

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00 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/V2jCmObNorg>.

CALLED TO ORDER @ 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Observed

PRAYER: Observed

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Alseph Jr.	Cavallo	D’Orso
	Mosley	Hunter	Lopez Jr.
	Martinez-McCarthy	Noujaim	Rodriguez
	Tajildeen	Weaver	Zimmermann
	DiGiovancarlo (President) (13)		
Absent:	Brunelli, Salvio (2)		

OFFICIALLY SCHEDULED PRESENTATION (s): 6:02 P.M. – 6:22 P.M.

“Charter Revision and Home Rule Presentation
Presented by Attorney Steven G. Mednick”

PUBLIC SPEAKING: 6:23 P.M. – 7:32 P.M.

- Speaker (s)**
1. Jahana Hayes, 49 Englewood Avenue, Waterbury, CT
 2. Wendy Tyson Wood, 124 Meriden Road, Waterbury, CT
 3. Dr. Kenneth Cook, 124 Meriden Road, Waterbury, CT
 4. Naida Hall, 134 Deerfield Avenue, Waterbury, CT
 5. Matthew Mallett, 17 Suffolk Street, Waterbury, CT
 6. Ginne-Rae Clay, 3015 N. Main Street, Waterbury, CT
 7. Dennis Buckley, 1062 Meriden Road, Waterbury, CT
 8. Larry DePillo, 11 Steuben Street, Waterbury, CT
 9. Verlen Barnes, 35 Newport Drive, Waterbury, CT
 10. Harold Barnes, 35 Newport Drive, Waterbury, CT
 11. Jeanne Pronovost, 89 Bouffard Avenue, Waterbury, CT
 12. Larry Butler, State Representative, 70 Blackman Road, Waterbury, CT
 13. Charice Gaines, Chence Simmons, 99 Midfield Dr. Unit 15, Waterbury, CT
 14. Paul Kondash, 413 Harpers Ferry Road, Waterbury, CT
 15. Karen Harvey, 181 Atwood Avenue, Waterbury, CT
 16. Emma Taylor, 178 Cooke Street, Waterbury, CT
 17. Kayla Ireland, 169 Clinton Street, Waterbury, CT
 18. Bishop Lionel French, 92 Country Club Road, Waterbury, CT
 19. Martin Spring, 1400 Meriden Road, Waterbury, CT

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Monday, January 8, 2024 - Regular Meeting/Public Hearings/Summary Minutes

On the Motion of Alderman D’Orso, Seconded by Alderwoman Martinez-McCarthy, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE the aforementioned minutes with corrections.

MAYOR’S REPORT: 7:32 P.M.-7:38 P.M.

- Mayor Paul Pernerewski thanked everyone who came out to express their opinions and support of Juneteenth becoming a legally recognized City holiday as well as those who spoke about the water issues and concerns regarding the purchase of Sacred Heart Church building, Rectory Building, School Building and Convent Building.
- Mayor Pernerewski gave a brief update on MLK Park and stated the park will get the allocated million dollars when construction starts in the spring and the consultants will start meeting with the community to discuss the design. He also gave a detailed update on the Sacred Heart Buildings and future plans for the property and services the purchase will eventually provide.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the Motion of Alderman D’Orso, Seconded by Alderman Martinez- McCarthy, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to Resolve Themselves into Committee of the Whole @ 7:39 P.M. to take up Item # 4.

- 4. PAUL K. PERNERESKI JR.**
Mayor
City of Waterbury

RE: Submittal of a Resolution of the Board of Aldermen in recognition of June 19th as a legally recognized holiday known as “**Juneteenth Independence Day**” in the City of Waterbury.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- On the Motion of Alderman Mosley, Seconded by Alderwoman Weaver, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #4.**
- On the Motion of Alderman D’Orso, Seconded by Alderwoman Martinez-McCarthy, the Board of Aldermen Voted Unanimously to come out of the COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND RETURN TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS @ 7:39 P.M.**

RECESS INTO COMMITEES @7:48 P.M.

- 1. TARA L. SHAW**
Director of Human Resources

RE: Requesting approval of a New Job Specification for **Carpentry and Masonry Foreperson.**

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On the Motion of Alderwoman Weaver, Seconded by Alderwoman Martinez-McCarthy, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #1.

2. SALVATORE D. PORZIO
Project Manager, DPW

RE: Requesting approval of the Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects between the City of Waterbury and the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On the Motion of Alderwoman Weaver, Seconded by Alderwoman Martinez-McCarthy, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #2.

3. MICHAEL LEBLANC
*Director of Finance & WPC
Primary Representative*

RE: Requesting approval of an Addendum to the original Letter of Agreement between Ever-Source Energy & the City of Waterbury for \$738,564.50 in Energy Efficiency Financial Incentives for Improvements at the City’s Water Pollution Control Facility.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On the Motion of Alderwoman Weaver, Seconded by Alderwoman Martinez-McCarthy, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #3.

5. PAUL BUZZELLI
*Chairman
Finance and Audit Review
Commission*

RE: Submittal of the City of Waterbury Robotic Audit Process, Fraud Risk Management and Continuous Auditing Review Report.

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

6. MICHAEL LEBLANC
Director of Finance

RE: Submittal of Capital Project & NC Special Programs- Quarterly Budget Status Report through the period ending December 31, 2023.

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

7. MICHAEL LEBLANC
Director of Finance

RE: Requesting approval of Amendment 1 to \$1,500,000 ARPA Sub-Receipt Funding Agreement for a Central Business District Investment Program with the Greater Waterbury Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On the Motion of Alderwoman Weaver, Seconded by Alderwoman Martinez-McCarthy, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #7.

8. MICHAEL LEBLANC
Director of Finance

RE: Requesting approval of a Real Estate Contract for Purchase of Properties at 13 Wolcott Street (Sacred Heart Church Building, Rectory Building, School Building & Convent Building).

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On the Motion of Alderwoman Weaver, Seconded by Alderwoman Martinez-McCarthy, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024 at 5:45 P.M. - New Business Item #8.

9. CHRISTIAN D’ORSO
Alderman

RE: Submittal of the following initiating: RESOLUTION, to wit:

To Initiate, by Resolution of the Board, the statutory process pursuant to Conn. Gen Stat. §§ 7-188 through 7-193, for revision of the Charter of the City of Waterbury, Connecticut, by action of a Charter Revision Commission formed in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-190.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On the Motion of Alderwoman Weaver, Seconded by Alderwoman Martinez-McCarthy, 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 Construction Contract with All Trade Industries, LLC, in the not to exceed amount of \$743,050.00, to provide conversion of the Crosby High School Weight Room and Firing Range into a Physical Education Space. *(Subject to the BOE approval at their anticipated meeting of January 18, 2024). Item was approved on January 4th.*

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On the Motion of Alderwoman Weaver, Seconded by Alderwoman Martinez-McCarthy, 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 Construction Contract with Ferguson Mechanical Company, Inc., in the not to exceed amount of \$5,862,000.00, to provide HVAC replacement at John F. Kennedy High School. (Subject to the BOE approval at their anticipated meeting of January 18, 2024). Item was approved on January 4th.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On the Motion of Alderwoman Weaver, Seconded by Alderwoman Martinez-McCarthy, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #11.

RETURN TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS @ 7:51 P.M.

Consent Calendar:

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Item #4 APPROVED
NEW BUSINESS ITEMS 1—3 & 7, 9-10 APPROVED
ITEMS #5 & 6 RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE
STANDING COMMITTEE – APPROVED**

**On a motion of Alderman D’Orso, duly seconded by
Alderwoman Martinez-McCarthy, the Board of
Aldermen**

**voted unanimously to *Approve*
the Consent Calendar with Item #8 & 11 removed**

Item #8 - Requesting approval of a Real Estate Contract for Purchase of Properties at 13 Wolcott Street (Sacred Heart Church Building, Rectory Building, School Building & Convent Building).

On the Motion of Alderwoman Weaver, Seconded by Alderwoman Martinez-McCarthy, the Board of Aldermen voted by 12 Yea – 1 Nay roll call vote to SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024 at 5:45 P.M. - New Business Item #1.

Yeas: Aldermen/Alderwomen - Cavallo, D’Orso, Hunter, Lopez Jr., Mosley, Martinez-McCarthy, Noujaim Rodriguez, Tajildeen, Weaver, Zimmermann and DiGiovancarlo (12)

Nays: Alderman Alseph Jr. (1)

Item 11. - Requesting review and approval of a Construction Contract with Ferguson Mechanical Company, Inc., in the not to exceed amount of \$5,862,000.00, to provide HVAC replacement at John F. Kennedy High School.

On the Motion of Alderwoman Weaver, Seconded by Alderwoman Martinez-McCarthy, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE New Business Item #11.

STANDING COMMITTEE

FRANK A. CARUSO, JR., CCMC <i>Revenue Collection Manager</i>	RE: Request for refunds for Tax Overpayments in the amount of <u>\$129,219.97.</u>
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REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

On the Motion of Alderman D’Orso, Seconded by Alderman Lopez Jr., the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE the Aforementioned Refunds in the amount of **\$129,219.97.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

For the Good of the order:

- Alderman Alseph Jr. shared his concerns about the rules that gives the Board the sole authority to make major decisions. He stated that he would like the rules changed for the good of the order.

At the meeting of 02-12-24 BOA Meeting, Alderman Alseph corrected the aforementioned to reflect as follows:

I’d like to record to reflect the fact that my objective was not to the Board of Aldermen taking votes, but rather that the Board of Aldermen having to vote on something that was only put forward through a Committee System. The Committee Members have the right to ask questions and hear all the information, but the rest of us had no input until afterwards.

- Alderman Noujaim informed the Board that Michael Dalton, City Clerk will be recognized on Thursday at the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame and thanked the Board for approving the resolution to recognize Juneteenth Independence Day as a legal city holiday.
- Alderman Tajildeen stated that Alderman Alseph Jr. can contact him prior to the meeting with any questions or concerns.

ADJOURNMENT:

On the Motion of Alderman D’Orso, Seconded by Alderwoman Martinez-McCarthy, the Board of Aldermen Voted Unanimously to ADJOURN at 8:54 P.M.

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