

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MONDAY - JANUARY 9, 2023
REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM
ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS - 2ND FLOOR - CITY HALL
235 GRAND STREET - WATERBURY, CT 06702

SUMMARY MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER **7:00 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER

ROLL CALL

<u>Present:</u>	<i>Brunelli</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Matthews, Jr.</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
	<i>Cavallo</i>	<i>Lopez Jr.</i>	<i>Noujaim</i>	<i>Pernerewski, Jr.</i>
	<i>D'Orso</i>	<i>Markey</i>	<i>Roman</i>	<i>(13)</i>
	<i>DiGiovancarlo</i>		<i>Salvio</i>	

Absent: *Martinez-McCarthy* *Zimmermann* *(2)*

OFFICIALLY SCHEDULED PRESENTATION/s

Mayor O'Leary recognized the Waterbury Patriot "Mitey Mites" Cheerleading Team for their achievement of winning 1st Place during the Pop Warner National Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, FL. The Mitey Mites Team, ages 7-9, include: Kailanny Andrews, Olivia Aquino, Journey Cordero, Mya Cox, Jocelyn Gonzalez, Anuli Mixon, Kailani Pagan, Skylar Perez, Daleyza Soto and Azia White and Cheer Coordinator - Marlese Perez, Head Coach – Erica Grier and Assistant Coach – Alicia Pagan. In addition to the citations, the Mayor will be organizing a Pizza Party for the Team at Pizza Castle in the near future. The Mitey Mites performed one of their award-winning routines and sang Happy Birthday to WPD Chief Spagnolo.

PUBLIC SPEAKING **7:07 PM – 7:17 PM**

- 1. Martin Spring – 1400 Meriden Road – Waterbury, CT 06705*
- 2. Thomas Pelletier – 585 Park Road – Waterbury, CT 06708*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Monday, December 12, 2022 –Regular 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

Mayor O'Leary addressed the Board of Alderman relative to the Wendell Cross Elementary School incident that took place on Christmas Day, 2022. He stated that a sprinkler pipe sensor leak caused major water damage from the 2nd Floor to the Basement resulting in at least 4" of water accumulation. He commended the response received from Dr. Verna Ruffin, Darren Schwartz, Doreen Biolo, Angela Juliani, Michael LeBlanc and Dave Lepore along with the WPD and WFD for giving up their holiday, along with the following week, to help rectify the situation.

RECESS INTO COMMITTEES

*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 AT 7:22 PM.***

ALL COMMITTEE ITEMS ARE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Before the Item #8 was taken under consideration, Waterbury Police Chief Fernando Spagnolo gave a power point presentation regarding the WPD Retention and Comparable Salary Data. He stated that the new contract will address staff issues relative to pays and lateral transfers. He also noted that it was National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Mayor O’Leary also addressed the Aldermen regarding the contract, discussing the importance of addressing the salary issue and commending the collaborative efforts of the contract negotiation team. Atty. Parisot was also available for any questions.

8. **THOMAS G. PARISOT**
Attorney
Secor, Cassidy & McPartland, PC

RE: Requesting approval of the successive Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Waterbury and the Waterbury Police Union Brass City Local, CACP (Waterbury Police) covering the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026.

*On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted, with one Recusal from Alderman Michael DiGiovancarlo, to **APPROVE** New Business Item #8.*

1. **MARK LOMBARDO**
Deputy Director
Department of Public Works

RE: Approval request of the “Pool Safety Grant Program” Grant Award and Agreement with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in the amount of **\$360,354.00.**

*On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to **APPROVE** New Business Item #1.*

2. **ANGELA R. JULIANI**
Interim Corporation Counsel

RE: Notice of Mayor Authorization: Section 38.027 – Procurements Pertaining to Public Emergency – Wendell Cross Flooding Incident 12/25/2022.

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3. **CHRISTOPHER BANDECCHI**
Grants Manager
Office of Community Development

RE: Approval request of the City’s Consent to Sale of 51 Edson Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06705 with the following motions:

1. Approve the HOME Program recommendations, and authorize consent to the early sale/transfer of the property located at 51 Edson Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06705;

2. Approve the attached Consent to Sale and Assumption Agreement, and authorize the Mayor to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City;

3. Approve the attached Release of Mortgage, and authorize the Mayor to execute said Release on behalf of the City, provided that the Seller issues valid payment of the entire amount of the HOME Program Grant-Mortgage, at or before the closing sale;

4. Approve the attached Amendment No. 1 to the HOME Loan Assistant Agreement; and
5. Approve the attached Amendment No 1 to the Declaration of Restrictions.

***On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr.,
the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #3.***

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| 4. E. GIL GRAVELINE
<i>Building Official</i>
<i>Department of Inspection</i> | RE: Requesting approval of a refund to Michael Mallory in the amount of <u>\$157.50</u> for the cost of the Permit minus 10% processing fee regarding 32 Granada Road, Waterbury, CT. |
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***On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr.,
the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #4.***

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| 5. E. GIL GRAVELINE
<i>Building Official</i>
<i>Department of Inspection</i> | RE: Requesting approval of a refund to Trinity Solar in the amount of <u>\$1,912.50</u> for the cost of the Electrical & Building Permits minus 10% processing fee regarding 47 Sorrel Road, 59 Ridgeway Avenue and 13 Robinson Street, Waterbury, CT. |
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***On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr.,
the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #5.***

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| 6. CARRIE A. SWAIN
<i>Clerk</i>
<i>Board of Education</i> | RE: Approval request of a Student Teacher Affiliation Agreement with Eastern Connecticut State University for student teaching opportunities and training. |
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***On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr.,
the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #6.***

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| 7. CARRIE A. SWAIN
<i>Clerk</i>
<i>Board of Education</i> | RE: Approval request of an Education Affiliation Agreement with Trinity Health of New England Corporation, Inc. to provide students with education experience as part of their professional preparation. |
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***On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr.,
the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #7.***

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| 9. SARAH R. GEARY
<i>Manager of Budget Development & Oversight</i> | RE: Approval request of an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Budget Transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund FY23 to fund COVID premium pay stipends to eligible employees of the Waterbury Police Union Brass City Local, CACP (Waterbury Police). |
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***On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr.,
the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #9.***

10. SARAH R. GEARY
Manager of Budget Development & Oversight

RE: Requesting approval of a Budget Transfer from the City’s Capital Improvement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$500,000 to fund repairs of damage caused by a major water leak at Wendell Cross Elementary 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. SARAH R. GEARY
Manager of Budget Development & Oversight

RE: Approval request of a Budget Transfer within the City’s Capital Improvement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$44,467.37 for building and equipment improvements at the Police Department.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item 11.

12. SARAH R. GEARY
Manager of Budget Development & Oversight

RE: Submission of the City of Waterbury Financial Status Report for November 2022.

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13. MICHAEL LEBLANC
Director of Finance

RE: Financial Statement Audit Reports for the Fiscal Year ending June30, 2022:
 - Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)
 - State Single Audit Report
 - Federal Single Audit Report
 - Audit Communication Letter

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14. MICHAEL LEBLANC
Director of Finance

RE: Approval request of a Real Estate Contract to purchase real property located at 1871 Baldwin Street for the purchase price of \$140,000 from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

It was noted by Angela Juliani, Interim Corporation Counsel, that the incorrect purchase price was listed on the Executive Summary. The contract purchase price is for \$150,000.

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

15. MICHAEL LEBLANC
Director of Finance

RE: Requesting approval of a \$30,000,000 Appropriation and Bond Authorization for Chase Municipal Building Rehabilitation Project.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to SET A PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:45 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023 to seek public input relative to New Business Item #15.

STANDING COMMITTEE

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

RE: Request for refunds for Tax Overpayments in the amount of \$16,270.44.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE the aforementioned Refunds in the amounts of \$16,270.44.

OLD BUSINESS

1. PAUL PERNERESKI, JR.
President
Board of Aldermen

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

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 AT 7:49 PM.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Item #15 – Public Hearing Scheduled for January 23, 2023
Items #2, #12 & #13 - Received and Placed on File
Items #1, #3 - #7, #9- #11, #14 & Standing Committee - Approved

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE the aforementioned items on the Consent Calendar.

Item #8 was removed from the Consent Calendar for action:

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted, with 1 Recusal (Alderman DiGiovancarlo), to APPROVE New Business Item #8.

ADJOURNMENT

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to ADJOURN at 7:51 PM.