

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

August 7, 2023

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(After the executive session the regular meeting starts again at Time Code 02:40:29)

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Monday, August 7, 2023. This was a hybrid meeting held both in person and electronically via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 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 (Z)
Katie Kiely (Z) (P)	Jeron Alston (Z) (after roll call)
Justin Farmer (Z)	Betty Wetmore (Z)
Laurie Sweet (Z)	Adrian Webber (Z) (after roll call)
Ted Stevens (P)	Sarah Gallagher (Z)
Paula Irvin (Z)	Cory O'Brien (P)

* Ms. Kiely started out on Zoom before arriving in person.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Anthony; Lesley DeNardis; Kristen Zaehringer

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 2 speakers on Zoom and 8 written comments submitted which can be read here:

<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/8709/08-07-2023>

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: President Pro Tempore Farmer offered a moment of reflection for Keith Petrulis, a homeless advocate that was found dead this morning. Him and his family are in his thoughts and prayers.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS: Town Engineer Stephen White and CT DOT representatives Edward Sabourin, Marissa Pfaffinger, Andrew Correia, attended the meeting and gave the following presentation:
<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/8713/PP-061-010-Hamden-Council-Aug2023>

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Baez moved a motion to enter into an Executive Session with the Council, Town Attorney Sue Gruen, and Labor Attorney Nick Grello for the purpose of discussing negotiation for contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Brien and approved unanimously.

In Executive Session at 7:45pm

At 8:33pm Ms. Baez had Town Engineer Stephen White join the session for the purpose of discussing item #4 on the Personnel Committee scheduled for that night.

Out of Executive Session at 9:24pm. Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Kiely and approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: July 17, 2023; July 24, 2023; July 31, 2023

Ms. Baez requested a motion to combine all sets of minutes for approval. Moved by Ms. Kiely, seconded by Ms. Sweet and approved with 1 abstention (Wetmore) and 1 opposed (Farmer)

Ms. Baez then requested a motion to approve the set of minutes. Moved by Ms. Sweet, seconded by Ms. Kiely and approved with 1 opposed (Farmer) and 2 abstentions (O'Brien) (Wetmore)

CONSENT CALENDAR: Ms. Baez requested a motion for approval of the consent calendar. Moved by Ms. Wetmore, seconded by Ms. Kiely and approved unanimously.

- 1. Agreement between the Hamden Board of Education and The Association of Hamden Public School Administrators (Administrators Union)**
- 2. Resolution to adopt a complete streets policy for the Town of Hamden**

REGULAR AGENDA:

Information Items:

1. Retirement/Accrued Benefits – Truck Mechanic – Public Works & Parks - \$36,769.01
2. Retirement/Accrued Benefits – Supervisor – Recreation Dept. - \$39,381.75

Mr. Eatman explained these contractual items saying there have been 3 cashouts to date,

we're trending positive, and there is \$1,083,533.65 remaining. Ms. Baez asked how this account ended in the previous fiscal year and Mr. Eatman said this line is still being reconciled.

There being no further business, Ms. Baez announced the meeting closed at 9:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council