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TOWN CLERK  
EAST HARTFORD

**DATE:** February 3, 2022

**TO:** Town Council Members

**FROM:** Rich Kehoe, Chair

**RE:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 6:30 p.m. Town Council Chambers  
and Microsoft "Teams"

**This meeting is accessible through "Microsoft Teams" 1-929-235-8441 Conference ID:  
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In accordance with Section 3.3 (a) of the Town Charter, a Special Meeting of the Town Council will be held as follows:

**Tuesday, February 8, 2022**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Town Council Chambers/Microsoft "Teams"**

The purpose of the meeting is to receive a presentation from the Administration and National Development concerning development plans for a portion of Rentschler Field. Town Councillors will have an opportunity to ask questions followed by an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide comment. No Town Council action will be taken on the proposal at this meeting.

cc: Mayor Walsh  
Eileen Buckheit, Director of Development  
Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel

MICHAEL P. WALSH  
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## TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD

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**East Hartford Economic Development Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 27, 2022  
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams/Teleconference**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rosario called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

#### **Members Present:**

Veronica Rosario, Chair  
Joelle Murchison, Vice Chair  
Jim Arsenault, Jr.  
Brennden Colbert  
Anita Morrison  
John Morrison  
Angie Parkinson

#### **Members Absent:**

None

#### **Guests Present:**

Michael Daniels, Economic Development Coordinator

### **2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Brennden Colbert is new to the commission. All attendees introduced themselves.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Morrison moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Arsenault seconded the motion.

All voted in favor, none voted opposed

Motion Passed

### **4. REVIEW OF CONTROL TOWER PROJECTS**

Mr. Daniels presented a review of the Control Tower presentation given by Mayor Mike Walsh at a public meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Top projects include redevelopment of Silver Lane Plaza, the Jasko Apartments at the Showcase Cinema Site, and the Logistics Center at Rentschler Field. Mr. Arsenault said that Frontier and Verizon are expanding their internet infrastructure in town in addition to SiFi's Fiber City project.

## **5. INTRODUCTION TO EAST HARTFORD CONNECTS**

Chair Rosario spoke about East Hartford CONNects, an initiative she has been involved with that came about as part of the Boston Fed's Working Cities Challenge. It aims to provide educational, employment, and community engagement resources to underserved residents in town. Chair Rosario believes there is an opportunity for the commission to reach residents interested in entrepreneurship or career growth through East Hartford CONNects and help direct them to resources.

## **6. BUSINESS VISIT SCHEDULE**

Business visits have been on hold for the holidays and then the omicron surge. When they are safe, the commission members discussed visiting Rebel Dog Coffee Co., East Hartford Brewing, and Horst Engineering.

## **7. DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Chair Rosario and Mr. Daniels talked about the Small Business Support Hours to take place at the Public Library, starting on January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber of Commerce and other small business experts will be in attendance to help connect people who own or are thinking about starting a small business with resources. Mr. Daniels said in addition to these open hours, the Development Department and Library will be working on direct outreach to businesses.

Chair Rosario suggested starting a volunteer project to paint a mural on the temporary cover over the entrance of the vacant Eastwood Theater. Ms. Morrison noted that the former Rogo Distributors building has a new tenant. Mr. Arsenault said it is a medical products company. Chair Rosario suggested the commission create a brochure introducing themselves and listing resources for small businesses that could be included in the welcome packet the Mayor's Office is working on for businesses.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Morrison moved to adjourn.  
Mr. Arsenault seconded the motion.  
All voted in favor, none voted opposed  
Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Daniels  
Economic Development Coordinator

# Project # 02) Rentschler Field Logistics Center

## For Situational Awareness

- 300-acre site sold to National Development
- Up to 1 million square feet of warehousing and distribution space anticipated
- Promise of 2,000 new jobs, future development

Goal: Encourage development that creates jobs and tax revenue while minimizing impacts to neighbors

## Challenges

- Determining appropriate flow of truck traffic

## Next Steps

- Site plan and zone change for Planning & Zoning review

## Timeline

Approval in 2022, opening in 2023

## Project Owners:

- Mayor Mike
- Development Director



## Funding Sources:

- Private financing
- Opportunity Zone
- Enterprise Zone