

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MONDAY – MAY 8, 2023
PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 PM
REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM
ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS - 2ND FLOOR - CITY HALL
235 GRAND STREET - WATERBURY, CT 06702

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING 6:39PM – 6:45PM

Fair Rent Commission: *For the purpose of receiving public input regarding a proposed amendment to the Waterbury Code of Ordinances in order to amend Chapter 31 by adding §31.310 establishing a Fair Rent Commission.*

Speakers:

- 1. Paul Kondash – 413 Harpers Ferry Road – Waterbury, CT 06705*
- 2. Martin Spring – 1400 Meriden Road – Waterbury, CT 06705*

CALLED TO ORDER 7:03PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER

ROLL CALL

<u>Present:</u>	<i>Brunelli</i>	<i>Lopez, Jr.</i>	<i>Roman</i>
	<i>Cavallo</i>	<i>Markey</i>	<i>Salvio</i>
	<i>DiGiovancarlo</i>	<i>Martinez-McCarthy</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
	<i>D’Orso</i>	<i>Matthews</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
	<i>Hunter</i>		<i>Pernerewski, Jr.</i>
			<i>(14)</i>

Absent: *Noujaim (1)*

OFFICIALLY SCHEDULED PRESENTATION/s

PUBLIC SPEAKING 7:05PM – 7:17PM

Speakers:

- 1. Martin Spring – 1400 Meriden Road – Waterbury, CT 06705*
- 2. Kim McLaughlin – 16 Church Street – Waterbury, CT 06702*
- 3. Thomas Pelletier – 585 Park Road – Waterbury, CT 06708*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Monday, April 24, 2023 –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

RECESS INTO COMMITTEES

Before recessing into the Committee of the Whole, President Pernerewski stated that they received from Daniel Foster of the Office of The Corporation an Item from Mayor O’Leary to the add to the Agenda and copies have been distributed to the Aldermen.

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

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 7:19 PM.

ALL COMMITTEE ITEMS ARE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. **MICHAEL LEBLANC**
Director of Finance

RE: Request to set a Public Hearing on May 22, 2023 for the Proposed Water Rates for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to SET A PUBLIC HEARING at 6:45PM on Monday, May 22, 2023.

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

RE: Requesting approval of a Contract for On-Call Catch Basin Cleaning between the City of Waterbury and American Pipe and Catch Basin Cleaning, LLC

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #2.

3. **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

RE: Approval request of the following **Refunds** submitted by Marc Levesque, WPC Billing Supervisor that were approved at their April 25, 2023 meeting:

Ocasio, Matthew	\$2,564.04
Num12 Ash Wb LLC	\$2,830.15
Watland Farm LLC	\$651.28
Zarella, Andrew	\$265.59
Total:	<u>\$6,311.07</u>

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

4. **NEIL M. O’LEARY**
*Mayo
City of Waterbury*

RE: Requesting approval of a Resolution implementing a five-year phase-in of the October 1, 2022 Revaluation.

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

5.

NEIL M. O'LEARY

Mayor

City of Waterbury

RE:

Approval request of a Resolution implementing an Amendment to the Local Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners Tax Relief Program that has been fully funded in the FY24 Mayor's Proposed Budget.

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

6.

SARAH R. GEARY

Manager of Budget Development and Oversight

RE:

Approval request of a Budget Transfer from the City's Capital Improvement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 in the total amount of \$175,000.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #6.

7.

SARAH R. GEARY

Manager of Budget Development and Oversight

RE:

Submission of the City of Waterbury Financial Status Report for March 2023.

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8.

AISLING MCGUCKIN, RN, MSN-MPH

Director of Public Health

RE:

Requesting approval of receipt of a stipend of \$5,000 from the American Heart Association to incent residents to receive vaccinations or health screenings by offering them gift cards.

WITHDRAWN

9.

AISLING MCGUCKIN, RN, MSN-MPH

Director of Public Health

RE:

Approval request for the application and acceptance of the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Supplement (ELC2) Enhancing Detection Cooperative Agreement Funding Application for the Enhanced Detection, Response, Surveillance and Prevention of COVID-19 Grant.

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

10.

THOMAS HYDE

Interim Director

Waterbury Development Corporation

RE:

Approval request of a Financial Assistance Proposal for the Mad River Redevelopment Corridor Project – Remediation of Lot 19 Mill Street and 777 South Main Street, Waterbury (State of Connecticut DECD) (\$2,000,000).

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

11. THOMAS HYDE
*Interim Director
Waterbury Development Corporation*

RE: Requesting approval of a Professional Service Agreement (RFP NO. 7531) for Phase II/III Strategy, Planning, Design & Implementation for the Brass City Regional Food Hub and 777 South Main Street between the City of Waterbury and BSC Group, Inc.

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

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

RE: Submission of letter dated April 25, 2023 indicating intent to fill all City Board and Commission vacancies, of both Restricted and Unrestricted Appointments.

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

STANDING COMMITTEE

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

RE: Request for refunds for Tax Overpayments in the amount of \$287,622.24.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE the aforementioned Refunds in the amount of \$287,622.24.

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.)
2. NEIL M. O’LEARY
*Mayor
City of Waterbury*

RE: Mayor’s Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (Received on 03/30/23. First Budget Public Hearing Held 4/13/23.)

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to SET THE 2ND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING for 6:00PM on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

3. SARAH R. GEARY
Manager of Budget Development and Oversight

RE: City of Waterbury Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2024-2028. (Received on 3/30/23.)

4. **ANGELA R. JULIANI**
Interim Corporation Counsel
Office of the Corporation Counsel

RE: A request to set a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public input regarding a proposed amendment to the Waterbury Code of Ordinances in order to amend Chapter 31 by adding §31.310 establishing a Fair Rent Commission. (Received on 4/10/23. Public Hearing set for 5/8/23.)

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

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 7:33 PM.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Item #1 – Set A Public Hearing for May 22, 2023
Items #7 & #12 - Received and Placed on File
Item #8 - Withdrawn

**Items #2-#6, #9-#11 and Old Business Item #4
& Standing Committee - Approved**

**Old Business Item #2 -
Set A 2nd Budget Public Hearing for June 1, 2023**

***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.***

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- *President Pernerewski stated that he received a request from the Republican Caucus to meet with the BOE Superintendent and Police Chief to discuss recent incidents involving school lockdown and DOJ involvement. They will attend the next BOA Meeting to have a limited conversation on these matters in Executive Session.*
- *President Pernerewski reminded everyone of the Department Head Budget Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th at 6:00pm.*
- *Alderwoman Zimmermann invited everyone to participate in the Memorial Day Parade.*
- *Alderman DiGiovancarlo questioned the refunds from the Water Department and would like more information provided on the owners.*

ADJOURNMENT

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez, Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to ADJOURN at 7:39 PM.