



WEST HARTFORD

West Hartford Town Council Meeting Minutes
50 South Main Street Legislative Chambers - Room 314
Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

Present: Councilors Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Cortes, McGinnis, Polun, Walters, Deputy Mayor Wenograd and Zydanowicz; also Present: Council Zoning Alternate Burke Doar
Absent: Councilor Fay

2. Proclamations

NONE

3. Public Forum

NONE

Without Objection, Motion to Suspend the Rules to Receive a briefing from the Chief of Police on Public Safety

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

Chief Riddick addressed the Council on the Police Department's ongoing efforts to protect public safety.

4. Consent Calendar

Without Objection, Motion to place Items 5A, 5B, 5C, 7B, 7D and 7E are placed on the Consent Calendar (Wenograd)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Meeting Minutes January 9, 2024

CONSENT

B. Public Hearing Meeting Minutes January 9, 2024 - Ordinance Concerning the General Obligation Pension Bonds Reserve Fund

CONSENT

C. Public Hearing Meeting Minutes December 12, 2023 - 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.

CONSENT

6. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance Concerning Group Child Care Homes

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

YEA: Councilors Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Cortes, McGinnis, Deputy Mayor Polun, Walters, Wenograd, Zydanowicz and Council Zoning Alternate Doar seated for Councilor Fay

NAY: None

B. Ordinance Implementing the Recommendations of the Civilian Police Review Board

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

C. 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.

Motion to Approve (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

YEA: Councilors Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Cortes, McGinnis, Deputy Mayor Polun, Walters, Wenograd, Zydanowicz and Council Zoning Alternate Doar seated for Councilor Fay

NAY: None

7. New Business

A. Application of WeHa Development Group East, LLC owner of 1700 Asylum Avenue, for Change of Zone of approximately 14.9 acres of the northern portion of 1700 Asylum Avenue from a R-10 single-family zone to a RM-MS multifamily-multistory residence district zone with Special Development District Designation (SDD) overlay for the redevelopment of the northern portion of the site into a new multifamily housing development with associated parking and site amenities. The SDD overlay is also proposed to encompass the southern 8.9 acres of 1700 Asylum Avenue and includes new ballfield parking. No change of underlying zone is proposed for the southern portion of the property.

Without Objection, Motion to Refer to Town Plan and Zoning Commission (TPZ), Design Review Advisory Committee (DRAC) and set for Public Hearing on March 11, 2024 at 5:30 PM (Wenograd)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

B. Resolution Accepting a Grant from The John G Martin Foundation to Support Park Improvements

CONSENT

C. Resolution Appropriating Funds in the Capital Nonrecurring Expenditure Fund to the Board of Education

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

D. Appointment of Donell P. Jackson as a Member of the Civilian Police Review Board for a term to expire December 31, 2024

CONSENT

E. Resolution Accepting a Grant from Amplify, Inc. to Support Behavioral Health Services

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 presented his report to the Council.

10. Communications

NONE

11. Announcements

A. Announcements

Mayor Cantor and Councilor Cortes announced upcoming events and information.

12. Adjournment

Without Objection, Motion to Adjourn (Cantor)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.