

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JANUARY 3, 2017

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr., Majority Leader  
Linda A. Russo Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I.  
Weinberg, Ram Aberasturia, Joseph R. Carlson, Patricia Harmon and  
Michael G. Kurker

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Chair announced the exit locations in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §29-381, after which the Council joined him in the pledge of allegiance.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) understands that the town is attempting to increase revenue through the approval of the Health Department fees; (2) thanked the Council for not approving a proposed contract between the East Hartford Library and the Hartford Public Library; (3) suggested that the Council hold a special meeting to discussed the state's proposed cuts to municipal aid which will affect East Hartford's budget; and (4) read a letter she wrote to Mayor Bronin, the Mayor of Hartford, regarding publication of the City of Hartford's personnel related expenses.

Mayor Leclerc (1) wished all a Happy New Year; (2) East Hartford's share of the recently announced 2016-2017 budget cuts will be capped at \$240,000 and will be borne by the Board of Education, but we will continue to work together on addressing budget issues; (3) supports the Health Department's fee increases; (4) LoCIP funding will not be in next year's budget, but the projects that are now active will be completed with current funding; (5) the Mayor will meet tomorrow with the town's state legislative delegation regarding the upcoming budget; (6) Police Chief Sansom has been selected to attend the FBI academy in Quantico for a 10-week special training session – Deputy Chief Hawkins will act as Police Chief in his absence; (7) Officer Ted Branon held his first block watch meeting in the Jerry Road area; (8) residents at 1252-1256 Main Street have been relocated due to extensive repairs needed on this building; (9) recognized the Rotary Club's recent donation of 4 active shooter kits for the School Resource Officers; (10) thanked those volunteers who come forward to serve on Boards and Commissions, especially those appointees on tonight's agenda; and (11) recognized the good works of the Protectors of Animals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 13, 2016 Executive Session

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia

to **approve** the minutes of the December 13, 2016 Executive Session.  
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain:** Horan

### December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Pat Harmon  
to **approve** the minutes of the December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting.  
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain:** Horan

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

#### Protectors of Animals: Spay/Neuter Clinic

Jody Macrina, President of Protectors of Animals, and Pam Knoechlein, Clinic Director for Protectors of Animals, announced the grand opening of their spay/neuter clinic on Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 11AM at 144 Main Street, near the intersection of Maple Street. This new clinic will be opened Tuesday through Thursday and perform approximately 35 surgeries a day.

#### 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Connecticut Veterans Day Parade: Certificate of Appreciation

Chair Kehoe announced that the Council received a certificate of appreciation from the CT Veterans Day Parade organizers for the Council's participation in the 2016 Veterans' Day Parade.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Recommendation from Fees Committee re: Health Department – Food Service Fees

MOTION By Marc Weinberg  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
that the Town Council **approve** the increase requested by the Health Department for its Food Service fees as outlined and attached to a memo dated October 12, 2016 from Mayor Marcia Leclerc to Rich Kehoe, Town Council Chair and more specifically as follows:

- Food Service Operation Licensure Fees:
  1. Class II \$210
  2. Class III \$430
  3. Class IV \$575
- Plan Review for Class III and IV Facilities: \$180
- Late Fee for Food Service Renewal: \$55

- Temp. License A – submitted 2 weeks or more in advance: \$100
- Temp. License B – submitted less than 2 weeks prior to event: \$125
- Re-inspection Fee after 2 inspection failures: \$150
- Other Fees:
  1. Public Pool License \$125

All fee increases to be effective July 1, 2017.

Motion carried 9/0.

Recommendation from Ordinance Committee re: §10-52 Retiree Benefit Trust Fund

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia  
 seconded by Esther Clarke  
 to **amend** the East Hartford Code of Ordinances by revising Section 10-52 (b) to increase the appropriation of the undesignated reserve fund balance from eight percent to ten percent, consistent with the December 12, 2016 draft as approved by the Ordinance Committee.  
 Motion carried 9/0.

Referral to Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: 28, 30 & 32 Hillside Avenue

MOTION By Linda Russo  
 seconded by Bill Horan  
 to **refer** to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee the issue of accepting the donation of 3 lots – 28, 30 & 32 Hillside Avenue, from the current owner, with instructions to investigate the matter and report back to the Town Council with its recommendation if any.  
 Motion carried 9/0.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions:

Library Board

MOTION By Joe Carlson  
 seconded by Linda Russo  
 to **approve** the appointment of Gloria Visgilio-Lupi, 106 Sherwood Drive, to the Library Board; whose term shall expire December 2019.  
 Motion carried 9/0.

Patriotic Commission

MOTION By Esther Clarke  
 seconded by Pat Harmon

to **approve** the following 1-year appointment to the Patriotic Commission:

- Bernard Corona, 27 Winding Lane, representative from the Disabled American Veterans; whose term shall expire December 2017

Motion carried 9/0.

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Linda Russo

to **approve** the following 1-year appointment to the Patriotic Commission:

- Paul Barry, 23 Candlewood Drive, representative from the Vietnam Veterans of America; whose term shall expire December 2017

Motion carried 9/0.

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Bill Horan was told by a client that they used a bail bond company named "town of East Hartford bail bonds". *The Mayor asked that Councillor Horan forward any documentation he may have to her office for referral to Corporation Counsel as the town has no affiliation with this private company.*

#### COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

None

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Rafael Zeligzon, 430 Burnside Avenue, is concerned about questionable activity at a local convenience store.

Chair Kehoe reminded all of the grand opening of the spay/neuter clinic run by the Protectors of Animals, 144 Main Street, this Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 11AM.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke  
seconded by Bill Horan  
to **adjourn** (8:24 p.m.).  
Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela M. Attenello  
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK