

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, July 17, 2017. Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone, City Councilors Paul Cavagnero , Gregg Cogswell, Anne Ruwet, Luisa Noujaim and Drake Waldron. City Councilor Daniel Farley was absent. Parks & Recreation Commissioner Gerard Carbone was also present.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 3, 2017. Councilor Ruwet abstained.

Open to Public

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public.

Michael Banziruk requested a committee be formed to review City Ordinance Chapter 170 to prepare the City for a potential sewer hook-up application from Woodridge Lake property owners. He said that Torrington property owners have been paying millions of dollars over the years to build our system. Mr. Banziruk suggested the review committee consider appropriate costing for sewer hook-ups from outside the city as the people of Torrington will shoulder the major ongoing cost of our system.

Mayoral Appointments

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to accept the following Mayoral appointments to the Services for the Elderly Commission:

- Gloria Novak and John Silano as full members for their first three-year term to expire June 30, 2020.
- Joan Krampitz, Mary Ann Berlinski and Jeanne McGarrity as alternate members.

Release Liens

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Noujaim, the Council voted unanimously to accept Corporation Counsel's recommendation and authorize the Mayor, pursuant to CGS §12-179, to release the liens described in Atty. LaMere's Memo dated 7/17/17.

Executive Session

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to enter Executive session at 6:42 p.m. to discuss the potential purchase and/or lease of real property in accordance with C.G.S. §1-200(6)(D).

Open Session

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to enter Open Session at 7:23 p.m.

Acquisition of Real Property, University Dr.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to enter into negotiations for the potential acquisition of the University of Connecticut property located on University Drive - and to sign any non-binding term sheets as necessary to continue the discussion and negotiations.

Add to Agenda

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to add Section B to the agenda.

Section B

Field St. Sidewalks

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Noujaim, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Public-Private partnership with IRG Realty Advisors for the construction of sidewalks

Section B (Continued)

Field St. Sidewalks (Continued)

along the property of IRG Realty Advisors and Field Street, and to reimburse IRG Realty Advisors upon completion of the sidewalk construction for ½ the cost, not to exceed \$44,500.00 AND to authorize the waiver of the bid process for the contractor that is selected by IRG Realty Advisors under the City's private-public partnership agreement.

Adopt Resolution: Parking Lot Improvements

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor to adopt Resolution #143-17-14, as follows:

Be it resolved that Elinor Carbone, Mayor of Torrington, is hereby authorized to apply for a grant and execute any and all documents for the Connecticut Community Connectivity Program for the purposes of improving the four downtown parking lots for pedestrians and bicycling.

Fuessenich Park Partnership Commission

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the immediate transfer of remaining funds from the Fuessenich Park Partnership Commission to the City of Torrington for park entrance renovations and for purposes of supporting the recent upgrades to the park.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the dissolution of the Fuessenich Park Partnership Commission. Councilor Cogswell said the Commission members should all be thanked and Mayor Carbone commended the work done. Mr. Carbone listed upcoming tournaments to be held at the Park.

Building Dept.

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Building Dept. Report for June 2017.

Business by Dept. Heads

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Noujaim, the Council voted unanimously to consider business presented by Department Heads. No business was presented.

Business: Mayor & Members

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Waldron, the Council voted unanimously to consider business presented by the Mayor and members of the City Council.

On an amended motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to add an agenda item to the August 21st meeting, to discuss the Ordinance Committee's review of Chapter 170, to explore where we are in this process and to make recommendations as required.

Mayor Carbone added that the Street Department analysis will be presented at the August 21st meeting.

Open to Public: Agenda Items Only

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Noujaim, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public to discuss agenda items only. There was no one present who wished to speak.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

ATTEST: JOSEPH L. QUARTIERO, CMC
CITY CLERK