TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY December 7, 2021 6:30 P.M. RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell, Christina Tatta, Vincent Testa, Jason Zandri, and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Corporation Counsel Janis Small and Comptroller Tim Sena were also present.

Moment of Silence

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Discussion and Possible Action with respect to the Council's direction for use of ARPA funds;
 - a. Review of CCM Guidance
 - b. Review of other Connecticut municipalities use of ARPA funds
 - c. Council's proposed guidelines for Wallingford's use of ARPA funds
 - d. Creation of a Committee to propose guidelines to the Council and review applications ARPA funds

The Town Council likely won't form a Committee to receive, review and recommend applications for American Rescue Plan Act funds before the new year.

Attorney Small stated committees formed by the Town Council expire at the end of the two-year council term. She went on to state if Council formed an ARPA committee before next month, it would have to appoint the committee when the new terms starts.

The Mayor proposed hiring a consultant to make certain the town records and reports ARPA expenditures properly.

4. Discussion and action regarding Appropriation of \$25,000 from the ARPA fund to hire UHY Advisors NY Inc. for advising the Town regarding reporting and accounting for Rescue Plan expenditures – Mayor

Councilor Tatta inquired about a cap on this.

Mayor Dickinson stated we are paying them on an hourly basis and it depends how many hours we need their service.

Mr. Sena stated a single federal audit is performed anytime the town spends \$750,000 or more in federal money. He remarked we will be audited no doubt.

MOTION WAS MADE to appropriate \$25,000 from the ARPA fund to hire UHY Advisors NY Inc. for advising the Town regarding reporting and accounting for Rescue expenditures.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: SHORTELL

ROLL CALL VOTE:

SHORTELL: YES

FISHBEIN: LAFFIN:

YES

TATTA: TESTA:

YES YES

MARRONE:

YES YES

ZANDRI:

YES

MORGENSTEIN: YES

CERVONI:

YES

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MOTION: PASSED

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY: SHORTELL

SECONDED BY: MARRONE

MOTION: PASSED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Council Staff

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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Deborah McKiernan, Town Clerk