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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
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RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 was called to order at 6:35 P.M. The opening Prayer was given by Pastor Will Marotti, New Life Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christopher K. Shortell arrived at 6:50 P.M., John J. Sullivan, Vincent F. Testa, Jr., and Jason Zandri arrived at 6:40 P.M. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., and Town Attorney, Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. were also present at the meeting.

- 3. Consent Agenda
 - 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$8,314.31 (#645-#669)
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
 - 3b. Accept the following Board of Education Grants and appropriate to Special Revenue Fund #235 Federal and State Educational Grants Fund:

a) IDEA-Part B	\$ 9,590
b) Bi-Lingual Education	\$ 1,994
c) Title III-Part A	\$ 5,507
d) Innovation Project Donations	\$ 17,000
e) Immigration & Youth Education	\$ 491
f) Technology – High Quality Schools	\$133,276
g) Voc-Ed Carl Perkins Capstone/Innovation	\$ 39,908
h) Smart Start Capital Improvements	\$150,000
i) Smart Start (Operations)	\$150,000
j) AFCEA STEM Teaching Tools Grant	\$ 1,000
 - 3c. Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$75,000 to Outside Contractors – Expenditures, Acct. #10020050-51600 and to Charges for Current Services – Revenue, Acct. #1002001-46020 – Police Department
 - 3d. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$90,000 from Distribution Plant – Poles Towers Fixtures, Acct. #364 to Distribution Plant – Overhead Conductors, Acct. #365 - Electric
 - 3e. Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$9,886 to Donations, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 –Y&SS
 - 3f. Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$600 to Revenue, Acct. #2264002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22640150-58830 –Y&SS

- 3g. Acceptance of Donation and Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$200 to Donations, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
- 3h. Acceptance of Donation and Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$25 to Donations, Acct #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830-Y&SS
- 3i. Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$50 to Revenue, Acct. #2264002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22640150-58830 –Y&SS
- 3j. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$6,000 from Contingency – General, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Comptroller’s Operating Exp., Acct. # - 10010407-58735 – Comptroller
- 3k. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$15,000 from Contingency, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Maintenance of Vehicles, Acct. #10030000-54320 – Public Works
- 3l. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$15,267 from Contingency, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Capital Account - Heaters Wash Bay - Acct. #TBD and Capital Account – Heating/Cooling System – Office- Acct. #TBD -Public Works
- 3m. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$12,500 from Contingency, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Professional Services - Lawyers, Acct. #10010300-56710 – Law Department
- 3n. Schedule a Public Hearing for May 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to be held in connection with an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,254,528 FOR THE PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 2016-2017 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$2,254,528 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE
- 3o. Consider and Approve use of Qualifications Based RFP Process to select one or more firms to supply interim Water Treatment Plant Operators – Water-Sewer Division
- 3p. Consider and Approve of renaming the Mark T. Sheehan High School baseball field to the Robert Neubauer Baseball Field- BOE
- 3q. Consider and Approve a bid waiver request to hire experts for tax appeals for the remainder of 2016 and 2017 fiscal year – Law Department

- 3r. Consider and Approve delegating authority to the Law Department to settle collection cases on claims valued up to \$2,500 for the term of the Town Council ending December 31, 2017 – Law Department
- 3s. Approve Town Council Minutes of Budget Public Hearing, April 7, 2016.
- 3t. Approve Town Council Minutes of Budget Workshop, April 11, 2016.
- 3u. Approve Town Council Minutes of April 12, 2016.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3u.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: 9-AYE
MOTION: PASSED

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

Official unveiling of the plaque naming the Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers – Robert Parisi thanked the Council and the Mayor for this great honor.

- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Don Kennedy, Bull Avenue, spoke about his request for information from Jim Bowes and states that he has not received that information from him.

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, spoke about the Center Street condos and removal of affordable housing restriction. He asked why it was removed. Chairman Vincent Cervoni replied that the developer spent 18 months marketing the unit and there was no interest, therefore, it's time to release the homes to the general market.

Closed Public Question and Answer Period at 6:55 P.M.

- 6. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Tentative Agreement for United Public Service Employees Union Local 424-Unit 30, Wallingford Board of Education Food Service Contract effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 - BOE

*In attendance: Dr. Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent of Schools and
Cindy Lavalette, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel*

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THIS CONTRACT AS PRESENTED.

MADE BY: LETORNEAU
SECONDED BY: SULLIVAN

Councilor Marrone spoke about plan design and asked if HSA was proposed. Cindy Lavalette replied that this unit was not interested in plan change. Councilor Fishbein asked if HSA was suggested by her team. Cindy Lavalette responded yes but they were not interested.

Councilor Fishbein asked if there was any reason why they were not interested. Cindy Lavalette replied that she didn't know. Councilor Fishbein questioned if there is a payout cap on sick leave. Cindy Lavalette responded that the cap would be an accumulation of ninety days.

Councilor Fishbein asked about the procedure for a medical exam and if sick leave is being abused. Cindy Lavalette stated that she doesn't have first-hand experience with that. She went on to state that she assumes if they feel an employee is abusing sick leave, they would pay for the exam.

Councilor Fishbein indicated that the language in the contract states people who opt out of the union still pay union dues but that is not how the law is stated.

Councilor Shortell inquired about insurance coverage and asked if we have ever been to arbitration on eliminating the insurance waiver. Dr. Salvatore Menzo replied that he didn't think so. He stated that it is best to try that with a small union, not a large one. Councilor Sullivan stated that arbitration concerns him and we will lose based on our ability to pay. Mayor Dickinson indicated that the Town should watch wages and that wages carry an enormous impact on pensions.

Councilor Fishbein stated that a motion to accept this contract has no effect. Only a motion to reject the contract has an impact.

Mayor Dickinson stated that if the motion to accept is denied, then the contract goes forward but if a motion to reject is approved, then there is no contract in place.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	SHORTELL: NO
FISHBEIN: NO	SULLIVAN: YES
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES	ZANDRI: YES
MARRONE: YES	CHAIRMAN CERVONI: YES
7-AYE	
MOTION: PASSED	

7. Discussion and possible action regarding a letter of intent concerning the Lendlease project - Mayor

In Attendance: Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. – Law Department

MOTION WAS MADE TO TABLE ITEM #7 UNTIL APRIL 27, 2016

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI

Attorney Farrell stated that Attorney Small was working well into the afternoon with the developer on this. He indicated that they have negotiated with good faith and are trying to reach a lease agreement. Money is still under discussion and we are working out the tax agreements and depreciation on equipment. He noted that Lendlease has a short time period and needs to apply with DEEP by May 4th. He stated that if you vote for this, it shows the Town has good faith in moving forward.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	SHORTELL: YES
FISHBEIN: YES	SULLIVAN: YES
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: OBSTAIN
LETOURNEAU: YES	ZANDRI: YES
MARRONE: YES	CHAIRMAN CERVONI: NO

7-AYE
MOTION: PASSED

8. Discussion and Possible Action with regard to technological upgrades in the Town Clerk/Town Council Office – Councilor Craig Fishbein

Councilor Fishbein recommended that the Technology Committee meet with the Clerk and Administration on this matter.

MOTION WAS MADE TO TABLE THIS MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE FUTURE.

MADE BY: FISHBEIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU
VOTE: ALL-AYE
MOTION: PASSED

9. **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CT General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor**

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: ALL-AYE
MOTION: PASSED

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:40 P.M.

MADE BY: FISHBEIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU
VOTE: ALL-AYE
MOTION: PASSED

Time of Executive Session: 7:27 P.M. to 7:40 P.M.

Attendance at the Executive Session: 9 Councilors, Mayor Dickinson and Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
MADE BY: SULLIVAN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU
VOTE: ALL-AYE
MOTION PASSED**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa Moss
Council Staff
Meeting digitally recorded



Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

10 May 2016

Date



Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

5-10-16

Date