Ansonia Board of Aldermen
Regular Meeting Minutes

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Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen was called to order at 7 p.m. by Aldermanic President Philip Tripp. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

The secretary called the roll:

Randolph Carroll, R1– present
Charles Stowe, R1 – present
Philip Tripp, R2 – present
Lorie Vaccaro, R2 – present
Denice Hunt, D3 – absent
Joseph Jeanette, D3– present
Richard Kaslaitis, III R4 – present
Ashley Rogers, R4 – present
Anthony Cassetti, R5 – present
Joan Radin, R5 – absent
Matthew Edo, R6– present
Patrick Henri, R6 – present
David Blackwell, Jr., R7 – absent
Frank DeLibero, R7 – absent

President Tripp declared a quorum of 10 present, 4 absent.

Moment of Silence

The Board observed a moment of silence in honor and memory of Mrs. Carol L. Starkey.

Alderman Carroll stated, Carol Starkey was a great friend to the City. She passed away over the holidays. She was the Secretary to two Mayors, she worked at the Senior Center. If you go to the Middle School, she was the person responsible for restoring the WPC mural; she raised over $120,000 by herself for that. She also was a great help as a friend to restore the Clark Tower at the Library, the fountain at the Library, and the mosaic floor at the Library. I would like to remember her as somebody that the City really lost.

Consideration of Previous Minutes

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to accept the minutes of the following meetings:

December 8, 2015 Organizational Meeting

December 8, 2015 Regular Meeting with the following corrections:

Page 10, correct the name "Terick" in the last paragraph.
Page 11, correct the name of the Ansonia Nature Center Director "Allison Rubelmann"

December 15, 2015 Special Meeting

SECONDED by Alderman Stowe. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Public Session

Beverly Tidmarsh, 77 Westfield Avenue - Chairman, School Building Commission

Just to bring to your attention, under the Board of A&T recommendations there will be a recommendation for the School Building Commission for an appropriation to fund 6 modular classrooms behind Mead School. We have our Superintendent of Schools here this evening, our Business Manager, our Facilities Director, and our Special Ed Director if anyone has questions, and Mr. Nimons, who is also our President of our Board of Education. Thank you.

Edward Musante, 21 Castle Lane

I have a safety issue. On North Division Street going into Public Works, there is a pole that is leaning real bad, and if there is an ice storm that pole is going to come down and you're not going to be able to get those City trucks out of there. It's right on the line of going into where Public Works starts. It's the first pole on the right.

Also, the third pole on the right on Prindle Avenue. That one is the worst one. If you get a snow or ice storm the trucks won't be able to get in or out of there.

President Tripp asked three times if any other person wished to speak. Being none, he declared the Public Session closed.

Public Official Session

Mayor David Cassetti

Good evening President Tripp, Board of Aldermen, and the residents of the great City of Ansonia. Let me begin tonight by recognizing some of the new members of our team. Rich Dziekan has come on board as my Director of Constituent Services and will be assisting residents with municipal issues and also acting as a liaison of the Board. Rich has a long and successful career in public service, having served with the Hamden Police Department for over 20 years. He is also a distinguished Veteran of the U.S. Air Force. We are proud to have him with us.

I am pleased to announce that we have a new Acting Public Works Director, Mike D'Alessio. Mike has been with us for a year at Public Works. He has already hit the ground running. Mike is an extremely dedicated and hard worker and is setting an excellent example. I am very happy to have him in this position.

Ronda Perini who was assisting us part-time in the Building Department, is now the full-time Land Use Administrator. She has over 20 years of experience in land use as well as zoning enforcement activities. Her experience and knowledge in this field are a welcome addition.

Christina Molina is our new Administrative Assistant. You can recognize Christina by her bright smile and welcoming attitude. She has previous experience as the office manager of a busy doctor's practice. Please welcome her tonight.

Dave Blackwell Sr. is our new Blight Officer. Many of you know Dave and many of the residents are pleased to see him back. Dave has an aggressive attitude toward blight and he is already hard at work improving the look of our community.

We will be rolling out our new team at 6:30 January 26th at Prendergast School. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

I am a firm believer that our children need activities and events to participate in throughout the year, especially as the winter season is upon us. It's important to their health and well being, and of course it's very important to their parents' health and well being that they remain active. With that in mind, I have purchased a new skating rink which we have set up at Nolan Field. The rink will open Wednesday through Friday, and on Saturdays beginning in February. I plan on having a bonfire and hot chocolate for the skaters. Thank you Mike D'Alessio and the Public Works crew for their efforts in setting up the rink.

The Armory will be open from 7-10 a.m. Monday through Friday for all residents of Ansonia who would like to get out of the cold and walk off the calories. I encourage all to participate.

The floor at Webster Hose is being prepped for renovation. The contractor, J.A. Rosa, will begin on January 19th. Electrical, plumbing, and other prep work is being completed. Thank you to Mike and Public Works for their help.

Budget season is upon us. I am preparing my budget to be delivered to the tax board in February. Once again, I am looking for a budget that is responsible to the taxpayers. I want you to keep that foremost in your mind as you are doing your budget deliberations. I want to urge my finance team and the Board of Aldermen to approve the final budget to be ready for my signature on the April meeting.

Our internal audit was completed by Michaud and Accavallo on November 30, 2015. I want to point out some highlights of that audit, which includes that our assets

exceeded our liabilities by over $67 million. At end of current fiscal year our unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was $13,175,000 or 20.71 percent of the total General Fund expenditures. The City's total debt decreased by $3,385,000 or 10.6 percent. We are due for a bond rating upgrade and I am hearing favorable comments in that regard. I want to thank Bill Nimons and our Finance Department for their continued efforts. Our financial condition looks promising and our community is really shaping up.

I want to note the continued progress on Main Street. Jerry Nocerino and Charlie Smith were recognized by the Valley Independent Sentinel as a result of their revitalization efforts on Main Street. New awnings are up and the façade work has been completed. New apartments are ready to go online. Anam Cara Holistic Center opened its doors last month. This new store on 50 Main Street offers a variety of therapeutic services, workshops and classes that promote the health and well-being of individuals and the community.

Last but not least, we are extremely proud of our cheerleaders who have took home again the National Championship in Florida. Our NVL Champion football team which will be honored on February 1st at 6:30 at Ansonia High School auditorium. Once again, these teams have distinguished themselves as leaders in Football and Cheerleading. I want to thank and recognize all the team members, as well as the coaches, family and friends who made this happen.

Thank you and good evening. [Applause rang throughout the forum]

Corporation Counsel John Marini

Mr. President, members of the Board, some items of note. Tonight you have your first Personnel Policy update in the City since 1983. It includes a Conflict of Interest Policy and the first ever Anti-Nepotism Policy. We encourage your support for the policies and rules and regulations.

You have an Ordinance in front of you updating the parking fines. This was discussed back in the May meeting of the Ordinance Committee.

Finally, an update on Savor Lounge – as you know we've had an issue in our downtown with Savor Lounge attracting some negative activity, essentially being a public nuisance. Thanks to the good work of the Police Department, working with them to put out an injunction against the premises and also to cite them under the Chronic Nuisance program, Savor has gone out of business. They have left of their own volition, signed releases and are no longer operating. Currently, the Police Chief and I are working with the owner to ensure that any future use of the property keeps the health and safety of the residents in mind.

Richard Dziekan, Director of Constituent Services

I've introduced myself to all of the Board members here. I was able to make contact with them all. I've taken care of a couple of the issues that they've had. I'm very happy to be in Ansonia. I'm looking forward to working with everyone here. My door is open – if anybody needs anything you have my number, please call. Thank you.

Economic Development Director Sheila O'Malley

A couple of updates. I am in the process of working on getting some money for demolition for blighted properties, which will dovetail on some of the conversations that our staff is having with respect to foreclosures, and putting an overall plan together to address blighted properties throughout the City and to try to address those in a strategic way. That grant is under way.

Ansonia Copper & Brass – they are beginning to remove the transformers located in the Rod & Wire Mill building. That is a big project in and of itself, but that will prep the building for demolition which is to come in the springtime, I believe, or hopefully within the next two to three months.

Conversations are still underway with Charlie Smith and Jerry Nocerino for the purchase of our two buildings. We may be discussing that later on in Executive Session. Those conversations are going well, they're doing their due diligence. We are wrapping up our remedial action plan for the ATP and Palmer buildins and we're working with the consultant, MDEP, to make sure those buildings are turned over in good condition.

Alderman Carroll stated, last month you said that we were going to get the environmental report for Ansonia Copper & Brass. Has the environmental report been completed?

Ms. O'Malley replied, yes, we have a preliminary report; it's not finalized yet. They're wrapping that up. Once the transformers are removed I will get that to you.

Alderman Carroll continued, earlier this weekend, I don't know whether you can answer or the Chief - the explosion that happened – was that on Ansonia Copper & Brass? I know about eight people called it in.

Chief Hale stated, we had a number of calls on that. People reported hearing it.

Alderman Carroll stated, it shook my windows.

Chief Hale stated, we've had no reports of damage, injury or fireball. It was just a very loud noise. That's the best I can do.

Comptroller William Nimons

I have nothing to add; the Mayor went over the audit. All of you Aldermen should have a copy of the audit. [inaudible] meet with the CPAs.

I'm here to support the School Building Commission and the allocation of monies so we can get those modulars done. I want to assure you that nothing is going to be let out from a bid standpoint until the money is in place at the State of Connecticut.

Chief Kevin Hale – Ansonia Police Department

As you know, Winter parking rules are in effect – the odd side through March 31st. The Police Commission last week made an adjustment because we swap odd and even every other year, we only run into this problem every two years. We made an adjustment up on Colony Street, the people between Gardiners and Underhill are allowed to park on the East Side permanently. We will get the word out to them. We had to make a change in the rules.

In terms of Savor – a lot of work went into that. I like what our officers did, and the great help from John on that. The work is not over; we had two long conversations on that today. We're continuing to work with the property owner to get the right business in there. We have some say over that because of the chronic nuisance ordinance that this Board passed several years ago.

We have two officers in the Academy who will be graduating in May. We'll bring them before this Board after that. We expect promotions shortly – we have a Lieutenant's exam scheduled for the latter part of February, a Detective's exam soon after that. Depending on how all that shakes out, maybe one or two other promotional exams after that.

We have made quite a number of purchases and equipment and training and whatnot for the Police Department through the years from our federal Asset Forfeiture account. Several hundred thousand dollars that the taxpayers did not have to reach into their pockets for - vital equipment that we use to continue to fight and monitor crime.

We were notified in late December with zero notice that that fund has been suspended; the process has been suspended. The federal government fiscal year 15-16 which began October 1st took $740 million out of there and put it in the General Fund. And then, next October they're going to take another $450 million. It's about $1,200,000,000. So the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Division felt it wise to suspend any more allocations. Without getting into details, we have sizable assets in that pending file, so we're really hoping that at some point they're going to release that. We're told they'll look it again in March, halfway through the federal fiscal year. There are no guarantees. This impacts us in a number of ways.

I've put a moratorium on spending from that account. We just bought body cameras out of there. I can't even begin to tell you how much equipment we've bought over the years. If this is long term, it will have a direct impact on our ability to put officers in the federal task forces. The ultimate goal is to fight crime in our streets. But a benefit of that is to receive assets of ill-gotten gains. We're hoping that comes back in March. I'm actually meeting with the DEA at some point very soon – they've reached out to us – they weren't even notified. We were all hit with this very hard. We should have some idea in March. A billion two is a lot of money.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol Merlone

Good evening. I just have one thing to note - tomorrow evening we will be having the Board of Education Finance subcommittee meeting at 6 o'clock in the trailer behind Central Office on Grove Street. The Board of Education members will be listening to administrators present their budgets. It was supposed to be scheduled for tonight but we're here at this meeting instead.

Public Works Director Mike D'Alessio

Good evening everyone. I've been there about three or four weeks now. I've made a bunch of changes in the way things are run. I have the guys out on the road by 7:30, increasing productivity. We're picking up Christmas trees, chipping the trees and using the chips throughout the City. We're using them at the Nature Center and places they're needed throughout the town instead of buying them. We are out vacuuming the catch basins that are full of sand, cutting back some of the trees on the sidewalks that are overhanging the streets and the plow trucks can't get close to the corners. The guys are taking care of the trees. The plow trucks are all set and ready to go. We're ready with sand, salt. In fact the guys are loading up right now; we might be going out about midnight to sand and salt. The morale is a little better, we're treating them a little differently. The Transfer Station is up to par and on schedule. Webster Garage – we're lifting the radiators off the floors because they're starting hopefully in the next two weeks.

There were four sewer backups in the last three weeks. Between us and WPCA we've been working out together, taking care of the sewer backups. Between WPCA and ourselves, the guys are working together pretty well. Things are looking pretty good. If you have any questions, as Aldermen, you can come down and I'll take you around and show you what's being done. Call me any time.

Alderman Jeanette asked, can we get some trash cans at the Riverwalk? There is one as soon as you come in, but there's no other place to throw paper, coffee cups, trash along the walkway.

Mr. D'Alessio replied, yes, it's a good idea. I'll look into putting a couple every couple hundred feet or so. I have a guy out there three times a week, actually going out there and picking up papers by hand – Beaver Street – all the areas that

were really bad, we're picking them up by hand now. I've got them down there cleaning up Main Street, West Main Street.

Alderman Jeanette stated, keep up the good work. Thank you.

Chairman Dan King – Board of A&T

It is the Board of A&T's recommendation that the School Building Commission be allowed the funds that they've requested so that they begin to construct six new portable classrooms. We are looking at an actual savings when we look at the numbers. With these new classrooms we will have students that are now sent out of district staying within the City instead of paying an enormous hunk of money to another town. We'll be able to take care of them right here in their own town.

The majority of the money will be given back to us by the State when the project is completed. We're asking for $1.6 but will only be liable for a small percentage of that. For the most part we just have to put up the money so that we can receive it later – it will be replaced. It's a very minimal expenditure on that project.

President Tripp stated, it will be a tax savings to the people of Ansonia in that these students don't have to be educated out of district. Thank you very much.

Jared Heon, ARMS Director

I will give the ARMS Report tonight as Aldermen Blackwell and Radin are not present tonight. ARMS responded to 288 calls in December; 201 of them were transports mostly to Griffin. There were 167 to Griffin, 14 to Yale New Haven. It was a busy through the holidays. For the month of December we collected $72,996.76. We're on the road to increasing our revenue more than last year, which is in part due to a rate increase that the State gave all the ambulance services for their billing. So we're pretty aggressive with that. The staff is really good about getting in their reports on time; making sure they're completed and meeting medical code. They get billed properly. Everybody's doing a good job. We're trying to make more money. Other than that, it's the same situation with the ambulances. We are posting for a couple more part-timers; we had a couple part-timers leave. We'll be taking on some new guys for training. Other than that everything is running smoothly.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Alderman Lorie Vaccaro

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to pay all bills if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Alderman Vaccaro stated, we all have the audit; I passed them out to every Alderman tonight. The Finance Committee will be setting up a meeting in the near future to discuss the accounts.

Public Works Committee

Alderman Stowe stated, I'd like to reiterate what the Mayor said – it's fun watching Mike. He reminds me of a young fellow just starting out working for the first time. He's very excited. He's working with WPCA on the sewer backups - the communication was excellent. I think the Public Works Committee is excited to start working with Mike and as the Aldermanic subcommittee chairman, I'm looking forward to it, I think we're going to enjoy ourselves. Thanks.

Alderman Carroll stated, I attend both Public Works meetings and the WPCA. They did have a lot of sewage backup. One of the gentlemen from Public Works had to work over 24 hours on a problem. I'd like to commend the new Director of Public Works because they're working quite well with the WPCA Commission right now and that is quite refreshing.

WPCA Committee – Alderman Charles Stowe

Our collections from 2013 was $430,000 roughly. This year we're at $723,000. It was well over $200,000 more. Something that was mentioned about the grease – we've had a lengthy discussion. Baby wipes are being flushed and have a tendency to block the pipes. That is a big problem. We're discussing it; I don't know if there is anything we can do. We were talking about maybe sending a flyer out. Colony Street cost us at least $30,000 for that backup. I mean, the pumps and the manpower that was put there.

The good news is we're collecting a lot more money. People are getting the idea that they need to pay their bills. It's only fair to the rest of us that do pay our bills; we're getting most to all of it. I've got to commend that it is bipartisan all the way.

Fire Committee - Alderman Joseph Jeanette

MVA assists 16, CO investigations 1, Smoke/Odor investigations 10, Propane/Natural Gas leaks 3, False Alarms 8, Mutual Aid 2, Electrical Hazard 2, Public Service/Good Intent 7, for a total of 49 calls.

I'd like to note that we had two structure fires this month and one of them was really involved. It was New Year's Day. The Fire Department guys did an awesome job. There could have been a lot worse problems with other houses catching fire and stuff - they kept it contained, did a good job, and no one was hurt. My hat goes off to them; I don't know how they do what they do for nothing. Chief, good job – relay the message.

Ordinance Committee – Alderman Matthew Edo

We will meet next week; we're setting up a time for that. There are a few items we need to address for the betterment of the town. Once that meeting takes place it will be set for the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

Alderman Stowe stated, for anybody who doesn't know, the Ansonia Nature Center was on Action News 8 with the owl. That was a good advertisement for the City.

Municipal Reports, Board of Apportionment & Taxation Recommendations and Comptroller Approvals

Alderman Stowe stated, in the Board of A&T transfer, Economic Development has $7,000 here. It was brought to my attention; I don't understand what it's for.

Ms. O'Malley explained, the Fire Department was looking for a washer and dryer. I had originally thought that we might be able to use some United Illuminating grant funds. We weren't able to do that – so that $7,000 is coming out of my budget – the Mayor wanted the Fire Departments to have the washer and dryer. That is where the $7,000 comes from.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to approve the first five Board of Apportionment and Taxation recommendations and have discussion on the sixth – transfer of BOAT Contingency funds for the overflow conference room displays.

Alderman Vaccaro stated, I'd like to ask our IT person, Dave Connolly, to expound on that please.

Mr. Connolly stated, at the last Board of Aldermen meeting, the Aldermen requested that we look into being able to provide overflow seating capacity for the Aldermen meetings into the Erlingheuser Room down the hall. We looked into that; we went back to the people that supplied us with the recorder and requested that they quote us a system that would be able to do that. The initial quote they came back with was an overhead projector mounted on the ceiling, an electric screen, amplifiers and speakers, and the cost was approximately $14,000. We told them that was much too expensive and to come back with an alternate proposal. They came back and recommended two 60-inch TV screens, one mounted at the front of the room, one mounted at the side of the room to allow viewing from the whole area. That came in at about $6,700. We asked if we would be able to connect a portable computer to the TV screens in that room to view a demonstration or review budgets, look at a spreadsheet on the wall instead of making 14 copies, everybody would be

looking at the same thing. They said it would only be possible to use one TV by plugging a computer directly into it. We asked what it would take to have both connected. They came back with an alternate proposal for about $7,500 that would allow that to happen. The initial proposal had a kind of flaw in it; if we had someone come in from outside that wants to plug their computer in, there was no guarantee that the signal would be compatible with the TVs. I got an education. The HDMI cables in your TV – there are actually 22 varieties of HDMI signal. This quote will allow any HDMI to be plugged in and be viewed on the TVs. We also considered taking out all of the chairs and getting slightly smaller ones. That would only increase the seating by about five. I think we considered all the alternatives.

Alderman Vaccaro withdrew his original motion.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to accept all six Board of A&T recommendations; SECONDED by Alderman Edo.

Alderman Henri stated, I like the idea of this. I think it's great. I don't think the room is set up for it right. I would rather see, that room is used for meetings, not it will be able to be used for presentations and then the third use would be overflow for these meetings so people can watch. I imagine the room can't be the same configuration every single time. You have a table in there that you can't move, so maybe that needs to be moved somewhere else so it works better. My point is, I'd like to see the layouts of how this room will look. Those chairs in there, I know they're big, and they're heavy, and they're not friendly to move around. We should really consider getting better chairs that we can move quickly for the use of the room at the time. I hate to just put these TVs in there and people are, it's just not right the way we have to, the plan should all come together. I'd rather hold off on number six until I can see a floor plan, see if that table is out of there, to come up with practical applications for these monitors.

Alderman Henri MOVED TO TABLE item 6 until we get plans; SECONDED by Alderman Stowe.

Alderman Vaccaro withdrew his motion to approve all six items.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to accept Board of A&T recommendations one through five; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to approve the Board of A&T Recommendations Page Two – Late Communications – Grants for Body Cameras for Police Department $30,000 and School Building Commission $1,644,716 from the State of Connecticut and our Fund Balance; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette.

Alderman Vaccaro stated, this project goes back to when the Mayor, Mr. Nimons, Dr. Merlone, Mr. Wilson, and myself went to Hartford in July 2014.

Alderman Stowe stated, originally we weren't supposed to fund this at all.

Alderman Vaccaro stated, that is correct. The City is going to be funding our share of $122,116.

Alderman Stowe stated, originally, this started in June, and we were led to believe that by February we might see portables, is that right?

Alderman Vaccaro state, we were hoping to start the project by January according to the engineers, so that looks like...

Alderman Stowe stated, and now it's looking like September?

Ms. O'Malley stated, typically the Bond Commission doesn't meet in December and January so hopefully it will be on the agenda in February.

Mr. Nimons asked, how long does it take to prep the site?

Professional Engineer Donald Smith, Jr., representing the City in this matter, stated, the proposal on the table or the design schedule will be, if this contract is let tonight, we would like to have the classrooms ready for this September. Time is of the essence.

Alderman Stowe asked, Kathleen, is this affecting negatively now that we haven't gotten these. I want it on the record and I want people to know what's happening. Not everyone knows.

Katherine Gabrielson, Director of Special Services, explained, presently we have 517 students with IEPs in the district and of that approximately 80 to 85 on any given day are placed in out of district placements to the tune of many millions of dollars for tuition and transportation. So yes, it is affecting us negatively right now.

Alderman Stowe stated, we are owed a lot of money by the state and federal government. We have to do what we have to do here. It's best for the children and the City of Ansonia, no question about it.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Tax Collector Report and Request for Refunds

Alderman Kaslaitis MOVED to accept the report of the Tax Collector and pay the refunds in the amount of $3,347.29 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Accidents and Claims

01-16-875 Holly House

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to refer the claim to Corporation Counsel; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Communications

None presented.

Resignations

President Tripp read aloud the resignation letters of Randolph Carroll and thanked Alderman Carroll for his service to the City as a member of the Conservation Commission and the Historical Commission. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

President Tripp welcomed the new Town and City Clerk, Janet Waugh.

Appointments

Town and City Clerk Janet Waugh read aloud each of the appointments in its order, as follows.

ARMS CHIEFS

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to reappoint the following:

Jared Heon of 10 Kiely's Lane
David Geloso of 12 Coe Lane
Michael Hokanson

Terms to expire 12-13-2017; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

ARMS COMMISSION

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to reappoint Aldermen David Blackwell Jr. and Joan Radin, and appoint Alderman Lorie Vaccaro (DeLucia replacement); terms to expire 12-31-2017; SECONDED by Alderman Carroll. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Vaccaro).

BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT AND TAXATION

Alderman Carroll MOVED to appoint Leonard Duffus (U) of 10 Hickory Lane, term to expire 1-31-2019; SECONDED by Alderman Rogers. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to appoint Gary Cassetti (D) of 102 Root Avenue (Finnucan replacement), term to expire 12-31-2016; SECONDED by Alderman Carroll. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

Alderman Carroll MOVED to appoint the following to the Charter Revision Commission:

Sue Guluzza (U) of 55 North Spring Street
Joseph Cassetti (R) of 72 Root Avenue
Lorie Vaccaro (R) of 515 Beaver Street
Dennis Quinn (R) of 13/15 Holbrook Street
Leonard Duffus (U) of 10 Hickory Lane
Maritza Clas (D) of 66 Root Avenue
Frank Halpin (U) of 3 Ford Road

SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstention (Vaccaro).

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Alderman Henri MOVED to appoint Timothy Holman (D) of 48 Elm Street (Mark replacement), term to expire 12-31-2020; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

POLICE STATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Henri MOVED to appoint the following to the Police Station Committee:

Chief of Police Kevin Hale (D)

Economic Development Director Sheila O'Malley (U)
Administrative Assistant Richard Dziekan (R)
Attorney Joseph Coppola of 129 Norton Town Road, Madison (R)
Donald Day (D) of 59 Pleasant Street
Paul Heon (R) of 12 White Oak Road
Alderman Lorie Vaccaro (R) of 515 Beaver Street
Michael D'Alessio (D) of 168 Prospect Street
Steve Martin, 2 Elm Street

SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette.

Alderman Carroll asked, who is Joseph Coppola from Madison?

Ms. O'Malley explained, Joe is an attorney who has also been helping with this project – the Olson Drive Project. He's been assisting me in the Economic Development Office and also Finance.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Vaccaro).

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMISSION

Alderman Rogers MOVED to appoint the following to the School Building Commission, terms to expire 11-30-2017:

Alderman Lorie Vaccaro (R) of 515 Beaver Street
Alderman Denice Hunt (D) of 6 Myrtle Avenue
Alderman Frank DeLibero (R) of 31 Martin Terrace
Board of A&T Chairman Daniel King of PO Box 1021, Derby
Board of A&T Member Gary Cassetti (D) of 102 Root Avenue
Board of A&T Member Jacques Veillette (D) of 4 Hoinsky Way (Biasucci replacement)
City Comptroller and Board of Ed Member William Nimons (R) of 85 Pulaski Highway
Board of Ed Member Carmen Pitney (D) of 159 Pulaski Highway
Board of Ed Member John Izzo (R) of 12 Shortell Drive (Kotalis replacement)
Beverly Tidmarsh (R) of 77 Westfield Avenue
Nina Phipps (U) of 60 Rockwood Avenue
William Malerba (U) of 145 Myrtle Avenue
Mayor David S. Cassetti (R) of 3 High Acres Road

SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Vaccaro).

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Alderman Edo MOVED to appoint Robert Turschmann (U) of 40 Hotchkiss Terrace (Ventri replacement), and William Nimons (R) of 85 Pulaski Highway, terms to expire 1-31-2019; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Resolutions

Resolution #1
Re: City of Ansonia Personnel Rules and Policies

RESOLVED,

WHEREAS, the City has not revised its Personnel Rules and Policies since 1983; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen recognizes the need to establish an updated and comprehensive Personnel Rules and Policies.

THEREFORE, THE Ansonia Board of Aldermen hereby adopts the 2016 "Personnel Rules and Policies" attached to this Resolution and fully incorporated into this Resolution.

[NOTE: the attachment is on file and available for viewing in the Office of the City/Town Clerk, Ansonia City Hall, 253 Main Street, Ansonia, CT 06401]

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #1; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Resolution #2
Re: State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

RESOLVED, that the Ansonia Board of Aldermen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Services and Public Protection any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that David S. Cassetti, as Mayor of the City of Ansonia, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Alderman Carroll MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #2; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Ordinances

[All ordinances can be viewed in their entirety in the Office of the Town and City Clerk, Ansonia City Hall, 253 Main Street, Ansonia, CT 06401]

1. Revision of Ticket Fines for the City of Ansonia

Ansonia Parking Fines are hereby updates as follows:

Group A - $15

1. Violation of Time Limit
2. Wrong Side of Street/Facing Wrong Way
3. Winter Parking Ban (Dec. 1-Mar. 31)
4. More than 12" from Curb
5. Blocking Mail Drop
6. Parking at Loading Zone
7. Occupying more than one Space
8. Prohibited Parking
9. Street Maintenance/Special Events

Group B - $20

10. Within 25' of a Corner
11. Crosswalk Violation (in or within 25')
12. Parking on Sidewalk
13. Double Parking
14. Mayor's Proclamation
15. Obstructing entrance to Public Building

Group C - $25

16. Parking in Restricted Zone/Fire Lane
17. Blocking Driveway
18. Obstructing Traffic
19. Within Intersection

Group D - $75

20. Obstructing Fire Hydrant
21. Handicapped Zone

Group E - $150

Handicapped Zone Parking $150

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to ADOPT Ordinance #1 with the following addition:

Group E – Handicapped Zone Parking - $150

SECONDED by Alderman Stowe. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

New Business

Alderman Carroll asked, can something be done about that retention wall at the house that's next door to the YMCA? It's been crumbling and taken apart for a long time. A lot of people walk by from the parking lot when they go to the YMCA. It looks like an accident waiting to happen.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, it's been roped off for some time. They've been given some time to remediate it; it's been a while. I would direct that to the Land Use department and have an inspection done.

Alderman Carroll continued, can we have the Land Use Commission meet sometime soon to discuss that and also the property that last month it was supposed to be brought to them – the Hill Street property?

President Tripp replied, the Land Use Committee will be asked to meet. Yes.

Alderman Vaccaro stated, I think we can join the 21st centure and get rid of killing trees every month and possibly have the Aldermen use a tablet or an iPad. We can get faster delivery of our resolutions through our e-mail. We'd have our tablets or iPads right here. Just to throw it out there for discussion; maybe Dave Connolly can look into this. Maybe we can do a feasibility study. I think to have tablets rather than this pile of paperwork to save on our bookshelves and create fire hazards.

President Tripp stated, there would be a lot of options to be looked at – who would supply the tablets, the whole system at City Hall would have to be part of that.

Old Business

None presented.

Executive Session

At approximately 8 p.m., Alderman Kaslaitis MOVED to enter Executive Session after a five-minute recess to discuss the following:

1. **Potential Sale of ATP/Palmer Buildings**
2. **Rental of Office Space ATP/Palmer Buildings**
3. **Holly House v. Ansonia**
4. **Ansonia v. Lampronikos**

The Mayor, Corporation Counsel, and Economic Development Director were invited to remain in the Chambers; SECONDED by Alderman Rogers. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 8:15 p.m., Alderman Kaslaitis MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Carroll. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Items from Executive Session

2. **Rental of Office Space ATP/Palmer Buildings**

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to allow Corporation Counsel to extend a lease to Copper City Development for $300 per month for the ATP Building; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Adjournment

Alderman Cassetti MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Rogers. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary
Ansonia Board of Aldermen