



West Hartford Town Council Meeting Minutes
50 South Main Street Legislative Chambers, Room 314
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

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

2. Proclamations

NONE

3. Public Forum

NONE

4. Consent Calendar

A. Consent Calendar

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

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

Motion to Adopt the Consent Calendar (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Meeting Minutes - December 10, 2024

CONSENT

B. Public Hearing Minutes - December 19, 2024 Application for change of zone and redevelopment of 1800 Asylum Ave

CONSENT

6. Unfinished Business

NONE

7. New Business

A. Ordinance Amending the Pension Plan to Allow a Refund of Contributions to the Pension Plan

Without Objection, Motion to Receive and Set for Public Hearing on January 28, 2025 at 6:15 pm.

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

B. Ordinance Amending the Pension Plan to Allow for Multiple Primary and Contingent Beneficiary Designations

Without Objection, Motion to Receive and Set for Public Hearing on January 28, 2025 at 6:25 pm.

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

C. Resolution Appropriating an Auto Theft and Violence Grant

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

D. Resolution Appropriating Community Development Block Grant Funds to Support the Housing Rehabilitation Program

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

E. Resolution Appropriating Grant Funds Awarded under the Connecticut Recreational Trails Grant Program

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

F. Resolution Appropriating a Federal Grant to Support a Speed Management Pilot Program

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

G. Resolution Appropriating American Rescue Plan Act Grant Funds

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

H. Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget to Fund Transfers to the Capital Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund, the Risk Management Fund, the Utility Services Fund and to Accrue for Expenditures Related to Tax Assessment Appeals and Contract Settlements

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

I. Appointment of John Souza as a Member of the Fair Rent Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

J. Appointment of Kate Martin as a Member of the Fair Rent Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2028

CONSENT

K. Appointment of Heather Bohn as a Member of the West Hartford Prevention Council for a term to expire December 31, 2025

CONSENT

L. Appointment of Danielle Guttman-Lapin as a Member of the West Hartford Prevention Council for a term to expire December 31, 2027

CONSENT

M. Reappointment of Carl Shields and Megan Polte as Members of the West Hartford Prevention Council for a term to expire December 31, 2027

CONSENT

N. Reappointment of Bruce Wittchen and Nichole Berklas as Members of the Fair Rent Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2028

CONSENT

O. Reappointment of Venica Blythe and Alexis Sago-Ayegman as Members of the Fair Rent Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2027

CONSENT

P. Reappointment of Nastajha Ortiz as a Member of the Fair Rent Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2026

CONSENT

Q. Reappointment of James Healy as a Member of the Metropolitan District Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2030

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

NONE

10. Communications

A. Communication from Kristen Levesque resigning from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective December 2, 2024

CONSENT

B. Communication from Cara Paiuk resigning from the Human Rights Commission effective December 4, 2024

CONSENT

C.

SDD #3 – 1126-1148 New Britain Avenue - Notice of Town Planner's intention to approve, pursuant to section 177-44C (9)(c)(d)(f), a request filed on behalf of Hare Associates, LLC for revisions to the approved Special Development District plan (SDD #3) located at 1126-1148 New Britain Avenue and more commonly known as the Elmwood Shopping Center. The request is for minor changes to parking, signage and architectural elements of the plan.

CONSENT

11. Announcements

A. Announcements

Mayor Cantor and Councilors presented upcoming events and information.

12. Adjournment

Without Objection, Motion to Adjourn (Cantor)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.