

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

March 6, 2023

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(Meeting starts at Time Code 00:41:40)

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Monday, March 6, 2023. This was a hybrid meeting held both in person at Memorial Town Hall and electronically via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:14 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)	Jeron Alston (Z) after roll call
Justin Farmer (P)	Paula Irvin (Z) after roll call
Ted Stevens (Z)	Sarah Gallagher (P) after roll call
Laurie Sweet (P)	Adrian Webber (Z) after roll call
Cory O'Brien (Z)	Lesley DeNardis (Z) after roll call
Kristen Zaehringer (P)	

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betty Wetmore; Bob Anthony

PRESIDING: Dominique Baez, President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Grace, Chief of Staff; Curtis Eatman, Finance Director; Sue Gruen, Town Attorney

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: There was 1 speaker in person and 1 speaker on Zoom

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Farmer asked for a point of personal privilege saying he wanted to acknowledge that it is women's history month, and to appreciate all the wonderful women in his life, and through history, that have been exemplars of public service. He said one of his favorite to think about is Fannie Lou Hamer, here in a local context, and Ms. Emma Jones who has been working on police accountability for decades. He urges and encourages people to take the time to think about the women in our lives that identify our lives that give us life and to those who have added so much value to our culture and history.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: None

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS: None

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Baez stated they had 2 executive sessions tonight.

Discuss potential settlement in a pending legal matter: Ms. Baez stated this Executive Session will include the Council, Attorney Tallberg and Attorney Gruen. She then took a vote to go into session and it was unanimous. In Executive Session at 7:28pm. Ms. Baez announced them out of Executive Session unanimously at 8:08pm.

2. Update on a pending claim: Ms. Baez announced their second Executive session included the Council, Attorney LeClair and Attorney Gruen. She took a vote to go into Executive Session and it was unanimous. In Executive session at 8:09 pm. Ms. Baez announced them out of Executive Session at 9:09pm.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Ms. Baez requested a motion for approval of the February 21, 2023 minutes. Moved by Ms. Kiely, seconded by Mr. Farmer and approved with 1 abstention (Zaehringer)

CONSENT CALENDAR: Mr. Farmer asked to remove items #6 and #14 from the consent calendar. Ms. Baez requested a vote to approve the consent calendar with those items. Moved by Ms. Sweet, seconded by Ms. Kiely and approved unanimously.

2. **Refund of property and motor vehicle taxes collected prior to July 1, 2023 – (9) totaling \$2,709.54**
3. **Refund of motor vehicle taxes collected between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 – (32) totaling \$8,536.81**
4. **Appointment of Thomas A. Della Ventura to the Finance Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2027 – (I-8)**
5. **Appointment of Christian M. McNamara to the Finance Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2028 – (D-6)**

7. **Appointment of Jay Cruickshank from an alternate to a full member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2025 – (U9)**
8. **Reappointment of Joseph McDonagh to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2026 (D9)**
9. **Order authorizing interdepartmental transfer 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget – Finance Dept. - \$200,000 (Accrued benefits/retirement cash-outs) FROM E & C**
10. **Order approving and authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement between the Town of Hamden and ADP, Inc.**
11. **Order authorizing intradepartmental transfer 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget – Fire Dept. – \$225,000 (Various accounts)**
12. **Order authorizing an agreement with CivicPlus, LLC and transfer of funds**
13. **Order authorizing intradepartmental transfer 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget – \$198,000 (Public Works & Parks) – Multiple accounts**
15. **Order authorizing an agreement with the Greater New Haven Transit District (Elderly Services)**

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Refund of property taxes collected between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 – (17) totaling \$57,151.64 (previously #1 on consent, put on regular agenda for amendment)
-- Mr. Eatman explained the amount was now different due to a refund being pulled from the list. He gave the new amount of \$54,592.35
Ms. Baez requested a motion to amend this item to \$54,592.35. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zaehringer and approved unanimously.
Ms. Baez then called for the vote on the item as amended and it passed unanimously.
2. Resolution providing consent to settle pending litigation: Stephanie Washington v. Devon Eaton, et al., No. 3:20-cv-01111 (VLB). [Hyperlink with resolution](#)
-- Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Sweet. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer said he is glad this item is before them tonight and he hopes it brings closer to Ms. Washington and her family and starts a healing process for our community and hopes it's understood that the work is just as important the day after the settlement is settled to make sure these things don't happen again.
3. Amendment to a portion of §36.80 of the Code of Ordinances Fees for Engineering Services
-- Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Osmanu and approved unanimously.

4. Ordinance amending §97.04A (C) (1) of the Code of Ordinances Restoration:
Permanent Patching

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

(items pulled from consent)

**6. Appointment of Antwan V. Nedd as a full landlord member to the Fair Rent
Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2025 (U-5)**

-- No action taken

**14. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a gift of two benches and plaques to be
placed at Town Center Park from the Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce**

-- No action taken

There being no further business Ms. Baez announced the meeting closed at 9:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council