

TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 7, 2022

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Monday, February 7, 2022. This meeting was held electronically, via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by the Council President. The Clerk took the roll followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Sweet then read the Land Recognition followed by a moment of silence.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dominique Baez	Jeron Alston
Marjorie Bonadies	Lesley DeNardis
Justin Farmer	Sarah Gallagher (after roll call)
Paula Irvin	Katie Kiely
Cory O'Brien	Abdul Osmanu
Ted Stevens	Laurie Sweet
Adrian Webber	Betty Wetmore (arrived at 7:27pm)
Kristen Zaehring	

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PRESIDING: Dominique Baez, President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Grace, Chief of Staff; Sue Gruen, Town Attorney; Curtis Eatman, Finance Director

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: There were no public comments

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Ms. Baez announced she is calling for citizens of Hamden to volunteer being on the Redistricting Committee. She said this will be a committee of 5 citizens as well as the Registrar's of Voters. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee and/or has experience in this realm and some input to help out with the process they should send an email to the Council Clerk at krenta@hamden.com

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS: Majority Leader O'Brien let everyone know that the Administration had a brief report for them tonight. He said it's the Capital Budget that they'll be submitting but there will be no action tonight, it will be on their agenda at a later date to deliberate and ask questions.

Finance Director Curtis Eatman said that the capital from the previous administration was at 10.4 million and this Mayor made some changes and it now stands at 9.5 million. He then briefly went over the lines of each change.

Report can be found here: <https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/5382/FY21-22-CIP-Council-Approved>

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Ms. Baez requested a motion for approval of the minutes of January 10, 2022 & January 18, 2022. Moved by Ms. Zaehring, seconded by Mr. O'Brien. **DISCUSSION:** **Mr. Stevens moved a motion** to amend the minutes of January 18th, page 7 fourth paragraph down and replace (unintelligible) with "and underrepresented communities." Ms. Baez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the amendment passed with 1 abstention (O'Brien)

A vote was then taken on approval of the two sets of minutes with the amendment to the 18th and approved with 1 abstention (O'Brien)

CONSENT CALENDAR: Ms. Baez explained how this item was missed being put on the consent calendar of the January 18th, 2022 meeting agenda. She then requested a motion for approval of the consent calendar. Moved by Ms. Sweet, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and approved unanimously.

1. Appointment of Gabriella M. Panayotakis to the Clean & Green Commission for a term to expire November 1, 2024

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Resolution to transfer appropriation and unexpended bond proceeds to Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment Project

-- Moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Farmer. DISCUSSION: Mr. Grace went over the list saying there's more here than the money and the two items of priority are the Legislative Council Chambers hybrid system and carpet for the Government Center. Mr. O'Brien asked why we're not putting this in capital and addressing everything as a whole. Mr. Alston said he thinks if any of this could be on capital it should be stricken from this list. Mr. Grace said for them it's a matter of timing and not waiting until May to make these purchases. He said nothing on this list is listed in capital.

There was some discussion on the capital as well as the process and what to purchase first. Mr. Grace said they would prioritize. Ms. Gallagher asked about the source of funds and asked could they match that up going forward.

A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

There being no further business Ms. Baez adjourned the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council