

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

August 28, 2023

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(After their recess the regular meeting starts again at Time Code 01:02:29)

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Monday, August 28, 2023. This was a hybrid meeting held both in person and electronically via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M. by Council President Dominique Baez. The Clerk took the roll followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Sweet then read the Land Acknowledgement followed by a moment of silence.

Z= On Zoom P= In Person

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dominique Baez (P) Abdul Osmanu (P)
 Katie Kiely (P) Lesley DeNardis (Z)
 Justin Farmer (P) Betty Wetmore (Z)
 Laurie Sweet (P) Adrian Webber (Z)
 Ted Stevens (P) Sarah Gallagher (P)
 Paula Irvin (Z)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeron Alston; Bob Anthony; Kristen Zaehringer; Cory O'Brien

PRESIDING: Dominique Baez, President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Grace, Chief of Staff; Sue Gruen, Town Attorney

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: There were 2 speakers on Zoom and 8 written comments submitted which can be read here:

<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/8709/08-07-2023>

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: None

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS: None

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR: Ms. Baez removed #1 from the Consent calendar and requested a motion for approval of numbers 2 & 3 on the consent calendar. Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Kiely and approved unanimously.

2. Order authorizing the Town of Hamden to enter into a project authorization letter for Hamden Center Traffic Signal Replacement Phase 2 (Design Project) State Project No. 61-155, Federal Project No. 1061 (114)

3. Order approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement between the Town of Hamden and Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC (Comcast Business)

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Order approving a donation of property at 2993 Whitney Avenue (Station #5) from the Mount Carmel Volunteer Fire Company, No. 1 and authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement

-- Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Osmanu. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer thanked the volunteer firefighters throughout the many years of Hamden's inception to now. He's very thankful that they provided so many buildings and training and created a pipeline for the career firefighters we've had. He said it's generous of them to pass this building and legacy on and hopefully the good work of the fire department can continue.

A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

Ms. Baez then recessed the meeting at 7:15pm

Ms. Baez called the meeting out of recess at 7:59pm

Ms. Baez then moved a motion to add all items from tonight's committees to the agenda. She announced items #1 through 6 from the Personnel Committee, items 2 & 3 from Public Safety Committee (item #1 failed in committee), items 1 through 3 on Human Services, item #1 from Economic & Development, and items 1 through 3 on Environment & Conservation.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Kiely and approved with 1 abstention (Farmer)

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel Committee items:

1. Order amending the 2023-2024 Budget to increase the wage rates for Local 2863 of Council #4, AFSCME, AFO-CIO (Town Hall) employees and authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement

2. Order amending the 2023-2024 Budget to increase the wage rates for Public Works, Local 424-Unit 1 of the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) and authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement
3. Order amending the 2023-2024 Budget to increase the wage rates for Local 424 – Unit 63, United Public Service Employees Union (Dispatchers) and authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement
4. Order amending the 2023-2024 Budget to increase the wage rates for United Public Service Employees Union, Hamden Parks and Recreation, Local 424-Unit 36 and authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement
5. Order amending the 2023-2024 Budget to increase the wage rates for Local 424 – Unit 23, United Public Service Employees Union (Supervisors) and authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement
6. Order amending the 2023-2024 budget to increase the wage rates for Local 1303-115 of Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Library) and authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement

Public Safety Committee item #2:

2. An order of the Town of Hamden, Connecticut authorizing the execution and delivery of a Lease Proposal, Master Lease/Purchase Agreement and Schedules thereto for the acquisition, purchase, financing and leasing of certain police vehicles

Human Services Committee:

1. Appointment of Allen Lowe to the Arts Commission for a term to expire May 31, 2026 (D-5)
2. Order to accept and expend a \$249,948 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services – National Leadership Grant and authorization to enter any agreement for such funds – Hamden Public Library
3. Order approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign a License Agreement between the Town of Hamden and American Red Cross

Economic & Development Committee:

1. Reappointment of Steven Walsh as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire January 31, 2027 (D-7)

Environment & Conservation Committee:

1. Reappointment of Alice Kosowsky to the Solid Waste & Recycling Commission for a term to expire July 1, 2026 (U-6)
2. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a gift of a bench on the Farmington Canal Greenway in memory of Brian Crozier
3. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a gift of a bench on the Farmington Canal Greenway in memory of Robert Weinzimmer

PUBLIC INPUT: Ms. Baez requested Public Input for the items added to the agenda. There was none.

Ms. Baez moved a motion to combine for approval all of the committee items added to tonight's agenda with the exception of Public Safety item #3. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens.

Ms. Baez moved a motion to approve all items added to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wetmore and approved with 1 abstention (Farmer)

Public Safety item #3:

3. Amendment to ordinance regulating the preservation of records in accordance with the Municipal Retention Schedule for Public Safety and Emergency Services Records

-- Moved by Ms. Kiely, seconded by Ms. Sweet. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer thanked Ms. Gruen for working on this document and said he hopes it's a template for us and surrounding Towns for preserving documents.

A roll call vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

Ms. Baez then announced the September 5th meeting was being cancelled.

There being no further business, Ms. Baez closed the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council