



TOWN CLERK

**East Haven Town Council
Special Meeting/Minutes**

The East Haven Town Council held a Special Meeting Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven in order to transact the following:

Chairman Deko called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call 12 Present

Clerk read a letter from Mayor Joseph A. Carfora into the record. See attached.

Item #1

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 1-200(6)(E) and 1-210(b)(10) to discuss with legal counsel strategy and opinions relative to the proposed expansion of Tweed-New Haven Airport.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Enter Executive Session

Item #2

Vice Chairman Pacelli read the following to consider and act upon a Resolution pursuant to Chapter VI Section 1 to engage the Law Firm of Pullman & Comley LLC and to engage Federal Aviation legal counsel recommended by Pullman & Comley LLC to assist the Town Attorney with all matters in connection with proposed expansion of facilities at Tweed New Haven Airport.

Councilwoman Lesco made the motion to approve.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Approved

Councilwoman Lesco moved to reconvene the special meeting and adjourn.

Vice Chairman Pacelli second the motion.

Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Council Clerk



Town of
EAST HAVEN
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Joseph A. Carfora
Mayor

July 19, 2022

East Haven Legislative Council
c/o Chairman Joseph Deko
250 Mian Street
East Haven, Connecticut 06512

Re: Tweed New Haven Airport expansion

Dear Chairman Deko, Vice Chairman Pacelli, and members of the East Haven Legislative Council:

I want to thank you for taking the time this evening to convene this special meeting. It is my strong recommendation that you enter executive session to hear the matter at issue. As I have said repeatedly, the Tweed expansion without question is the most transformative issue that our community has ever faced. While my choice was to join you in executive session this evening, legal counsel has advised me that it would not be appropriate, since there is a distinct separation of responsibilities in our charter between the mayor and the legislative council.

With that being said, I again make it clear that my position on the terminal, and its parking in East Haven option has not changed since my state of the town address in March. I, along with our Chiefs, our town engineer, and our town attorney have regular and in-depth meetings about Tweed. Individually and collectively, we have met numerous times with Tweed stakeholders, and during those meetings we have asked for specific information. As a result, there have been offers that simply do not address the root concerns about this proposed move to East Haven, thus we still seek information, and still have serious

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concerns. Our public safety and legal staff have worked diligently from the very beginning of this administration on Tweed. Frankly, we have talked with, and inquired of host cities throughout the country. But for me it always comes back to the simple fact that the benefits to the region, New Haven, and Yale cannot be placed in higher regard than the impact that this expansion will have on our town, those who live near Tweed, and those who are in the air-flight paths. Jet noise, the smell of jet fuel, and the clear impacts of traffic on roads that lead to and from our town beach, our town green area, our already burdened High Street to North High Street Bridge create worrisome safety and quality of life issues. As for traffic, Mayor Elicker has made it quite clear that he does not want traffic in his New Haven neighborhoods. Well, I have the exact same concerns for our neighborhoods. As noise and environmental concerns grow, it is not reasonable that the majority of jet parking, all flight arrivals and departures, along with all passenger parking be placed on the East Haven side. I anxiously await the completion of the environmental assessment and the noise study that will provide guidance regarding noise mitigation programs, and outline environmental impacts. We need answers and commitments from taxation to preemption claims; we want our legal rights protected. Tonight, we will ask that you allow our town attorney to formally put in place the specialized aviation, airport land use, and FAA experts that we need to evaluate, advise, and navigate us through this process- that time has come. Consequently, I trust that some stakeholders will get very aggressive with our community, and possibly about me- which is inconsequential. We have the clear right to protect our community.

In closing, I want to add that I do appreciate the ongoing efforts of Governor Lamont, his Chief of Staff Paul Mounds, and Sean Scanlon. Each has worked diligently to keep the parties talking; however, to date, other stakeholders have just not been willing to provide the support nor acknowledge with actions that shared responsibility is needed. I also want to thank State Rep. Zullo and State Senator Paul Cicarella. Our bipartisan unity speaks volumes about the importance of this issue, but also about how much we each care about the well-being of our Town.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Carfora
Mayor