

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL & WPC AUTHORITY  
NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

A **REGULAR MEETING** was held by the City Council & WPC Authority in the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, November 9, 2015.

Those in attendance included Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Raymond Rigat, City Councilors Paul Samele, Paul Cavagnero, Anne Ruwet, and Christopher Anderson. City Councilors Drake Waldron and Gregg Cogswell were absent.

Mayor Carbone opened the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

**TORRINGTON'S 275<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Municipal Historian Ken Buckbee reported that the event was a success and thanked those who worked on it and those who supported it. He listed the Proclamations received, including Proclamations from the Mayor and the Governor, a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, a Recognition Certificate from the General Assembly, a Certificate that was read into the Congressional Record, and a Proclamation from President Obama.

**MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilor Samele, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Special Telephonic Meeting held October 14, 2015. Councilors Ruwet and Cavagnero abstained.

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Samele, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 19, 2015.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

On a motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public.

Sharon Waagner said that running for office was an astounding experience, and it was a privilege to serve on the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. She asked the Council to promote "shopping local and shopping small". Mrs. Waagner commended Off. Rob Simon for his professionalism, warmth and caring. She asked for an update on downtown sidewalk improvement plans. Mayor Carbone said a communications committee will be working on this soon.

**APPTS. BY MAYOR**

On a motion by Councilor Samele, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the Council voted unanimously to accept the following Mayoral re-appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Term Length</u>	<u>Term Expiration Date</u>
Chris Robayo	Conservation Commission	3 years	9/5/2018
Marc Trivella	Zoning Board of Appeals	5 years	12/1/2020
David Moraghan	Zoning Board of Appeals	5 years	12/1/2020
James P. Steck	Zoning Board of Appeals, Alt.	5 years	12/1/2020
Alan Diulio	Zoning Board of Appeals, Alt.	5 years	12/1/2020

On a motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Samele, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate Member James Bobinski to the position of Regular member, for a five-year term expiring Dec. 1, 2020, upon the resignation of Doris Murphy on December 1, 2015.

**FIREWORKS – JULY 2, 2016**

On an amended motion by Councilor Samele, seconded as amended by Councilor Anderson, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and the Parks and Recreation Commission and renew the Fireworks Contract for 2016 with Zambelli Fireworks of New Castle, PA with the same cost and terms as 2015, which is \$13,900.

**HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENT**

On a motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to adopt a resolution to approve and adopt the Health Reimbursement Arrangement and the Summary Plan Description dated 7/1/2015, authorizing the Mayor to act on behalf of the City and the Board of Education in its regard.

**AMEND OPEB TRUST AGREEMENT**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the Council voted unanimously to amend the OPEB Trust Agreement language as recommended by the OPEB Board on Oct. 20, 2015. Mayor Carbone explained that the open-ended language in Article 4, Paragraph 4.1, regarding the duties of the City is being changed to obligate the City to commence funding this trust with at least \$50,000 per year. Councilor Cavagnero questioned how that figure was determined and if controls are in place. Mayor Carbone explained that Hooker & Holcombe reported at the OPEB Board meeting that this was a good starting point.

**SANITARY SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

Herein acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, on a motion by Councilor Samele, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the Council voted unanimously to approve a payment from Fund #490 Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement for Capital Project D-2A East Drainage Basin Rehabilitation to True Blue Environmental for Requisition #8 dated 10/27/2015 in the amount of \$140,020.40.

**SENIOR CENTER TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Director of Elderly Services' recommendation to award the Technology Upgrades bid to Sound Works and Security, LLC of Torrington, in the amount of \$9,989.66, funded by donations.

**SMALL CITIES**

On a motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Samele, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Small Cities Committee and approve a change order for Project 143-327, for lead paint testing.

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Small Cities Committee and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for both the release of a Small Cities Lien and the release of a Lien regarding the Estate of Rapsilber. Councilor Anderson explained that, overall, this agreement is in the best interests of the City.

On a motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Samele, the Council voted unanimously to approve the following payments:

Vendor	Requisition #	Date	Amount	Description	Fund
L. Wagner & Assocs.	HRLR-241	10/6/2015	\$ 900.00	Prof. Svc. 7/1/15 - 9/30/15	250
L. Wagner & Assocs.	14-SC-46	10/6/2015	\$ 3,000.00	Prof. Svc. 7/1/14 - 9/30/15	271
L. Wagner & Assocs.	14-SC-47	10/6/2015	\$17,122.50	Prof. Svc. 7/1/14 - 9/30/15	271
transfer	14-SC-48	10/15/2015	\$ 1,930.00	Project 143-402	271
transfer	14-SC-49	10/15/2015	\$ 800.00	Project 143-387	271
transfer	14-SC-50	10/15/2015	\$ 6,700.00	Project 143-368	271

**TAX REFUNDS**

On a motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the refunds indicated on the list dated Oct. 30, 2015.

**SECTION B**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the Council voted unanimously to add Section B to the Agenda.

Section B

**BROWNFIELD AREA-WIDE REVITALIZATION PLANNING GRANT**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the Council considered adoption of the following resolution authorizing the required 10% cash match for a Brownfield Area-wide Revitalization (BAR) Planning Grant, and authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the State of CT Department of Economic & Community Development regarding the BAR grant if the application is successful:

*WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S Section 32-763, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for developing a comprehensive plan for the remediation and redevelopment of multiple brownfields (called the Brownfield Area-Wide Revitalization (BAR) Planning Grant); and*

*WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Torrington make an application to the State for \$200,000 in order to undertake the Brownfield Area-Wide Revitalization (BAR) Planning Project and to execute an Assistance Agreement.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNCILMEN*

- 1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites (including the match obligations) for the state financial assistance imposed by C.G.S Section 32-763 and the Guidelines of the BAR Planning Program;*
- 2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the City of Torrington in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 is hereby approved and that Elinor Carbone, Mayor, is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Torrington.*
- 3. That it agrees to fulfill the required 10% cash match of the BAR Planning Grant Program if the application is successful.*

Ms. Wilson explained that this planning-specific grant will be used to identify a strategy to attack the Brownfield dilemma in Torrington, and to develop a Brownfields section to the City's Plan of Conservation and Development. She said it will also be used to look at how our status as a Micropolitan Community can be used to attract development with something implementable, not just a plan to sit on the shelf.

Section B Continued

**BROWNFIELD AREA-WIDE REVITALIZATION PLANNING GRANT Continued**

Ms. Wilson said two areas where redevelopment of Brownfields can be supported through infrastructure are the Riverfront Recapture Project with 100 Franklin St. and 100 Franklin Dr. and the Stone Container and Hendey site as a location for a regional transit facility and potential railway freight-offloading site. She said this planning process and implementation strategy will be comprehensive, thorough and done in a public way to position ourselves for future funding because state and federal funding require a plan in place. You have to have the vision, she said.

Councilor Cavagnero expressed an interest in having the City Council involved and asked what the impact of a transit system on west side of Torrington will be and what it will do to property values.

Mayor Carbone offered to have our local Historic Preservation Trust present their feasibility study to Council as it identified this property as the perfect location for this transit facility, along with enhanced future transit-oriented development of the rest of that site. She said that City Council will be involved because there is quite a bit of work that needs to be done before the Department of Transportation acquires that property and commences construction.

Councilor Cavagnero reiterated his interest in having the City Council involved in the decision to have a bus hub on the west side of Torrington and its effect on the vision for a gentrified approach to downtown development that ties Coe Park in with a nice riverfront walkway. He said that young urban professionals won't want to live next to a bus depot because they have cars.

Councilor Anderson moved the previous question and the vote was called. The resolution for a BAR Planning Grant application was unanimously approved.

**STREET DEPT: PURCHASE 4x2 Plow Truck**

On a motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Fleet Manager's, Street Superintendent's and Purchasing Agent's recommendation to award the 4x2 Plow Truck purchase to Nutmeg International of Hartford CT in the amount of \$149,839.36, and to authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the City regarding the execution and administration of the contract.  
End Section B

**BUSINESS BY DEPT. HEADS**

On a motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Samele, the Council voted unanimously to consider business presented by Department Heads.

Mr. Drew informed the Council of the efforts to show green lights in honor of our Veterans.

**BUSINESS: MAYOR & MEMBERS**

On a motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Samele, the Council voted unanimously to consider business presented by the Mayor and members of the City Council.

Councilor Ruwet recognized our community's Veterans.

Mayor Carbone read a Declaration for Doris Murphy, who served on the Planning & Zoning Commission for 26 years. She said Torrington was recently recognized by Energize, CT for becoming a clean energy community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Samele, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

ATTEST: JOSEPH L. QUARTIERO, CMC  
CITY CLERK

Carol L. Anderson, CMC, MCTC  
Asst. City Clerk

Addendum 1

G/L YEAR	BILL NO.	REFUND PAYABLE TO	AMOUNT REFUNDED	CK. #	DATE	MAILING ADDRESS	TOWN	STATE	ZIP
1	2014 03-60512	Allen, Judith A or Allen, David	\$ 62.77			856 Rock Springs Rd.	Gastalia Springs	TN	37031
2	2014 03-60533	Allen, William R.	\$ 204.68			859 Aquarina Blvd.	Melbourne Beach	FL	32951
3	2014 03-60772	Anop, Paul R.	\$ 57.65			830 Main St., Unit 110	Torrington	CT	06790-3363
4	2014 02-40124	Berkshire Auto Sales Inc. / Kennedy, Ronald Sr.	\$ 57.44			692 South Main Street	Torrington	CT	06790-2525
5	2014 03-62385	Berti, Silvio or Berti, Anne G.	\$ 67.71			2572 Torrington St.	Torrington	CT	06790-7402
6	2014 03-63856	Butrick, Diane M.	\$ 27.96			62 Ford Lane	Torrington	CT	06790-7402
7	2014 03-64504	Carotenuti, Candace	\$ 17.66			P.O. Box 1756	Torrington	CT	06790
8	2014 03-65270	Clapps, Lisa A.	\$ 12.95			31 Stonehouse Way	Torrington	CT	06790
9	2014 06-1666	Connecticut Institute for the Blind	\$ 106.00			120 Holcomb Street	Hartford	CT	06112
10	2014 06-4103	Connecticut Institute for the Blind	\$ 106.00			120 Holcomb Street	Hartford	CT	06112
11	2014 06-12394	Correll, Howard W. & Barbara M.	\$ 212.00			92 Clarence Street	Torrington	CT	06790
12	2014 03-69081	Falls, Bruce R.	\$ 45.29			98 Starks Hill Road	Torrington	CT	06790
13	2014 03-69082	Falls, Bruce R. or Falls, Elizabeth A.	\$ 190.78			98 Starks Hill Road	Torrington	CT	06790
14	2014 03-69083	Falls, Bruce R. or Falls, Elizabeth A.	\$ 121.70			98 Starks Hill Road	Torrington	CT	06790
15	2014 03-69084	Falls, Elizabeth A. or Bruce R.	\$ 232.87			98 Starks Hill Road	Torrington	CT	06790
16	2014 06-327	Fodor, Attila & Haney, Allison W.	\$ 106.00			1229 Winsted Rd. #128	Torrington	CT	06790
17	2014 03-70045	Friendly Hands Food Bank Inc.	\$ 143.20			50 King Street	Torrington	CT	06790-6904
18	2014 03-70272	Galluccio, Thomas R.	\$ 106.05			8 Sherwood Drive	Torrington	CT	06790-4228
19	2014 03-71285	Grabinski, Adolph	\$ 32.54			146P Queens Road	Torrington	CT	06790
20	2014 03-72021	Hartford, Susan J or David W	\$ 38.16			54 Newfield Rd	Torrington	CT	06790-6790
21	2014 03-72792	Hoffelder, Joel	\$ 198.15			48 Colin Drive	Torrington	CT	06790
22	2014 03-72877 / Plate #1AFDU3	Honda Lease Trust	\$ 625.40			600 Kelly Way	Holyoke	MA	01040-9681
23	2014 03-70311 / Plate #924YMH	Honda Lease Trust	\$ 580.57			600 Kelly Way	Holyoke	MA	01040-9681
24	2014 03-73259	Hutton, David W.	\$ 190.41			90 Wheeler Lane	Torrington	CT	06790-3834
25	2014 03-73962	Jernigan, Richard A.	\$ 12.68			63 Coolidge Ave.	Torrington	CT	06790-2908
26	2014 03-74588	Kelley, Edward C.	\$ 204.96			34 Irving Avenue	Torrington	CT	06790-5612
27	2014 03-74996	Klimkosky, Alexander T.	\$ 98.73			33 Tall Tree Lane	Torrington	CT	06790-2567
28	2014 03-75000	Klimkosky, Alexander T. or Katherine	\$ 21.00			33 Tall Tree Lane	Torrington	CT	06790-2567
29	2014 03-77444	Malczynski, Richard D.	\$ 29.33			9132 Askew Street	Forth Worth	TX	00007-6244
30	2014 03-77446	Malczynski, Richard D.	\$ 61.03			9132 Askew Street	Forth Worth	TX	76244
31	2014 03-74225	Marchion, Frank J. Jr.	\$ 841.42			559 Woodduck Rd.	Torrington	CT	06790
32	2014 03-74233	Matzko, Usa A.	\$ 928.60			20 North Grace St.	Torrington	CT	06790
33	2014 03-79152	Minogue, Maryellen	\$ 10.80			10 Tunix Lane	Torrington	CT	06790-4131
34	2014 03-80408	Nissan Infiniti LT	\$ 117.44			Box 254648	Sacramento	CA	95865
35	2014 03-81726	Patel, Harish B.	\$ 395.74			15 Bunker Hill Ave., Apt. 2	Waterbury	CT	06708-2248

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36	2014	06-12292	Pennell, Joseph or Catherine	\$	421.36	70 Rockledge Loop	Torrington	CT	06790-3064
37	2014	03-82176	Perlotto, Tara L.	\$	62.68	498 High Street	Torrington	CT	06790
38	2014	02-40031	Reynaud, Tony	\$	30.14	270 Woodchuck Lane	Hartwinton	CT	06791
39	2014	03-84609	Roscello, Kristine M.	\$	88.16	300 Country Club Rd.	Torrington	CT	06790-7911
40	2014	01-3696	Schoellkopf, George or Incandela Gerald	\$	2,378.77	300 Nettleton Hollow Rd.	Washington	CT	06793
41	2014	03-86385	Skokan, Lynn K.	\$	182.45	P.O. Box 677	E. Canaan	CT	06024-0677
42	2014	03-88039	Thomas, Shannon	\$	13.27	292 Torrington Street	Torrington	CT	06790-4134
43	2014	03-88489	Toyota Lease Trust	\$	254.60	Box 105386	Atlanta	GA	30348
44	2014	03-88541/ Plate #960ZFP	Toyota Motor Credit Corporation	\$	145.35	ATT: LBX842701, Commerce Way #800	Woburn	MA	01801-1057
45	2014	03-88660	Trapanese, Catherine	\$	93.06	254 Cider Mill Crossing	Torrington	CT	06790-7219
46	2014	03-88976 / Plate #824Y7P	USB Leasing LT	\$	449.68	1850 Osborn Avenue	Oshkosh	WI	54902
47	2014	03-88996 /Plate #958ZDX	USB Leasing LT	\$	78.88	1850 Osborn Avenue	Oshkosh	WI	54902
48	2014	03-88997 / Plate #553ZCN	USB Leasing LT	\$	305.84	1850 Osborn Avenue	Oshkosh	WI	54902
49	2014	03-88998	USB Leasing LT	\$	511.03	1850 Osborn Avenue	Oshkosh	WI	54902
50	2014	02-47631	Valley Restoration LLC/ Bastiaanse, Paul	\$	75.95	27 Elton Street	Torrington	CT	06790
51	2014	03-89287	Vault Trust - c/o Ally Financial	\$	75.49	Louisville PPC, P.O. Box 9001951	Louisville	KY	40290-1951
52	2014	03-89315	Vault Trust - c/o Ally Financial	\$	75.22	Louisville PPC, P.O. Box 9001951	Louisville	KY	40290-1951
53	2014	03-90027	Welch, Kimberly A.	\$	20.50	69 Red Oak Hill	Torrington	CT	06790-3085
54	2014	03-90586	Witt, Judith K.	\$	14.23	74 Hartford Ave.	Torrington	CT	06790-4004
55	2014	03-90997	Zavatkey, Ernest B.	\$	7.09	53 Longmeadow Drive	Torrington	CT	06790
	SUBMITTED	TO	CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL	\$	11,549.42				