

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

July 5, 2022

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022. This meeting was held electronically, via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Council President Dominique Baez. The Clerk took the roll followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dominique Baez	Kristen Zaehring
Katie Kiely	Sarah Gallagher
Jeron Alston	Paula Irvin
Abdul Osmanu	Adrian Webber
Laurie Sweet	Ted Stevens (after roll call)
Justin Farmer	

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marjorie Bonadies; Lesley DeNardis; Cory O'Brien; Betty Wetmore

PRESIDING: Dominique Baez, President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Grace, Chief of Staff; Curtis Eatman, Finance Director

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: There were no speakers and 1 written comment submitted which can be read here: <https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/6285/07-05-2022---Regular-Meeting>

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS: None

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Ms. Baez requested a motion for approval of the minutes from June 15, 2022. Moved by Mr. Webber, seconded by Ms. Sweet and approved unanimously.

Ms. Baez then requested a motion for approval of the minutes from June 21, 2022. Moved by Mr. Webber, seconded by Ms. Kiely and approved with 1 abstention (Zaehring)

Ms. Baez next requested a motion for approval of the minutes from June 22, 2022. Moved by Ms. Kiely, seconded by Ms. Irvin and approved with 1 abstention (Zaehring)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Baez called for an executive session with the Legislative Council and Labor Attorney Nick Grello and went into executive session at 7:10pm. Out of executive session at 7:26pm, moved by Ms. Zaehring, seconded by Ms. Kiely and approved unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Ms. Baez requested a motion for approval of the consent calendar. Moved by Mr. Alston, seconded by Mr. Webber and approved with 1 opposed (Farmer) and 1 abstention (Osmanu) (with 1 opposed each item had to be taken individually)

1. Refund of Property Taxes collected prior to July 1, 2022 – (5) totaling \$689.89

-- Moved by Ms. Zaehring, seconded by Mr. Alston and approved unanimously.

2. Refund of Property Taxes collected between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 – (6) totaling \$5,831.65

-- Moved by Mr. Alston, seconded by Ms. Gallagher and approved unanimously.

3. Refund of Motor Vehicle Taxes collected between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 – (46) totaling \$12,018.69

-- Moved by Mr. Alston, seconded by Mr. Webber. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer thanked the Assessor's office for their hard work while the computers were down. A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

4. Appointment of Paul V. Fioretti from an alternate to a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire January 31, 2023

-- Moved by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Gallagher. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer thanked all who serve. A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

5. Order providing for the appointment of a Mayoral appointment and approval of Employment Agreement Eugene Livshits – Town Planner

-- Moved by Ms. Zaehringer, seconded by Mr. Webber and approved unanimously.

6. Order amending the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget – Pension Contribution

-- Moved by Ms. Zaehringer, seconded by Mr. Alston and approved unanimously.

7. Order amending the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget – Medical Budget – Mayor’s Office

-- Moved by Mr. Alston, seconded by Ms. Gallagher and approved unanimously.

8. Order approving a contract between Whitsons Nutrition, LLC and Hamden Public Schools

-- Moved by Ms. Zaehringer, seconded by Ms. Sweet and approved unanimously.

9. Order authorizing the Town of Hamden on behalf of the Fire Department to accept and expend a grant award from ION Bank Foundation

-- Moved by Ms. Zaehringer, seconded by Mr. Farmer. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer thanked the Firefighters who found and worked on this grant and helped find cost savings. He also thanked ION Bank for this. A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA: Ms. Baez requested a motion to suspend their rules for this item. Moved by Ms. Zaehringer, seconded by Ms. Baez and approved with 2 opposed (Farmer) (Osmanu)

1. Order amending the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget – Police Dept.

-- Moved by Mr. Alston, seconded by Mr. Webber and approved with 3 opposed (Farmer) (Osmanu) (Sweet) and 1 abstention (Kiely)

There being no further business Ms. Baez adjourned the meeting at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council