



WEST HARTFORD

West Hartford Town Council Meeting Minutes Town Hall Legislative Chambers - Room 314 Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Cantor called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Roll Call: Councilor Billings-Smith, Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Councilor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Deputy Mayor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd and Councilor Zydanowicz

Absent: Councilor Cortes

2. Proclamations

Mayor Cantor issued a proclamation for Earth Day 2022.

3. Public Forum

NONE

4. Consent Calendar

A. Consent Calendar

WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOTION TO PLACE ITEMS 5A THROUGH 5D, 7C, 7E THROUGH 7H AND 10A THROUGH 10E ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (SWEENEY)

**MOTION TO REMOVE ITEM 7H FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR (DAVIDOFF)
THE MOTION, AS AMENDED CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)**

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT CALENDAR (SWEENEY)
SECOND (DAVIDOFF)**

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Meeting Minutes 03-22-22

CONSENT

B. Town Council Budget Workshop Minutes 03-16-2022, 03-29-2022, 03-30-2022, 04-06-2022

Town Council Public Hearing on Budget Minutes 03-16-2022, 04-06-2022

CONSENT

C. Public Hearing Minutes 03-22-2022 Ordinance Amending the Tax Exemption Procedure for Ambulance-Type Vehicles

CONSENT

D. Public Hearing Minutes 03-22-2022 Application filed on behalf of Prospect Plaza Improvements, LLC, owner of 245 Prospect Avenue, Special Development District #11, more commonly known as Prospect Plaza.

CONSENT

6. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance Concerning Outdoor Dining

**WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOTION TO WITHDRAW (SWEENEY)
MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)**

7. New Business

A. Application on behalf of Arhaus, Inc, lessee of a portion of 1500/1502 New Britain Avenue, more commonly known as Westfarms Mall. The application seeks to amend Special Development District (SDD) #12 to accommodate exterior architectural, signage and site improvements for a new Arhaus furniture store.

**MOTION TO REFER TO TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION (TPZ), DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DRAC), CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CRCOG), THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON, THE TOWN OF NEWINGTON AND SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 24, 2022 AT 7:00 PM. (SWEENEY)
MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)**

B. Ordinance Regulating Adult-Use Cannabis

**MOTION TO REFER TO TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION (TPZ), CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CRCOG), THE CITY OF HARTFORD, THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON, THE TOWN OF NEWINGTON AND SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 24, 2022 AT 6:30 PM (SWEENEY)
SECOND (DAVIDOFF)
MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)**

C. Resolution Approving a Project for the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program

CONSENT

D. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Amendment with WHFH III, Inc. Regarding 60 Starkel Road

**MOTION TO REFER TO TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION (TPZ) AND SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 10, 2022 AT 7:15 PM
MOTION CARRIES (6 YEA, 0 NAY, 2 ABSTENTIONS)
YEA: COUNCILOR BILLINGS-SMITH, BLANKS, MAYOR CANTOR, COUNCILOR FAY, DEPUTY MAYOR SWEENEY AND COUNCILOR ZYDANOWICZ
NAY:
ABSTENTIONS: COUNCILOR DAVIDOFF AND COUNCILOR WENOGRAD**

E. Resolution Appropriating a Community Connectivity Grant Awarded by the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation

CONSENT

F. Appointment of Roberta Woronow to the Board of Assessors for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

G. Appointment of Matthew Hart to the Commission on Veterans' Affairs for a term to end December 31, 2024

CONSENT

H. Appointment of Alexis Davidoff to the Commission on Veterans' Affairs for a term to end December 31, 2024

**WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 7H (SWEENEY)
MOTION CARRIES (7 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 RECUSED)
YEA: COUNCILOR BILLINGS-SMITH, BLANKS, MAYOR CANTOR, COUNCILOR FAY, DEPUTY MAYOR SWEENEY, COUNCILOR WENOGRAD AND COUNCILOR ZYDANOWICZ
NAY: NONE
RECUSED: COUNCILOR DAVIDOFF**

8. Reports of Town Manager

A. Town Manager's Report

Acting Town Manager Richard Ledwith presented his report to the Council.

9. Reports of Corporation Counsel

A. Corporation Counsel's Report

Corporation Counsel Dallas Dodge addressed the Council. Mr. Dodge explained that the Council will entertain a motion to enter into two executive sessions before the conclusion of the meeting.

10. Communications

A. Communication from Joseph Cassidy resigning from the Fair Rent Commission effective March 31, 2022

CONSENT

B. Communication from Kristen Sowell resigning from the Human Rights Commission effective April 1, 2022

CONSENT

C. Communication from Teri Michaud resigning from the Board of Assessors effective March 26, 2022

CONSENT

D. Communication from Matt Macunas resigning from the Conservation and Environment Commission effective March 31, 2022

CONSENT

E. Submission of the Metropolitan District Commission Independent Consumer Advocate's Quarterly Report for January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022, pursuant to Section 7-334a(d)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes

CONSENT

11. Announcements

12. Executive Session

**WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW AN ITEM TO BE ADDED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING A POTENTIAL LEASE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION (SWEENEY)
MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)**

**WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING A POTENTIAL LEASE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION (SWEENEY)
MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)
THE COUNCIL ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:57 PM AND EXITED AT 8:34 PM**

**WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING A COMMUNICATION PRIVILEGED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP (SWEENEY)
MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)
THE COUNCIL ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:35 PM AND EXITED AT 8:58 PM**

13. Adjournment

**MOTION TO ADJOURN (SWEENEY)
SECOND (DAVIDOFF)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM