



West Hartford Town Council Meeting Minutes
50 South Main Street Legislative Chambers, Room 314
Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:57 PM

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

2. Proclamations

A. Proclamations

Mayor Cantor issued a Proclamation recognizing Poet Laureate Clare Rossini

3. Public Forum

NONE

4. Consent Calendar

A. Consent Calendar

Without Objection, Motion to place items 5A through 5C 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 - March 25, 2025

CONSENT

B. Town Council Public Hearing Minutes - March 20, 2025 Application filed on behalf of Vessel RE Holdings LLC and Vessel Technologies, Inc., contractor purchaser of 29 Highland Street, for change of zone of approximately 2.3 +/- acres of the site from a RI single-family zone to a RM-1 multifamily residence district with Special Development District Designation overlay for the redevelopment of the site into a new 112 unit multifamily residential development which will qualify as a "set-aside development"

under General Statutes Section 8-30g. Associated parking and site amenities are also proposed.

CONSENT

C. Town Council Public Hearing Minutes - April 1, 2025 Public Hearing on Budget

CONSENT

6. Unfinished Business

A. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Permanent Easements to Support the Development Project at 10-50 Starkel Road

Motion to Adopt (Polun)

Second (McGinnis)

MOTION CARRIES (7 YEA, 0 NAY, 1 RECUSED)

YEA: Councilors Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Fay, McGinnis, Polun, Walters and Zydanowicz

RECUSED: Councilors Cortes (Absent for the vote) and Deputy Mayor Wenograd

B. Ordinance Authorizing the Use of Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (7 YEA, 1 NAY)

YEA: Councilors Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Fay, McGinnis, Polun, Walters and Deputy Mayor Wenograd

NAY: Councilor Zydanowicz

7. New Business

A. Resolution Appropriating Funds Awarded under the Federal Highway Safety Program

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

B. Resolution Appropriating Funds from the Drug Enforcement Fund

Motion to Adopt (Wenograd)

Second (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

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 the request for a suspension of the rules to add an Executive Session to the agenda for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation: Vivian Johnson v Board of Education, Docket No. HHD-CV22-6154834-S

10. Communications

NONE

11. Announcements

A. Announcements

Mayor Cantor and Councilors presented upcoming events and information.

Executive Session

Without Objection, Motion to Suspend the Rules in order to add an Executive Session to the agenda for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation: Vivian Johnson v Board of Education, Docket No. HHD-CV22-6154834-S (Wenograd)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

Without Objection, Motion to Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation: Vivian Johnson v Board of Education, Docket No. HHD-CV22-6154834-S (Wenograd)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

The Council entered Executive Session at 8:39 pm. The Council was joined by Corporation Counsel, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Attorney Jonathan Serling and the Town Manager. The Council exited Executive Session at 8:51 pm.

12. Adjournment

A. Adjourn

Without Objection, Motion to Adjourn (Cantor)

MOTION CARRIES (8 YEA, 0 NAY)

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

SUSPENSE

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CORPORATION COUNSEL TO SETTLE PENDING LITIGATION:
*VIVIAN JOHNSON V. WEST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION***

WHEREAS, there is litigation pending against the West Hartford Board of Education captioned *Vivian Johnson v. West Hartford Board of Education*, Superior Court, Judicial District of Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV-22-6154834-S; and

WHEREAS, both parties wish to fully and forever settle any and all differences, disputes and claims that they may have against each other related to this case; and

WHEREAS, a settlement of the claims is in the best interests of the West Hartford Board of Education and shall not in any way be construed as an admission of any liability or wrongdoing by the Board of Education or any of its employees.

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 *Vivian Johnson v. West Hartford Board of Education*, Superior Court, Judicial District of Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV-22-6154834-S, in the amount of \$150,000; and

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

(LEDWITH)
May 27, 2025