

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

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, Patricia Harmon and Michael G. Kurker

ABSENT Councillor Joseph R. Carlson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:44 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.

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Beautification Commission Awards: August 2016

Pat Sirois, Chair of the Beautification Commission, presented the award for residential property to Mrs. St. Jean of 23 Milbrook Drive, and presented the award for business property to Ted Zafiris, Manager of the Dunkin Donuts at 303 Ellington Road.

The Council and the Mayor joined with Ms. Sirois in thanking the recipients for making East Hartford a prettier place to live.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) suggested a correction to the August 16th minutes to reflect more clearly the comments the Chair made regarding Council authority to extend the CTDA after five years pursuant to the recently passed state legislation; (2) had concerns on the on-call contracts – especially the architectural services – and suggested that the report form contain not only the name of the contractor but what services the contract covers, i.e., electrical, plumbing, engineering, etc.

Mayor Leclerc (1) suggested that Mrs. Kniep contact the Purchasing Department for any information regarding the RFP's for the on-call contracts; (2) the presentation by Hartford Foundation for Public Giving will be very interesting; (3) the town is seeking a Bicycle Friendly Community designation and asked that the public complete the on-line survey; (4) CDGB is providing up to \$50,000 for façade improvements to businesses; (5) September is National Preparedness Month; (6) the Mayor's Clean-up Day will be Saturday September 10th from 9AM to Noon; (7) the Back to School Rally held on August 20th on the Town Green was a success; (8) the Mayor signed the beam at the UTC Headquarters on August 19th; (9) trash pick-up was delayed by one day due to Labor Day;

Believe 208 Run for the Brave and Finest

MOTION

By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled “Believe 208 Run for the Brave and Finest”, submitted by Kathryn Kleis, its Race Director, to hold a 5K run on Sunday, October 2, 2016 from 8:00AM to 9:30AM beginning at the Knights of Columbus, 1831 Main Street East Hartford and into South Windsor, northbound on Main Street and return southbound on Main Street, with music and food at the event; subject to compliance with adopted codes and regulations of the State of Connecticut, the Town of East Hartford, and any other stipulations required by the Town of East Hartford or its agencies; and to **waive** the associated permit fee due to the town under the provisions of §5-6 (a) of the Code of Ordinances as this event is to increase awareness of the challenges facing all first responders.
Motion carried 8/0.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Linda Russo
to **adopt** the following resolution:

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is authorized to submit project authorization requests, reports and letters of support as may be required by the USACE as they pertain to this WRDA program.

On call of the vote, motion carried 8/0.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Linda Russo
to **adopt** the following resolution:

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FURTHER RESOLVED that Marcia A. Leclerc, as Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Hartford and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

On call of the vote, motion carried 8/0.

Recommendation from the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: 1083 Burnside Avenue – Easement

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 that the Town Council accept an easement from 1083 Burnside Avenue Realty, LLC. over, under and across a portion of the property known as 1083 Burnside Avenue, for the purpose of roadway infrastructure maintenance (bridge structure, guard rail and riprap), which easement area is more particularly described on a map entitled: "PROPERTY SURVEY PROPOSED DUNKIN DONUTS 1083 BURNSIDE AVENUE PREPARED FOR 1083 BURNSIDE AVE. DONUTS, LLC. EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT", SCALE 1"=20', DATED 08/11/2014, REVISED THROUGH 12/19/2015 – EASEMENT ADDED, MAP NUMBER A-13-045-B, SHEET NUMBER 4 OF 24, PREPARED BY DUTTON ASSOCIATES,LLC., 67 EASTERN BOULEVARD GLASTONBURY, CT 06033" which map will be filed in the East Hartford Town Clerk's office.
 Motion carried 8/0.

Referral to Ordinance Committee – Outdoor Wood Furnaces

MOTION By Bill Horan
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **refer** to the Ordinance Committee the possibility of creating an ordinance to regulate outdoor wood furnaces with instructions to report back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.
 Motion carried

Setting a Public Hearing date of Tuesday September 20, 2016 @ 7PM re: Revisions to Town Ordinance §10-47 \$5 Surcharge on Delinquent Motor Vehicle Payments

MOTION By Bill Horan
 seconded by Esther Clarke
 to **set** a public hearing date of Tuesday September 20, 2016 at 7PM in Town Council Chambers to hear public comment on the proposed revisions to §10-47 of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances entitled "\$5 Surcharge on Delinquent Motor Vehicle Payments".
 Motion carried 8/0.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **approve** the following appointments:

- To the Inland Wetlands Commission: Joshua Quintana, from alternate to full member; whose term shall expire December 2019; and
- To the Planning & Zoning Commission: Carol Noel, whose term shall expire December 2016

Motion carried 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

CHRO/Employment Claim(s) of Current Town Employee, Frank Iacono (Police Officer)

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending state court action known as Francesco Iacono v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No HHD-CV-16-6068333-S, for a total sum of \$15,000.00.
 Motion carried 8/0.

Pending Litigation re: Former Police Officer Juma Jones.

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle any and all pending grievances, litigation and appeals (either brought by or against the Town) involving former police officer Juma Jones generally upon the following terms and conditions: (1) the withdrawal of all such pending actions by both parties; (2) the reinstatement of Juma Jones as a Town police officer, with back pay and reinstatement of time totaling \$83,861.00 which calculation contemplates eighteen months suspension without pay as ordered by the arbitrator; and (3) that Juma Jones be recertified as a police officer in the State of Connecticut.
 Motion carried 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Rafael Zeligzon, 430 Burnside Avenue, addressed the Council on the convenience store located at 442 Burnside Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **adjourn** (9:44 p.m.).
 Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be September 20th.

Attest _____
Angela M. Attenello
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK