

TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 21, 2020

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in the Legislative Council Chambers at the Memorial Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 9:59 P.M. by the Council President. The Clerk took the roll followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Macdowall	Dominique Baez
Mick McGarry	Athena Gary
Berita Rowe-Lewis	Mike Colaiacovo
Harry Gagliardi	Justin Farmer
Austin Cesare	Kristin Dolan
Betty Wetmore	Marjorie Bonadies
Kathleen Schomaker	

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jody Clouse; Valerie Horsley

PRESIDING: Mick McGarry, President

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: There were 4 speakers

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Mr. McGarry said he has a few items for everyone to mark their calendars with. He said they have been invited to a Tour the Hunger Museum on January 30th at 5:30pm and Mr. McDonagh should be sending them an invitation. The League of Woman's Voters Breakfast with the Legislators on Saturday the 25th and he thinks it's at 9:00am but he's not sure. At the next Council meeting Quinnipiac University will be presenting their plan and we'll have an earlier meeting that night at 6:30pm to give them some time to present. They are planning a tour of the Keefe Center for the Council on February 13th at 5:30pm. He said the Parks & Recreation Commission has put on their agenda the issue of athletic stipends, which has been talked about quite a bit, and they will be discussing that at their meeting on the 19th and Council members are invited to go and express their concerns and thoughts.

Mr. Farmer asked about the policy committee for those stipends which he hasn't heard anything about. Mr. McGarry said they discussed it at Leadership and decided there is an existing commission to deal with that and felt they should take that step first and go to the commission and express their thoughts and concerns. He said they already have two bodies to address the situation, there is a commission to work on it and a committee to work on it so he'd like to give this a try and see if they can satisfy those questions and hopefully not have to go further. Mr. Farmer then asked about the documentation for the legislative session and Mr. McGarry said Mr. Morton would report on that next.

Mr. Gagliardi mentioned there was no management letter from the auditor and he'd like to see that.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS: Mr. Morton said the High Meadows property site survey has started and will be done early Spring. He also said the legislative priorities are coming along and the list is still being built. Mr. Macdowall requested that the Community Choice Aggregation be a priority.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Mr. McGarry requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 meeting. Moved by Mr. Gagliardi, seconded by Mr. Farmer and approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

CONSENT CALENDAR: Mr. McGarry said the consent calendar will include items #1 thru 9 and #'s 11, 12 and 13 and he said item #10 has been pulled. He then requested a motion for approval. Moved by Mr. Cesare, seconded by Ms. Rowe-Lewis. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Gagliardi asked if there was a reason why #10 was pulled. Mr. McGarry said Mr. Farmer asked that it be pulled. A vote was taken and the consent calendar passed unanimously.

The consent calendar includes all items that have passed unanimously in Committee on January 6, 2020 and will now be considered in toto by unanimous consent:

- 1. Appointment of Gary E. Drucker to the Solid Waste & Recycling Commission for a term to expire July 1, 2022**
- 2. Appointment of David M. Morin to the Clean & Green Commission for a term to expire November 1, 2021**
- 3. Appointment of Doreen Steel to the Commission on Disabilities for a term to expire October 31, 2020**
- 4. Appointment of Ken Sweeten to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2021**
- 5. Reappointment of Christine Huber to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2023**
- 6. Reappointment of Christine P. Esposito to the Library Board for a term to expire January 31, 2025**
- 7. Reappointment of Todd G. Levine to the Historic Properties Commission for a term to expire September 30, 2024**
- 8. Reappointment of William T. Folsom to the Technology Commission for a term to expire July 1, 2022**
- 9. Reappointment of Steven Walsh to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire January 31, 2022**

11. Reappointments of Rosalie G. Cavanaugh and Rachel Scolnic-Dobin to the Commission on Disabilities for terms to expire October 31, 2022

12. Bid waiver – Police Department – New Haven Family Alliance Juvenile Review Board (JRB) - \$60,000

**13. Order authorizing intradepartmental transfer 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget - \$25,000
ACCRUED BENEFITS/RETIREMENT**

REGULAR AGENDA:

10. Reappointments of Joseph P. McDonagh and Robert F. Roscow to the Planning & Zoning Commission for terms to expire January 31, 2023

-- Moved by Mr. Gagliardi, seconded by Mr. Farmer & Ms. Wetmore. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer said both of these men are great men, have many talents, and have always served the community and continue to serve the community and he wanted to acknowledge that. A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: - None

There being no further business Mr. McGarry requested a motion to adjourn. Moved by Mr. Colaiacovo, seconded by Ms. Schomaker and the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:29 P.M. with 2 opposed (Farmer) (Macdowall)

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council