

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
 Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers
NOVEMBER 14, 2023
6:30 P.M.
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 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 . Mayor William W. Dickinson, Attorney Town Council Janis Small, and Town Clerk Kristen Panzo were also present. Chairman Vincent Cervoni and Councilor Zandri were not present at this meeting.

Moment of Silence

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consent Agenda
 - 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$18,343.95 (#405-#442) Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
 - 3b. Acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety Grant FY 2023 Speed and Aggressive Driving Enforcement and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$35,895 to Revenue Highway Safety, Acct. #1002001-45208 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
 - 3c. Acceptance of Donation from Nucor Steel and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$15,000 to Revenue Donations- Police, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Donations-Police, Acct. #25020050-58830-10135 – Police Dept.
 - 3d. Acceptance of Donation from ROHM America and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,000 to Revenue Donations-Police, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Donations-Police, Acct. #25020050-58830-10135 – Police Dept.
 - 3e. Acceptance of Donations from Rosa’s Deli, Wallingford Flower & Gift Shoppe, Incredible Oil LLC, Sweet Gingy’s LLC, Mattress Direct Wallingford, Dino’s Modern Barbershop, LLC, Carbutti & Co. Realtors LLC and Shirt Graphix, LLC and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,000 to

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Revenue Donations-Police, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Donations-Police, Acct. #25020050-58830-10135 – Police Dept.

- 3f. Acceptance of Donation from Louis F. and Mary A. Tagliatela Family Foundation and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$200 to Revenue Account Miscellaneous – Fund 250, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Account Miscellaneous Donations-Fire Dept., Acct. #25020150-58830-10160 – Fire Dept.
- 3g. Acceptance of Donation from ROHM America and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,000 to Revenue Account Donations, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Account Fire Department Program Expenditures, Acct. #25020150-58830-TBD - Fire Dept.
- 3h. Acceptance of Donation from ROHM America for the Wallingford Medical Reserve Corp. (MRC) and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,000 from MRC 2022, Acct. #2504002-47152 to MRC 2022, Acct. #25040050-58830-TBD – Health Dept.
 - (a) Transfer to establish Special Fund #253-Fuel Crisis in the amount of \$8,000
 - (b) Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$8,000 to Special Fund #253-Fuel Crisis Account - Mayor
- 3i. Consider and approve new job description for Metering Supervisor Electric Division – Human Resources
- 3j. Consider and approve new job description for Substation and Maintenance Supervisor Electric Division – Human Resources
- 3k. Consider and approve revisions to the job description for Clerk Typist II – Human Resources
- 3l. Consider and approve Appointment of Joseph Sanders as an Alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a vacancy which expires January 8, 2025 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3m. Consider and approve Bid Waiver request for Water Pollution Control Facility Rotating Biological Contractors Evaluation and Repair – Water/Sewer Div.
- 3n. Consider and approve modification of existing bid waiver with Utility Communications to include provisions of new security cameras and associated hardware – Electric Div.
- 3o. Approve Town Council Minutes of October 24, 2023.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent items 3a-3o.
MADE BY: ALLINSON
SECONDED BY: MARRONE
MOTION: PASSED**

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

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

William Comerford wanted clarification if the Chairman of the Town Council is the Deputy Mayor of the Town of Wallingford. He mentioned that he read that in the Town Charter on page 5. He asked about the ground penetrating radar in the Center Street Cemetery and if it will be done. He mentioned that the State was willing to do that for free in 2015 and Wallingford never took that opportunity to have it done.

6. Consider and approve reallocation of a portion of approved ARPA funds for Lenny's Cafe' – Law Dept.

Attorney Janis Small stated that \$10,000 was originally allocated for a trap door but because of an emergency with their A/C unit, Lenny's Café wants to substitute using the \$10,000 from the trap door to fixing their A/C unit.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve Item #6.
MADE BY: FISHBEIN
SECONDED BY: TESTA**

ROLL CALL

**ALLINSON: AYE
CARMODY: AYE
FISHBEIN: AYE
LAFFIN: AYE
MARRONE: AYE
TATTA: OBSTAINED
TESTA: AYE
ZANDRI: NOT PRESENT
CERVONI: NOT PRESENT
MOTION: PASSED**

7. Consider and approve ARPA Application modification for Coalition for a Better Wallingford in the amount of \$50,000 – Law Dept.

Attorney Janis Small stated that originally the Coalition for a Better Wallingford allocated the \$50,000 for a daycare program but now wants to use that \$50,000 for a different program to make the young youth aware of substance abuse.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve Item #7.
MADE BY: ALLINSON
SECONDED BY: CARMODY**

ROLL CALL

**ALLINSON: AYE
CARMODY: AYE
FISHBEIN: NAY
LAFFIN: AYE
MARRONE: NAY
TATTA: NAY
TESTA: AYE
ZANDRI: NOT PRESENT
CERVONI: NOT PRESENT
MOTION: FAILED**

8. Discussion and possible action on inspection reports issued by the Wallingford Fire Marshal related to the Historic Railroad Station (aka the Wallingford Adult Education Center) – Councilor Fishbein

Brian Schock, Fire Marshall went over in detail the Inspection Report. He explained why items failed and what was done to remedy those issues. Rob Baltramaitis also explained what items were fixed and how.

9. Discussion regarding Railroad Station Project – EDC

Members of the Economic Development along with John Sullivan, Project Manager explained what they would like to see the Railroad Station Project turn into. They had a presentation that they went over in detail explaining the changes and new look of the Railroad Station Project.

10. Executive Session pursuant to CGS Section 1-225(f) and Section 1-200(6)(B) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending tax appeal matter of *Wiehl Holdings IV, LLC v. Town of Wallingford* – Law Dept.

**MOTION WAS MADE to go into Executive Session at 9:46pm.
MADE BY: ALLINSON
SECONDED BY: MARRONE**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ATTENDANCE

**ALLINSON:
CARMODY:
FISHBEIN:
LAFFIN:
MARRONE:
TATTA:**

TESTA:
ZANDRI: NOT PRESENT
CERVONI: NOT PRESENT
MAYOR WILLIAM W, DICKENSON JR.
CORPORATION COUNSEL JANIS SMALL

MOTION WAS MADE to come out of Executive Session at 9:55pm.
MADE BY: ALLINSON
SECONDED BY: MARRONE

11. Motion to consider and authorize settlement in the pending tax appeal matters of *Wiehl Holdings IV, LLC v. Town of Wallingford* as discussed in Executive Session – Law Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #11.
MADE BY: ALLINSON
SECONDED BY: MARRONE

MOTION WAS MADE to adjourn meeting at 10:00pm.
MADE BY: ALLINSON
SECONDED BY: MARRONE

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Panzo
Town Clerk

Meeting digitally recorded

Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Date

Kristen Panzo, Town Clerk

Date

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