



WEST HARTFORD

**West Hartford Town Council Meeting Minutes
50 South Main Street Legislative Chambers - Room 314
Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 7:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

**Present: Councilors Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Cortes, Davidoff, Fay (by phone)
Polun, Deputy Mayor Sweeney, Wenograd and Zydanowicz**

2. Proclamations

NONE

3. Public Forum

NONE

4. Consent Calendar

**WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOTION TO PLACE ITEMS 5A, 5B, 7C THROUGH 7N AND
10A ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (SWEENEY)**

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

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

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Meeting Minutes January 10, 2023

CONSENT

**B. Public Hearing Minutes January 10, 2023 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a
Lease with WHFH Development Corporation for Property Located at 10-50 Starkel
Road**

CONSENT

6. Unfinished Business

A. Application filed on behalf of Blue Back Capital Partners and Charter Realty Development Corp. owners and managing partners of Special Development District #113, also known as Blue Back Square. The application requests an amendment to the existing Special Development District Design Guidelines to create a new standard for "Freestanding Shade Structures"

MOTION TO APPROVE (SWEENEY)

SECOND (DAVIDOFF)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

B. Ordinance Appropriating an Amount not to Exceed \$1,500,000 into the Capital Improvement Fund for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for the Purchase of and Improvements to Properties Located at 12 Brixton Street and 705 Oakwood Avenue in West Hartford and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds of the Town in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,500,000 to Finance the Appropriation and Pending the Issuance thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose

MOTION TO ADOPT (SWEENEY)

SECOND (DAVIDOFF)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

C. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Properties Located at 12 Brixton Street and 705 Oakwood Avenue

MOTION TO ADOPT(SWEENEY)

SECOND (DAVIDOFF)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

D. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease with WHFH Development Corporation for Property Located at 10-50 Starkel Road

MOTION TO ADOPT(SWEENEY)

SECOND (BLANKS)

MOTION CARRIES (6 YEA, 0 NAY, 2 RECUSED, 1 NOT VOTING)

YEA: COUNCILORS BLANKS, MAYOR CANTOR, POLUN, DEPUTY MAYOR

SWEENEY, WENOGRA, ZYDANOWICZ

NAY: NONE

ABSTENTION: COUNCILOR FAY

RECUSAL: COUNCILORS CORTES AND DAVIDOFF

7. New Business

A. Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budgets of the Community Development Block Grant Fund and the Capital Projects Fund

MOTION TO ADOPT(SWEENEY)

SECOND (DAVIDOFF)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

B. Resolution Revising the Schedule of Fees for Various Recreational Facilities

MOTION TO ADOPT(SWEENEY)

SECOND (DAVIDOFF)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

C. Appointment of Lisa Lazarus as a Member of the Board of Assessors for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

D. Appointment of Joseph Stafford as a Member of the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term to expire December 31, 2025

CONSENT

E. Appointment of Kerry Kelley as an Alternate Member of the Board of Assessment Appeals a term to expire December 31, 2025

CONSENT

F. Appointment of Cara Paiuk and Mark Linabury as Members of the Human Rights Commission for terms to expire December 31, 2025

CONSENT

G. Appointment of Andres Lopez, Jessica Goldstein and Narayan Paudel as Members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for terms to expire December 31, 2025

CONSENT

H. Appointment of John Wenz as a Member of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2023

CONSENT

I. Appointment of Tracy Oni as a Member of the West Hartford Prevention Council for a term to expire December 31, 2023

CONSENT

J. Appointment of Gretchen Levitz-Kimball as a Member of the West Hartford Prevention Council for a term to expire December 31, 2025

CONSENT

K. Appointment of Eileen Rau as a Member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2027

CONSENT

L. Appointment of Inga Bowes as a Member of the Commission on Veterans' Affairs for a term to expire December 31, 2025

CONSENT

M. Appointment of Algis Kalvaitis as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire December 31, 2027

CONSENT

N. Reappointment of Nichole Berklas, Nastajha Ortiz, Ashley Rigby and Alexis Safo-Agyeman as Members of the Fair Rent Commission for terms to expire December 31, 2024

CONSENT

O. Communication from Town Clerk Essie Labrot resigning as Town/Council Clerk effective April 7, 2023

MOTION TO RECEIVE (SWEENEY)

SECOND (DAVIDOFF)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

P. Nomination and Appointment of Town/Council Clerk effective April 10, 2023 for a term ending January 1, 2024

Mayor Cantor called for nominations for the position of Town/Council Clerk. Deputy Mayor Sweeney nominated Leon Davidoff.

MOTION TO APPOINT LEON DAVIDOFF AS TOWN/COUNCIL CLERK EFFECTIVE APRIL 10, 2023 FOR A TERM ENDING JANUARY 1, 2024

SECOND (BLANKS)

MOTION CARRIES (7 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 ABSTENTION, 1 RECUSED)

YEA: COUNCILORS BLANKS, MAYOR CANTOR, CORTES, DEPUTY MAYOR SWEENEY, POLUN, WENOGRAD AND ZYDANOWICZ

NAY: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: COUNCILOR FAY

RECUSAL: COUNCILOR DAVIDOFF

8. Reports of Town Manager

Town Manager Richard Ledwith presented his report to the Council.

9. Reports of Corporation Counsel

Corporation Counsel Dallas Dodge commended Deputy Corporation Counsel Gina Varano for her diligence and thoughtfulness in working with outside counsel, particularly on the execution of real estate transactions on behalf of the Town. Mr. Dodge stated that there is no need for Executive Session.

10. Communications

A. Communication from James Healy resigning from the Board of Assessors effective January 13, 2023

CONSENT

11. Announcements

A. Announcements

Mayor Cantor and Councilors announced upcoming events and information.

12. Adjournment

WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOTION TO ADJOURN (CANTOR)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM