

Minutes of the October 27, 2025, Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council in the Council Chambers 3rd floor, West Haven City Hall

The Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 7:00p.m. in the City Council Chambers 3rd floor. Chairman Pascale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Council Members Present: Meli Garthwait (7:01p.m.), Brian Laucks, Gary Donovan, Sarah Ackbarali, Edward McMillian, Dawn Callahan, Katherine Tucker, Kathleen Mueller, Christopher Vargo, Jr., Ruby Melton, Steven Johnstone, Nicholas Pascale and Anne Heffernan. Also present: Michael Gormany, Finance Director.

7:01 p.m. -7:13 p.m. PUBLIC SESSION

See City's website for remarks.

Chairman Pascale called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

Chairwoman Tucker called for a majority caucus from 7:38 p.m. to 7:48 p.m.



I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilwoman Heffernan made a **MOTION to APPROVE** the Regular Meeting minutes from the October 14, 2025, meeting, which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Johnstone. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY.** Councilwomen Garthwait and Callahan abstained.

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication A: from the Tax Collector regarding Overpayment of refunds for October 2025.

III. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance Committee called to order at 7:14 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilwoman Ackbarali, Chairman- Committee members; Councilman Vargo, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Laucks and Councilman Johnstone

FINANCE UPDATES: Provided by Michael Gormany, Director of Finance.

Finance Committee closed at 7:35 p.m.

Legislative Matters Committee called to order at 7:48 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE, Councilman Vargo, Chairman-Committee members: Councilman Laucks, Councilwoman Tucker and Councilman Melton and Councilman Johnstone

Communication B, from the October 14, 2025 agenda, from Mayor Dorinda Borer regarding an amendment to Chapter 206-Streets and Sidewalks-Adopting Article VIII-Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices. **Public Hearing to be set for November 10, 2025 at 6:55p.m.**

Legislative Matters Committee closed at 7:49 p.m.

IV: UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS-7:49 p.m.

Clerk to read Communication A into record

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VI. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS- None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS-Councilwoman Callahan mentioned parking issues at Units #50-60 Forest Road. She has reached out to the Chief trying to come up with solutions. Councilwoman Garthwait received some communications regarding the dumpsters at 62 Treat Street that she will share with the Council and residents. Councilman McMillian made referrals regarding 62 Treat Street to the Fair Rent Commission and Health Department regarding complaints from multiple tenants. Councilwoman Tucker agrees with the referrals and is also asking for a referral be sent to Corporation Counsel to investigate these matters. Councilman Donovan is available regarding the issues at 62 Treat Street. Councilwoman Heffernan will be calling Rep. Bill Heffernan regarding this matter also. Councilman Vargo raised awareness regarding the possible loss of SNAP benefits and to be on the lookout for requests for food donations.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Donovan made a **MOTION to ADJOURN** which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Heffernan and Councilman Laucks. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY.**

The City Council meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:59 p.m.

Nicholas Pascale
Chairman of the Council

Stacy Riccio
Clerk of the Council

Carlotta M. Serrini
City Council Administrator

****These minutes are subject to City Council approval.**