



# WEST HARTFORD

## **West Hartford Town Council Meeting Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 8:00 PM**

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Comcast Channel 5 and Frontier TV Channel 6098, YouTube as well as  
[www.whctv.org](http://www.whctv.org)**

### **1. Meeting Opening**

#### **A. Call to Order**

**Mayor Cantor called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM**

#### **B. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **C. Roll Call**

**Present: Councilor Blanks, Councilor Cantor, Councilor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Councilor Gold, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd and Councilor Williams**

**Absent: Councilor Kerrigan**

**Also Present: Councilor-Elect Billings-Smith, Councilor-Elect Cortes, Councilor-Elect Zydanowicz, Town Manager Matthew Hart, Corporation Counsel Gina Varano**

### **2. Proclamations**

#### **A. Small Business Saturday 2021**

**Mayor Cantor issued a Proclamation for Small Business Saturday 2021**

#### **B. Departing Councilors**

**Council members recognized outgoing Councilors and their families for their service to the Town. Councilors Williams and Gold addressed the Town Council on their departure.**

### **3. New Business**

#### **A. Certification of Election of Councilors in Town Election November 2, 2021 and Presentation of Certificates to Each Councilor**

**Town Clerk Essie Labrot Certified the Election of Councilors in the Town Election on November 2, 2021. Ms. Labrot Presented Certificates of Election to Councilors Blanks, Billings-Smith, Cantor, Cortes, Davidoff, Fay, Sweeney, Wenograd and Zydanowicz.**

**B. Oath of Office**

**Ms. Labrot administered the Oath of Office to Councilors Blanks, Billings-Smith, Cantor, Cortes, Davidoff, Fay, Sweeney, Wenograd and Zydanowicz. Councilors Billings-Smith, Cortes and Zydanowicz joined the Council for discussion on the following items.**

**C. Call for Nomination for Council President**

**MOTION TO NOMINATE COUNCILOR CANTOR AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT/MAYOR (DAVIDOFF)**

**SECOND (BLANKS)**

**VOTE CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)**

**YEA (9) Councilor Blanks, Councilor Billings-Smith, Mayor Cantor, Councilor Cortes, Councilor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Deputy Mayor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd and Councilor Zydanowicz**

**Nay: (0)**

**D. Call for Nomination for Council Vice-President**

**MOTION TO NOMINATE COUNCILOR SWEENEY AS COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT/DEPUTY MAYOR (DAVIDOFF)**

**SECOND (BILLINGS-SMITH)**

**VOTE CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)**

**YEA (9) Councilor Blanks, Councilor Billings-Smith, Mayor Cantor, Councilor Cortes, Councilor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Deputy Mayor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd and Councilor Zydanowicz**

**Nay: (0)**

**E. Appointment of Council Clerk**

**MOTION TO APPOINT ESSIE LABROT AS COUNCIL CLERK (SWEENEY)**

**SECOND (DAVIDOFF)**

**MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)**

**YEA (9) Councilor Blanks, Councilor Billings-Smith, Mayor Cantor, Councilor Cortes, Councilor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Deputy Mayor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd and Councilor Zydanowicz**

**Nay: (0)**

**F. Resolution Adopting Temporary Standing Rules for the 2021-2023 Term of the West Hartford Town Council**

**MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION ADOPTING TEMPORARY STANDING RULES FOR THE 2021-2023 TERM OF THE WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL (SWEENEY)**

**MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION TO CORRECT THE NAME OF A COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE FROM “COUNCIL MANAGEMENT” TO “COUNCIL AFFAIRS AND GOVERNANCE” (SWEENEY)**

**SECOND (DAVIDOFF)**

**MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)**

**YEA (9) Councilor Blanks, Councilor Billings-Smith, Mayor Cantor, Councilor Cortes, Councilor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Deputy Mayor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd and Councilor Zydanowicz**

**Nay: (0)**

**Deputy Corporation Counsel Gina Varano presented section 1(a)(ii) of the Temporary Standing Rules and Mayor Cantor discussed the proposed new Council committees**

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED (CANTOR)**

**MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)**

**YEA (9) Councilor Blanks, Councilor Billings-Smith, Mayor Cantor, Councilor Cortes, Councilor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Deputy Mayor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd and Councilor Zydanowicz**

**G. Appointment of Council Committees**

**Mayor Cantor appointed Councilors to the Council Standing Committees as shown below:**

**Community Planning and Economic Development Committee**

**Chair – Leon Davidoff**

**Vice Chair – Ben Wenograd**

**Minority Member – Mark Zydanowicz**

**Finance and Administration Committee**

**Chair – Liam Sweeney**

**Vice Chair – Leon Davidoff**

**Minority Member – Mary Fay**

**Council Affairs and Governance Committee**

**Chair – Shari Cantor**

**Vice Chair – Liam Sweeney**

**Minority Member – Mary Fay**

**Human and Community Services Committee**

**Chair – Adrienne Billings-Smith**

**Vice Chair – Liam Sweeney**

**Minority Member – Alberto Cortes**

**Public Safety Committee**

**Chair – Carol Anderson Blanks**

**Vice Chair – Adrienne Billings-Smith**

**Minority Member – Alberto Cortes**

**Public Works, Facilities and Sustainability Committee**

**Chair - Wenograd**  
**Vice Chair – Carol Anderson Blanks**  
**Minority Member – Mark Zydanowicz**

H. Resolution Adopting Standing Rules for the 2021-2023 Term of the West Hartford Town Council

**WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOTION TO REFER THE RESOLUTION ON THE ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE 2021-2023 TERM TO THE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL AFFAIRS AND GOVERNANCE (SWEENEY)**

**MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)**

**YEA (9) Councilor Blanks, Councilor Billings-Smith, Mayor Cantor, Councilor Cortes, Councilor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Deputy Mayor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd and Councilor Zydanowicz**

**Nay: (0)**

I. Resolution Setting Town Council Meeting Dates

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION SETTING THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR THE 2021-2023 TERM (SWEENEY)**

**SECOND (DAVIDOFF)**

**MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)**

**YEA (9) Councilor Blanks, Councilor Billings-Smith, Mayor Cantor, Councilor Cortes, Councilor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Deputy Mayor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd and Councilor Zydanowicz**

**Nay: (0)**

J. Suspense Item

**WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOTION TO SUSPEND THE COUNCIL RULES TO ALLOW AN ITEM TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA.**

**MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)**

**YEA (9) Councilor Blanks, Councilor Billings-Smith, Mayor Cantor, Councilor Cortes, Councilor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Deputy Mayor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd and Councilor Zydanowicz**

**Nay: (0)**

**WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOTION TO SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 14, 2021 AT 7:00 PM THE ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY (SWEENEY)**

**MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)**

**YEA (9) Councilor Blanks, Councilor Billings-Smith, Mayor Cantor, Councilor Cortes, Councilor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Deputy Mayor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd and Councilor Zydanowicz**

**Nay: (0)**

**4. Communications**

A. Communication from Adrienne L. Billings-Smith resigning from the Civilian Police Review Board effective 11/4/2021

**WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOTION TO RECEIVE (SWEENEY)**

**MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)**

**YEA (9) Councilor Blanks, Councilor Billings-Smith, Mayor Cantor, Councilor Cortes, Councilor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Deputy Mayor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd and Councilor Zydanowicz**

**Nay: (0)**

B. Communication from Alberto L. Cortes resigning from the Civilian Police Review Board effective November 5, 2021

**WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOTION TO RECEIVE (SWEENEY)**

**MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)**

**YEA (9) Councilor Blanks, Councilor Billings-Smith, Mayor Cantor, Councilor Cortes, Councilor Davidoff, Councilor Fay, Deputy Mayor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd and Councilor Zydanowicz**

**Nay: (0)**

## **5. Adjournment**

A. Adjourn

**WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION CARRIES (9 YEA, 0 NAY)**

**The Meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.**

- Essie S. Labrot, Town Clerk/Council Clerk