

**May 10, 2021**

The regular meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:05 P.M. via electronic means pursuant to City Council Rule #30.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present were Council Members: Quagliani, Hoskie, Johnston, Massaro, Bruneau Donovan, O'Connor, Gallignano, Hamilton, Fanelli, Cohen, and Conlon. Absent was Councilmember McGee. Mayor Nancy R. Rossi was also present.

7:05 P.M. Public Information Session

No Public Comments

Chairman Quagliani called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF JOURNAL:**

Councilman Massaro presented a MOTION to APPROVE the Journal of the April 26, 2021 regular meeting which was SECONDED by Councilwoman Fanelli and APPROVED unanimously viva voice with a correction (See Tape).

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Communication from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in regards to an Ordinance amending the O.P.E.B. Trust.
- B. Communication from the Tax Collector in regards to Overpayment refunds for the month of April 2021.
- C. Communication from the Director of Finance in regards to inter-department line-item transfers for the City Clerk's Office.
- D. Communication from the Finance Director in regards to inter-department line-item transfers for the West Haven Library.
- E. Communication from Taxpayer/Joe Powell in regards to an abatement of interest and penalties on taxes.
- F. Communication from Commissioner Beth Sabo on a tentative agreement between the City of West Haven and Communication Workers of American Local #1103.

**RECESS: 7:18 PM**

**Finance Committee, Councilman Hoskie, Chairwoman  
Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Bruneau, Massaro, Cohen**

Communication C. Committee Member Massaro presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of

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Communication C. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Hamilton and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

Communication D. Committee Member Cohen presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication D. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Bruneau. Committee Member Hamilton presented an amendment to create a new account titled "Services" which was SECONDED by Councilman Massaro and APPROVED unanimously. The MOTION AS AMENDED was APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

Communication F. Committee Member Hamilton presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication F. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Bruneau and APPROVED unanimously by the Finance Committee.

**Personnel & Civil Service Committee, Councilwoman Hamilton, Temporary Chairwoman**

**Committee Members Present: McGee, O'Connor**

Communication A. Committee Member McGee presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication A. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member O'Connor and APPROVED unanimously by the Personnel & Civil Service Committee.

**Tax Deferral Committee, Councilman Massaro, Chairman**

**Committee Members Present: Hamilton, Conlon, Gallignano, O'Connor**

Communication E. Committee Member Conlon presented a MOTION to recommend the DENIAL of Communication E. to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Gallignano and APPROVED unanimously by the Tax Deferral Committee.

**Legislative Matters Committee, Councilman Gallignano, Chairman**

**Committee Members Present: Bruneau, Johnston, Fanelli, Cohen**

Communication A. Committee Member Fanelli presented a MOTION to recommend the APPROVAL of Communication F. for a FIRST READING to the entire Council which was SECONDED by Committee Member Bruneau and APPROVED unanimously by the Legislative Matters Committee.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**RECONVENE: 7:55 PM**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Clerk read Communication B. into record.

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Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication C. from the Director of Finance in regards to inter-department line-item transfers for the City Clerk's Office.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Massaro and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

**RESOLVED:** The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the following inter-department line-item transfers:

Line Item 11250010-51000 Regular Wages	Increase \$2,000
Line Item 11250010-52770 Other Contractual Services	Increase \$18,000
Line Item 19009990-56010 Unallocated Contingency	Decrease \$20,000

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication D. from the Finance Director in regards to inter-department line-item transfers for the West Haven Library.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Gallignano and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

**RESOLVED:** The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the following inter-department line-item transfers:

<u>Line Item 11000010-56009 Library Contingency</u>	<u>Decrease \$100,000</u>
<u>Line Item NEW ACCOUNT Library Services</u>	<u>Increase \$100,000</u>

Councilwoman Hoskie Chairwoman of the Finance Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication F. from Commissioner Beth Sabo on a tentative agreement between the City of West Haven and Communication Workers of American Local #1103.

Councilwoman Hoskie presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Bruneau and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

**RESOLVED:** The City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves the tentative agreement between the City of West Haven and Communication Workers of America Local #1103 submitted to the Council of April 21, 2021.

Councilman Massaro Chairman of the Tax Deferral Committee presented the unanimous reports of the committee in regards to Communication E. from Taxpayer/Joe Powell in regards to an abatement of interest and penalties on taxes.

Councilman Massaro presented the following MOTION which was SECONDED by Councilman Conlon and APPROVED by majority viva-voice with Councilman Cohen abstaining.

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**RESOLVED:** The application from Taxpayer/Joe Powell in regards to an abatement of interest and penalties on taxes is denied.

Councilman Gallignano Chairman of the Legislative Matters Committee presented the FIRST READING of the Ordinance amending the O.P.E.B. Trust.

Amendment to the OPEB Trust Ordinance

Section 1. In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-450(a), the City of West Haven (“City”) shall establish a trust to provide for other post-employment benefits of the City’s retired employees and their qualified dependents (other than pension benefits) including employees in the Department of Fire Protection, also known as the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown, which may include medical, dental and vision insurance, and such other benefits as the City may provide in the future, known as the City of West Haven Retiree Medical Program Trust (“OPEB Trust”);

Section 2. The Trustee of the OPEB Trust shall be the Personnel Director for the City or the Finance Director.

Section 3. The City Council of the City may amend or terminate the OPEB Trust at any time and from time to time in its discretion. The Plan Administrator shall be the Finance Director of the City, or his or her designee who shall be responsible for instructing the Trustee in the disbursement of benefits of the OPEB Trust.

Chairman Quagliani set a Public Hearing Date: for 6:55 P.M. on May 24, 2021.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:** None

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:**

Councilwoman O’Connor requested a date be set by the Council to meet with the Library to go through the final Library study.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

Councilman Massaro presented a MOTION to Adjourn SECONDED by Councilwoman O’Connor and APPROVED unanimously viva-voice.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:11 P.M.

**ATTEST:** Michael A. DiMassa, Temporary Clerk

**BY:** Michael A. DiMassa, Administrative Assistant

These minutes are subject to City Council approval.