

**TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 21, 2022**

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Monday, March 21, 2022. This meeting was held electronically, via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Council President Dominique Baez. The Clerk took the roll followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Justin Farmer

PRESIDING: Dominique Baez, President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Grace, Chief of Staff; Curtis Eatman, Finance Director; Sue Gruen, Town Attorney; Bethany Zemba, VP for Strategy and Community Relations and other Quinnipiac University Representatives

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: None

(Written comments can be sent to LCpublicinput@hamden.com)

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Ms. Baez had Ms. Sweet read the Land Recognition followed by a moment of silence.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS: Presentation from Quinnipiac University: <https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/5558/QU-Hamden-Legislative-Council-Presentation-20220321>

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Ms. Baez requested a motion for approval of the revised minutes from the meeting held February 22, 2022. Moved by Ms. Kiely, seconded by Ms. Sweet and approved unanimously. Ms. Baez then requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the meeting held March 7, 2022. Moved by Mr. Osmanu, seconded by Mr. Stevens and approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

CONSENT CALENDAR: Ms. Baez requested a motion for approval of the consent calendar. Moved by Ms. Zaehring, seconded by Ms. Kiely and approved unanimously.

- 1. Refund of Property Taxes collected prior to July 1, 2021 – (10) totaling \$1,806.22**
- 2. Refund of Property Taxes collected between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 – (27) totaling \$238,271.68**
- 3. Refund of Motor Vehicle Taxes collected between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 – (31) totaling \$11,924.91**
- 4. Abatement of \$133,891.39 for Daveport/Dunbar**
- 5. Appointment of Eben Pariser to the Solid Waste & Recycling Commission for a term to expire July 1, 2024**
- 6. Reappointment of Jan Glover to the Library Board for a term to expire January 31, 2027**
- 7. Order to accept and expend grant funds from Connecticut Humanities Council, Inc. - \$18,600**
- 8. Order providing for the appointment of a Mayoral Appointment (Sajida Farooqui – Assessor)**
- 9. Order providing for the appointment of a Mayoral Appointment (Jeffrey G. Naples –Assistant Fire Chief)**

10. Order authorizing acceptance and expenditure of cold weather expense funds from United Way of Greater New Haven - \$45,000 (Warming Center – Keefe Community Center)

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Order authorizing the Hamden Police Department to accept and expend a \$22,230 2022 JAG Local VCP Grant

-- Moved by Ms. Wetmore, seconded by Ms. Bonadies. DISCUSSION: After a brief explanation of this grant from Chief Sullivan Mr. Stevens asked if this was all grant money. Chief Sullivan said it's 100% grant with no match required. Ms. Bonadies asked if this vote fails tonight how will he pay for this. Chief Sullivan said from budgeted monies.

A roll call vote was taken and the item passed with 2 opposed (Osmanu) (Sweet) and 1 absent (Farmer)

Information items:

- 1. Accrued benefits/Retirement – Police Dept. - \$35,927.71**
- 2. Accrued benefits/Retirement – Police Dept. - \$45,752.11**

Ms. Baez said they have a cut-off of 10:00pm and still have committees to get through so she was going to recess these information items and meeting until March 28th.

There being no further business Ms. Baez recessed the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council