

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6: 36 P.M.
The Opening Prayer was given by Rabbi Bruce Alpert, Beth Israel Synagogue.
The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni; Vice-Chairman Tom Laffin; John LeTourneau; Christopher Shortell; Jason Zandri; Joseph Marrone; John Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Corporation Counsel Janis Small. Comptroller James Bowes and Town Attorney Gerald Farrell Sr. were not in attendance.

3. Consent Agenda

3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$10,015.98 (#576-#594) Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector

3b. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$1,751 from Contingency-General Purpose Acct. #10019000-58820 to Purchased Svs. – Software Support Acct. #10010401-56718 – Comptroller

3c. Consider and Approve Acceptance of Donation in the amount of \$250 from Ms. Melissa L. Frank for on-going costs of the K-9 program and Consider and Approve Appropriation to Revenue Donations Acct. #25502002-47152 and to Expense Donations Acct. #25020050-58830-10127 – Police Department

3d. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$14,612 from Purchased Svs. – Crossing Guards, Acct. #10020050-56738 to Network Switch Replacement Acct. #TBD – Police Department

3e. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$3,500 from Distribution Maintenance – Overhead Lines, Acct. #593 to Distribution Operations – Misc. Distribution Expense Acct. #587 – Electric Division

3f. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$9,800 from Distribution Maintenance-Overhead Lines, Acct. #593 to Distribution Operations – Customer Installations Expense Acct. #587 – Electric Division.

3g. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$6,400 from Contingency General Purpose Acct. #10019000-58820 to Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10020100-51000 – Animal Control

3h. Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,250 to Revenue Acct. #2264002 – 47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22640150-58830 – Youth & Social Services

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda – None.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 3a through 3h

Made by: Laffin

Seconded by: Fishbein

Vote: 9 ayes.

5. Public Question & Answer Period

Donald Kennedy, 2 Bull Avenue, spoke.

Paul Ciardullo, 2 Bayberry Drive, spoke.

James Hine, 342 S. Elm Street, spoke.

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road,spoke.

Paul Ciardullo, 2 Bayberry Drive, spoke again.

End of Public Question & Answer at 6:55 p.m.

6. Executive Session pursuant to 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property and with respect to Item #7- 1-225(f) and 10225(6)(B) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the following pending foreclosures:

- a) **Town of Wallingford v. Charles Voss and Stacey Voss, et al**
- b) **Town of Wallingford v. Kevin T. Butler, and**
- c) **Town of Wallingford v. Charles R. Voss, et al**

and with respect to Item #11 regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending tax appeal matter of Celco Partnership v. Town of Wallingford.

Motion to go into Executive Session for all three items at 6:55 p.m.

Made by: Laffin
Seconded by: Fishbein
Vote: 9 ayes

For Executive Session Item #6, which began at 6:55 p.m., in attendance were Councilors Fishbein, Laffin, LeTourneau, Marrone, Shortell, Sullivan, Testa, Zandri and Chairman Cervoni along with Mayor Dickinson, Corporation Council Janis Small and Tim Ryan.

The Executive Session ended at 7:15 p.m.

The Executive Session for sub-items 7A, 7B and 7C began at 7:15 p.m. and ended at 7:21 p.m. In attendance were Councilors Fishbein, Laffin, LeTourneau, Marrone, Shortell, Sullivan, Testa, Zandri, Chairman Cervoni, Mayor Dickinson and Corporation Council Janis Small.

The Executive Session for Item #11 begin at 7:21 p.m. and ended at 7:26 p.m. In attendance were Councilors Fishbein, Laffin, LeTourneau, Marrone, Shortell, Sullivan, Testa, Zandri, Chairman Cervoni, Mayor Dickinson and Corporation Council Janis Small.

The Council voted to come out of Executive Session on all items at 7:31 p.m.

Motion made by: Laffin
Seconded by: Shortell
Vote: 9 ayes

Meeting back in regular session.

8. Consider and authorize taking action in the pending foreclosure matter of Town of Wallingford v. Charles Voss and Stacey Voss, et al as discussed in Executive Session – Law Dept.

Motion to authorize the Law Dept. to bid debt owe to Town of Wallingford as discussed in Executive Session on the foreclosure case of Town of Wallingford v. Charles Voss and Stacey Voss, et al.

Made by: Laffin
Seconded by: Fishbein
Vote: 9 ayes

9. Consider and authorize taking action in the pending foreclosure matter of Town of Wallingford v. Kevin T. Butler as discussed in Executive Session

Motion to authorize the Law Dept. to bid debt owed to the Town of Wallingford as discussed in Executive Session on the foreclosure case of Town of Wallingford v. Kevin T. Butler

Made by: Laffin
Seconded by: Fishbein
Vote 9 ayes

10. Consider and authorize taking action in the pending foreclosure matter of Town of Wallingford v. Charles R. Voss, et al as discussed in Executive Session

Motion to authorize the Law Dept. to bid debt owed to the Town of Wallingford as discussed in Executive Session on the foreclosure case of Town of Wallingford V. Charles R. Voss, et al

Made by: Laffin
Seconded by: Fishbein
Vote: 9 ayes.

12. Consider and approve a settlement in the pending tax appeal matter of Celco Partnership v. Town of Wallingford as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion to authorize the Law Dept. to negotiate and settle Celco Partnership v. Town of Wallingford as discussed in Executive Session

Made by: Laffin
Seconded by: Fishbein
Vote: 9 ayes.

13. Appointment of 2016 Charter Revision Commission members – Chairman Cervoni

Chairman Cervoni said the Councilors have brought their nominees and noted tonight the Council will only be appointing the Charter Revision Commission members and will schedule a workshop to discuss the charge to the Commission which will be charged at a subsequent Council meeting.

Councilor Testa – nominated Samuel Carmody
Councilor Zandri- nominated Gina Morgenstein
Councilor Sullivan – nominated Atty. Jonathan Chappell
Councilor Shortell - nominated Mark Gingras
Councilor Laffin – nominated Christina Tatta
Councilor Fishbein – nominated James Seichter
Councilor Marrone – nominated Tom Corrigan
Councilor LeTourneau – nominated Stephen Knight
Chairman Cervoni – nominated Robert Swick
Mayor Dickinson nominated Patricia Kohl and James Pyskaty

Town Clerk Barbara Thompson swore in the attending Charter Revision Commission nominees.

Adjournment

Councilor Shortell made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 7:40 p.m. Councilor Fishbein seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Kleist
Acting Recording Secretary