

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers
OCTOBER 10, 2023
6:30 P.M.
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 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 Autumn Allinson, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christina Tatta Samuel Carmody, Vincent Testa Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Attorney Town Council Janis Small, and Town Clerk Kristen Panzo were also present.

Moment of Silence

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Consent Agenda

Waive Rule V- Discussion and Possible action regarding proposed agreement between the Town of Wallingford, Sewer Division and Gaylord Hospital to design, construct and Fund a replacement sewer lateral (Approved by PUC on October 3, 2023)- Councilor Fishbein

MOTION WAS MADE to approve Waive Rule V
MADE BY: FISHBEIN
SECONDED BY: TATTA

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: AYE
CARMODY: AYE
FISHBEIN: AYE
LAFFIN: AYE
MARRONE: AYE
TATTA: AYE
TESTA: NAY
ZANDRI: AYE
CERVONI: AYE
MOTION: PASSED

Neil Amwake the General Manager for the Water and Sewer Division presented on this item. There was a discussion amongst the Council and Neil as to why the person designing the project is also responsible for the permitting of this project. The agreement was discussed in great detail.

- 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$28,928.16 (#261-#379)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
- 3b. Acceptance of overtime reimbursement funds from a Federal Task Force and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$4,197 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
- 3c. Acceptance of Donation from Masonicare Ashlar Village and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,000 from Revenue Account-Donations, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Account – Fire Dept. Expenditures, Acct. #25020150-58830-TBD – Fire Dept.
- 3d. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$1,000 from Emergency Management Operating Expenses, Acct. #10010800-58735 to Emergency Management Maintenance of Buildings, Acct. #10010800-54315 – Fire Dept.
- 3e. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds from Retained Earnings to Interest on Long Term Debt in the amount of \$52,416.60 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #N/A to Interest on Long Term Debt, Acct. #43100427 – Water Div.
- 3f. Budget Amendment FY 2023-2024 from Retained Earnings to Transmission and Distribution Mains in the amount of \$7,500–Water Div.
- 3g. Budget Amendment FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$40,000 – Sewer Div.
- 3h. Budget Transfer FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$285,000 – Electric Div.
- 3i. Updated Passenger Vehicle Lease for the Wallingford Senior Center for a term of five years – Law Dept.
- 3j. Approve Town Council Minutes of September 26, 2023.

MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent Items 3a-3i

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: AYE

CARMODY: AYE

FISHBEIN: AYE

LAFFIN: AYE

MARRONE: AYE

TATTA: AYE

TESTA: AYE

ZANDRI: AYE

CERVONI: AYE
MOTION: PASSED

4. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: None**

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Bob Gross asked questions pertaining to the ARPA money and if Council and the Mayor are all done with the ARPA process. He wanted to know the total amount of ARPA money spent and if Council has any more businesses to review and approve for ARPA money.

6. 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing to Consider and Act on a Fair Rent Commission Ordinance.

MOTION WAS MADE to approve A Fair Rent Commission Ordinance
MADE BY: MARRONE
SECONDED BY: CARMODY

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: AYE
CARMODY: AYE
FISHBEIN: NAY
LAFFIN: AYE
MARRONE: AYE
TATTA: NAY
TESTA: AYE
ZANDRI: AYE
CERVONI: AYE
MOTION: PASSED

Jesse Reynolds wanted to know if the Council can vote yes on this matter and create a Fair Rent Commission Ordinance. The Council discussed with Attorney Janis Small about the language of the Ordinance and if it could be changed after approving it.

7. Discussion and Action regarding the cost of rebidding Community Pool – Mayor

The Mayor presented the information from Michael Fortuna, Architect with the T.L.B. Architecture Firm that designed and wrote the specifications for the new Community Pool. The Council discussed what the next steps should be.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

MOTION WAS MADE to end the meeting at 8:21pm
MADE BY: FISHBEIN
SECONDED BY: CARMODY

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: AYE
CARMODY: AYE
FISHBEIN: AYE
LAFFIN: AYE
MARRONE: AYE
TATTA: AYE
TESTA: AYE
ZANDRI: AYE
CERVONI: AYE

MOTION: PASSED

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Panzo
Town Clerk

Meeting digitally recorded

Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Date

Kristen Panzo, Town Clerk

Date

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