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A **REGULAR MEETING** was held by the City Council & WPC Authority in the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

Those in attendance included Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Jaime LaMere, City Councilors Daniel Farley, Luisa Noujaim, Drake Waldron, Gregg Cogswell, Anne Ruwet and Paul Cavagnero. City Engineer Ed Fabbri and Mayoral Aide Timothy Waldron were also present.

Mayor Carbone opened the meeting at 6:36 p.m. with a moment of silence in memory of the former Deputy Republican Registrar of Voters, Roberta Waldron.

**MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Noujaim, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 1, 2016. Councilors Ruwet and Cogswell abstained.

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Noujaim, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Special and Telephonic Meeting held February 4, 2016. Councilors Ruwet and Cavagnero abstained.

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Special and Telephonic Meeting held February 9, 2016. Councilors Ruwet and Noujaim abstained.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

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

Sharon Waagner commended the Mayor for her television appearance on “Face the State”. She requested the Council rescind the November 16th Streetlight Master Plan vote.

Peter Aduba asked where homeless people can go and noted that he plans to obtain electors’ signatures in opposition to the Streetlight Master Plan. He said people are angry and do not want streetlights removed.

Kay MacIntire also spoke in opposition to the Streetlight Master Plan, said she will work with Mr. Aduba to obtain signatures for a referendum, and also requested the November 16th vote be rescinded.

Brandon Podos encouraged the Council to rescind the Streetlight Master Plan vote from November 16th.

Mayor Carbone clarified that the Streetlight Master Plan could not be correctly referred to as the Mayor’s Plan, as the policy was adopted 14 years ago. She said she agrees that the approved plan does not meet the needs or desires of the public and welcomes the opportunity to bring it back to the Council for rescission. She said the Streetlight Committee will review the plan and make recommendations.

**ADD TO AGENDA**

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

**Section B**

**REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS**

 **RURAL BROADBAND & MOBILE ENHANCEMENT STUDY**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Office of Policy and Management according to the terms of the Regional Performance Incentive Program for a Rural Broadband & Mobile Enhancement Technology and Business Model Study and endorsing the same.

 **LITCHFIELD HILLS ANIMAL SHELTER: DESIGN & ENGINEERING**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Office of Policy and Management according to the terms of the Regional Performance Incentive Program for the Design and Engineering of the Litchfield Hills Animal Shelter Facility and endorsing the same.

**TRAIL ACCESS AGREEMENT**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to execute an easement agreement with B & R Corp. of Harwinton, CT and a license agreement with Eversource Energy of Berlin, CT for access of a trail along a segment of the Naugatuck River between Bogue Rd. and Palmer Bridge St. Mr. Fabbri explained that these agreements will allow access while the Bogue Rd. Bridge is replaced, and will create a trail along the river when construction is completed. He added that the agreement with B & R is permanent, but the Eversource license agreement is for ten years.

**THS ATHLETIC FIELD SIGN**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to authorize a payment of $2846.75 as 50% deposit on a Track & Field Record Board to Giordano Signs of Torrington, CT for Invoice #7885 dated February 11, 2016.

**End Section B**

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**TAX REFUNDS**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Noujaim, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the refunds indicated on the list dated 2/5/2016. **Addendum 1**

**SEWER USEAGE FEE REFUNDS**

Acting herein as the Water Pollution Control Authority, on a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the sewer usage refunds indicated on the list dated 2/5/2016. **Addendum 2**

**SMALL CITIES**

**ADMINISTRATOR**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Purchasing Agent’s recommendation to award the Small Cities Community Development Program Administrator to L. Wagner & Assocs. Mr. Waldron noted that the City has received approximately $11,500,000 through L. Wagner’s efforts in the CDBG program since 1983.

**SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING: Small Cities Program**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the 2016 Small Cities Program Application and to solicit citizen input.

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS**

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

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| Vendor | Requisition # | Date | Amount | Description | Fund |
| L. Wagner & Assocs. | 14-SC-69 | 1/13/2016 | $ 3000.00 | Prof. Svcs. 10/1/15-12/31/15 | 271 |
| L. Wagner & Assocs. | 14-SC-70 | 1/07/2016 | $ 4837.50 | Prof. Svcs. 10/1/14-12/31/14 | 271 |
| L. Wagner & Assocs. | 15-SC-01 | 1/04/2016 | $ 4500.00 | Prof. Svcs. Grant App, Housing Rehab | 272 |
| L. Wagner & Assocs. | 15-SC-02 | 1/05/2016 | $ 4600.00 | Prof. Svcs. 9/1/15 -- 12/31/15 | 272 |
| L. Wagner & Assocs. | 15-SC-03 | 1/07/2016 | $19,710.00 | Prof. Svcs. 9/1/15 -- 12/31/15 | 272 |

**BLDG. DEPT. REPORT**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Building Department Report for the month of January 2016.

**BUSINESS: DEPT. HEADS**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to consider business presented by Department Heads. No business was presented.

**BUSINESS: MAYOR & MEMBERS**

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

Councilor Cavagnero asked for a date when Council could reconsider their vote on the Master Streetlight Plan. Mayor Carbone said she will place it on the next agenda, that she feels this needs to be a very public process and that it requires additional public input. Councilor Cavagnero requested an additional agenda item on all future agendas offering a second opportunity for public comment. Councilor Ruwet pointed out that the agenda format is up to the Mayor. Councilor Cavagnero said he’d continue to ask for this agenda item. Councilor Cavagnero asked about the status of the forensic audit of the Board of Education’s IT contract. Mayor Carbone said our Corporation Counsel has reviewed it and it is still in draft form. She said the audit should be finalized and presented by March 1st.

Councilor Cogswell extended his condolences to the family of Roberta Waldron.

Councilor Ruwet commemorated Roberta Waldron, saying she will be sorely missed.

Councilor Farley announced an upcoming CCM workshop on the Freedom of Information Act and another for Newly Elected Officials.

Councilor Noujaim asked how the heating repairs are progressing at the Police Department, and thanked the Public Works Department for their work clearing the roads from snow.

Councilor Waldron thanked the Council members for their kind words on his aunt’s passing, saying she was truly a great lady who made her presence well-known in the City.

Mayor Carbone noted that Roberta Waldron loved this City and that we will miss her greatly. Mayor Carbone reported that applications have gone out for the Community Development Stipend, announced a Light Bulb Exchange, and noted that the City is applying for additional Housing Rehabilitation Grant Funds to assist low to moderate homeowners make improvements to their homes. She said applications are available in the Mayor’s office and the deadline is April 11th. She expressed her gratitude to Chief Brunoli for bringing Dr. Griffin in for a well-attended and well-received presentation on how change can be affected. Mayor Carbone reported that the recently opened Warming Center attracted one individual, and three individuals were placed in the Overflow Shelter on Saturday, five were placed in the Overflow Shelter on Sunday and accommodations were made in a **MINUTES -- PAGE 3 VOL. 26 PAGE 514**

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local motel for two other individuals from Thursday night to Monday morning.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTEST: JOSEPH L. QUARTIERO, CMC

 CITY CLERK

Carol L. Anderson, CMC, MCTC

Asst. City Clerk

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**Addendum 2**