



WEST HARTFORD

West Hartford Town Council Meeting Minutes 50 South Main Street Legislative Chambers - Room 314 Tuesday, February 28, 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, Polun, Deputy Mayor Sweeney, Wenograd and Zydanowicz

2. Proclamations

Mayor Cantor issued Proclamation honoring departing Councilor Leon Davidoff.

3. Public Forum

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Hartford submitted a letter in support of Item Resolution Condemning the Recent Worldwide Increase in Antisemitic Violence and Harassment, which was read by Mayor Cantor.

John Lyons, 21 Chestnut Hill Road, addressed the Council on Agenda Item Communication from Councilor Leon Davidoff resigning from the Town Council effective February 28, 2023. Mr. Lyons commended Councilor Davidoff's work on the Council throughout his career.

4. Consent Calendar

Without objection, Motion to place Items 5A, 5B, 7F through 7M, 10A and 10C on the Consent Calendar (Sweeney)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

Motion to Adopt the Consent Calendar (Davidoff)
Second (Blanks)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Meeting Minutes February 14, 2023

CONSENT

B. Public Hearing Minutes - Application of Steele Road, LLC to Amend the Boundaries of SDD #139 located at 243 Steele Road and SDD #33 located at 253-275 Steele Road and 2021 Albany Avenue by Rezoning a Portion of SDD #139 to SDD#33 and Rezoning a Portion of SDD #33 to SDD #139

CONSENT

6. Unfinished Business

A. Application of Steele Road, LLC to Amend the Boundaries of SDD #139 located at 243 Steele Road and SDD #33 located at 253-275 Steele Road and 2021 Albany Avenue by Rezoning a Portion of SDD #139 to SDD#33 and Rezoning a Portion of SDD #33 to SDD #139

Motion to Approve (Sweeney)

Second (Davidoff)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

7. New Business

A. Application filed on behalf of Steele Road, LLC, owner of 243 Steele Road, located within Special Development District (SDD) #139. The application seeks permission to amend the existing SDD, a 190 unit multifamily residential complex, through the addition of a new building containing 18 units, along with associated parking, landscaping and site amenities changes.

Without Objection, Motion to Refer to Town Plan and Zoning Commission (TPZ), Design Review Advisory Committee (DRAC) and Set for Public Hearing on April 11, 2023 at 7:15 PM

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

B. Ordinance Amending the Special Flood Hazard Area Standards

Without Objection, Motion to Refer to Town Plan and Zoning Commission (TPZ), Capitol Region Council for Governments (CRCOG) and Set for Public Hearing on April 11, 2023 at 6:45 PM

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

C. Ordinance Concerning Outdoor Dining

Without Objection, Motion to Refer to Town Plan and Zoning Commission (TPZ), Capitol Region Council for Governments (CRCOG) and Set for Public Hearing on April 11, 2023 at 6:55 PM

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

D. Resolution Accepting a Department of Children and Families Youth Services Bureau Grant to Support Youth Mentoring Services

Motion to Adopt (Sweeney)

Second (Davidoff)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

E. Resolution Condemning the Recent Worldwide Increase in Antisemitic Violence and Harassment.

Motion to Adopt (Sweeney)

Second (Davidoff)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

F. Appointment of Kristen Gorski as a Member of the Central Regional Tourism District for a term to expire December 31, 2025

CONSENT

G. Appointment of Winnie Tantraporn as a Member of the Human Rights Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2025

CONSENT

H. Appointment of Na'eelah Bakari as a Member of the Commission on Veterans' Affairs for a term to expire December 31, 2024

CONSENT

I. Appointment of Paul Knopf as a Member of the Board of Assessors for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

J. Appointment of Dennis Swanton as a Regular Member of the Civilian Police Review Board for a term to expire December 31, 2025

CONSENT

K. Appointment of Steven Adler as an Alternate Member of the Civilian Police Review Board for a term to expire December 31, 2023

CONSENT

L. Appointment of Kyle Zelazny as a Member of the Fair Rent Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2024

CONSENT

M. Appointment of Tristan Sokol as a Member of the Pedestrian & Bicycle Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2027

CONSENT

8. Reports of Town Manager

A. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Richard Ledwith presented his report to the Council.

9. Reports of Corporation Counsel

A. Corporation Counsel's Report

Corporation Counsel Dallas Dodge thanked Councilor Davidoff for his service, mentorship and friendship during his tenure on the Council. Mr. Dodge expressed gratitude that Mr. Davidoff will be serving as Town/Council Clerk.

10. Communications

A. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022; Federal Single Audit Report; State Single Audit Report

CONSENT

B. Communication from Councilor Leon Davidoff resigning from the Town Council effective February 28, 2023

Mayor Cantor, Councilors and Mr. Ledwith commended Mr. Davidoff on his fifteen years of exemplary service on the Council. Councilors thanked Mr. Davidoff for his public service, his thoughtfulness in deliberation, his wisdom, attention to detail, work ethic and guidance to others; both on and off the Council. Councilors expressed confidence and support for Mr. Davidoff's transition to the Town/Council Clerk role. Senator Derek Slap and Representative Kate Farrar presented Mr. Davidoff with a Proclamation on behalf of the state delegation in recognition of his years of service on the Council.

Motion to Receive (Sweeney)

Second (Blanks)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 ABSTENTION)

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

NAY: NONE

ABSTAINING: COUNCILOR DAVIDOFF

C. Communication from Lance Houston resigning from the Board of Assessors effective February 19, 2023

CONSENT

11. Announcements

Mayor Cantor announced upcoming events and information.

12. Executive Session

A. Executive Session pursuant to section 1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation, to wit: Ann F. Klayman v. Town of West Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV-20-6134336.

Without Objection, Motion to Postpone to March 8, 2023 (Sweeney)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

13. Adjournment

Without Objection, Motion to Adjourn (Cantor)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.