

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

June 6, 2022

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Monday, June 6, 2022. This meeting was held electronically, via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by Council President Dominique Baez. The Clerk took the roll followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dominique Baez	Betty Wetmore
Jeron Alston	Sarah Gallagher
Kristen Zaehring	Katie Kiely
Abdul Osmanu	Adrian Webber
Laurie Sweet	Ted Stevens
Justin Farmer	Lesley DeNardis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marjorie Bonadies; Paula Irvin; Cory O'Brien

PRESIDING: Dominique Baez, President

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

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: There were no speakers
(Written comments can be sent to LCpublicinput@hamden.com)

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Ms. Sweet read the Land Recognition followed by a moment of silence.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS: None

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: None available for this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

CONSENT CALENDAR: Ms. Baez requested a motion for approval of the consent calendar. Moved by Ms. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Sweet. Mr. Farmer asked for #8 to be pulled to the Regular Agenda. Ms. Baez took a vote without #8 and the consent calendar was approved unanimously.

1. **Order authorizing a License Agreement with Permitium, LLC**
2. **Order authorizing the Town of Hamden to enter into a project authorization latter for the Rights of Way Phase of the Walkable Sidewalks Project State Project No. 61-153; Federal Project No. (PEDS(212)); Master Agreement No. 4.02-28(14)**
3. **Resolution authorizing the Town Engineer to be the signatory authority for documents submitted to DEEP**
4. **Order providing for the appointment of a Mayoral appointment – Stephen White - Town Engineer**
5. **Order providing for the appointment of a Mayoral appointment (Brian Murphy – Constituent Services Manager)**
6. **Order amending the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget – Hamden Fire Dept.**
7. **Order amending the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget – Hamden Police Dept.**

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Order to accept a donation of \$7,098 from Hometown Foundation, Inc. to the Hamden Police Department K-9 Unit Gift Fund
-- Moved by Mr. Alston, seconded by Ms. Gallagher and approved with 2 opposed (Farmer) (Osmanu)
2. An ordinance appropriating \$50,183 for Animal Control vehicles and authorizing the use of \$20,000 of unexpended bond proceeds of the Town and \$30,183 of federal grant moneys to meet said appropriation
-- Moved by Mr. Alston, seconded by Mr. Webber. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer said we need new Animal Control vehicles so he will vote for this but moving forward he'll vote no until he gets the capital list he asked for. A roll call vote was taken and it passed with 11 in

favor (Alston) (Baez) (DeNardis) (Farmer) (Gallagher) (Osmanu) (Stevens) (Sweet) (Webber) (Wetmore) (Zaehringer) and 4 absent (Bonadies) (Irvin) (Kiely) (O'Brien)

3. Ordinance adopting Chapter 13: Rules of Procure for the removal of a member of any appointed Board, Commission or relevant position or panel of alternates

-- Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Sweet. DISCUSSION: Ms. Baez displayed the amended ordinance as Ms. Gruen went over the amendments that they requested at the last meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the item passed with 10 in favor (Alston) (Baez) (DeNardis) (Farmer) (Gallagher) (Osmanu) (Stevens) (Sweet) (Webber) (Zaehringer) and 5 absent (Bonadies) (Irvin) (Kiely) (O'Brien) (Wetmore was present at the meeting but away from her computer for this vote)

Pulled from Consent:

8. Order authorizing the Town of Hamden to accept and expend the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice

-- Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Wetmore. DISCUSSION: Acting Police Chief Wydra explained this is for the Animal Control Vehicles, combining capital funding and grant money to get these vehicles. He said they are 2022 vehicles purchased through the State bid system at approximately \$25,000 apiece and they accepted the old vehicles as trade-ins. A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

* Ms. Kiely is now present at the meeting.

Information Items:

1. CRC/LC presentation & questions

Ms. Gallagher and commission members gave the following presentation of Charter changes. Ms. Baez announced there would be a workshop for this on June 15th.

<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/6182/Hamden-CRC-Presentation-for-LC-2022-June>

2. Accrued benefits/retirement - \$46,786.98

-- Mr. Grace explained this is a normal retirement buyout that they're contractually obligated to pay.

Ms. Baez put the meeting into recess at 8:17pm until after committees.

Ms. Baez called the meeting out of recess at 9:53 pm.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Baez moved a motion to add the following item to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webber and approved with 2 opposed (Sweet) (Farmer) and 2 abstentions (Gallagher) (Wetmore)

Ms. Baez called for public input after adding the item and there were no speakers.

1. Order authorizing the Mayor to sign a purchase and sale agreement for the sale of property at 670 Wintergreen Avenue, Hamden – Wintergreen School

-- Moved by Ms. Baez, seconded by Mr. Farmer. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer expressed his concern saying they as a Council have to have more time to look at these matters and said he will not support it on the 15th. Ms. Wetmore said she abstained for more information and more chance to ask questions. Mr. Osmanu said he will be voting no he wants a better line of communication. A vote was taken and the item passed with 3 opposed (Wetmore) (Farmer) (Osmanu) and 3 abstentions (Sweet) (Gallagher) (DeNardis)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

There being no further business Ms. Baez adjourned the meeting at 10:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council