

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING @ 5:45
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00 PM
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/augBJRhjVCU>

PUBLIC HEARING:

5:45 PM

For the purpose of soliciting public input with respect to Determination, pursuant to Connecticut Public Act 23-5, as to whether additional early voting locations for August 13, 2024, primary election and the November 5, 2024, general election: and determination of whether to establish additional early voting locations for August 13, 2024 primary election.

- Speaker(s):** 1. Coralys Santana, 125 Kara Drive, Waterbury, CT
 2. Martin Spring, 1400 Meriden Road #2-3, Waterbury, CT

CLOSED @ 5:52 PM

- ✓ **CALLED TO ORDER: @ 5:47 PM**
- ✓ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SILENT PRAYER: OBSERVED**
- ✓ **ROLL CALL:**

(12) Present:	Alseph	Cavallo	D’Orso
	Hunter	Mosley	Noujaim (<i>Arrived at 6:19 PM</i>)
	Rinaldi	Rodriguez	Salvio
	Tajildeen	Weaver	DiGiovancarlo (<i>President</i>)

(3) Absent: Lopez Jr., Martinez-McCarthy, Zimmermann

- ✓ **OFFICIALLY SCHEDULED PRESENTATION:**
- ✓ **PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

Speaker(s): 1. Marco A. Morales, 259 Wood Street, Waterbury, CT
 2. Raechel Guest, 259 Wood Street, Waterbury, CT
 3. Martin Spring, 1400 Meriden Road, Waterbury, CT

- ✓ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Thursday, February 29, 2024 - Special Meeting/ Public Hearing

On a motion of Alderman D’Orso, seconded by Alderman Mosley, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to **APPROVE** aforementioned minutes.

- ✓ **MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Perenerwski, Jr., visited several schools in Waterbury to meet students and teachers. The mayor realized that several athletes in the schools had done well this season and won league titles. The mayor decided to honor these students publicly in the chambers and present them with citations in Veterans Memorial Hall.

Mayor Perenerwski, Jr., recognized three schools: The Catholic Academy of Waterbury, Wallace Middle School's girls' team, and the Waterbury Career Academy's boys' team. The Catholic Academy of Waterbury won the Greater Waterbury Parochial Basketball League Championship, the Wallace Middle School girls team won the junior Naugatuck Valley League championship, and the Waterbury Career Academy boys team won the Naugatuck Valley League championship.

The mayor expressed pride in the students' accomplishments, the hard work they put into their studies, and their dedication to getting through school. The mayor looks forward to spending time with the students and thanking them for making Waterbury look better.

✓ RECESS INTO COMMITTEES:

✓ NEW BUSINESS:

RECESS INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. HOWARD PINCUS

President
Naugatuck Railroad Company
P.O. Box 302
Plymouth, CT 06782
- RE:

Notification of the 2023 Railroad Vegetation Management Plan (VMP).

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2. DAVID B. SIMPSON

Director of Public Works
- RE:

Requesting approval of Amendment #1 to the Agreement for Bulky Waste Disposal between Waterbury and F&G Recycling, LLC. This amendment extends F&G's Original Agreement for two years, with the bulk waste disposal rates based on the negotiated rates from February 22, 2024. The disposal fee for Surcharge items will increase 5% per year from the current rates.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On a motion of Alderwoman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Hunter, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE Item #2.

3. DAVID B. SIMPSON
Director of Public Works

RE: Requesting approval of Amendment #2 to the Agreement for the Disposal and Processing of Curbside Recyclables between Waterbury and F&G Recycling, LLC. This amendment extends F&G's Original Agreement for two years, at the same \$85.00 per ton disposal rate as currently in effect. The original agreement was initiated under Request for Proposals #6600.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On a motion of Alderwoman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Hunter, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE Item #3.

4. JOANNA CASS

RE: Notification of JoAnna Cass’s resignation from the Board Human Rights Commission effective March 11, 2024.

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5. MICHAEL LEBLANC
Director of Finance

RE: Requesting approval of resolutions regarding Connecticut's \$500,000 Urban Act Grant for Martin Luther King Jr. Park Improvements.

REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

On a motion of Alderman Mosley, seconded by Alderman D’Orso, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE Item #5.

6. ROBERT J. NERNEY, AICP
City Planner

RE: Submittal of Notification that the Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Commission, and City Plan Commission have completed training under Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-4c. Commissioner and Board members include the following:

City Plan Commission:
Raymond Work, *Chairman*
Trayvonn Diaz

Michael DiGiovancarlo, *Aldermanic Liaison*
Arben Dula
John Slavin
Yisroel Weinreb

Zoning Commission:

Michael Hayden, *Chairman*
Robert Frank
Michael Grosso
Carlo Palladino
Donald Piombo

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Joseph Caiazzo, *Chairman*
John Christofano
Gerald Gardino, Jr.
Roy Ann James-Ellerbee
Manuel Jesus
Betty Johnson, *Alternate*
Zachary Nichols, *Alternate*

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7. FRANK CARUSO JR.
Revenue Collection Manager

RE: Requesting approval of the suspension of a delinquent account balances in the attached Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Tax Suspense Lists Summary, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-165.

REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

On a motion of Alderman Mosley, seconded by Alderman D’Orso, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to **APPROVE** Item #7.

8. AISLING MCGUCKIN, RN, MSN-MPH
Director of Health

RE: Submittal of the Department of Health and Human Services Substance and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) for First Responders Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (FR-CARA). The Department of Health and Human Services is seeking \$800,000 annually for the Warm Hand-off Program, three overdose response technicians, and \$3,200,000 for three new positions.

REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

On a motion of Alderman Mosley, seconded by Alderman D’Orso, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE Item #8.

9. MICHAEL LEBLANC
Director of Finance

RE: Requesting approval for Employee Retirement Savings Plans – Plan Consulting & Investment Advisory Services Contract – Fiducient Advisors will include but not be limited to the following:
 - Fiduciary Governance
 - Develop/Review Investment Policy Statement and Committee Charter
 - Plan Diagnostic Review
 - Investment Menu Design
 - Investment Performance Monitoring & Reporting
 - Investment Manager Search, Review and Recommendations
 - Fee Review and Analysis
 - Employee Communication & Assistance
 - Conduct Vendor Search & Analysis – during diagnostic phase

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On a motion of Alderwoman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Hunter, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE Item #9.

10. E. GIL GRAVELINE
Building Official

RE: Requesting approval of the following cancelled permits:

Valiant Energy Solutions - \$337.50
Empower Energy Solutions - \$495.00

REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

On a motion of Alderman Mosley, seconded by Alderman D’Orso, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE Item #10.

11. CARRIE A. SWAIN, *CLERK*
Waterbury Board of Education

RE: Requesting review and approval of Facility/ Equipment Use Agreement with CT State Community College (NVCC) for the period of April 9, 2024 through December 31,2024.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On a motion of Alderwoman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Hunter, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE Item #11.

12. CARRIE A. SWAIN, *CLERK*
Waterbury Board of Education

RE: Requesting review and approval of Amendment Two (2) to the Professional Services Agreement (RFP #7223) with Rubicon West, LLC, for Online Curriculum and Lesson Planning Warehouse for Waterbury Public Schools, with a one-year term and a total amount of \$45,980.00.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On a motion of Alderwoman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Hunter, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE Item #12.

13. CARRIE A. SWAIN, *CLERK*
Waterbury Board of Education

RE: Requesting review and approval of Construction Contract for Roof Replacement Kennedy High School (RFP #7930) with Silktown Roofing, Inc. in the total amount of \$3,032,000, which includes an owner-controlled contingency of \$150,000. This Agreement is subject to minor, non-substantive changes to be approved the by Office of the Corporation Counsel.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On a motion of Alderwoman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Hunter, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE Item #13.

14. CARRIE A. SWAIN, *CLERK*
Waterbury Board of Education

RE: Requesting review and approval of Construction Contract for Roof Replacement at Tinker Elementary School (RFP#7931) with Silktown Roofing, Inc. in the total amount of \$876,000 which includes an owner-controlled contingency of \$50,000. This Agreement is subject to minor, non-substantive changes to be approved by the Office of the Corporation Counsel.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On a motion of Alderwoman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Hunter, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to **APPROVE** Item #14.

15. CARRIE A. SWAIN, *CLERK*
Waterbury Board of Education

RE: Requesting review and approval of Construction Contract for Roof Replacement at Sprague Elementary School (RFP#7932) with Silktown Roofing, Inc. in the total amount of \$864,000 which includes an owner-controlled contingency of \$40,000. This Agreement is subject to minor, non-substantive changes to be approved by the Office of the Corporation Counsel.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

On a motion of Alderwoman Weaver, seconded by Alderman Hunter, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to **APPROVE** Item #15.

► STANDING COMMITTEE

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

RE: Request of refunds of Tax Overpayments in the amount of **\$110,022.76.**

REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

On a motion of Alderman Mosley, seconded by Alderman D’Orso, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE the Director of Finance to make refunds to taxpayers representing overpayment of tax bills in the aforementioned amount.

► UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1.

PAUL K. PERNERESKI JR.

Mayor

City of Waterbury

RE:

Determination of Whether to Hold Public Hearing and Designate Additional Early Voting Locations. *(Received on March 11, 2024). Public Hearing set for March 25, 2024 at 5:45 PM).*

On a motion of Alderman D’Orso, seconded by Alderman Mosley, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to NOT TO HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL POLLING PLACES OTHER THAN 235 GRAND STREET as requested, pursuant to Connecticut Public Act 23-5, regarding additional early voting locations for August 13, 2024, primary election.

On a motion of Alderman D’Orso, seconded by Alderman Mosley, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to RETURN TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS @ 6:35 PM.

<u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u>	
Item #1	RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE
Items #2, 3	APPROVED
Item #4	RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE
Item #5	APPROVED
Item #6	RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE
Item #7, 8, 9	APPROVED
Item #10, 11, 12	APPROVED
Item #13, 14, 15	APPROVED
Standing Committee	APPROVED
UNFINISHED BUSINESS #1	APPROVED

On a motion of Alderman D’Orso, duly seconded by Alderman Mosley, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to APPROVE the Consent Calendar as so read.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- **Alderman Alseph** expresses gratitude to the city and fellow aldermen for their support for the mayor of the day on St. Patrick's Day. The city held a fantastic ceremony, and despite a few deceptions, it was a pleasure and an honor for him. He thanks his fellow aldermen and the mayor for their support.
- **Alderman Noujaim:** This Saturday, March 30, 2024, from 12 PM to 2 PM, Hamilton Park will host the Jack Paul Noujaim Community Foundation's annual Easter egg hunt for the fourth district Alderman. The Easter egg search begins at precisely 12:30 PM.
- **Alderman Mosley** has requested a presentation on the Waterbury landbank, providing an update on their projects and provide more public information.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a Motion of Alderman D’Orso, duly seconded by Alderman Mosley, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to ADJOURN AT 6:49 PM.