

TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 19, 2021

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Monday, April 19, 2021. This meeting was held electronically, via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 P.M. by the Council President. The Clerk took the roll followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Macdowall	Dominique Baez
Mick McGarry	Jody Clouse (after roll call)
Valerie Horsley	Jeron Alston
Justin Farmer	Adrian Webber
Austin Cesare	Kristin Dolan
Marjorie Bonadies	Betty Wetmore
Kathleen Schomaker	Berita Rowe-Lewis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Athena Gary

PRESIDING: Mick McGarry, President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Scott Jackson, Finance Director; Sue Gruen, Town Attorney; Adam Sendroff, Chief of Staff; Mark Austin, Town Engineer

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: There were 2 speakers (which can be heard on the recording at Time Code 2:38:30) and 11 comments sent in which can be read here:
<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/3853/PUBLIC-COMMENTS---04-19-2021>

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Mr. McGarry said they would be scheduling more sessions with the NCCJ and that they were just waiting on some dates. He also mentioned budget would be starting back up and if you have questions to email them to Ms. Renta.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS: Quinnipiac University seniors gave two Design Projects PowerPoint Presentations. The first was ‘Mill River Trail’ presented by Justin Carter, Stephen Shute, Jonathan Livsey and Michael Ciacciarella. The second was “Woodin Street Bridge” presented by Alfonso DePalma and Brendon Richardson (These presentations can be found on the recording at Time Code 2:58:30)

Finance Update: Mr. Jackson said some of the outstanding questions such as management and the 5/10% reductions are budget related and he's not sure how to present those but thinks they can figure it out in conversation and come up with a process. He said some of the other questions he believes Mr. Galarza responded to a few weeks ago and he followed up a week or two later. He's not sure there's anything left from that, but he does know he owes a response on the ice rink saying he has a couple of years of data on ice rink operations that he's trying to compress into something that makes sense and can be easily understood and managed year over year. He said he also knows he has an outstanding request for a Capital Improvement Plan saying today he talked to our Financial Advisor and he's trying to narrow down the space in which we can borrow based upon the Charter and everything and will probably be less than \$11,000,000 but more than \$10,000,000 so he's looking at maybe a 2 year plan.

Mr. Jackson then said we have a great opportunity which they're going to send down to Council in May which is a strict refinancing of outstanding debt and that will be discussed more at the meeting on debt restructuring on the 26th.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Mr. McGarry requested a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held March 29, 2021. Moved by Ms. Horsley, seconded by Ms. Rowe-Lewis and approved with 1 abstention (Clouse)

Mr. McGarry then requested a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held April 5, 2021. Moved by Ms. Horsley, seconded by Ms. Rowe-Lewis and approved with 1 abstention (Clouse)

CONSENT CALENDAR: Mr. McGarry said he's going to keep item #1 on the Regular Agenda and the Consent Calendar will include items #2, 4, 6, 7, and 8. He then requested a vote for approval of the Consent Calendar with these items. Moved by Ms. Rowe-Lewis, seconded by Mr. Macdowall. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Farmer thanked all the people who serve and all those joining a committee or commission tonight. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

2. Tax Incentive Agreement – USHS LLC, (414 Mather Street)

4. Order amending the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget - Town Clerk's Office

6. Order authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of an Incentive Award from United Illuminating and authorizing the replacement of existing HVAC RTUs with higher efficiency generating additional energy savings per the Trane U.S. Inc. proposal – Hamden High School

7. Order authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of an Incentive Award from United Illuminating and authorizing the replacement of existing HVAC RTUs with higher efficiency generating additional energy savings per the Prism Energy Services proposal – Ridge Hill School

8. Order authorizing cooperative purchasing of electricity and authorizing the Town to enter into an agreement between the Town of Hamden and CCM Services, LLC and Titan Energy New England, Inc. and any agreement between the Town of Hamden and energy suppliers

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Appointment of the Director of Economic Development & Neighborhood Revitalization -
Curtis M. Eatman

-- Moved by Ms. Horsley, seconded by Ms. Rowe-Lewis. DISCUSSION: Ms. Schomaker noted she'd be recusing herself from the vote on this tonight. Mr. McGarry said he's happy Mr. Eatman is on the team and looks forward to seeing what he can do. A vote was taken and the item passed with 1 abstention (Farmer) and Ms. Schomaker not voting

5. Order authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept and expend funding in an amount up to \$200,000 in State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement (LoCIP) funds for sidewalk repairs and improvements

-- Moved by Ms. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Farmer. DISCUSSION: Mr. Cesare asked what areas of Town this covers. Mr. Austin said there's a plan and the locations are on the claims list and are the worst of the worst. Mr. Cesare asked how we assure that all people get this and not just those that are the loudest. Mr. Austin said the claims are insurance claims and are the worst. Then they go to the master list which goes back to 2008 and is scattered throughout the town. He said if people have sidewalks to be repaired all complaints can be sent to 203-287-7040 or on Clickfix@hamden.com Mr. Cesare asked for the sidewalk list.

Mr. Farmer said he'd like them all to see that list and then again stressed the urgency of the Capital Budget.

(Mr. Austin sent the requested list to the clerk while the meeting was still in progress and the clerk forwarded it on to the entire council)

A vote was taken and the item passed with 1 opposed (Farmer)

There being no further business Mr. McGarry requested a motion to adjourn. Moved by Ms. Horsley, seconded by Ms. Schomaker and the meeting adjourned at 10:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council