



WEST HARTFORD

**West Hartford Town Council Meeting Minutes
50 South Main Street Legislative Chambers, Room 314
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM

Present: Councilors Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Cortes, Fay, McGinnis, Polun, Walters, Deputy Mayor Wenograd and Zydanowicz

2. Proclamations

NONE

3. Public Forum

Mary Ann Sandberg, 95 St. Augustine Street, commended the Council for their dedication to public service and an excellent Citizen's Police Academy program.

4. Consent Calendar

Without Objection, Motion to Place Items 5A, 7H through 7HH, 10 and 10B on the Consent Calendar (Wenograd)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

Motion to Adopt the Consent Calendar (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Meeting Minutes November 14, 2023 and November 21, 2023

CONSENT

6. Unfinished Business

A. Application filed on behalf of Bloomin' Brands, Inc, owners of Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, lessee of a suite in Special Development District (SDD) #113, located at 40 South Main Street and more commonly known as Blue Back Square. The application seeks permission to amend the existing SDD to allow for the installation of

additional tenant signage.

Motion to Approve (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

7. New Business

A. Application filed on behalf of Chick-fil-A, Inc. ("CFA"), as lessee of property commonly known as 509 New Park Avenue ("CFA Premises"), to modify Special Design District #94 (SDD #94) located at 509 New Park Avenue to accommodate a reconfiguration of the existing drive-thru lane and related site improvements including landscaping and parking.

Without Objection, Motion to Refer to Town Plan and Zoning Commission (TPZ), Design Review Advisory Commission (DRAC), Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) and set for public hearing on January 23, 2024 at 6:45 PM (Wenograd)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

B. Ordinance Concerning Group Child Care Homes

Without Objection, Motion to Refer to Town Plan and Zoning Commission (TPZ), Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) and set for public hearing on January 23, 2024 at 7:15 PM (Wenograd)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

C. Ordinance Concerning the General Obligation Pension Bonds Reserve Fund

Without Objection, Motion to Set for public hearing on January 9, 2024 at 7:15 PM

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

D. Resolution Closing Completed Capital Projects in the Capital Projects Fund

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

E. Resolution Setting the Town Clerk's Compensation

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

F. Resolution Setting the Town Manager's Compensation

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

G. Resolution Appointing Dallas C. Dodge as Corporation Counsel

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

H. Appointment of Jennifer Searls, Elisa Neira and Brittany Koziara as Regular Members of the Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

I. Appointment of Nancy Gierlich and Lisa Karam as Regular Members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for a term to expire December 31, 2025

CONSENT

J. Appointment of Kristen Jezerski as a Regular Member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

K. Appointment of Mary Silverberg as a Regular Member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2025

CONSENT

L. Appointment of Andrea Belli as a Regular Member of the Pedestrian & Bicycle Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2024

CONSENT

M. Appointment of Matthew Lampkin as a Regular Member of the Civilian Police Review Board for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

N. Appointment of Sherri Schwartz as a Regular Member of the Historic District Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2027

CONSENT

O. Appointment of Brian Clemow as an Alternate Member of the Historic District Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2024

CONSENT

P. Appointment of Matthew Schreck as an Alternate Member of the Historic District Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2025

CONSENT

Q. Appointment of Venica Blythe as a Regular Member of the Fair Rent Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2024

CONSENT

R. Appointment of Burke Doar as a Council Zoning Alternate for a term to expire December 31, 2025

CONSENT

S. Appointment of Lisa Lazarus as a Council Zoning Alternate for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

T. Appointment of Megan Polte as a Member of the West Hartford Prevention Council for a term to expire December 31, 2024

CONSENT

U. Appointment of Kathleen Bond as a Member of the West Hartford Prevention Council for a term to expire December 31, 2025

CONSENT

V. Reappointment of Carol McCabe, Matthew Bragg and Latanya Farrell as Regular Members of the the Commission on the Arts for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

W. Reappointment of Eric Schoenberg and Aurora Melita as Regular Members of the Human Rights Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

X. Reappointment of Kimberly Cohen as a Regular Member of the Library Board for a term to expire December 31, 2028

CONSENT

Y. Reappointment of Anna L. Park and Steve Garneau as Regular Members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

Z. Reappointment of Colin Gillespie, Paul Hogan II and John B. Wenz as Regular Members of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2028

CONSENT

AA. Reappointment of Nordia Napier and Bob Macca as Regular Members of the West Hartford Prevention Council for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

BB. Reappointment of Rosemary Cleary as a Regular Member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2028

CONSENT

CC. Reappointment of Jeremy Donnelly as a Regular Member of the Commission on Veterans' Affairs for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

DD. Reappointment of Kim Grehn, Kim Jacobsen and Amy Messinger as Regular Members of the Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

EE. Reappointment of Olinda Morales and Bjorn Burke as Regular Members and Steve Adler as an Alternate Member of the Civilian Police Review Board for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

FF. Reappointment of Brian Flemming as a Regular Member of the Design Review Advisory Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

GG. Reappointment of Nancy Grassilli as an Alternate Member of the Town Plan & Zoning Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2028

CONSENT

HH. Reappointment of Michael D'Amato as a Regular Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire December 31, 2028

CONSENT

8. Reports of Town Manager

Town Manager Richard Ledwith presented his report to the Council.

9. Reports of Corporation Counsel

Corporation Counsel Dallas Dodge confirmed that the Council will need to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an attorney client confidential and privileged legal memorandum updating the Town Council concerning pending claims and litigation against the Town and a potential claim by the Town.

Without Objection, Motion to Suspend the Rules to Add Executive Session to the Agenda (Wenograd)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

Without Objection, Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an attorney client confidential and privileged legal memorandum updating the Town Council concerning pending claims and litigation against the Town and a potential claim by the Town (Wenograd)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:23 PM. The Council was joined by Town Manager Richard Ledwith, Corporation Counsel Dallas Dodge and Deputy Corporation Counsel Gina Varano. The Council exited Executive Session at 8:53 PM.

10. Communications

A. Communication from Christopher Dutton resigning from the West Hartford Prevention Council effective December 31, 2023

CONSENT

B. Communication from Lisa Lazarus resigning from the Board of Assessors effective

December 1, 2023

CONSENT

11. Announcements

Mayor Cantor announced upcoming events and information.

12. Adjournment

Without Objection, Motion to Adjourn (Cantor)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.