

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers

TUESDAY

March 26, 2013

6:30 P.M

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:43 P.M. Following the Opening Prayer by Deacon Eugene Riotte, Holy Trinity Church of Wallingford, the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Vincent Cervoni, Nick Economopoulos, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John Letourneau, Chairman Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, John J. Sullivan and Jason Zandri. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and G. E. Farrell, Sr., Town Attorney, were also in attendance.

2. Executive Session pursuant to §1-225(f) and §1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending CHRO matter of Balcastro v. Town of Wallingford – Personnel

MOTION WAS MADE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to §1-225(f) and §1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending CHRO matter of Balcastro v. Town of Wallingford

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: ALL AYE (9)
MOTION PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: ALL AYE (9)
MOTION PASSED.

TIME OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:45 p.m. – 7:11 p.m.

ATTENDANCE AT EXECUTIVE SESSION

NINE (8) COUNCILORS (COUNCILOR SULLIVAN WAS ABSENT), MAYOR DICKINSON, TOWN ATTORNEY G.E.FARRELL, SR., COMPTROLLER JAMES BOWES, TERENCE SULLIVAN, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

3. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the matter of Balcastro v. Town of Wallingford CHRO matter as discussed in Executive Session – Personnel

MOTION MADE TO SETTLE THE MATTER OF BALCASTRO V. TOWN OF WALLINGFORD AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MADE BY: CERVONI

SECONDED BY: RASCATI

Councilor Economopoulos asked if anything like this issue was ever addressed by the Diversity Committee when it was meeting several years ago and if any of this committee's recommendations have been implemented.. Mayor Dickinson said that the committee reviewed policies. There was discussion with regard to the light duty policy in the Police Department. This decision was a business decision when considering cost a settlement was agreed upon.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

CERVONI:	YES	ECONOMOPOULOS:	NO	FISHBEIN:	YES
LAFFIN:	YES	LETOURNEAU:	YES	RASCATI:	YES
SULLIVAN:	YES	ZANDRI:	YES	CHAIRMAN PARISI:	YES

8-AYE; 1 NAY (ECONOMOPOULOS))

THE MOTION PASSED.

4. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Board of Education Food Service Union Local 424, Unit 30, UPSEU contract effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2015
- Board of Education

*In Attendance: Jan Guarino, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Personnel
Roxanne McKay, Chairwoman, Board of Education
Charlene Wong, Director of Food Services for Schools*

Mr. Guarino discussed changes in the contract as follows:

- Pg. 7 Article VII –Section 7.6 Working Hours
- Pg. 8 Article IX –Section 9.1 Sick Leave Allowance
- Pg. 9 Article IX –Section 9.3 Sick Leave Allowance
- Pg. 9 Article X –Section 10.1 Personal Leave
- Pg. 10 Article X –Section10.2 Language clarification
- Pg. 10 Article XI – Section 11.2 Insurance
- Pg. 10 Article XI – Section 11.5 Insurance

She then reviewed the wages schedule, Appendix “A”. Bi-weekly pay with respect to direct deposit was discussed. It was suggested that this item not be packaged with other contract items being negotiated and that it stand alone in future negotiations.

Ms. Wong explained the training on page 7, Section 7.6. When someone is reassigned to another school there is a period of observation at that new school. She went on to say that each school is somewhat different in the way the lunch period is run. They discussed the kitchen managers with regard to their pay level in that it is the highest among the Food Service employees.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR THE Board of Education Food Service Union Local 424, Unit 30, UPSEU contract effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2015.

MADE BY: LETOURNEAU

SECONDED BY: SULLIVAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

CERVONI: YES ECONOMOPOULOS: YES FISHBEIN: NO
LAFFIN: YES LETOURNEAU: YES RASCATI: YES
SULLIVAN: YES ZANDRI: YES CHAIRMAN PARISI: YES

8-AYE; 1 NAY (FISHBEIN)

THE MOTION PASSED.

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5. Presentation of Certificates to two M. T. Sheehan High School Athletes of Coach Charles Farley

Michaela Mendygral, sophomore,

1st Place Throw State Championship Shot Put Class M Schools for a throw of 37 ½ feet an

Dan Baum, senior, State Championship 1st Place 55 meter hurdles with a time of 7.90 seconds

Addendum to Item #5

Presentation of Certificate to M.T. Sheehan High School Athlete of the Boys Swim Team,
Coached by Keith Cargan

Connor Robison, freshman,

1st Place - Class S 500 yard freestyle 4:45:41

2nd Place – Class S 200 freestyle 1:44:95

10th Place in the State Open 200 yard freestyle

7th Place in the State Open 500 freestyle

Mayor Dickinson and Chairman Parisi awarded Certificates to **Michaela Mendygral, Dan Baum, Connor Robison** to loud applause. Mrs. Robison was introduced in her son's absence. And Coach Keith Cargan was heartily acknowledged.

6. Correspondence - *None*

7. Consent Agenda

7a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$6,302.16 (#543 - #561)
Acct. # 1001001-41020 - Tax Collector

7b. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$1,500 to Overtime
Acct # 100-1115-51400 from Regular Salaries Acct # 100-1115-51000 \$800
and from Office Expenses & Supplies Acct # 100-1115-56100 \$700
– Public Utilities Director

- 7c. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$20,000 to Maintenance of Vehicles Acct # 10030000-54320 from Capital Account: Exterior Repairs-Senior Center Acct . # 10030000-57000-00142 – Public Works
- 7d. Set a Public Hearing for April 9, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. to consider and act on the repeal of Chapter 28 Housing Partnership and the adoption of the substituted Chapter 28 *Housing Partnership* of the Code of the Town of Wallingford.
- 7e. Set a Public Hearing for April 9, 2013 at 7:15 P.M. to consider and act on the repeal of Chapter 214, Abandoned Vehicles, Section 5, “Penalties for Offenses” and the adoption of the substituted Chapter 214, Abandoned Vehicles, Section 5, “Penalties for Offenses”, of the Code of the Town of Wallingford.
- 7f. Consider and Approve the reappointment of Mr. Robert Beaumont to the Public Utilities Commission for a three-year term effective immediately and expiring on March 1, 2016 - Mayor
- 7g. Approve minutes of Regular Town Council meeting of March 12, 2013

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA 7a. to 7g.
MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: ALL AYE (9)
MOTION PASSED.

- 8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda - *None*

9. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

Frank Ricci, 46 Chimney Sweep Road, expressed his concerns with regard to the Housing Authority and its new operations manager, the New Haven Housing Authority. It was explained that the Town Council has appointing authority of the board but beyond that the Council has no real power in how the authority is run. The Town Council went through a long process to select the board members at the housing authority and has confidence in them.

Bob Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, made comments with regard to ethics and the WHA. He also spoke about the Rx Drop Box.

Jim Ricci, no address given, expressed his concerns with the decisions being made by the Housing Authority board members.

Mayor Dickinson stated that it is the board members who make the decisions and that the Housing Authority is not a town agency but a quasi-state agency.

- 10. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount in the Amount of \$1,000 to Overtime Acct # 12000-51400 from Salaries & Wages Acct # 12000-51000 – Personnel

In attendance: Terence Sullivan, Director, Personnel

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE A TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 TO OVERTIME ACCT # 12000-51400 FROM SALARIES & WAGES ACCT # 12000-51000.

MADE BY: CERVONI

SECONDED BY: RASCATI

Mr. Sullivan explained that this transfer is related to the testing that is offered at night to job prospectives.

VOTE: ALL AYE (9)
MOTION PASSED.

11. Presentation on proposed Legacy Gardens at Wallace Park – Parks & Recreation

John Gawlak, Director, Parks & Recreation Department
Dave Gelo, Chairman Parks & Recreation Commission
Mike Savanelli, Vice-Chairman Parks & Recreation Commission
Rox Gallagher, Parks & Recreation Commissioner

Mr. Gawlak presented the Council with a handout outlining the project which was accompanied by photos. (The handout is part of the record of the meeting.) He explained that this is an application process to honor different ethnic groups who are the fabric of the town. Suggestions were made. Garden maintenance was discussed. Budget of \$80,000 was discussed.

This project was most favorably received by the Town Council especially since it will enhance one entrance into the town from the Merritt Parkway.

12. Executive Session pursuant to §1-200 (6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor *Withdrawn*

ADDENDUM –

The Town Council will be meeting with the Public Utilities Commission to discuss the following item.

13. Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-225(f), §1-210(b)(24) and §1-200(6)(E) to discuss Responses to the Wallingford Electric Division's Request for Proposals for Wholesale Power Procurement.

MOTION WAS MADE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ROOM 315: pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-225(f), §1-210(b)(24) and §1-200(6)(E) to discuss responses to the Wallingford Electric Division's Request for Proposals for Wholesale Power Procurement.

MADE BY: CERVONI

SECONDED BY: RASCATI

VOTE: AYE (8) (COUNCILOR SULLIVAN WAS ABSENT)

MOTION PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: AYE (8) (COUNCILOR SULLIVAN WAS ABSENT)
MOTION PASSED.

TIME OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:39 p.m. – 9:44 p.m.

ATTENDANCE AT EXECUTIVE SESSION

NINE (8) COUNCILORS (COUNCILOR SULLIVAN WAS ABSENT), MAYOR DICKINSON, TOWN ATTORNEY G.E.FARRELL, SR. AND COMPTROLLER JAMES BOWES

REPRESENTATIVES FROM PUBLIC UTILITIES – DIRECTOR GEORGE ADAIR, GENERAL MANAGER ELECTRIC DIVISION RICK HENDERSHOT, COMMISSIONERS ROBERT BEAUMONT AND RICHARD NUNN

COUNCILOR CERVONI MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MS. RASCATI SECONDED.

VOTE: AYE (8); COUNCILOR SULLIVAN WAS ABSENT
MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Weekes
Town Council Secretary

Chairman Robert Parisi

Date

Town Clerk Barbara Thompson

Date