



WEST HARTFORD

**West Hartford Town Council Meeting Minutes
50 South Main Street Legislative Chambers - Room 314
Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Cantor called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM

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

2. Proclamations

Mayor Cantor issued a Proclamation in recognition of Social Work Month 2024, Empowering Social Workers

3. Public Forum

NONE

4. Consent Calendar

Without Objection, Motion to Place Items 5A, 5B and 8A 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 March 12, 2024

CONSENT

B. Public Hearing Minutes February 27, 2024 - Application filed on behalf of INSPIRED BY OPPORTUNITY, LLC, lessee of property commonly known as Wendy's Restaurant, to modify Special Design District #29 (SDD #29) located at 331 South Road to demolish the existing restaurant building and create a new 2,680 s.f. restaurant building with drive-through facility. Associated modifications include the reconfiguration of the parking layout and drive aisles and new landscaping, signage, and stormwater and

sanitary sewer improvements.

CONSENT

6. Unfinished Business

A. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Permanent Easements to Support the Development Project at 27 Park Road

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

7. New Business

A. Ordinance Concerning Zoning Regulations for Cannabis Establishments

Without Objection, Motion to Receive and Refer to Town Plan and Zoning Commission (TPZ), Capitol Region Council for Government (CRCOG), the City of Hartford, the Town of Newington, the Town of Farmington and Set for Public Hearing on May 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

B. Resolution Authorizing the Corporation Counsel to Settle Pending Litigation: *Kelly E. Murphy v. Town of West Hartford and Justin E. Andrews*

Item Tabled Pending Executive Session

Without Objection, Motion to Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation (Wenograd)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

At 7:51 PM, the Council entered into Executive Session to Discuss pending litigation, Kelly Murphy v. Town of West Hartford and Justin E. Andrews. The Council was joined by Corporation Counsel Dallas Dodge, Deputy Corporation Counsel Gina Varano, Town Manager Richard Ledwith and Attorney Rule from Howd & Ludorf. The Council exited Executive Session at 7:56 PM.

Without Objection, Motion to Take the Item off the Table (Cantor)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

8. Communications

A. Communication from Colin Gillespie resigning from the Pedestrian & Bicycle Commission effective March 14, 2024

CONSENT

9. Reports of Town Manager

A. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Richard Ledwith presented his report to the Council.

10. Reports of Corporation Counsel

A. Corporation Counsel's Report

Corporation Counsel confirmed that the Council would need to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation for Item 7B as well as for a Suspense Item.

Without Objection, Motion to Suspend the Rules to add an Executive Session to the agenda for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, Estate of Jade Gaiter and Lisa Thomas, Individually and as Co-Administrators v. Town of West Hartford & West Hartford Board of Education, Docket No. HHD CV-24-6177542

MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)

At 7:59 PM, the Council entered Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The Council was joined by Corporation Counsel Dallas Dodge, Deputy Corporation Counsel Gina Varano, Town Manager Richard Ledwith and Attorney Rule from Howd & Ludorf. The Council exited Executive Session at 8:14 PM.

11. Announcements

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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 8:15 PM.