

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
and PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held meeting and public hearing on Monday, February 7, 2022. Chairman Parente called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

M. Parente, Chairman
A. Giannattasio
G. Harla
R. Pacelli
R. Vitali

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Ben Blake
J. Berchem, City Attorney

Chairman Parente announced the Committee would consider three ordinance published in the New Haven Register on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

1. An Ordinance appropriating \$3,811,500 for the design and construction of sanitary sewers and waste water facilities and authorizing the issuance of \$3,811,500 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Harla made and seconded a motion to waive the reading of the full ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Parente opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Speakers in Favor – None.

Speakers Opposed – None.

Chairman Parente closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation an Ordinance appropriating \$3,811,500 for the design and construction of sanitary sewers and waste water facilities and authorizing the issuance of \$3,811,500 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if this includes design and construction and what is the chance it will go over budget. Mayor Blake stated an updated estimate was received approximately 2 months ago and the bonding included both design and construction. Ald. Giannattasio asked what will happen if goes over budget. Mayor Blake stated a

number of things can occur. The project could be scaled back, it could come back to the Board of additional funding or funding can be found from another source.

Motion carried unanimously.

12a-2 An Ordinance appropriating \$6,006,000 for various public improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$6,006,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Harla made and seconded a motion to waive the reading of the full ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Parente opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Speakers in Favor – None.

Speakers Opposed – None.

Chairman Parente closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation an Ordinance appropriating \$6,006,000 for various public improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$6,006,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose. Motion carried unanimously.

12a-3 An Ordinance appropriating \$10,290,000 for various school improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$10,290,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to waive the reading of the full ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Parente opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Speakers in Favor

Kate Romano, 518 Welches Point Road, spoke in favor of the school improvement bonding. She discussed the age of the Calf Pen playground and the importance of playscapes for young children.

Speakers Opposed – None.

Chairman Parente closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation an Ordinance appropriating \$10,290,000 for various school improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$10,290,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.


Ald. Giannattasio asked for the current reimbursement rate from the state. James Richetelli, Chief Operation Officer for the Board of Education, stated it is 37.14%. Mayor Blake stated only certain project are reimbursable. Mr. Richetelli stated athletic fields and playscapes are not reimbursable projects.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no additional business, Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Harla made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toni Jo Weeks", written over a horizontal line.

Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary