

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022
PUBLIC HEARING @ 6:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING @ 7:00 PM - *VIA ZOOM*
ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS - 2ND FLOOR - CITY HALL
235 GRAND STREET, WATERBURY, CT 06702

SUMMARY MINUTES

*In an effort to adhere to social distancing guidelines, and promote the safety of our residents, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held without normal in-person public access.

To ensure the general public has the ability to view, listen and participate in the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, a number of measures have been put in place:

The Regular Meeting will be broadcasted live on the City of Waterbury's Government Access Channel (Comcast Channel 96; Frontier Channel 6096) and the City of Waterbury's You Tube Channel <https://youtu.be/C8jVC2mulYk>

1. Individuals interested in providing comment during the regularly scheduled Public Speaking portion of the meeting are invited to call (203) 597-3477.
- (a) Beginning at 6:00 P.M., the City's Information Technology staff will compile a chronological list of callers who would like to provide testimony or public comment.
- (b) Those callers will be asked for their name, address and phone number.
- (c) City Information Technology staff will call back residents when it is their turn to provide comment. Individual's comments will be projected to the Board of Aldermen through the use of an intercom speaker.

Public access information will also be published on the City's website, the Mayor's social media accounts and the Board of Aldermen Agenda.

Public Hearing: 6:30 P.M. to 6:42 P.M.

For the purpose of soliciting public input with respect to Adoption of an Ordinance for a Land Bank Authority.

- Speaker (s)**
1. Kathleen Cassetta – 131 Meadowbrook Drive
 2. Martin Spring - 1400 Meriden Road
 3. Sharon Samoska - 45 Pear Street

CALLED TO ORDER @ 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PRAYER:

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Brunelli	DiGiovancarlo	D'Orso
	Hunter	Lopez Jr.	Markey
	Martinez-McCarthy	Noujaim	Roman
	Salvio	Weaver	Zimmermann
	Pernerewski Jr. (President) (13)		

Absent: Cavallo, Matthews Jr. (2)

OFFICIALLY SCHEDULED PRESENTATION/s: None

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

- Speaker (s)**
- 1. Richard Wood – 62 Avalon Circle
 - 2. Thomas Pelletier - 112 Concord Street
 - 3. Martin Spring – 1400 Meriden Road

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Monday, December 13, 2021/Regular Meeting Via Zoom
- Monday, December 20, 2021/Public Hearing
- Monday, December 20, 2021/Special Meeting

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE the aforementioned minutes.

MAYOR’S REPORT: 7:17 P.M. to 7:20 P.M.

**RECESS INTO COMMITTEES:
NEW BUSINESS:**

President Pernerewski informed the Board that the Item #11 and Item # 13 were withdrawn by the Waterbury Board of Education.

**ALL COMMITTEE ITEMS ARE REFERRED TO
THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to Resolve Themselves into Committee of the Whole @ 7:21 P.M.

- 1. NEIL M. O’LEARY**
Mayor
City of Waterbury

RE: Appointments/Re-Appointments of the following Constables:

- Michelle Albini
- Craig Trent
- Gerald Gardino
- Anthony Piccochi
- William DeMaida
- Jonathon Barney
- Robert Gaetano
- Geoffrey Green

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- 2. MICHAEL LEBLANC**
Director of Finance

RE: Requesting approval of a Bond Authorization in the amount of \$2,500,000 for Replacement of Portable & Mobile Radios within the Police Department, Fire Department and Department of Public Works.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 24, 2022 @ 6:40 P.M. New Business Item #2.

3. MICHAEL LEBLANC
Director of Finance

RE: Requesting approval of a Bond Authorization in the amount of \$1,000,000 for Abandoned Properties to Address Blight.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 24, 2022 @ 6:50 P.M. New Business Item #3.

President Pernerewski took Old Business Item # 3. - Adoption of the Ordinance for the Land Bank Authority and the appointment of the following individuals to carry out that authority:

3. NEIL M. O’LEARY
Mayor
City of Waterbury

RE: Request for Public Hearing for the purpose of soliciting public input with respect to Adoption of an ordinance for a Land Bank Authority. (Approved on 11/15/21 – Public Hearing held on 12/13/21. Second Public Hearing Scheduled for 01/10/22).

Mayor’s Appointments

Captain Daniel Lauer – Waterbury Police Department

Joel Becker - Torreo

Robert Polito – Harold Webster Smith Foundation - Treasurer

Mark Malapsina- Attorney at Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey

Democratic Appointment Gawdys Grullon - New Opportunities, Inc.

Republican Appointment Fred Luedke – Chair

Joint Democratic/Republican Caucus Appointment - Dr. James Gatling – New Opportunities Inc., – Vice Chair

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE Old Business Item #3 with the appointments as noted.

4. SCOTT P. MORGAN
Director of Human Resources

RE: Requesting approval of a Salary Range Change for the Human Resources Director. The recommended salary range change is as follows:

From: \$110,000 - \$140,000
To: \$120,000 - \$160,000

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #4.

5. **SARAH R. GEARY**
*Manager of Budget Development
And Oversight
Office of Budget Control*

RE: Requesting approval of a budget transfer from the **American Rescue Plan Act Budget** – within the City’s **Capital Improvement Fund** for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022 in the amount of **\$100,000.**

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to HOLD New Business Item #5.

6. **SARAH R. GEARY**
*Manager of Budget Development
and Oversight
Office of Budget Control*

RE: Submittal of the City of Waterbury’s Financial Status Report for November 2021.

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7. **MICHAEL LEBLANC**
Director of Finance

RE: Financial Audit Reports for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021
 - Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)
 - State Single Audit Report
 - Federal Single Audit Report
 - Audit Communications Letter

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8. **DAVID B. SIMPSON**
Director of Public Works

RE: Request that the Board of Aldermen adopt the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) Hazard Migration Plan and approves the proposed Resolution and authorizes the Mayor to execute the documents.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #8.

9. **AISLING MCGUCKIN, R.N.,**
Director of Health

RE: Requesting review and approval of a Contract Amendment with Community Health Center, Inc. to ensure continued delivery of COVID-19 vaccinations at City Walk-Up Clinic and homebound vaccination services.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #9.

10. CARRIE A. SWAIN

Clerk

Waterbury Board of Education

RE:

Requesting review and approval of Agreement with Waterbury Symphony Orchestra, Inc., in not to exceed amount of \$65,825.50, for music Mentoring services at Waterbury Arts Magnet School.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #10.

11. CARRIE A. SWAIN

Clerk

Waterbury Board of Education

RE:

Requesting review and approval of an Engineer Agreement with Loureiro Engineering Associates, Inc, for on call Engineering Services as set forth in the American Rescue Plan Act and Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Grant. Each authorization will be facilitated through issuance of a task order which will identify the amount.

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12. CARRIE A. SWAIN

Clerk

Waterbury Board of Education

RE:

Requesting review and approval of an Agreement with Waterbury Symphony Orchestra, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$29,184.00, for band mentoring services for Waterbury Public Schools.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #12.

13. CARRIE A. SWAIN

Clerk

Waterbury Board of Education

RE:

Requesting review and approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Engineer Agreement with SLR International Corporation, formerly Milone and MacBroom, Inc. for on call engineering services set forth in the American Rescue Plan Act Grant. Each authorization will be facilitated through issuance of a task order which identify the amount.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #13.

14. CARRIE A. SWAIN

Clerk

Waterbury Board of Education

RE: Requesting review and approval to subdivide property currently occupied by Frank G. Regan Elementary School and the smaller parcel to be used by the Bureau of Water for the construction of a water pump station.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #14.

15. CARRIE A. SWAIN

Clerk

Waterbury Board of Education

RE: Requesting review and approval of Amendment #3 to the Professional Services Agreement (RFP#6700) for Substitute Teachers and Paraprofessional Staffing between the City of Waterbury, Connecticut Board of Education, Education Department with ESS Northeast, LLC, in a not to exceed amount of \$4,500,000, to provide the District with substitute staff to cover staff absences, long term leaves, and certified staff vacancies.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #15.

- 16 CARRIE A. SWAIN

Clerk

Waterbury Board of Education

RE: Requesting review and approval of Amendment #1 to the (1) to the Engineer Agreement with Barton and Loguidice, LLC. for on call Engineering Services as set forth in the American Rescue Plan Act Grant. Each authorization will be facilitated through issuance of a task order which will identify the amount.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #16.

17. CARRIE A. SWAIN

Clerk

Waterbury Board of Education

RE: Requesting review and approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Engineer Agreement with AI Engineers, Inc. for on-call engineering services as set forth in the American Rescue Plan Act Grant. Each authorization will be facilitated through issuance of a task order which will identify the amount.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #17.

18. CARRIE A. SWAIN
Clerk
Waterbury Board of Education

RE: Requesting review and approval of an Engineer Agreement with CDM Smith, Inc. for on-call Engineering Services as set forth in the American Rescue Plan Act and Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Grant. Each Authorization will be facilitated through issuance of a task order which will identify the amount.

WITHDRAWN BY THE SUBMITTER

STANDING COMMITTEE

FRANK A. CARUSO, JR., CCMC
Revenue Collection Manager

RE: Request for refunds for Tax Overpayments in the amounts of \$18,909.91.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE the Aforementioned Refund in the amount of \$18,909.91.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen Voted Unanimously to come out of the COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND RETURN TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS @ 7:40 P.M.

Consent Calendar:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Items# 1, 6 and 7 Received and Placed on File

Item #2 - Set A Public Hearing for JANUARY 24, 2022
at 6:40 P.M.

Item #3 - Set a Public Hearing for January 24, 2022 at
6:50 P.M.

Items #4 8,9,10,12 -17 & Old Business #3 APPROVED

Item #5 Held

Items #11 & 18 Withdrawn

Standing Committee – APPROVED

On a motion of Alderman Brunelli, duly seconded by
Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen

voted unanimously to Approve
the Consent Calendar

OLD BUSINESS:

1. DANIEL J. FOSTER
*Assistant Corporation
Counsel, Interim*

RE: Proposed amended ordinance to reduce the number of days for which trash and recycling receptacles can be left at the curb from five to two, and amend the definition of “Blighted “Premises” to include premises with two or more or unregistered boats of a variety registrations of which is required, collapsed or collapsing or collapsing retaining walls, partially fallen gutters, fire damaged structures, and overgrown brush reaching streets or sidewalks. (Received on 05/20/19 – referred to Intergovernmental Committee – Public Hearing held on 06/24/19 @ 6:55 P.M.)

2. PAUL PERNERESKI, JR.
*President
Board of Aldermen*

RE: Overview of Water & Sewer Agreements with other municipalities. (Rec’d of 03/23/2020 - referred to Committee of the Whole).

3. NEIL M. O’LEARY
*Mayor
City of Waterbury*

RE: Request for Public Hearing for the purpose of soliciting public input with respect to Adoption of an ordinance for a Land Bank Authority. (Approved on 11/15/21 – Public Hearing held on 12/13/21. Second Public Hearing Scheduled for 01/10/22).

ADJOURNMENT:

MJD:ddl