



TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Absent - Katie Kiely, President
Present - Sean Cardwell, Pro Tem
Present - Sarah Gallagher, Maj Leader
Absent Bob Anthony, Min Leader
Present - Tasha Hunt, Majority Whip
Present - Tom Figlar, Minority Whip
Present - Maurine Crouch
Present - Doug Foley
Present - Jeron Alston
Present - Abdul Osmanu
Absent - Rhonda Caldwell
Present After Roll - Grace Teodosio
Present - Adrian Webber
Present - Ted Stevens
Absent - Tameeka Parks

1. CALL OF THE MEETING AND TAKING OF THE ROLE

Legislative Council Meeting, September 14, 2026 – 7:00pm. The meeting was called to order by Pro Tem Cardwell at 7:10pm with the members noted above in attendance. Council member Teodosio joined while the meeting was in progress.

Leadership Update – Pro Tem Cardwell called attention to recent changes to the Council agendas noting that Council President Kiely and Council Attorney Mednick have been working to return the process to compliance with the Council's Standing Rules.

2. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COUNCIL LIAISONS

Updated Board and Commission Meetings - Pro Tem Cardwell pointed out that upcoming Board and Commission meeting information has been shared on the Committee agendas and encouraged the public to review it at their convenience.

Department Head Updates – Pro Tem explained that the agenda notation indicating that we had not received updates from the department heads crossed with the receipt of the year-to-date updates, which he noted would be available for review, most likely for the next meeting.

Council Liaison Updates – there were no updates for this evening's meeting.

3. PUBLIC INPUT SESSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

For this evening, there were approximately 13 people joining via Zoom and about 20 in the Chamber.

The public input session was opened at approximately 7:20pm. Four members of the public came forward to provide public comment. The Public Input session was closed at approximately 7:30pm. Pro Tem Cardwell also announced that written public input was received and would be submitted for the record.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items for the Consent Calendar for this evening's meeting.

5. REGULAR AGENDA DELIBERATION AND ACTION

1. Presentation by the Hamden Food Collaborative and Invitation to Upcoming Community Event

Representatives of the Hamden Food Collaborative provided an overview of the Collaborative's mission, current food security initiatives, and community partnerships. The presentation also highlighted ongoing programs, emerging needs, and opportunities for future collaboration.

2. Acceptance of Items Sent to Council for Submission Calendar

Pro Tem Cardwell reviewed each of the Submission Calendar items received by the Council. He then called for a motion to accept the items. The motion was made by Council member Foley, Seconded by Council member Osmanu. Vote: All in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion to accept passed unanimously.

6. RECESS FOR STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Motion to recess for the committee meetings was made by Council member Figlar and seconded by Majority Leader Gallagher.

Vote: All were in favor.

Motion to come out of recess was made by Council member Osmanu and seconded by Council member Figlar.

Vote: All were in favor.

Pro Tem took roll call, and the following members were present:

Jeron Alston,
Sean Cardwell
Maurine Crouch
Tom Figlar
Doug Foley
Tasha Hunt
Abdul Osmanu
Ted Stevens
Grace Teodosio
Adrian Webber

SUSPEND THE RULES

Pro Tem Cardwell called for a motion to suspend the rules to vote on three items that were heard in Committee and passed unanimously.

1. ORDER APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HAMDEN AND IAFF, LOCAL 2687 HAMDEN PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS

2. ORDER AUTHORIZING INTRADEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER 2025 - 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET – FINANCE – PURCHASING DIVISION

3. ORDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HAMDEN TO APPLY AND IF AWARDED ACCEPT AND EXPEND FUNDS FROM THE 2025 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Motion to suspend the rules and accept these items onto the agenda was made by Council member Figlar and seconded by Majority Whip Hunt.

Roll Call Vote:

Jeron Alston – Yes

Sean Cardwell – Yes

Maurine Crouch – Yes
Tom Figlar – Yes
Doug Foley - Yes
Tasha Hunt – Yes
Abdul Osmanu – No
Grace Teodosio – Yes
Ted Stevens - Yes
Adrian Webber - Yes

Vote: 9 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion to suspend the rules passes.

Motion to add:

1. ORDER APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HAMDEN AND IAFF, LOCAL 2687 HAMDEN PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS

Motion made by Majority Whip Hunt and seconded by Council member Alston.

Roll Call Vote:

Jeron Alston – Yes
Sean Cardwell – Yes
Maurine Crouch – Yes
Tom Figlar – Yes
Doug Foley - Yes
Tasha Hunt – Yes
Abdul Osmanu – Yes
Grace Teodosio – Yes
Ted Stevens - Yes
Adrian Webber - Yes

Vote: 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion to add item passed unanimously.

Motion to approve:

1. ORDER APPROVING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HAMDEN AND IAFF, LOCAL 2687 HAMDEN PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS

Motion made by Council member Foley and seconded by Council member Crouch.

Vote: All in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion to approve item passed unanimously.

Motion to add:

2. ORDER AUTHORIZING INTRADEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER 2025 - 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET – FINANCE – PURCHASING DIVISION

Motion made by Council member Figlar and seconded by Council member Alston

Roll Call Vote:

Jeron Alston – Yes
Sean Cardwell – Yes
Maurine Crouch – Yes
Tom Figlar – Yes
Doug Foley - Yes
Tasha Hunt – Yes
Abdul Osmanu – Yes
Grace Teodosio – Yes
Ted Stevens - Yes
Adrian Webber - Yes

Vote: 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion to add item passed unanimously

Motion to approve:

2. ORDER AUTHORIZING INTRADEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER 2025 - 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET – FINANCE – PURCHASING DIVISION

Motion made by Council member Figlar and seconded by Council member Foley

All in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion to approve item passed unanimously.

Motion to add:

3. ORDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HAMDEN TO APPLY AND IF AWARDED ACCEPT AND EXPEND FUNDS FROM THE 2025 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Motion made by Council member Figlar and seconded by Majority Whip Hunt.

Roll Call Vote:

Jeron Alston – Yes

Sean Cardwell – Yes

Maurine Crouch – No

Tom Figlar – Yes

Doug Foley - Yes

Tasha Hunt – Yes

Abdul Osmanu – No

Grace Teodosio – Yes

Ted Stevens - Yes

Adrian Webber - Yes

Vote: 8 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion to add passes.

Motion to approve:

3. ORDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HAMDEN TO APPLY AND IF AWARDED ACCEPT AND EXPEND FUNDS FROM THE 2025 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Motion made by Council member Figlar and seconded by Majority Whip Hunt.

Vote: All in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for this evening's meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Figlar and seconded by Council member Foley.

Vote: All were in favor.

Pro Tem Cardwell closed the Legislative Council meeting at 9:21pm.

To view the Zoom recording of this meeting, click the link:

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