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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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OCTOBER 29, 2019

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Linda A. Russo, Majority Leader Ram Aberasturia, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc Weinberg, Joseph R. Carlson, Shelby J. Brown and Caroline Torres

ABSENT Councillor Patricia Harmon

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 8:15 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

Mayor Leclerc announced the following: (1) Pratt & Whitney will continue their environmental stewardship with off-site water testing in the Mill/Glenn Road and Hamilton/Home Street areas; (2) tomorrow the town will participate in the Opportunity Zone Conference and present both the Showcase Cinema and Founders Plaza properties; (3) East Hartford has been given two awards: first the Sustainable Connecticut Certification (Bronze) which recognizes the town's sustainability efforts, and second the American Institute of Architecture for the renovations to Raymond Library and Wickham Library and for the construction of the new Senior Center; (4) the 11th East Hartford Citizen Academy session graduated on Wednesday October 23rd at the Public Safety Complex; and (5) on Monday, November 11th at 1PM, the "Fallen Star" Memorial will be dedicated at Goodwin College.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 15, 2019 Executive Session

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **approve** the minutes of the October 15, 2019 Executive Session.
Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Brown

October 15, 2019 Public Hearing

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Caroline Torres
to **approve** the minutes of the October 15, 2019 Public Hearing.
Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Brown

October 15, 2019 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **approve** the minutes of the October 15, 2019 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Brown

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Resignation of Michael Torres from the Metropolitan District Commission

Chair Kehoe announced that Michael Torres has resigned from the MDC as an East Hartford representative. The Chair thanked him for his service to the town.

OLD BUSINESS

East Hartford Police Department Pension Plan – **Tabled** at the October 15, 2019 meeting

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Linda Russo
to **REMOVE FROM THE TABLE** the motion to approve the “Retirement Plan for Full-Time Employees of the Police Department of the Town of East Hartford” as presented and attached to a memo from Mayor Marcia Leclerc to Town Council Chair Rich Kehoe, dated October 4, 2019 with an effective date and an expiration date in conjunction with the provisions of Article 12 of the Plan – that was approved by the Police Union on September 24, 2019.
Motion carried 6/0. **Abstain:** Clarke, Torres

On call of the vote to **approve** the motion removed from the table, motion carried 6/0.
Abstain: Clarke, Torres

Once fully executed, a copy of the pension plan will follow these minutes.

Contract between Town of East Hartford and Local 1548 International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO – **Tabled** at the October 15, 2019 meeting

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Linda Russo
to **REMOVE FROM THE TABLE** the motion to approve the tentative agreement for a successor collective bargaining agreement between the Town of East Hartford and Local 1548 International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 as outlined

and attached to a memo dated October 8, 2019 from Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor to Rich Kehoe, Town Council Chair and as ratified by the bargaining unit members on October 7, 2019.
Motion carried 6/0. **Abstain:** Clarke, Torres

On call of the vote to **approve** the motion removed from the table, motion carried 6/0.
Abstain: Clarke, Torres

Once fully executed, a copy of the contract will follow these minutes.

Contingency Transfer of Funds

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **approve** a contingency transfer to provide a source of funds to settle the Firefighters' Contract for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 as follows:

From Acct G9600-60201 Contingency Reserve – Contract Negotiations	\$238,927
To Acct G5317-60110 Fire Suppression	\$238,927

Motion carried 6/2. **Nays:** Clarke, Torres

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation from Ordinance Committee re: Revisions to Chapters 7 and 21 of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances – Blight Ordinance

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Esther Clarke
to **amend** the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances by repealing the following Sections in Chapter 7 and substituting or adding new language where applicable: Sections 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, 7-8a, 7-9, 7-23 and 7-24 through 7-28; and to **amend** the following in Chapter 21:

- Section 21-1: subsection (a) and subsection (h)
- Section 21-3: subsection (b) (2); and
- To delete Sections 21-4, 21-9, 21-10, 21-12, 21-13 and 21-15 through 21-48 in their entirety

consistent with the draft dated October 7, 2019 entitled "Revised Blight Ordinance" which was approved by the Ordinance Committee at their September 23, 2019 meeting.
Motion carried 8/0.

Silver Lane School Shingled Roof Replacement Project

MOTION By Shelby Brown
seconded by Linda Russo
to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ADD A PROJECT TO THE TOWN'S 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, TO AUTHORIZE AN APPROPRIATION, TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION, TO SEND THE PROJECT TO THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE, AND TO FUND THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE PROJECT COST

WHEREAS, the Town of East Hartford Board of Education has identified that a "shingled roof" replacement project at the Silver Lane School is a priority of the school district and qualified for State School Construction reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the roof replacement including design and construction is anticipated to total \$236,663 with the State reimbursing 76.43% or \$180,881 leaving the School District to pay 23.57% or approximately \$60,000 which includes an amount for unforeseen ineligible costs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve the following items:

1. The addition by resolution to the Town's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan, the Silver Lane School Roof Replacement Project in the amount of \$236,663,
2. The appropriation of \$236,663 to fund the Silver Lane School Roof Replacement Project,
3. The authorization of the East Hartford Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the Silver Lane School Roof Replacement Project,
4. That the Town's Public Building Commission is hereby charged with the oversight and approval of the Silver Lane School Roof Replacement Project,
5. That the East Hartford Board of Education has budgeted the local share for this project in the Board's FY 20 budget,
6. That the Town of East Hartford hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Silver Lane School Roof Replacement Project.

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

Local Prevention Council Grant

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Linda Russo
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 11, 2019. 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.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Assessment Program

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

WHEREAS the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made funds available for the assessment of environmentally-compromised properties, known as Brownfields; and

WHEREAS these assessments are a necessary step in the remediation and redevelopment of these properties; and

WHEREAS cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties protects the environment, reduces blight and takes development pressure off greenspaces and working lands.

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 EPA as they pertain to this Brownfields Assessment grant.

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

Fiber to the Library Communications Grant Program

MOTION By Shelby Brown
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Library has made grant funds available to principal public libraries for high-speed fiber connections to the Connecticut Education Network (CEN); and

WHEREAS upgrading to a fiber connection is becoming necessary to keep pace with changes in technology and the public's growing data needs.

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 Connecticut State Library as they pertain to this Fiber to the Library Communications Grant Program.

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

2019-2020 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant

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

WHEREAS The Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Capitol Region Council of Governments have offered funding under the Public Health Emergency Preparedness program; and

WHEREAS this money goes toward supporting planning, training, exercise, operations and intervention activity expenses relative to the prevention and/or mitigation of disease outbreaks and injuries resulting from epidemics, disasters and bioterrorism.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc has been empowered to make, execute and approve on behalf of this corporation any and all contracts or amendments thereof with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and/or the Capitol Region Council of Governments to fund a Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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

CT DOT Highway Safety Grant Program

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

WHEREAS the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) has made funds available for projects designed to reduce fatalities and injuries as a result of pedestrian and bicycle-involved crashes; and

WHEREAS strategies to achieve these goals include directing enforcement as well as education efforts towards driver and pedestrian behaviors that have been identified as contributing factors resulting in collisions.

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 DOT as they pertain to this Highway Safety Project grant.

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 \$10,335.17
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 8/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	Over Paid
2018-03-0051329	ANDERSON AILEEN M	2010/1FDXE4FS6ADA89773		-49.58
2018-03-0054098	BRADLEY SHERRY M	2001/JT8BF28G210322367		-61.07
2018-03-0054611	BRYAN LATOYA A	2007/2T1BR32E17C801626		-25.38
2018-03-0054935	BUSER AARON D	1999/JH4DC4351XS006510		-8.77
2018-03-0056250	CHAKRAVARTHULA VENKATA A	2016/1FA6P8AM1G5311641		-93.78
2018-03-0057538	CONTRERAS JUAN A	1999/1B7GG22X0XS270117		-55.93
2018-01-0001579	CORELOGIC TAX SRVCES	206 CLEMENT RD		-2705.47

2018-03-0058565	DAIMLER TRUST	2015/WDCTG4GBXFJ114382	-225.82
2018-03-0058567	DAIMLER TRUST	2016/4JGDA5GB8GA756744	-547.20
2018-03-0058582	DAIMLER TRUST	2016/WDCTG4GB2GJ250183	-318.24
2018-03-0059973	DINKINS AGNES	2008/JTDBT923181237596	-11.65
2018-03-0061466	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	2016/5N1AT2MV2GC760089	-536.40
2018-03-0063174	FURBUSH LEONARD J	2005/WWWCD63B25E018639	-96.16
2018-03-0063663	GAYLE GAYLE D	2001/1Y1SK528X1Z449102	-6.21
2018-03-0064018	GIVENS DIONDRA S	2011/5NPEC4AC0BH177375	-132.93
2017-03-0064533	GOLINO EUGENIA	1997/JHLRD1853VC065032	-22.50
2018-03-0064133	GOLINO EUGENIA	1997/JHLRD1853VC065032	-22.50
2017-03-0064844	GOODMAN DELFONE L	2014/5NPEB4AC7EH817198	-20.16 -368.55
2018-03-0064950	GRIVOIS GEORGE	2003/JTDBE32KX30163656	-10.35
2017-03-0066472	HERNANDEZ RUTH D	2006/JS2RD62H765351605	-121.95
2018-03-0066035	HERNANDEZ RUTH D	2006/JS2RD62H765351605	-117.45
2018-03-0066277	HINGORANI ARJUN K	2000/KMHCF35G0YU010756	-51.30
2018-03-0066520	HOLTZCLAW ROBERT M	2003/5VPCB16D833001019	-62.46
2018-03-0066557	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2016/5FNYP6H51GB015221	-674.65
2018-03-0068649	KASSEGNIN PHILIPS O	2013/5TDBK3EH1DS246013	-267.30
2017-03-0070193	LANDRY BONNIE L	2003/1SAAS01F331AR5179	-13.05
2018-03-0069732	LANDRY BONNIE L	2003/1SAAS01F331AR5179	-48.15
2018-03-0070560	LETT CINDY A	2010/3GNBABBDB0AS519533	-12.10
2018-03-0072124	MARTIN SAEKO I	2005/1NXBR32EX5Z487227	-74.79
2018-03-0072617	MC TRANSPORT LLC	1999/1FUYSYB2XPA89321	-36.81
2017-03-0074476	MITCHELL MARK A	2008/JNKAY01F38M650766	-146.82
2018-03-0074484	MOSELEY THOMAS R	2004/2HNYD18284H544339	-15.75
2018-03-0074485	MOSELEY THOMAS R	2007/JHMGD37617S041636	-11.70
2015-03-0074855	NEWTON WAYNE S	1998/1B3EJ56H7WN178319	-33.00
2018-03-0076717	PACCAR FINANCIAL	2017/2NP2HM6X2HM449362	-1526.62
2018-03-0077352	PELLICANE KIMBERLY K	2012/2HGFB2F51CH594750	-21.42
2018-03-0079628	RICHARDS LINDA D	2008/4F2CZ92Z08KM32185	-7.30
2018-03-0080193	RIVERA-COTTO MAGDIEL	2011/1FTFW1ET3BFC33033	-47.26
2018-03-0080596	RODRIGUEZ DEMETRIO A	2003/1FTNS24283HB93592	-145.13
2018-03-0080597	RODRIGUEZ DEMETRIO A	2000/JHMCG564XYC012181	-101.10
2016-09-0081613	ROLDAN ANNETTE	2015/1C4PJMCB3FW623117	-130.80
2017-03-0081672	ROLDAN ANNETTE	2009/1N4AL21E29C114357	-238.73

2018-01-0013257	ROSARIO LIONEL & WLMR	52 LAUREL ST		-28.35
2017-03-0081934	ROSE AUDLEY A	2007/1FTRW14567FA73902	-82.22	-456.76
2018-03-0081415	RUDDOCK LOUIS	2018/1HGCV1F10JA032609		-57.14
2018-03-0083000	SHEEHAN VINCENT J	2007/1FAFP34N87W258907		-17.19
2018-03-0083001	SHEEHAN VINCENT J	2007/5GTDN13E478160855		-63.94
2018-03-0083840	SOSA-HIRUJO RAMON A	2000/KMHJF35F2YU996581		-5.31
2018-03-0084032	SPINA SHARI L	2006/KMHDN56D46U203643		-12.51
2018-03-0087137	VEILLEUX DANIEL R	2008/2CNDL63FX86293948		-47.70
2018-03-0087356	VIENS ROBERTA J	2007/1G2ZH58N874241356		-23.13
2018-03-0087430	VILLEGAS DIANALIZ	2002/1N4AL11D22C118190		-14.04
2018-03-0087682	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	2016/3VWD17AJ8GM217475		-196.48
2017-03-0089712	WLOCHOWSKI GARTH P	2005/KMHDN46D65U040745		-96.75
2018-03-0089308	ZIEVE FRANCES W	1971/113271W152576		-9.36
		SUBTOTAL	-102.38	-10232.79
		TOTAL REFUND		\$(10,335.17)

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Workers' Compensation Claim of Police Officer Adam Aborn in Conjunction with the Pending Third Party Action Known as Aborn V. Nye, Docket No. CV-18-6104639-S

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **accept** in compromise of the town's workers' compensation lien regarding current employee, Adam Aborn, the sum of \$16,633 to be received from the total settlement proceeds of \$40,000 in the third-party action known as Aborn v Nye, et al, Docket No. HHD-CV-18-6104639-S.
Motion carried 8/0.

Workers' Compensation Claims of Former Town Employee, Timothy McConville

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Caroline Torres
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally

settle all outstanding workers' compensation claims of former town employee, Timothy McConville, for a total sum of \$25,000.00.
Motion carried 8/0.

Property Damage Claim of the Town against Providence Mutual

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending property damage claim of the Town (brick wall damaged by motor vehicle accident) against Providence Mutual for a total sum of \$19,200.00.
Motion carried 8/0.

Linda Williams v Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-18-6092390-S

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending Superior Court action known as Linda Williams v Town of East Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV-18-6092390-S, for a total sum of \$22,000.00.
Motion carried 8/0.

Ramos, Administrator of the Estate of Jose Maldonado v. Town of East Hartford, et al, Docket No. 3:16-CV-00166 (VLB) No action taken.

At this point in the meeting, Chair Kehoe yielded the Chair to Vice Chair Russo, who recognized Chair Kehoe for the following motion:

MOTION By Rich Kehoe
seconded by Esther Clarke
to **add** to the agenda, before Opportunity for Residents to Speak, the following item:

Resolutions Honoring Linda Russo, Ram Aberasturia, Marc Weinberg, Joe Carlson and Shelby Brown.

Motion carried 8/0.

Resolution Honoring Linda Russo

MOTION By Esther Clarke
seconded by Caroline Torres
to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS Linda Russo was appointed to the Town Council on February 3, 2009 to fill the vacancy created as a result of Jason Rojas' election to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS Linda has been elected to the Town Council for 5 straight terms; and

WHEREAS Linda has served as Chair of the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee and served on the Town Council's Investigation & Audit and Ordinance Committees and as liaison to the East Hartford Housing Authority and as a Council Representative on the Emergency Medical Services Commission; and

WHEREAS Linda's strong attention to detail and keen legal mind as a result of her years of serving as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Connecticut has ensured the Town Council's actions are clear and legally correct; and

WHEREAS Linda has a strong commitment to animal welfare issues and serves as a fashion counterweight to Ram Aberasturia.

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Town Council, along with Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc, extends its sincere, heartfelt appreciation to **Linda Russo** for her dedication and service to the Town of East Hartford and wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.*

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

Resolution Honoring Ram Aberasturia

MOTION By Rich Kehoe
 seconded by Esther Clarke
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS Ram Aberasturia was born in Cuba and came to the United States at a very young age; and

WHEREAS his family settled in East Hartford where Ram attended East Hartford Public Schools; and

WHEREAS Ram's life experiences has instilled in him a love for public service and giving back to his community; and

WHEREAS Ram was elected to the Board of Education in 2005, appointed to the Town Council on February 15, 2011 to fill the vacancy created as a result of Marcia Leclerc assuming the office of Mayor and has been re-elected to the Town Council since that appointment; and

WHEREAS Ram has served as Majority Leader since November, 2017 and served on the Town Council's Fees, Budget, Personnel & Pensions and Investigation & Audit Committees as well as liaison to the Metropolitan District Commission and as a Council Representative to the Economic Development Commission; and

WHEREAS Ram's leadership, cutting-edge style of clothing, deep affection for his family and strong sense of humor has continued a culture of bipartisanship and good fun on the Town Council.

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Town Council, along with Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc, extends its sincere, heartfelt appreciation to **Ram Aberasturia** for his dedicated and diligent work in service to the Town of East Hartford and wishes him all the best in his future endeavors.*

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

Resolution Honoring Marc Weinberg

MOTION By Esther Clarke
seconded by Rich Kehoe
to **adopt** the following resolution:

Whereas Marc Weinberg was first elected to the Town Council in November, 2003 and has been re-elected 7 times since then; and

Whereas Marc has served as Chair of the Fees Committee and as a member of the Town Council's Traffic and Transportation, Town-owned Property Other than Real Estate, Tax Policy and Personnel & Pensions Committees and as liaison to Riverfront Recapture; and

Whereas Marc has always taken very seriously his responsibility as a representative of the people of East Hartford; and

Whereas Marc has cared deeply about those who are in need of assistance, offering his hand in support and his voice for their plight; and

Whereas Marc has a keen sense of the history of our town and never misses the opportunity to remind people of their own personal history on their birthdays.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Town Council, along with Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc, extends its sincere, heartfelt appreciation to **Marc Weinberg** for his dedication and years of service to the Town of East Hartford and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

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

Resolution Honoring Joseph Carlson

MOTION By Rich Kehoe
seconded by Esther Clarke
to **adopt** the following resolution:

Whereas Joseph "Joe" Carlson served as Town Treasurer for ten years prior to being first elected to the Town Council in November, 2015 and re-elected in 2017; and

Whereas Joe served on the Town Council's Budget, Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition and Personnel & Pensions Committees in addition to being a liaison to the East Hartford Housing Authority; and

Whereas Joe's financial skills, honed through 10 years of service as Town Treasurer and Chair of the Pension and Retiree Benefit Board, has served the Town Council well during our discussions and decisions regarding our long term liabilities; and

Whereas Joe's calm demeanor and attention to detail ensured measured discussion on potentially contentious issues; and

Whereas Joe's deep faith and strong ethical sense has been a guiding force on the Town Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Town Council, along with Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc, extends its sincere, heartfelt appreciation to **Joe Carlson** for his dedication and commitment to the Town of East Hartford and wishes him blue skies and bright sunshine, whether on the Amalfi Coast in Italy or in his own backyard, for the road ahead.

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

Resolution Honoring Shelby Brown

MOTION By Esther Clarke
seconded by Caroline Torres
to **adopt** the following resolution:

Whereas Shelby Brown was elected to the Board of Education, serving two years before being elected to the Town Council in November, 2017; and

Whereas Shelby has served as the Chair of the Tax Policy Committee and as a member of the Town Council's Fees and Budget Committees; and

Whereas Shelby is a quick study, readily cutting to the bottom line on the most complex of issues; and

Whereas Shelby is a strong, ardent advocate for racial and gender equity and treating everyone fairly; and

Whereas Shelby has been a great colleague with a broad smile that can disarm the most contentious of conflicts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Town Council, along with Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc, extends its sincere, heartfelt appreciation to **Shelby Brown** for her dedication and commitment to the Town of East Hartford and wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.

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

It was a bittersweet moment for these five dedicated individuals when they each thanked the citizens of East Hartford for electing them to public service and also recognized their families for the sacrifices they make so that they are able to represent those voters. The Councillors, along with Mayor Leclerc, noted how much each one of them made a difference in the betterment of East Hartford. They will be missed.

At this point, Vice Chair Russo yielded the Chair back to Chair Kehoe.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Eileen Driscoll, 672 Forest Street, Craig Stevenson, 52 Milwood Road and Don Bell, 72 Main Street each thanked the outgoing Councillors for their dedication and commitment to the town.

Esther Clarke stated that under the Charter "...the Town Council shall meet at seven thirty p.m. on the second Monday in November, 1969 and biennially thereafter..." She noted that this election year is the 50th year that the Town Council has worked under the present Charter. The significance of this benchmark was not lost on those present. On November 12th, the Town Council will begin its "second chapter" in the history of East Hartford.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
seconded by Linda Russo
to **adjourn** (10:45 p.m.).
Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next regular meeting of the Town Council would be Tuesday November 26th.

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