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PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

EAST HARTFORD TOWN HALL

TOWN CLERK
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740 MAIN STREET, WELLING CONFERENCE ROOM 2ND FLOOR

AUGUST 13, 2019

PRESENT Henry Pawlowski, Jr., Chair
Fady El-Hachem, Member
John P. Murphy, Jr. Member
Rich Kehoe, East Hartford Town Council Representative

ALSO PRESENT Tom Baptist, Acting Public Works Director
Chris Williams, Christopher Williams Architect
Portia Elmer, Christopher Williams Architect
Eileen Buckheit, Development Director
Ted Fravel, Parks & Recreation Director
Esther Clarke, Minority Leader

ABSENT Travis Simpson, Vice Chair
Antonio Matta, Member
Caroline Torres, East Hartford Town Council Representative

NOTE: per the Town Charter, non-Board of Education projects before the Public Building Commission do not require Board of Education representative members.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 11, 2019 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Rich Kehoe
seconded by Fady El-Hachem
to **approve** the June 11, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes of the Public Building Commission.
Motion carried 4/0.

July 9, 2019 Special Meeting

MOTION By Fady El-Hachem
seconded by Rich Kehoe
to **approve** the July 9, 2019 Special Meeting minutes of the Public Building Commission.
Motion carried 4/0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chair Pawlowski announced that the Town Clerk has asked him to read into the minutes the dates that Commissioners are sworn in, which would then create a permanent record for the future.

- Hank Pawlowski sworn in for reappointment on June 16, 2019
- John Murphy sworn in for appointment on May 15, 2019
- Fady El-Hachem sworn in for appointment on December 12, 2018

OLD BUSINESS

Wickham Library Renovations Update

Tom Baptist stated that the bids for the renovations of the Wickham Library were sent out on Tuesday August 6th and will close Thursday August 29th. He will provide a more detailed update, including the bid results, at the next Commission meeting scheduled for September 10th.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Center – Review/Approve Architectural Drawings and Specifications

Chris Williams, Principal, and Portia Elmer, Architectural Designer, both of Christopher Williams Architects LLC, presented the Commission with a PowerPoint of the proposed completed Senior Center and led a discussion on the various exterior and interior renovations that will be implemented. Among the many changes will be:

- the addition of solar panels to the main roof
- extensive renovations to the parking lot, including new drainage to address possible springtime flooding
- maintaining the low-slope roofline to accommodate the need for insulation at the ceiling level
- the installation of an interior sprinkler system, per fire code regulations

Town Councillor Esther Clarke inquired about a landscaping plan for the exterior of the building, commenting on the absence of plants in the drawings. Town Council Chair Rich Kehoe stated that the existing building has a warehouse feel to it due to its overall size and, possibly, the use of metal siding. Chair Kehoe would like to see the exterior look of the building “softened”, through the use of more organic materials, such as wood siding.

It was agreed that the Architect would work with town staff to come up with different options for the exterior look of the building, including possible landscaping alterations, and return to the Commission no later than the next scheduled meeting – September 10th – or sooner if possible.

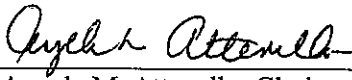
It was also noted that this project is being handled by a Construction Manager at Risk, who will be responsible for the completion of the project – per approved plans and specifications – at the budget limit set by the Administration, which, at this point, is \$6.8M.

PAYMENT OF CLERK

MOTION By Fady El-Hachem
 seconded by Rich Kehoe
 to **pay** the clerk for tonight's meeting.
 Motion carried 4/0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Fady El-Hachem
 seconded by Rich Kehoe
 to **adjourn** (8:20 pm).
 Motion carried 4/0.

Recorded by: 
 Angela M. Attenello, Clerk
 Public Building Commission