

TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
January 10, 2022

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A special meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Monday, January 10, 2022. This meeting was held electronically, via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 9:34 P.M. by the Council President, Dominique Baez. The Clerk took the roll followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of Land Recognition by Ms. Sweet.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeron Alston	Cory O'Brien
Dominique Baez	Abdul Osmanu
Lesley DeNardis	Ted Stevens
Justin Farmer	Laurie Sweet
Sarah Gallagher	Adrian Webber
Paula Irvin	Betty Wetmore
Katie Kiely	Kristen Zaehring
Marjorie Bonadies (after roll call)	

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PRESIDING: Dominique Baez, President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sue Gruen, Town Attorney; Ann Catino, Halloren & Sage Attorney; Erik Johnson, Acting Economic Development Director; Sean Grace, Acting Chief of Staff; Alexa Panayotakis, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff; Steve Mednick, Counsel to Council

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: There were no speakers and 1 written comment sent in which can be read here: <https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/5242/01-10-2022-comment-for-the-Spec-LC-Mtg>

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: DISCUSSION OF LEGAL MEMORANDUM PRIVILEGED
BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP**

Ms. Baez requested a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose stated above which will include the Legislative Council, Erik Johnson, Ann Catino, Sean Grace and Sue Gruen. Moved by Ms. Zaehring, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and approved unanimously. In Executive Session @ 9:38 PM

Ms. Baez announced they were out of Executive Session @ 10:43 PM and called for the vote which was unanimous.

Ms. Baez then said they needed to vote to suspend their Standing Rules and called for the vote with 1 opposed (Farmer) *(Ms. Wetmore and Ms. DeNardis were absent from this vote but returned for the agenda items)

AGENDA: - (Requires a vote of 2/3rds of the members present and voting for suspension of the Rules under §14(a) of the Standing Rules)

1. Resolution appointing Charter Revision Commission members

-- Moved by Mr. Alston, seconded by Mr. Webber. DISCUSSION: Attorney Mednick explained this was a new Charter Revision Commission after the first one didn't pass the LC. He said this commission will review the work of the last committee, address any new issues and that it should be a short review with the intent of going on the November ballot. He said he hopes to start in a week or two with a public hearing and then set-up 4,5 or 6 meetings going through by chapter with the intent to review the work done, look at a few new issues and then have a second public hearing at the end.

There was a brief discussion on how these members got appointed with Mr. Mednick stating the Legislative body is the appointing authority and in many cases it is the president who recommends with the whole LC body approving.

Ms. Kiely said in looking at the appointments she appreciates that some of the same people are on again to continue the work and she also appreciates tonight's public comment in support of those members. She said she does want to make note though of something they and the administration should be aware of and that's making sure that there's adequate representation from the Town that includes all districts as the 5th district is absent and the 6th has heavy representation. She said they need to make sure that they're encompassing all the issues of the town and not only in districts but making sure for the different neighborhoods from Hamden as well because Hamden is so diverse. Ms. Kiely said she will support these members tonight but wants them to keep this in mind for boards and commissions going forward.

Ms. Sweet said she wanted to comment on the appointment of Patricia C Vener-Saavedra saying not only is her background in astrophysics but she's a practicing artists and so she's confident that the diverse background that she'll bring to this Charter will really help Hamden move forward and she's happy to support her.

A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously. (Ms. DeNardis was absent during this vote)

2. Vote on Settlement: Resolution of the Legislative Council – Holly Masi, Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Town of Hamden v. 8292 Crest Way, LLC

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

3. Order approving third amendment to an agreement between the Town of Hamden and Mutual Housing Association of South Central Connecticut, Inc. for the purchase and sale of 560 Newhall Street, Hamden

-- Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Wetmore. DISCUSSION: After an explanation of this extension by Attorney Catino and saying that this extension was until March 31, 2022 Ms. Wetmore said she wanted to make a motion to extend it more than two months to really give them a chance to work at this instead of the back and forth.

Ms. Wetmore moved a motion to extend this until June. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alston. After a brief discussion about the date Ms. Wetmore amended her motion to the date of April 30th. Mr. Alston seconded her amendment and it passed unanimously.

A vote was taken on the item as amended and approved unanimously.

There being no further business Ms. Baez adjourned the meeting at 11:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council