

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

September 18, 2023

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(Meeting begins again after Executive Session at Time Code 01:55:21)

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on Monday, September 18, 2023. This was a hybrid meeting held both in person and electronically via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 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)	Bob Anthony (P)
Katie Kiely (P)	Jeron Alston (Z) (after exe. session)
Justin Farmer (P)	Betty Wetmore (Z) (after roll call)
Laurie Sweet (P)	Adrian Webber (Z)
Ted Stevens (Z)	Sarah Gallagher (P)
Paula Irvin (Z)	Lesley DeNardis (Z)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kristen Zaehring; Cory O'Brien; Abdul Osmanu

PRESIDING: Dominique Baez, President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Grace, Chief of Staff; Curtis Eatman, Finance Director; Sue Gruen, Town Attorney; Stephen White, Town Engineer; David Panico, Robinson & Cole; Virginia McGarrity, Robinson & Cole

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION: There were 2 speakers in person and 1 speaker on Zoom

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

After hearing from the public Mr. Farmer stated that he wants a department head at the next Council meeting for an update on the Fair Rent Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: President Pro Tempore Farmer wished a Happy New Year to the Jewish community members.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS: None

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Baez requested a motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss confidential correspondence from our attorney. In the executive session will be the Council, Town Attorney Sue Gruen, Finance Director Curtis Eatman, Attorney David Panico and Attorney Virginia McGarrity both from Robinson & Cole

Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Sweet and approved unanimously. In Executive Session at 7:43pm.

Motion out of Executive Session moved by Mr. Anthony, seconded by Mr. Farmer and unanimously approved. Out of Executive Session at 8:37pm.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

August 21, 2023: Moved by Ms. Kiely, seconded by Mr. Farmer and approved with 1 abstention (Anthony)

August 28, 2023: Moved by Ms. Sweet, seconded by Ms. Kiely and approved with 1 abstention (Anthony)

CONSENT CALENDAR: None

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Order authorizing interdepartmental transfer 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget (BOE Capital Non-Recurring Account) - \$4,015,000 – **TABLED on August 21, 2023**

REVISED item for approval:

Order authorizing interdepartmental transfer 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget (BOE Capital Non-Recurring Account) - \$3,940,000

Ms. Baez mentioned how the tabled item has been revised to a lower number and then requested a motion to take this item off the table. Moved by Mr. Anthony, seconded by Ms. Kiely and approved unanimously.

Ms. Baez then moved a motion to amend the item to \$3,940,000. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kiely.

Mr. Eatman explained that the reason there was a change is because the original 4 million did not account for an extra lease payment promised to the BOE. He said this includes all of the lease payments which were paid, and are now completely satisfied.

Mr. Farmer asked if the BOE was okay with this number. Mr. Eatman said yes. Mr. Farmer asked if we knew what they're doing with it. Mr. Eatman said no. Mr. Farmer

asked if we're all set with the lease agreement and Mr. Eatman said yes. Ms. Kiely suggested maybe they could request it go on a future Education Committee and they can support it.

Ms. Baez called for the vote on the amendment and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Baez then called for the vote on the item as amended and it passed unanimously.

Information Items:

1. Accrued benefits – Police Officer AIII – Police Dept. - \$44,761.52
2. Accrued benefits – Police Office AIII – Police Dept. - \$45,834.05

Mr. Eatman explained items 1&2 of accrued benefits as established in the CBA and said there was \$900,517.15 remaining, including these expenses.

3. 1094/1095 IRS Late Fee balance information

Mr. Eatman explained the fine the Town received from the IRS for not filing 1094 and 1095C as required under the Affordable Care Act for years 2019, 2020, and 2021. The total fine was \$383,817.31. They hired counsel for guidance and to date all 1094's and 1095 reports are filed with the exception of 2021 which is almost complete.

Mr. Farmer suggested they keep abreast the Finance Commission so that they have a deeper understanding of this fee so they can help us keep on top of our finances and well rounded. Mr. Eatman said will do.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council