hall auditorium on Monday, April 19, 2021. Attendance was by ZOOM and in person. Present at City Hall were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell, City Engineer Paul Kundzins and City Councilors Sharon Waagner, Frank Rubino and Anne Ruwet. Water Pollution Control Administrator Ed Tousey, Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp and Councilors Drake Waldron, David Oliver and Paul Cavagnero joined by Zoom.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

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

Minutes

On a motion by Councilor Waagner, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 5, 2021.

Contract Award: Reconstruction of Various Roads Phase 2021.1

On a motion by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Deputy Public Works Director / City Engineer to award the contract for the City North Reconstruction Phase 2021.1 project to Asphalt Repair Solutions, Inc. of Oxford, CT for \$2,699,635.05 with an expenditures allowance of up to \$189,000 for quantity fluctuations and contingencies, and authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the City regarding the award and execution of the contract agreement. Councilor Rubino expressed that he was pleased with the bid.

Modification of Budget Adoption Timeline

On a motion by Councilor Waagner, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council voted unanimously to extend the budget adoption timeline for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 10E, to allow the City up to June 30, 2021 for final approval of the budgets. Councilor Oliver questioned how the extension would impact the tax bills and Mayor Carbone clarified that she intends to get final approval of the budgets by early June, in order to provide the Tax Collector with adequate time to send out the tax bills.

WPCA Invoice

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council, herein acting as the WPCA, voted unanimously to approve the following payment from Fund #490 Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INVOICE</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4/12/2021	1070	Yield Industries	\$15,900

Release of Liens

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, 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 April 19, 2021.

Tax Collector Refunds

On a motion by Councilor Waagner, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the tax refunds indicated on the list dated April 19, 2021.

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council, herein acting as the WPCA, voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the sewer usage refunds indicated on the list dated April 19, 2021.

Business by the Ordinance Subcommittee

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by the Ordinance Subcommittee. Councilor Rubino reported that there was no new business to share with the City Council at the time.

Business by Dept. Heads

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

Business by Mayor & Members

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

Councilor Waldron expressed his condolences for the passing of John Mastrocola and Richard Cosgrove.

Councilor Cavagnero reported that his former ESPN email address was deactivated and he provided the Council with a new email address to contact him.

Councilor Ruwet requested that the Council reconsider the amount of time granted for comments from the public at regular meetings and public hearings. Mayor Carbone indicated that other changes to the City Council's Rules of Procedure may also be prudent in order to address other needs for the continuation of hybrid meetings.

Councilor Waagner also expressed her condolences for the passing of John Mastrocola and announced that April 24, 2021 is the National Drug Take Back Day.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

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

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK