

**TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT**  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**April 18, 2022**

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Monday, April 18, 2022. This meeting was held electronically, via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Council President Dominique Baez. The Clerk took the roll followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**PRESIDING:** Dominique Baez, President

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Sean Grace, Chief of Staff; Curtis Eatman, Finance Director; Sue Gruen, Town Attorney; Erik Johnson, Economic Development Director; Attorney Ann Catino

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION:** There was 1 speaker

(Written comments can be sent to [LCpublicinput@hamden.com](mailto:LCpublicinput@hamden.com))

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:** Ms. Baez had Ms. Sweet read the Land Recognition followed

by a moment of silence.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS:** Presentation from Vessel technology

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Ms. Baez requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the meeting held March 28, 2022. Moved by Ms. Kiely, seconded by Ms. Sweet and approved unanimously. Ms. Baez then requested a motion to approve the minutes from April 4, 2022. Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Osmanu and approved unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Ms. Baez requested a motion for approval of the consent calendar. Mr. Farmer requested #6 be pulled to the Regular Agenda. Ms. Baez requested a motion for approval without #6. Moved by Ms. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Webber and approved unanimously.

- 1. Refund of Property Taxes collected between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 – (17) totaling \$24,418.08**
- 2. Refund of Motor Vehicle Taxes collected between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 – (57) totaling \$14,530.37**
- 3. Order authorizing interdepartmental transfer 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget \$79,000- (From Police Dept. to Personnel Dept.)**
- 4. Order authorizing interdepartmental transfer 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget - \$175,000 (Accrued Benefits/Retirements) From multiple accounts**
- 5. Order authorizing the Town of Hamden to participate in the State of Connecticut Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Municipal Grant Program (\$57,919)**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

1. Amendment to §95.11 (B) of the Code of Ordinances

-- Moved by Ms. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Farmer. DISCUSSION: Ms. Wetmore said she would be okay with this if there was an area that they are contained while selling and that this also concerns her with all the violence already going on.

Ms. Gruen went over details of the ordinance.

Ms. Bonadies asked if this allows people to bring their own. Mr. Grace said that Ms. Gruen could speak more to the legality of that but he thinks that anyone who has attended concerts in

the park knows that is a fairly common practice now and it certainly it's not their intention to make any changes to that practice.

Ms. Zaehring questioned section F and after Ms. Gruen said this was sent to CIRMA and we made the changes they suggested Ms. Zaehring said she was happy with the added layer from CIRMA.

A roll call vote was taken and the item passed with 2 opposed (Bonadies) (Wetmore)

Pulled from Consent Calendar:

6. Order committing to fund Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program Bridge Replacements and Sidewalk Improvement – State Project No. L061-0001 Bridge No. 04168 – Waite Street over Lake Whitney Bridge No. 061-019-Mather Street over Lake Whitney

**THIS ITEM WAS PUT ON HOLD UNTIL AFTER UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Order approving fourth 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. Sweet. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer said he's been a very vocal critic of this project from the get go and many of those thoughts and concerns are still the same.

Mr. Stevens said he thinks they need to spend more time on this and would like to extend it again until after budget.

After some discussion on an extension Mr. Johnson said he thinks some points being brought up should be done in Executive Session. He also said this is the best and final offer and the Town has to decide if this is best for them or not. Mr. Hoffman said they're open to suggestions and changes that the council might propose.

Ms. Baez moved a motion to go into an Executive Session to discuss the contract terms and the advice presented by Attorney Catino in her attorney client privilege memo to the Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Brien and approved unanimously. Ms. Baez said the session will include the Council, Town Attorney Sue Gruen, Attorney Ann Catino, and Economic Development Director Erik Johnson.

In Executive Session @ 8:22 P.M.

Ms. Baez moved a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Stevens and approved unanimously.

Out of Executive Session @ 9:16 P.M.

Ms. Baez moved a motion to table this item until April 25, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and approved unanimously. – **TABLED ITEM**

Regular Agenda item (Pulled from Consent Calendar):

6. Order committing to fund Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program Bridge Replacements and Sidewalk Improvement – State Project No. L061-0001 Bridge No. 04168 – Waite Street over Lake Whitney Bridge No. 061-019-Mather Street over Lake Whitney

-- Moved by Ms. Baez, seconded by Mr. Farmer. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer asked about opportunities to make sure people are aware of these projects and can have input. Mr. Grace said there will be opportunities for public input during the process.

A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

Ms. Baez then recessed the meeting until April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta  
Clerk of the Council