



WEST HARTFORD

**West Hartford Town Council Meeting Minutes
50 South Main Street Legislative Chambers - Room 314
Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 7:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 PM

Present: Mayor Cantor, Councilors Harris, Lazarus, Lyons, McGinnis, Deputy Mayor Polun and Walters; Absent: Councilors Wang and Wenograd

2. Proclamations

A. Proclamations

NONE

3. Public Forum

NONE

4. Consent Calendar

A. Consent Calendar

Items Proposed for Consent: Items 5A, 5B, 7D

Without Objection, Motion to Place Items 5A, 5B and 7D on the Consent Calendar (Polun)

MOTION CARRIES (7 YEA, 0 NAY)

Motion to Adopt the Consent Calendar (Polun)

Second (McGinnis)

MOTION CARRIES (7 YEA, 0 NAY)

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Meeting Minutes June 9, 2026

Proposed Action: Consent

CONSENT

B. Public Hearing Minutes June 9, 2026 - Resolution Approving Programs Eligible for the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program

Proposed Action: Consent

CONSENT

6. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance Concerning Dog Leashes

Proposed Action: Motion to Adopt

Motion to Adopt (Polun)

Second (McGinnis)

MOTION CARRIES (7 YEA, 0 NAY)

B. Ordinance and Resolution Dissolving the West Hartford Special Services District

Proposed Action: Motion to Adopt

Motion to Adopt (Polun)

Second (McGinnis)

MOTION CARRIES (7 YEA, 0 NAY)

7. New Business

A. Resolution Directing the Town Manager to Submit an Amended Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Plan to the Connecticut Department of Transportation for Approval

Proposed Action: Motion to Adopt

Motion to Adopt (Polun)

Second (McGinnis)

MOTION CARRIES (7 YEA, 0 NAY)

B. Resolution Appropriating an Historic Document Preservation Grant

Proposed Action: Motion to Adopt

Motion to Adopt (Polun)

Second (McGinnis)

MOTION CARRIES (7 YEA, 0 NAY)

C. Resolution Revising the Schedule of Fees for Veterans Memorial Skating Rink

Proposed Action: Motion to Adopt

Motion to Adopt (Polun)

Second (McGinnis)

MOTION CARRIES (7 YEA, 0 NAY)

D. Appointment of Alexander Ginis as a Council Zoning Alternate for a term to expire December 31, 2028

Proposed Action: Consent

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 Dodge announced that the Council would enter into Executive Session.

10. Communications

NONE

11. Announcements

A. Announcements

Mayor Cantor and Councilors announced upcoming events and information.

12. Executive Session

A. Executive Session pursuant to section 1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation to wit: Jane Doe, PPA Jane Doe #2 v. Town of West Hartford, et al., Docket No. HHD-CV-24-5083682.

Without Objection, Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to a pending claim, to wit: Jane Doe, PPA Jane Doe #2 v. Town of West Hartford, et al., Docket No. HHD-CV-24-5083682.

MOTION CARRIES (7 YEA, 0 NAY)

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:24 PM. The Council was joined by Town Manager Richard Ledwith, Corporation Counsel Dallas Dodge, Deputy Corporation Counsel Gina Varano, Attorney Thomas Gerarde and Attorney Ashley Hoyt of the law firm Howd & Ludorf. The Council exited Executive Session at 8:57 PM.

Without Objection, Motion to add to the agenda a Resolution authorizing Corporation Counsel to settle: Pending Litigation: Jane Doe PPA v. Town of West Hartford, et al.

MOTION CARRIES (7 YEA, 0 NAY)

Motion to Adopt (Polun)

Second (McGinnis)

MOTION CARRIES (7 YEA, 0 NAY)

13. Adjournment

A. Adjourn

Without objection, Motion to Adjourn (Cantor)

MOTION CARRIES (7 YEA, 0 NAY)

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CORPORATION COUNSEL TO SETTLE PENDING LITIGATION:
JANE DOE PPA v. TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD ET AL**

WHEREAS, there is pending litigation against the Town of West Hartford captioned *Jane Doe PPA v. Town of West Hartford, et al.*, Superior Court, Judicial District of Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV24-5083682-S; and

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff has extended an Offer of Compromise to resolve all claims asserted in the litigation in the amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Corporation Counsel has reviewed the matter and recommends acceptance of the Offer of Compromise as being in the best interests of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the settlement will require the Town to fund the remaining balance of its self-insured retention in the amount of \$195,000 from the Risk Management Fund, with the remainder of the settlement amount to be funded through the Town's excess liability insurance coverages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD THAT the Corporation Counsel is authorized to settle the litigation captioned *Jane Doe PPA v. Town of West Hartford, et al.*, Superior Court, Judicial District of Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV24-5083682-S, for the total settlement amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town Manager is authorized to expend the remaining balance of its self-insured retention in the amount of \$195,000 from the Risk Management Fund in connection with such settlement, with the balance of the settlement proceeds to be funded by the Town's excess liability insurers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation Counsel is authorized to execute and deliver any and all agreements, releases, stipulations, and other documents necessary or appropriate to effectuate and finalize the settlement.

(LEDWITH)
June 23, 2026