

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023
PUBLIC HEARING @ 6:45 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING @ 7:00 P.M.
ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS - 2ND FLOOR - CITY HALL
235 GRAND STREET, WATERBURY, CT 06702

SUMMARY MINUTES

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/1kS7h2O0prQ>.

PUBLIC HEARING @ 6:49 P.M. – 6:51 P.M.

For the purpose of soliciting public input regarding the Proposed Water Rates for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 as submitted by Michael LeBlanc, Director of Finance and Robert Langenauer, Water Superintendent.

Speaker (s) 1. Paul Kondash, 413 Harpers Ferry Road, Waterbury, CT

CALLED TO ORDER: @ 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Observed

PRAYER: Observed

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Brunelli	Cavallo	DiGiovancarlo
	D’Orso	Hunter	Lopez Jr.
	Martinez-McCarthy	Matthews Jr.	Noujaim
	Roman	Salvio	Weaver
	Zimmermann	Pernerewski Jr. (President)	(14)

Absent: Markey (1)

OFFICIALLY SCHEDULED PRESENTATION: None

PUBLIC SPEAKING: 7:01 P.M. to 7:25 P.M.

Speaker (s) 1. Paul Kondash, 413 Harpers Ferry Road, Waterbury, CT
 2. Michael Land, 16 Church Street, Waterbury, CT
 3. Karine Pimentel, 216 Wolcott Street, Waterbury, CT
 4. Angela Maria Aybar, 235 Walnut Street, Waterbury, CT
 5. Sharon Samoska, 45 Pear Street, Waterbury, CT
 6. Martin Spring, 1400 Meriden Road, Waterbury, CT
 7. Thomas Pelletier, 585 Park Road, Waterbury, CT

OFFICIALLY SCHEDULED PRESENTATION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:26 P.M. – 7:54 P.M.

Discussion of school security issues with Chief of Police – Fernando Spagnolo and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Verna Ruffin.

The following were also in attendance: Board of Aldermen/women, Lieutenant Nadine Amatruda, Board of Education President, Ann Sweeney, Corporation Counsel Interim, Angela Juliani, Mayor’s Senior Advisor, David Lepore, and BOE Attorney, Joseph Britton.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:26 P.M.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to RETURN TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 7:54 P.M.

NO VOTES WERE TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Monday, May 8, 2023 - Regular Meeting/Public Hearing/Summary Minutes
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – Special Department Head Meeting Summary Minutes

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: None

Before recessing into the Committee of the Whole, President Pernerewski called for a motion to add a resolution from Mayor Neil M. O’Leary that rescinds the five-year phase adopted by the Board of Aldermen on May 8, 2023 and implements a Four-Year Phase-In of October 1, 2022 Revaluation in its place as Item #20.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to ADD item from Neil M. O’Leary, Mayor as Item #20.

RECESS INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE@ 7:57 P.M.

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 @ 7:57 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS:

ALL COMMITTEE ITEMS ARE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. E. GIL GRAVELINE <i>Building Official</i> <i>Department of Inspection</i>	RE: Request for refunds for the following cancelled Permits: Trinity Solar – Electrical Permit - \$90.00 TM Construction – Siding Permit - \$472.50
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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 #1.

2. ROY CAVANAUGH, P.E. <i>City Engineer</i>	RE: Requesting approval of an Agreement in the amount of <u>\$15,000.00</u> for Connecticut Complete Streets Leadership Academy between Smart Growth America and the City of Waterbury.
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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 #2.

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

RE: Requesting approval of the following
Appointments/Corrections:

WATERBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Appointee:	Term to be Appointed
Alice Trotman	1/1/2023 – 12/31/2027

In addition, please be advised that the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Waterbury Housing Authority for the following corrected terms:

Appointee:	Current Term	Corrected Term
Robert J. Porzio	5/20/2019 - 12/31/2023	1/1/2020 – 12/31/2024
Joseph Thomas	7/20/2020 – 12/31/2022	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2025
Brian McNellis	5/20/2019 - 12/31/2023	1/1/2022 –12/31/2026

PALACE THEATER GROUP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nominee	Term
Carolyn Highsmith	2023-2026

GREATER WATERBURY CABLE COUNCIL

Appointee:	Term to be Appointed
Julio Alves	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024
Arthur Denze	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024
John Sarlo	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024
Kelly Zimmermann	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024

BOARD OF AGENTS OF THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Republican Town Committee Appointee	Term to be Appointed
Nicole D’Amelio Kendall	July 4, 2018 – July 4, 2024
Stephanie E. Cummings	July 4, 2022 – July 4, 2028
Raymond Van Stone	July 4, 2022 – July 4, 2028

Democratic Town Committee Appointee	Term to be Appointed
Andrea Ingala O’Shea	July 4, 2018 – July 4, 2024
James M. Geary Jr.	July 4, 2022 – July 4, 2028
Deneen Fryer	July 4, 2022 – July 4, 2028

WATERBURY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Appointee:	Term to be Appointed
Jacqueline Butler Thomas	January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2025
Karen Harvey	January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2023

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE New Business Item #3.

4. TARA L. SHAW, ESQ.
Director of Human Resources

RE: Requesting approval of the 2022-2026 Local 353 (Blue Collar) Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

5. MICHAEL LEBLANC
Director of Finance & WPC
Primary Representative

RE: Requesting approval of a Contract in the amount of \$681,375.00 Fire Alarm and and Fiber Network Upgrade with Horton Electrical Services, LLC. of Canton, CT.

STEPHEN KASLE
Resident Engineer, JACOBS

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

6. CARRIE A. SWAIN
Clerk
Waterbury Board of Education

RE: Requesting review and approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Staywell Health Care, Inc., for a three year period and at no cost, to provide mobile dental services for Waterbury students, as submitted by Aisling McGuckin, Director of Public Health. *(Subject to the BOE approval at their regularly scheduled meeting of May 18, 2023).*

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

7. CARRIE A. SWAIN
Clerk
Waterbury Board of Education

RE: Requesting review and approval of the School Readiness Grant FY 24 Continued Funding Application. *(Subject to the BOE approval at their regularly scheduled meeting of May 18, 2023).*

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #7.

8. CARRIE A. SWAIN
Clerk
Waterbury Board of Education

RE: Requesting review and approval of an Agreement with Belle Academy of Cosmetology, LLC., for a three year period and at no cost, to provide transition services to students with special needs. *(Subject to the BOE approval*

at their regularly scheduled meeting of May 18, 2023).

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

9. CARRIE A. SWAIN

Clerk

Waterbury Board of Education

RE: Requesting review and approval of Amendment One (1) to the Professional Agreement with Rubicon West, LLC to Provide Online Curriculum and Lesson Planning Warehouse. *(Subject to the BOE approval at their regularly scheduled meeting of May 18, 2023).*

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 a Professional Services Agreement with Police Activity League of Waterbury, Inc., in the not to exceed amount of \$81,510.00 for PAL Summer 2023 Basketball Program. *(Subject to the BOE approval at their regularly scheduled meeting of May 18, 2023).*

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 a Professional Services Agreement with The Greater Waterbury YMCA, in the not to exceed amount of \$200,725.00, to provide YMCA Summer Camp. *(Subject to the BOE approval at their regularly scheduled meeting of May 18, 2023).*

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

12. CARRIE A. SWAIN

Clerk

Waterbury Board of Education

RE: Requesting review and approval of a Professional Services Agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$121,920.00, to provide Boys and Girls Club Summer Enrichment Program. *(Subject to the BOE approval at their regularly scheduled meeting of May 18, 2023).*

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 a Professional Services Agreement with Seven Angels Theatre, Inc, in the not to exceed amount of **\$52,500.00**, to provide Seven Angels Theater Classes. *(Subject to the BOE approval at their regularly scheduled meeting of May 18, 2023).*

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 of a Memorandum of Understanding with LiveGirl, Inc. at no cost, as a partnership for Confidence Club. *(Subject to the BOE approval at their regularly scheduled meeting of May 18, 2023).*

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 a Construction Contract with Scholar Painting, LLC, in the not to exceed amount of **\$73,500.00**, for painting and wallpaper services at Waterbury Arts Magnet School. *(Subject to the BOE approval at their regularly scheduled meeting of May 18, 2023).*

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

16. SARAH R. GEARY

Manager of Budget Development and Oversight

RE:

Requesting approval of a Budget Transfer (American Rescue Plan Act) within the City’s **Capital Improvement Fund** for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 in the total amount of **\$350,000**.

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

17. MICHAEL LEBLANC

Director of Finance

RE:

Requesting approval of Construction Contract Amendments to Incorporate Owner Controlled Project Contingencies to Previously Approved Construction Projects.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #17. (11 Contract Amendments).

18. DENNIS M. BUCKLEY, ESQ.
Attorney at Law
1062 Meriden Road
Waterbury, CT 06705

RE: Submittal of a Motion/Resolution Adopted by FARC – May 2, 2023.

RECEIVE AND PLACED ON FILE

19. ALDERMAN NOUJAIM
ALDERWOMAN CAVALLO
ALDERMAN MATTHEWS
ALDERWOMAN ZIMMERMANN
ALDERMAN MARKEY

RE: Submittal of a Proposal – An inquiry into ways the school district disciplines students and into school-based arrests. Requesting the attendance of the Superintendent of Schools Schools and Chief of Police at said meeting to answer questions.

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

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

RE: Requesting approval of a resolution that rescinds the five-year phase-in adopted by the Board of Aldermen on May 8, 2023 and implements a four-year phase-in of October 1, 2022 Revaluation in it place. The total amount of real property value increases would be phased in over a four-year period with approval of this resolution.

On the Motion of Alderman Brunelli, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #20.

STANDING COMMITTEE

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

RE: Request for refunds for Tax Overpayments in the amount of \$62,629.82.

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 \$62,629.82.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. NEIL M. O’LEARY

Mayor

City of Waterbury

RE:

Mayor’s Proposed Budget for Fiscal 2023-2024. *(Received on 03/30/2023). First Public Hearing Held 04/13/23.*
2. SARAH R. GEARY

Manager of Budget Development

And Oversight

RE:

City of Waterbury Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2028. *(Received on March 30, 2023).*

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 @ 8:23 P.M.

Consent Calendar:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Items #1& 2, 4-17 & 20 – APPROVED

Items# 3, 18 & 19 RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

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

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Second Budget Meeting on June 1, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

MJD:dd