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TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers

November 12, 2024

6:30 P.M.

RECORD OF VOTES AND MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Autumn Allinson, Craig Fishbein, Christina Tatta, Samuel Carmody, Vincent Testa, Christopher Regan, Jesse Reynolds and Chairman Joseph A. Marrone III. Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Assistant Town Attorney Geoffrey T. Einhorn, and Town Clerk Kristen Panzo were also present. Councilor Thomas Laffin was absent.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consent Agenda
 - 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$13,195.33 (#367-416)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
 - 3b. Acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety grant funds “FY 2024 Speed and Aggressive Driving Enforcement” and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$33,473 to Revenue Highway Safety, Acct. #1002001-45208 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
 - 3c. Acceptance of Donations from local businesses and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,160 to Revenue Donations - Police, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Donations - Police, Acct. #25020050-58830-10135 – Police Dept.
 - 3d. Acceptance of Donation from Holy Trinity and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$161 from Revenue Account – Donations, Acct. #2502002-47152 to Fire Prevention Program Expenditures, Acct. #25020150-58830-TBD – Fire Dept.
 - 3e. Acceptance of Donation from Nucor Steel and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$15,000 from Revenue Account- Donations, Acct. #2502002-47152 to Fire Department Program Expenditures, Acct. #25020150-58830-TBD – Fire Dept.
 - 3f. Discussion and possible action to approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$11,300 from Revenue-Federal Grant, Acct. #2391002-45200 to ARPA-

Municipal Doolittle Walkway & Benches, Acct. #23940320-58830-TBD - Recreation

- 3g. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$959 from Office Expenses, Acct. #10010850-56100 to Scanners, Acct. #10010850-57000-01350 – Probate
- 3h. Consider and approve FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$6,690 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #N/A to Maintenance of Treatment Equipment, Acct. #43300314 – Water Div.
- 3i. Consider and approve new Clinician Job Description – Human Resources
- 3j. Approve Amended Minutes of September 24, 2024 Town Council Meeting.
- 3k. Approve Amended Minutes of October 8, 2024 Town Council Meeting.
- 3l. Approve Minutes of October 22, 2024 Town Council Meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent items 3a-3h, 3j, 3k and 3i and 3l were withdrawn.

MADE BY: TATTA

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

4. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Bill Comerford of Broadview Drive asked if 3i had been removed from the agenda and why. Chairman Marrone stated that 3i was removed from the Human Resources Department. Mr., Comerford wanted to know if 3f was approved, which it was. He had asked Mayor Cervoni if the draft report was approved yet and if he had looked at it yet. Mayor Cervoni stated that he has begun reviewing the report. Mr. Comerford discussed why he wanted the basketball court item 3f pulled from the agenda for discussion. He stated that he had sent pictures to the council showing his concerns. He discussed the issue of the fence being at the out of bounds line at the park. He mentioned having pictures from 2022 where is fence line is three feet from the out of bounds line where now it is four inches. Mayor Cervoni said the foot print of the basketball court never changed. Mr. Comerford wanted to know who signed off on the fence being four inches from the out of bounds line. He talked about the water problems at the park and the five foot sidewalk that will be installed. Chairman Marrone intervened to ask if it is the project at the park that Mr. Comerford is unhappy with or just certain aspects of the project. Mr. Comerford stated that it is a poorly designed project. Benches will be added to the park near the basketball court and he asked if there will be a sidewalk to the bench to make sure that

it is ADA compliant.

6. Discussion of old business – Chairman Marrone

- (a) Update on Hidden Brook Lane

Assistant Town Attorney Einhorn stated that an A-2 survey has been submitted to the town for review. They are waiting on a report from the developer's attorney on the statuses of the easements. As far as the Engineering Department, the A-2 survey looks good to them.

7. Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-225(f) and §1-200(6)(B) to discuss pending litigation in the matter of *Mozzicato Wallingford, LLC v. Town of Wallingford* – Law Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE to go into Executive Session at 6:44pm.

MADE BY: TATTA

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

8. Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-200(6)(B) and §1-225(f) regained strategy and negotiation with respect to the pending litigation matter of *Torre, Amy, Zeo v. Miller* (which also affects *Miller v. Department of Administrative Services, et al*) – Law Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE to go into Executive Session at 6:44pm.

MADE BY: TATTA

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the matter of *Mozzicato Wallingford, LLC v. Town of Wallingford* as discussed in Executive Session – Law Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE to come out of Executive Session and go back into Regular Session at 7:11pm.

MADE BY: TATTA

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #9.

MADE BY: FISHBEIN

SECONDED BY: TATTA

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

10. Consider and approve action on the pending litigation matter of *Torre, Amy, Zeo v. Miller* (which also affects *Miller v. Department of Administrative Services, et al*) - Law Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE to come out of Executive Session and go back into Regular Session at 7:11pm.

MADE BY: TATTA

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #10.

MADE BY: FISHBEIN

SECONDED BY: TATTA

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Panzo
Town Clerk

Meeting digitally recorded

Joseph A. Marrone III, Chairman

Date

Kristen Panzo, Town Clerk

Date

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