

**TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
May 17, 2022**

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(Meeting starts at Time Code 05:47:46)

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A special meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. This meeting was held electronically, via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 11:43 P.M. by Council President Dominique Baez and she announced there was a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dominique Baez	Jeron Alston
Katie Kiely	Betty Wetmore
Kristen Zaehring	Sarah Gallagher
Abdul Osmanu	Adrian Webber
Ted Stevens	Laurie Sweet
Marjorie Bonadies	Justin Farmer
Cory O'Brien	

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paula Irvin; Lesley DeNardis

PRESIDING: Dominique Baez, President

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

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: None
(Written comments can be sent to LCpublicinput@hamden.com)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

AGENDA:

1. Adoption of the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget
-- Moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Farmer.

Mr. O'Brien moved a motion to amend Section 6-a after the words Legislative Council add "not to exceed amounts appropriated therefor". The motion was seconded by Ms. Baez.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Brien said essentially what this is is if capital projects are closed and there's money left over they can move it to another account that has already been approved, but they cannot exceed amounts that have already been approved by Council. He said this was in there in previous years and was removed and this reverts it back to the previous language.

A vote was taken on the amendment and it passed with 1 opposed (Farmer) and 1 abstention (Webber)

Mr. O'Brien then read the ordinance out loud.

<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/6090/Adopted-Budget-Ordinance-2022-2023>

Ms. Baez requested a motion to adopt the 2022-2023 FY budget in the amount of \$275,979,969 with a mil rate of 55.48. Moved by Mr. Alston, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and approved with a roll call vote of 9 in favor (Alston) (Farmer) (Kiely) (O'Brien) (Osmanu) (Stevens) (Sweet) (Zaehringer) (Baez) – 3 opposed (Bonadies) (Gallagher) (Wetmore) – 1 abstention (Webber) – and 2 absent (DeNardis) (Irvin)

There being no further business Ms. Baez adjourned the meeting at 11:59 P.M. with 1 opposed (Farmer) and 1 abstention (Webber)

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council