

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PETITION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD FOR AN AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT KNOWN AS SDD #36, THE MUNICIPAL CENTER COMPLEX INCLUDING THE WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, TOWN HALL, AND THE POLICE/COURT FACILITY TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN SPACES LOCATED INSIDE TOWN HALL AND REQUESTING A WAIVER OF 13 PARKING SPACES.

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President Rob Bouvier called the hearing to order at 7:16 p.m.

Present were Councilors Holly Aberly-Wetstone, Rob Bouvier, Kevin Connors, Liz Gillette, Patrick McCabe, Jim O'Brien, John Shulansky and Al Turco. Councilor Carl Donatelli was absent.

President Bouvier: Is there a presentation from the administration?

Mr. Feldman: Mr. Mayor, the request for an amendment to the special development district is to have you consider a waiver of thirteen parking spaces which is predicated on the fact that we would like to renovate approximately 2,500 square feet in the old gymnasium to be used for some very modest office space by the Plant Facilities Office. Currently the Plant Facilities Office which again is the merger of the Town and the Board's Plant and Facilities Services is operating out of a fourth floor office in this building. In order for them to be closer to the employees that they manage and supervise they have requested that they move their office down to the gym floor so there would be some very modest renovations, open ceiling, minimal floor covering improvements, some temporary partitions to provide some privacy. The rest of the space would be used for additional storage which we can always use and some additional employee fitness activities, aerobics, etc., for the rest of the floor area.

I believe the gross floor area of the gymnasium is around 5,000 of which we would take about half and convert into these modest offices that would be used by Plant and Facilities Services. Again, the request is not necessarily for the office space, okay, although we certainly want your support on that, it is the waiver of the thirteen parking spaces. That is the specific action that the Council is being asked to take this evening later in your session tonight.

President Bouvier: Are there questions of the administration? Mrs. Gillette.

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Councilor Gillette: I am assuming that we are not adding additional personnel from what we have now so I guess my question is the formula with the parking spaces is that predicated on square footage of office space and because the office space is being expanded but we are not in fact adding more employees.

Mr. Feldman: That's right.

President Bouvier: Mr. Feldman.

Mr. Feldman: Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Gillette, that is absolutely right. It is predicated on the expansion by square footage not by number of people.

Councilor Gillette: Thank you.

President Bouvier: Thank you, Mr. Feldman. Are there any other questions? If not, I will close the public hearing.

The hearing adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Norma W. Cronin
Town Clerk/Council Clerk