

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

NOVEMBER 1, 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, Joseph R. Carlson and Michael G. Kurker

ABSENT Councillor Patricia Harmon

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:37 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

The Councillors agreed to allow the following individual, who is not a town resident, to speak at this time.

Kendall Wiggin, Connecticut State Librarian, spoke to the Council on the benefits of regionalization of library services in Connecticut.

Ivette Juarbe, 84 Scott Street, is in favor of the Library Contract with Hartford Public Library.

Vince Juliano, 131 Appletree Drive, while in favor of the Library Contract with Hartford Public Library, had 3 areas of concern: cooperation, length of the contract and the financial aspect.

Joanne Covey, 1581 Main Street, is not in favor of the Library Contract with Hartford Public Library.

Anita Morrison, 47 Woodbridge Avenue, believes that regionalization is a step in the right direction, but is opposed to this Library Contract with the Hartford Public Library due to Hartford's financial situation.

Donald Sugalski, 1736 Main Street, opposed to the Library Contract with Hartford Public Library and suggested that the Town go through the bidding process to see what other towns/entities are interested in partnering with East Hartford.

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) asked that the administration freeze wages on all union contracts; (2) opposes the Library Contract with the Hartford Public Library; and (3) believes there is a conflict of interest in the appointment of Hazelann Cook to the East Hartford Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners.

Mayor Leclerc (1) sadly announced that the town's bomb sniffing dog, Charlie, died; (2) Pat Sirois will be available at the November 15th meeting to speak on Holiday Fest; (3) Coffee with a Cop held their 2nd program meeting which was very well attended; (4) the Drug Take Back Day was a success; (5) Railroad Crossing drill exercise was completed this past weekend and went very well; (6) leaf pickup has commenced; (7) the Golf Cart Pathway project is underway; (8) the Hockanum basketball court paving is completed; (9) work on the 8 EHHS tennis courts is completed and looks great; (10) Labor Field parking lot and lighting is almost done; (11) sixteen residents completed the several weeks-long Police Citizens Academy; (12) the EHPD went through an extensive training program; and (13) thanked the Chair for adding the Click It or Ticket resolution to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 18, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **approve** the minutes of the October 18, 2016 Regular Meeting.
 Motion carried 8/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Finance Director Update re: MDC

Mike Walsh, Finance Director, addressed the Council on three issues that the Metropolitan District Corporation (MDC) is facing: (1) CRRA unrecovered OPEB costs; (2) Hartford's financial situation, which may lead to Hartford's failing to pay their 2017 assessment; and (3) Clean Water Project. Additionally, the MDC's rating has been decreased from Aa1 to Aa2 with a negative outlook.

Director Walsh indicated that the MDC is seeking a \$16M reserve payment from all towns to ensure adequate revenue to pay their expenses, including bond payments, if Hartford fails to pay their 2017 assessment. East Hartford's share of the ad valorem tax reserve would be \$1.9M which would be due July 2017 and September 2017. Provided Hartford does not default on their payment, the MDC would credit the \$1.9M back to East Hartford in January 2018 and March 2018 – therefore not impacting East Hartford's budget negatively. If Hartford defaults, the credits would not be returned to East Hartford and a budget adjustment would be required. Nothing has been agreed to at this point and will be further discussed during town budget deliberations.

Tentative Agreement: Teamster's Local 559 – Telecommunicators

Chair Kehoe formally announced receipt of the tentative agreement between the Town of East Hartford and the Teamsters Local 559 Union, which will be on the November 15, 2016 agenda for discussion and vote.

Library Administration and Operations Contract:

MOTION

By Bill Horan
seconded by Linda Russo
that pursuant to Section 4.3 (c) of the Town Charter, the Town Council hereby **approves** Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc's decision to perform the duties of the Director of Libraries for the Town of East Hartford and to **waive** the bidding requirements of Town Ordinance Section 10-7 and **authorize** the Administration to enter into a three-year contract with The Hartford Public Library to assist with the day-to-day operations and programming activities at the East Hartford Public Library, commencing on November 1, 2016 and terminating on October 31, 2019, at an initial annual rate of \$97,000 (with an annual increase of 1.5% per year), such waiver being in the best interests of the Town because it will (1) create cost savings in the East Hartford Public Library's budget; (2) allow the East Hartford Public Library to continue its current level of operations; and (3) allow the utilization of The Hartford Public Library's expertise to enhance East Hartford Public Library's community outreach and programming.

State Plan of Operations: State of Connecticut and East Hartford Police Department

To accommodate those present, the following motion was presented.

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Click It or Ticket Grant Program

MOTION By Bill Horan
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety Office of the state Department of Transportation (DOT) has made available funds for the 2017 "Click-It or Ticket" program; and

WHEREAS, the "Click-It or Ticket" enforcement campaign is a key tool in public awareness and enforcement of safety belt use.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED That Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is authorized to make application to, and execute and approve on behalf of this corporation, any and all documents, contracts, and amendments as may be required by the state Department of Transportation as they pertain to this "Click-It or Ticket" program.

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

Capital Region Development Authority MOU

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

Whereas, subject to Town Council approval, the Town will enter into a financial assistance agreement ("FAA") with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development ("DECD") which will authorize the Town's utilization of a \$12 million dollar State of Connecticut Urban Action Grant ("Urban Act Funds") for public infrastructure improvements for the redevelopment of the Silver Lane and Rentschler Field corridors ("the Project"); and

Whereas, the Town would like to utilize the grant administration services of the Capital Region Development Authority ("CRDA") such that CRDA will act as the Town's manager for the Project, assisting with bidding, contractor payment and Project evaluation ("Grant Administration"); and

Whereas, the FAA will require the Town to identify the party responsible for Grant Administration for the project; and

Whereas, CRDA has a unique skillset to act in the above capacity and is approved by DECD to administer Urban Act Funds; and

Whereas, CRDA currently has responsibility for substantial projects at Rentschler Field including the Pratt and Whitney Football Stadium and associated development; and

Whereas it is in the best interests of the Town to contract with CRDA to perform Grant Administration Services given its experience and relationship with DECD.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Town Council waive the bidding requirements of Town Ordinances Section 10-7, and authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with CRDA relating to Grant Administration Services for the Urban Act Funds associated with the Project.

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

Eileen Buckheit, Development Director, and Anthony Lazzaro, Deputy Director of the CRDA, addressed the Council on the CRDA's role in the development of the Silver Lane and Rentschler Field corridors utilizing the \$12M grant from the State of Connecticut.

Outdoor Amusement Permit Application: Holiday Fest 2016

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled
Holiday Fest 2016, as submitted by Patricia Sirois, Event Chairperson for
the East Hartford Beautification Commission, to conduct the Annual
Holiday Fest, starting on Friday, December 2nd through Monday, December
5th with activities as follows:

- Tree-lighting ceremony with music and a Carol sing with Santa to be held on the lawn of the Town Green on Friday, December 2nd, between the hours of 6:30PM and 7:30PM;
- Miscellaneous activities including an outdoor petting zoo, horse drawn wagon and a snowman building contest to be held on the Town Green on Sunday, December 4th, between the hours of 12:00PM and 3:00PM; and
- Tree of Lights ceremony with a Carol sing to be held on the small green in front of 886 Main Street – Hartford East Apartments – on Monday, December 5th, between the hours of 5:30PM and 6:00PM

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.

Motion carried 8/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Linda Russo
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$27,962.02
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 8/0.

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.</u>	<u>Over Paid</u>
2014-03-0082672	AARON'S SALES AND LEASE	2009/1GDHG31C291100614	-466.40
2015-03-0066338	ACURA FINANCIAL SERVICES	2013/2HNYD2H24DH513174	-436.39
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2015-03-0053681	BOATENG FREDUA	2008/1GCGG25C681161676	-23.75
2015-03-0053759	BOGLI FRANCES K	2005/KMHCG45C95U659726	-6.96
2015-03-0054712	BUCKLEY ROBERT L JR	2004/1N4AL11D54C154992	-9.95

2015-03-0054718	BUD BEHLING LEASING INC	2011/1FTNE2EW3BDA33327	-361.54
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2014-03-0054913	BURNS ROBERT J	2013/YV1612FH6D2174675	-200.04
2015-03-0055019	BUSTAMANTE JHONNY	2010/WVWMP7AN6AE545866	-26.16
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2014-03-0056394	CHAPMAN DONNA R	1999/2T1BR12E3XC194116	-64.98
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2015-03-0057584	COOLEY WILLIAM G	2004/1GCGG25V941111706	-15.39
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2015-03-0062349	FORAN LYNNE R	2011/1HGCP2F82BA079896	-5.34
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2015-03-0069608	GUAY GUYLAINE	2010/JYACJ15C7AA01642	-7.81
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2015-03-0066426	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2013/1HGCR2F82DA141715	-90.20
2015-03-0067335	JAKACKY ADA R	2009/WME EJ31X79K264299	-34.78
2015-03-0070041	LEDOYT KRISTA M	2009/3MEHM07Z59R604019	-95.83
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2015-03-0071842	MARTIN CATHERINE I	2005/1G6KD54Y15U235522	-145.78

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2015-03-0074525	MURPHY DEBORAH N	1999/3GKFK16R0XG543732	-17.61
2015-03-0074678	NASH TIMOTHY C	2012/5FNRL5H26CB064566	-228.66
2015-03-0089917	NASH TIMOTHY C	2003/1J4GL48K83W602417	-126.91
2015-01-0016422	NGUYEN DAN	441 MAIN ST 710	-619.34
2015-03-0074894	NGUYEN DEXUAN	2000/JN1CA31D3YT522695	-22.83
2015-03-0074895	NGUYEN DEXUAN	2000/JT3HN87R5Y0281039	-15.76
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2015-03-0083032	SHRIEL LAURA A	2001/1GNDX03E11D114840	-78.44
2015-03-0083797	SOTO-SEGUI BRINK L	1998/1HGC5544WA173543	-88.06
2015-03-0084793	TAYLOR ELIZABETH	2009/JF2SH63649H719367	-9.86
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2015-03-0084997	THERIAULT MICHAEL R TOYOTA FINANCIAL ATTN: LBX	2002/1B7GL42X82S589703	-124.50
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2014-03-0086095	TRUE LEASE LLC	2006/3VWVRG71K66M677892	-171.61
2015-03-0086148	TURCOTTE CELINE R	1994/2G1WL54T3R9153860	-6.62
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2015-03-0086576	VALENTIN GLORIVEE	2009/2B3KA43DX9H551171	-21.27
2015-03-0086952	VAZQUEZ LYDIA E	2005/2C8GF68415R674385	-13.62
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2015-03-0087228	VERNILE FRANCIS A	2011/3FADP0L32BR259701	-58.68
2015-03-0087229	VERNILE SALLY A	2014/JM3KE4DY6E0312663	-109.56
2015-03-0087952	WAYNE RUSSELL A	2009/5FNYP48639B034434	-227.00
2015-03-0088230	WHITE STUART S	1994/JT2SK11E1R0204203	-49.62
TOTAL			\$ (27,962.02)

Appointments of John Carella and Hazelann Cook to the East Hartford Housing Authority

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Linda Russo
to **reappoint** John Carella to the East Hartford Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners; term to expire July 31, 2020 and to **reappoint** Hazelann Cook to the East Hartford Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners; term to expire July 31, 2021.
Motion carried 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Esther Clarke, earlier in the week, had emailed the Mayor with a citizen's concern regarding the noise generated by the construction at the corner of Silver Lane and Warren Drive. Councillor Clarke and the resident asked for assurances that it won't happen again. *Mayor Leclerc stated that this was a decision made by the Engineering Department and assured her that it will not happen again.* Also, Councillor Clarke commented that the installation of the streetlamps that needed replacement on Langford Lane has finally happened.

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Personal Injury Claim of Corey Wray

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending personal injury claim of Corey Wray for a total sum of \$22,000.00.
Motion carried 8/0.

Personal Injury Claim of Raymond Alvarado

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending personal injury claim of Raymond Alvarado for a total sum of \$20,000.00.
Motion carried 8/0.

Dionicia Ysabel v Town of East Hartford, et al

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the
 pending state court action known as Dionicia Ysabel v Town of East
 Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV-14-6047412-S, for a total sum of
 \$15,000.00.
 Motion carried 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) asked if the non-profit group “East Hartford Affordable Homes” is subject to Freedom of Information laws; (2) is opposed to the Library contract with the Hartford Public Library – primarily because of the city of Hartford’s financial situation; and (3) suggested that the Council put the Library contract on a ballot for citizens to vote on.

Mayor Leclerc announced the promotion of Jessica Carrero to the position of “Assistant to the Mayor”.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **adjourn** (10:05 p.m.).
 Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be November 15th.

Attest _____
 Angela M. Attenello
 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK