

**TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**March 20, 2023**

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Monday, March 20, 2023. This was a hybrid meeting held both in person and electronically via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Council President Dominique Baez. The Clerk took the roll followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Sweet then read the Land Acknowledgement followed by a moment of silence.

Z= On Zoom    P= In Person

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dominique Baez (P)	Abdul Osmanu (P)
Katie Kiely (Z)	Kristen Zaehring (Z)
Justin Farmer (P)	Ted Stevens (Z)
Lesley DeNardis (Z)	Paula Irvin (Z)
Laurie Sweet (P)	Adrian Webber (Z)
Bob Anthony (Z)	Cory O'Brien (P)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Betty Wetmore; Sarah Gallagher; Jeron Alston

**PRESIDING:** Dominique Baez, President

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Sean Grace, Chief of Staff; Curtis Eatman, Finance Director; Sue Gruen, Town Attorney; Tim Wydra, Acting Chief of Police; Eugene Livshits, Town Planner; Stephen White, Town Engineer

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION:** There were 3 speakers

(Written comments can be sent to [LCpublicinput@hamden.com](mailto:LCpublicinput@hamden.com))

After the Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Farmer asked for a point of personal privilege. He then mentioned for Black History Month he wants to mention the life and legacy of Dr. King and a short excerpt of his talk. “When peace becomes obnoxious, if peace means a willingness to be exploited economically, dominated politically, humiliated and segregated I don't want peace. So in a passive, non-violent manner, you must revolt against this peace.”

Mr. Farmer said he hopes that during this month they can talk about the complex history that is black history in America and that as they deal and grapple with the contemporary issues across the nation and in this Town that they can be what King would talk about in a positive piece which is full of tension, which means that we have to address the issues and not shy away from them.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:** None

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS:** None

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Ms. Baez requested a motion for approval of the March 6, 2023 minutes. Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Sweet. Mr. Farmer said he believes Mr. Osmanu was on Zoom for this meeting and moved a motion to amend the minutes to reflect that. The motion was seconded by Ms. Baez and approved unanimously. **(\*Note: The clerk checked the video and Mr. Osmanu was in person as stated in the March 6<sup>th</sup> minutes)**

Ms. Baez requested a motion for approval of the March 8, 2023 minutes. Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by and approved with 1 abstention (Zaehringer)

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** None

**REGULAR AGENDA:** None

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta  
Clerk of the Council