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**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 27, 2020  
6:30 P.M.**

**RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 was called to order at 6:31 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Craig C. Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Gina Morgenstein, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christopher K. Shortell, Christina Tatta, Vincent F. Testa, Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. were also present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consent Agenda
  - 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$1,796.78 (#222-240)  
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
  - 3b. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$1,000 from Pickup 4x4, Acct. #10030000-57000-00946 to Fuel Gauge Tank Mont. System, Acct. #10030000-57000-00948 – Public Works
  - 3c. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$3,000 from Body Worn Cameras, Acct. #10020050 57000 00916 to Police Operating Expenses, Acct. #10020050-58735 – Police Dept.
  - 3d. Acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety Grant entitled 2019/2020 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$12,850 to Revenue Highway Safety, Acct. #1002001-45208 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
  - 3e. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$8,790 from Body Worn Cameras, Acct. #10020050-57000-00916 to Police Operating Expenses, Acct. #10020050-58735 – Police Dept.
  - 3f. Consider and approve a Resolution authorizing Mayor William Dickinson to enter into or amend contractual instruments between the Town of Wallingford and the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood for a Child Day Care Program from October 5, 2020 to June 30, 2022 – Mayor
  - 3g. Consider and approve an Agreement between Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc. and the Town of Wallingford, which authorizes the Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc. to carry out funding programs as provided in the contract between the Town of

Wallingford and the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood for October 5, 2020 to June 30, 2022 – Mayor

- 3h. Consider and approve a Resolution permitting the Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc. to borrow from the Town of Wallingford amounts necessary to meet the essential operation expenses of said Day Care Center prior to the time its program is approved for funding from the State of Connecticut - Mayor
- 3i. Set a Public Hearing for November 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to Consider and Act on Amendment to Chapter 46, Reserve Accounts, Article II of the Code of the Town of Wallingford – Chairman Cervoni
- 3j. Approve Town Council Minutes of October 13, 2020.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3e. & 3i. – 3j.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: MARRONE**  
**VOTE: ALL AYE**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

**4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:**

- 3f. Consider and approve a Resolution authorizing Mayor William Dickinson to enter into or amend contractual instruments between the Town of Wallingford and the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood for a Child Day Care Program from October 5, 2020 to June 30, 2022 – Mayor

*In Attendance: Tamarah Smith, Wallingford Day Care*

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE a Resolution authorizing Mayor William Dickinson to enter into or amend contractual instruments between the Town of Wallingford and the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood for a Child Day Care Program from October 5, 2020 to June 30, 2022.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: SHORTELL**

Councilor Fishbein indicated there are no documents corresponding to this.

Mayor Dickinson said this goes back well over 30 years and it is the same process we go through every time we want the service. The Mayor stated this is a good service.

Ms. Smith stated the prior Resolution is expired so we need to review this Resolution.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>SHORTELL: YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN: YES</b>	<b>TATTA: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>MARRONE: YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI: YES</b>
<b>MORGENSTEIN: YES</b>	<b>CERVONI: YES</b>

**9-AYE**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

- 3g. Consider and approve an Agreement between Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc. and the Town of Wallingford, which authorizes the Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc. to carry out funding programs as provided in the contract between the Town of Wallingford and the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood for October 5, 2020 to June 30, 2022 – Mayor

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE an Agreement between Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc. and the Town of Wallingford, which authorizes the Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc. to carry out funding programs as provided in the contract between the Town of Wallingford and the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood for October 5, 2020 to June 30, 2022.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: SHORTELL**

Councilor Fishbein asked Ms. Smith if she had the contract and she answered yes.

Discussion ensued.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>SHORTELL: YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN: YES</b>	<b>TATTA: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>MARRONE: YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI: YES</b>
<b>MORGENSTEIN: YES</b>	<b>CERVONI: YES</b>

**9-AYE**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

- 3h. Consider and approve a Resolution permitting the Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc. to borrow from the Town of Wallingford amounts necessary to meet the essential operation expenses of said Day Care Center prior to the time its program is approved for funding from the State of Connecticut - Mayor

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<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>SHORTELL: YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN: YES</b>	<b>TATTA: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>MARRONE: YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI: YES</b>
<b>MORGENSTEIN: YES</b>	<b>CERVONI: YES</b>
<b>9-AYE</b>	
<b>MOTION: PASSED</b>	

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Opened Public Question and Answer Period at 7:09 p.m.

Ben Martin, 39 Ward Street, thanked the Mayor and the Council for going back to online meetings. He then commented on the plans for the property on South Cherry Street. He feels it could be better than a parking lot and that maybe a park would be a better use.

Cindy Sigouitch, 131 Prince Street, hopes all ballots are counted and worries about the ballots put in the tax drop box.

Rajan Doering, Sharon Drive, thanked everyone for the online meeting.

Closed Public Question and Answer Period at 7:15 p.m.

6. Report from Stephen Civitelli, Health Director, regarding COVID 19 – Chairman Cervoni

Mr. Civitelli provided an update on COVID-19 (Report attached).

Councilor Shortell stated Governor Lamont said it's up to municipalities to go back to Phase II.

Mr. Civitelli explained that Governor Lamont signed an executive order stating when a town goes into the red zone the town's CEO has 96 hours to decide to roll back to Phase II.

Councilor Shortell asked how many people are quarantined in the schools. Dr. Menzo stated 217 people. Councilor Shortell then asked if we are close to pulling the plug on school. Mr. Civitelli explained the state has different scenarios as to what we can do based on numbers.

Dr. Menzo said it's about resources and we are looking at it building by building. He noted we are close at some schools and we may have to close. It's an ongoing issue.

Councilor Testa stated he is under quarantine himself and said the school system is trying very hard.

Councilor Laffin asked if it is truly only the municipal CEO who has the authority. Mr. Civitelli stated the Mayor would have to declare we are staying at Phase III.

Ben Martin inquired about enforcing violations.

Mr. Morgenstein stated he has concerns for people voting.

7. Consider and approve renewals of the following tax incentive programs through September 30, 2023 – Economic Development Commission

Real Property Tax Incentives for Manufacturers  
Real Property Tax Incentives for Office Development  
Personal Property Tax Incentives for Manufacturers

*In Attendance: Tim Ryan, Economic Development Specialist*

Mr. Ryan stated there are three tax incentives and we are looking to extend them until September 2023.

Chairman Cervoni asked Mr. Ryan if he feels this is beneficial to the town or taxpayers.

Mr. Ryan stated so far they have had no takers but have had one significant interested party.

Councilor Fishbein remarked that last time we approved this we discussed if this was aggressive enough. Mr. Ryan stated that is correct. Mr. Ryan went on to state we have not lost any interested parties because it was too low.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>SHORTELL: YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN: YES</b>	<b>TATTA: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>MARRONE: YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI: YES</b>
<b>MORGENSTEIN: YES</b>	<b>CERVONI: YES</b>
<b>9-AYE</b>	
<b>MOTION: PASSED</b>	

8. Discussion and action regarding Move of 2019-2020 unallocated surplus of \$1,617,852 to the 2% fund – BOE

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE 2019-2020 unallocated surplus of \$1,617,852 to the 2% fund.**

**MADE BY: SHORTELL**  
**SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

Dr. Menzo gave a presentation

**COUNCILOR FISHBEIN CALLED THE QUESTION**  
**SECONDED BY: TESTA**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**  
**FISHBEIN: YES**  
**LAFFIN: YES**  
**MARRONE: YES**  
**MORGENSTEIN: YES**  
**6-AYE**  
**3-NAY**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

**SHORTELL: NO**  
**TATTA: NO**  
**TESTA: YES**  
**ZANDRI: NO**  
**CERVONI: YES**

**VOTE ON MOTION TO MOVE 2019-2020 unallocated surplus of \$1,617,852 to the 2% fund.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**  
**FISHBEIN: YES**  
**LAFFIN: YES**  
**MARRONE: YES**  
**MORGENSTEIN: YES**  
**8-AYE**  
**1-NAY**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

**SHORTELL: YES**  
**TATTA: NO**  
**TESTA: YES**  
**ZANDRI: YES**  
**CERVONI: YES**

- 9. Update on Board of Education COVID expenses – BOE

Ken Welch gave an update on COVID expenses (Presentation attached).

- 10. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor - Withdrawn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss  
Council Staff  
Meeting digitally recorded

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Barbara Thompson TOWN CLERK

Vincent Cervoni  
Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

11/12/20  
Date

Barbara Thompson  
Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

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