

TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 18, 2020

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 in the Legislative Council Chambers at the Memorial Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 9:48 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
Valerie Horsley	Mike Colaiacovo
Harry Gagliardi	Justin Farmer
Austin Cesare	Kristin Dolan
Betty Wetmore	Marjorie Bonadies
Kathleen Schomaker	

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jody Clouse; Berita Rowe-Lewis

PRESIDING: Mick McGarry, President

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: There were 3 speakers

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Mr. McGarry said the Community Choice Aggregation Resolution was originally put on the agenda this evening because this is not something he wishes to see die, however, in its current form and speaking to members of the committee it was clear it was something that would not pass this evening. He said he has issues with several items on the resolution as it stands like the impact on standard service rates and rate hikes can occur to those most in need and there is word that in CCA's if they are not opted in consumer protection against fraud and abuse against sale practices that have been reported to occur and also to make sure that the price premiums are specifically acknowledged and spoken to, and said they've also heard concerns from the public about privacy as well. He said they will develop compromising language for the 16th of March and bring it back and deal with it then.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS: None

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Mr. McGarry requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting. Moved by Ms. Horsley, seconded by Mr. Cesare and approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

There were no committee on February 3, 2020 therefore there is no consent calendar:

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Motion to rescind the adoption of the amended resolution establishing a School Building Committee
-- Moved by Mr. Cesare, seconded by Ms. Schomaker. DISCUSSION: Mr. McGarry said when they did the amended resolution for the School Building Committee and made it to just have a member of Council be the chair it added restrictions that are difficult to work with as the chair needs to be someone who is available during the day to do site visits and needs to be available to go up to Hartford occasionally and meet with folks up there. He said it's also difficult for people who are serving on Council to also be going to two additional meetings and it became difficult to find someone who is not only experienced in construction and has the flexibility in their schedule to perform the duties that are necessary. A vote was taken and the item passed with 1 opposed (Farmer) and 1 abstention (Gagliardi)

2. Resolution amending the resolution establishing a School Building Committee
-- Moved by Mr. Cesare, seconded by Ms. Schomaker and approved with 1 opposed (Farmer)

NEW BUSINESS: - None

There being no further business Mr. McGarry requested a motion to adjourn. Moved by Mr. Cesare, seconded by Ms. Horsley. Mr. Macdowall requested a roll call vote on adjournment, seconded by Mr. Farmer. A roll call vote was taken and the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:15 P.M. with 3 opposed (Farmer) (Macdowall) (Gagliardi) and 1 abstention (Baez)

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council