



WEST HARTFORD

West Hartford Town Council Special Meeting Minutes 50 South Main Street Legislative Chambers - Room 314 Wednesday, March 8, 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, Fay, Polun, Deputy Mayor Sweeney, Wenograd and Zydanowicz
Others Present: Tiffani McGinnis

2. Proclamations

Mayor Cantor issued a Proclamation in Honor of International Womens Day

Mayor Cantor issued a Proclamation honoring departing Town/Council Clerk Essie S. Labrot. Sentator Derek Slap presented a citation recognizing Ms. Labrot for her contribution to the Town of West Hartford during her 15-year tenure as Town and Council Clerk. Councilors expressed their gratitude to Ms. Labrot for her efforts, diligence and advocacy on behalf of West Hartford and Town Clerks statewide. Ms. Labrot expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve the residents of the Town and work with the Town Council, municipal clerks and other town departments during her career.

3. Public Forum

NONE

4. Town Council Appointment

A. Appointment of Tiffani McGinnis to the Town Council for a term to expire November 21, 2023.

MOTION TO APPOINT (SWEENEY)

SECOND (BLANKS)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

Ms. McGinnis was given the Oath of Office by Town Clerk Essie Labrot and took a seat at the table. Mayor Cantor presented updates to the Council Committee Assignments. Councilor McGinnis was assigned as the Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee and as the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Committee.

5. Consent Calendar

Without Objection, Motion to Place Items 6A, 7C and 7D on the Consent Calendar (Sweeney)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

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

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

6. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Meeting Minutes February 28, 2023

CONSENT

7. New Business

A. Introduction of 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget as Proposed by the Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools.

Town Manager Richard Ledwith presented the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget to the Town Council.

Public Hearings on the Budget have been scheduled for the following dates:

Monday, March 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Monday, April 3, 2023 at 2:00 PM

B. Resolution Authorizing the Corporation Counsel to Settle Pending Litigation: Ann F. Klayman v. Town of West Hartford (Docket No. HHD-CV-20-6134336)

Without Objection, Motion to Place this item at the end of the Agenda

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

C. Appointment of Bruce Wittchen as a Member of the Fair Rent Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2024

CONSENT

D. Appointment of Kaye Straw as a Member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2027

CONSENT

8. Reports of Corporation Counsel

A. Corporation Counsel's Report

Corporation Counsel Dallas Dodge stated that the Council must enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

9. Announcements

NONE

Executive Session

Without Objection, Motion to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of
Discussing Strategy with regard to pending litigation

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:47 PM. The Council was joined by
Town Manager Richard Ledwith, Corporation Counsel Dallas Dodge, Deputy
Corporation Counsel Gina Varano and Attorney Tom Gerarde from Howd & Ludorf. The
Council exited Executive Session at 9:07 PM.

Item 7B. A Resolution Authorizing the Corporation Counsel to Settle Pending Litigation:
Ann F. Klayman v. Town of West Hartford (Docket No. HHD-CV-20-6134336)

MOTION TO ADOPT (Sweeney)

SECOND (BLANKS)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

10. Adjournment

A. Adjourn

Without Objection, Motion to Adjourn (Cantor)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CORPORATION COUNSEL TO SETTLE PENDING LITIGATION:
*ANN F. KLAYMAN V. TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD***

WHEREAS, there is litigation pending against the Town captioned *Ann F. Klayman v. Town of West Hartford*, Superior Court, Judicial District of Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV-20-6134336; and

WHEREAS, Berkley Public Entity Insurance has assumed responsibility for the claim and payment of the settlement amount, provided the Town contributes the balance of its self-insured retention in the amount of \$237,287 from the Risk Management Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WEST HARTFORD THAT the Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized to settle the pending litigation captioned *Ann F. Klayman v. Town of West Hartford*, Superior Court, Judicial District of Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV-20-6134336, in the amount of \$385,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate such settlement.

(LEDWITH)
March 8, 2023