

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DECEMBER 13, 2016

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, 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

ABSENT Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:35 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.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **amend** the agenda as follows:

under New Business, add item 8. H. "Public Hearing Date re: Retiree Benefit Trust Fund".

Motion carried 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Leclerc (1) the Board of Education applied for and received from the Connecticut Working Cities Challenge – Federal Reserve Bank of Boston a \$15,000 design grant which will be used in the Silver Lane School neighborhood; (2) the Silver Lane Advisory Committee will meet Thursday December 15th; (3) the Mayor will attend a meeting at the State Capitol to voice her objection to the regionalization of health districts; (4) Holiday Fest was a success; (5) the Brian Aselton 5K Run will be Sunday January 8th; (6) on Wednesday, the Mayor will accept a donation from the Rotary Club for equipment at the Public Safety Complex; (7) the EHPD will hold their promotions ceremony on Thursday December 15th in Council Chambers; (8) Parks & Recreation Department is offering the December vacation camp; (9) the Horizon Group project continues slowly but steadily; (10) Ray Johnson, the Town Historian, is resigning; and (11) the Mayor hired Sarah Morgan as the new Library Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 15, 2016 Executive Session

MOTION By Marc Weinberg

seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the minutes of the November 15, 2016 Executive Session.
Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Russo

November 15, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Pat Harmon
 to **approve** the minutes of the November 15, 2016 Regular Meeting.
 Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Russo

November 28, 2016 Special Joint Meeting/BOE

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **approve** the minutes of the November 28, 2016 Special Joint
 Meeting/BOE.
 Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Russo

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Presentation by the MDC: Monthly Billing

Robert Constable, Director of Finance for The Metropolitan District, and Julie McLaughlin, Communications Administrator, briefed the Council on the new monthly billing cycle which will take effect January 2017, payable in February 2017. There will be an insert in the January bill (which covers water usage for the last quarter of 2016) as well as a separate mailing to all MDC customers explaining the monthly billing cycle. MDC's goal is to implement online payments – eBilling – which will help keep costs down.

Presentation by Finance Director Mike Walsh – Orphan Properties

Mike Walsh reviewed the process of the town's annual tax lien sale with the Council. The 17 properties identified on the delinquency list is the result of no bids on these particular properties. These parcels are designated as delinquent, with no easy or clear way to collect outstanding taxes. The Administration's goal with these properties is to create productive parcels that can be added to the grand list.

Purchasing Department: §10-10(b) of the Code of Ordinances re: Not Accepting the Lowest Bid for Custodial Services for Town Hall and the Public Safety Complex

Chair Kehoe announced that the low bidder for custodial services – S. J. Services Inc. – withdrew their bid due to an error in estimating the required union wages. The contract was then awarded to Performance Environmental Services LLC – who was deemed the bidder submitting the lowest responsible price.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract Authorization: GEI Consultants for the Town's Flood Protection System

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **authorize** the town to enter into a contract for professional services with GEI Consultants, Inc. as part of the RFQ #12-01 in the amount of \$39,519 to ensure the Town's Flood Protection System meets the current Connecticut Department Energy and Environmental Protection regulations related to air quality compliance and the update dam safety regulations as follows:

CT DEEP Pump Station Air Quality Compliance	\$ 5,306
CT DEEP Inundation Map Development	\$ 34,213

Motion carried 8/0.

State of Connecticut DECD: Urban Act Grant Application

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

WHEREAS pursuant to Urban Act C.G.S. 4-66c (OPM), the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of East Hartford make an application to the State for \$12,000,000 in order to undertake the Rentschler Field/Silver Lane Corridor Public Infrastructure Improvement Project and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Town Council that it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by Urban Act C.G.S. 4-66c (OPM). That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of East Hartford in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 is hereby approved and that Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representatives of the Town of East Hartford.

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

DEEP: 2017 Recreational Trails Grants Program

MOTION By Joe Carlson
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), has made funding available under the 2017 Recreational Trails Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, Recreational Trails Program funds may be requested for uses including maintenance and restoration of existing trails; and

WHEREAS, a section of the boardwalk that makes up the Hockanum Linear Trail near Town Hall requires significant repair.

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 under the Recreational Trails Grants Program.

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

Homeland Security Grant Program

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

RESOLVED that the Town of East Hartford may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, including the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate for the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, 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, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

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

Local Prevention Council Grant: ERASE

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Marcia A. Leclerc Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of this municipality a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$7,142 with the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to support the activities of a local alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse Prevention Council, and to execute and file any contracts, amendments or reports as may be required to successfully complete the terms of the grant contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc's term of office began on January 10, 2011 and will continue until November 9, 2017. As Mayor, Marcia A. Leclerc serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of East Hartford, and is duly authorized to enter into agreements and contracts on behalf of the Town of East Hartford.

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

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$7,612.95
 pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
 Motion carried 8/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	Over Paid
2015-03-0050025	A CAR LEASING LTD	2015/1GYS4NKJ9FR707306		-969.40
2015-03-0051383	ANOSIKE EZEIBE C	2007/WVWFV71K87W254986		-35.78
2015-03-0052714	BASKERVILLE LOIS	2002/KNAFB161225077305		-21.79
2014-03-0055467	CAPOBIANCO ROCCO	2005/2FMZA52205BA70132		-150.15
2015-03-0055575	CARINI ROBERT J	2003/KMHWF35H53A835191		-16.50
2015-03-0057146	COLLIBEE KIMBERLY T	1998/4T1BF28K9WU062289		-5.11
2014-03-0058072	COWAN EQUIPMENT LEASING	2012/3HSDJSJR0CN674837		-534.74
2014-03-0058073	COWAN EQUIPMENT LEASING	2012/3HSDJSJR4CN674839		-534.74
2014-03-0058074	COWAN EQUIPMENT LEASING	2012/3HSDJSJR0CN665555		-357.20
2014-03-0058075	COWAN EQUIPMENT LEASING	2012/3HSDJSJR8CN658143		-357.20
2014-03-0058076	COWAN EQUIPMENT LEASING	2012/3HSDJSJR5CN665549		-357.20
2014-03-0058077	COWAN EQUIPMENT LEASING	2012/3HSDJSJR2CN665556		-534.74
2015-03-0081986	DEJESUS ANGEL	2002/1C4GJ25322B511016		-23.90
2015-03-0060289	DRENNEN NORMA I	1994/1N4BU31DXRC245468		-18.68
2015-01-0008801	FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE	720 SILVER LN		-15.10
2015-03-0063486	GENTILE RICHARD	2009/5J6RE48709L058245		-32.15
2015-03-0090310	GILLESPIE JENNIFER R	2005/JTLKT324554008519		-48.80
2015-03-0066373	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2013/1HGCR2F83DA214073		-44.84
2015-03-0066530	HOPKINS JOSEPH E 3RD	2001/1FTRX18W31NB06464		-37.00
2015-03-0066538	HORAN LAUREL A	2003/4JGAB54E93A391225		-5.08
2015-03-0067560	JIMENEZ FORTUNATO T	1998/1B4HS28Y2WF104818		-23.79
2015-03-0068038	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK N	2015/JF1GJAC62FH005976		-434.28
2015-03-0068068	JULIEN MIKE S	1995/1P3AA4638SF538682		-23.31
2015-03-0068744	KISNER DAVID M	2004/5A3U508S44L000412		-1.41
2015-03-0068745	KISNER DAVID M	2002/1GNEK13Z82R141050		-30.41
2015-03-0069827	LAWRENCE STEPHEN L	2009/3TMLU42NX9M021787		-33.00
2015-03-0071675	MARINO ANGEL V	2000/1FTZR15V4YTA20950		-12.54
2015-03-0072042	MARTINEZ LUCIANO JR	2004/2GCEK19N341114928		-58.83

2014-03-0075543	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2013/1N4AL3AP0DC173312		-45.82
2014-03-0075547	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2011/1N4AA5AP8BC858754		-298.55
2015-03-0075142	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2013/1N4AL3AP3DC163583		-380.73
2015-03-0075247	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2013/1N4AL3APXDN483312		-221.96
2015-03-0075478	NORTEY EMMANUEL	2004/3N1CB51D14L484293		-16.43
2014-03-0076264	ORLOWSKI STANLEY M	2014/1HGCR3F87EA016068		-432.92
2014-03-0076958	PARKER JAY P	1998/1B3ES47Y4WD510793		-52.54
2015-03-0078423	PRIGNANO MATTHEW C	2005/1J8GL58K35W726022		-15.32
2015-03-0078424	PRIGNANO MATTHEW C	2009/JF2SH63679H719850		-25.79
2015-03-0079538	RICHARDS-PARNELL A	2011/1HGCP2F68BA136729		-5.31
2015-03-0079627	RINEHART MICHAEL J	2012/1C4PJMCK3CW106606		-135.71
2015-03-0080146	ROBERTS DORESE	2000/2B3HD46R9YH441025		-5.70
2015-03-0081072	ROSARIO TENNILLE M	2008/1GYEE637580118652		-55.50
1999-03-0081547	SANTIAGO RITA	1983/1MEBP95F3DZ679039Q	121.66	-168.04
2014-03-0084687	SYKES MANDILYNN	2009/JN8AS58V69W182796		-57.83
2015-03-0085746	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT	2015/4T1BK1FKXFU556931		-229.40
2015-03-0085747	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT	2012/4T4BF1FK4CR254587		-216.34
2015-03-0085819	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT	2013/2T3BFREV4DW043046		-41.12
2015-02-0040437	UNILEVER UNITED STATES	VARIOUS		-395.59
2015-03-0088753	WIREDU GEORGE	2006/2G1WT58K369399479		-94.68
TOTAL				\$ (7,612.95)

25th Annual Aselton Memorial Snow Dash

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Linda Russo
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled
“25th Annual Aselton Memorial Snow Dash”, submitted by Ted Fravel,
Director of the East Hartford Parks and Recreation Department and by
the East Hartford Police Department to conduct a 5K road race (Snow
Dash), to be held in the vicinity of the Langford School area – 61 Alps
Drive – on Sunday, January 8, 2017 between the hours of 11:00AM and
approximately 3:00PM, with the use of public streets occurring between
the hours of 1:30PM and approximately 2:15PM, 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.

Eversource Hartford Marathon - 2017

MOTION By Joe Carlson
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit entitled “Eversource Hartford Marathon – 2017” submitted by Josh Miller, Technical Director for the Hartford Marathon Foundation to conduct a marathon, road races and outdoor musical entertainment with volunteers and several thousand spectators and runners on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 7:30AM to 1:30PM, with music between the hours of 9AM and 1:30PM, 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.

Setting a Public Hearing re: Revisions to §10-52 Retiree Benefit Trust Fund

MOTION By Joe Carlson
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to set a public hearing date of Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:15PM in Town Council Chambers to hear public comment on the proposed revision to §10-52 of the town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances entitled “Retiree Benefit Trust Fund”.
 Motion carried 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Cabela's Wholesale, Inc. v Town of East Hartford – Tax Appeal

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **accept** Corporation Counsel's recommendation to settle the pending real property tax appeal known as Cabela's Wholesale, Inc. v Town of East Hartford Docket No. HHB-CV-16-6033234S, involving 475 East Hartford Boulevard North, from the fair market value of \$30,691,290 to the fair market value of \$22,000,000, which shall generate a reduction of \$279,007.65 in property taxes for the Grand List Year of 2015. Thereafter, the fair market value of said property shall be fixed at \$22,000,000 for the Grand List Year 2016 until the next town-wide revaluation.
 Motion carried 8/0.

MOTION

to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as Merchant Founders Lodging, LLC v Town of East Hartford, Docket No. HHB-CV-15-6028893S, regarding personal property located at 351 Pitkin Street, in the following manner:

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Mayor Leclerc wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Marc Weinberg recognized the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah and wished all a Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **adjourn** (9:05 p.m.).
 Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be on January 3rd.

Attest _____
Angela M. Attenello
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK