

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

May 5, 2021

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A special meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. This meeting was held electronically, via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 5:47 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	Adrian Webber
Kristin Dolan	Betty Wetmore
Justin Farmer	Jody Clouse (after roll call)
Austin Cesare	Athena Gary (after roll call)
Marjorie Bonadies	Jeron Alston (after roll call)
Kathleen Schomaker	Berita Rowe-Lewis (after roll call)
Valerie Horsley	

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PRESIDING: Mick McGarry, President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Scott Jackson, Finance Director; Sue Gruen, Town Attorney; Adam Sendroff, Chief of Staff

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: There were 3 speakers (which can be heard on the meeting recording at Time Code 00:24:00) and 1 comment sent in which can be read here:
<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/3968/PUBLIC-COMMENT--05-05-2021>

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. McGarry requested a motion to go into executive session for discussion regarding strategy and negotiations with regard to collective bargaining. In attendance will be the Legislative Council, Labor Attorney Nick Grello, Police Chief John Sullivan, Personnel Director Ken Kelley, Deputy Finance Director Rick Galarza, Town Attorney Sue Gruen

Ms. Bonadies moved the motion, seconded by Ms. Wetmore and unanimously approved.

In Executive Session at 6:04 P.M.

Out of Executive Session at 8:22 P.M. – Motion moved by Mr. Macdowall, seconded by Ms. Horsley and approved with 1 abstention (Clouse)

AGENDA:

1. Order to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Hamden and UPSEU/COPS, Local 062 (Police Union)

-- Mr. McGarry requested a motion to approve this item. Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Schomaker.

Mr. McGarry went over some key points of the MOU.

Mr. Farmer said this came to them late and that they didn't have much time to review it but he feels that they have enough to vote no tonight and encourages all Councilor's to vote no.

Ms. Dolan moved a motion to postpone this until Monday, May 10th for additional information and more time to go over it. The motion was seconded by Ms. Baez.

Mr. Macdowall asked what information they would expect to have by the 10th and can they obtain it by the 10th? Ms. Dolan said the net savings is what she wants, as well as what the additional positions are and the cost of them, and the math of the Holiday Pay.

A roll call vote on the motion to postpone was taken and it failed with 4 in favor (Alston) (Baez) (Dolan) (Webber) – 9 opposed (Bonadies) (Cesare) (Farmer) (Horsley) (Macdowall) (McGarry) (Rowe-Lewis) (Schomaker) (Wetmore) and 2 abstentions (Clouse) (Gary)

A roll call vote to approve the item was taken and passed with 8 in favor (Alston) (Bonadies) (Cesare) (Horsley) (McGarry) (Rowe-Lewis) (Schomaker) (Wetmore) – 5 opposed (Baez) (Dolan) (Farmer) (Macdowall) (Webber) and 2 abstentions (Clouse) (Gary)

There being no further business Mr. McGarry requested a motion to adjourn. Moved by Mr. Cesare, seconded by Ms. Rowe-Lewis and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council