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EAST HARTFORD

JANUARY 19, 2021

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe and Councillor Awet Tsegai  
In Chambers

PRESENT Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson, Minority  
Via "Teams" Leader Esther B. Clarké, Councillors Connor Martin, Angela Parkinson,  
Patricia Harmon and John Morrison

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. He stated that this was a "hybrid" meeting of the Council with two Councillors and the Council Clerk physically present in Chambers and seven Councillors available virtually via Microsoft "Teams". The Chair then asked the Council to join him in the pledge of allegiance.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Connor Martin  
to **amend** the agenda as follows:  
  
**add**, under New Business, item 8.D. entitled "Referral to Personnel & Pensions Subcommittee re: Assistant Fire Chief Job Description".  
  
Motion carried 9/0.

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

The Chair recognized the accomplishments of Mykquan "Mykey" Williams, an East Hartford resident who has developed a boxing career through the guidance of Paul Cichon, his longtime trainer and mentor. On Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>, Williams will be fighting in a super-lightweight division boxing match at Mohegan Sun which will be televised nationally. The Council wishes him well.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### January 5, 2021 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Angie Parkinson  
to **approve** the minutes of the January 5, 2021 Regular Meeting.  
Motion carried 9/0.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Action Plan

MOTION By Don Bell  
seconded by Awet Tsegai  
to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** The Town of East Hartford has received a special allocation of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus funds (CDBG-CV) authorized by the CARES Act of 2020 to be used to prevent, prepare for and/or respond to the coronavirus in the amount of \$766,793; and

**WHEREAS** receipt of this special allocation is contingent upon the submission of a Substantial Amendment to the 46<sup>th</sup> Program Year (PY) Action Plan and Certifications of Compliance; and

**WHEREAS** in accordance with the Grants Administration Office's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan, the Action Plan was published in a legal notice requesting public comment from January 5, 2021 through January 11, 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of East Hartford recognizes the need for funding the objectives contained in the CDBG-CV Action Plan and endorses this Plan as reflecting the Town's needs.

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council does support and authorize the submission of the CDBG-CV Action Plan and Substantial Amendment, and Grantee Certifications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and authorizes its Mayor, Marcia A. Leclerc, to act as representative of the Town and to enter into contract and any amendments thereof with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

On call of the vote, motion carried 9/0.

### **TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM CARES ACT 2020 (CDBG-CV) ACTION PLAN**

#### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

##### ***East Hartford Interfaith Ministries, Inc.***

**\$ 50,000**

Funding to supplement the operating budget of the Friendship Center's free hot meal program and funding to support the work of the Human Needs Fund to low/moderate income East Hartford residents including, but not limited to, assistance with rent and mortgage payments. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(D) and 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(B).

##### ***Interval House, Inc.***

**\$ 50,000**

Funding in support of services to low/moderate income East Hartford domestic violence victims including, but not limited to, assistance with rent and mortgage

payments. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(A).

<b>East Hartford CONNects</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Funding to supplement the operating budget for East Hartford CONNects, including, but not limited to, the Professional Skills Academy which provides career training to low/moderate income East Hartford residents. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(B).	
<b>* Public Safety Job Pipeline</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
Funding for recruitment and training for low/moderate income East Hartford residents considering careers in public safety. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(B).	
<b>Testing/Vaccine Distribution</b>	<b>\$ 47,000</b>
Funding for costs related to testing and vaccine distribution, including, but not limited to, staffing and distribution, in low-to-moderate income areas of East Hartford. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)(i).	
<b>Targeted Communication Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9,793</b>
Funding for costs related to targeted COVID-19 communications, including, but not limited to, printing and distribution. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)(i).	
<b>Town-wide Communication Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>
Funding for costs related to town-wide COVID-19 communications, including, but not limited to, printing and distribution. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(c).	

#### PROJECTS

<b>North End Senior Center COVID Response Center</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
Funding for physical improvements, including but not limited to, roof replacement, ADA upgrades restrooms and entryways and increased technology connections and equipment to enable the facility to operate as a response center for COVID-19. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(c), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(c).	

#### ADMINISTRATION

<b>Program Administration</b>	<b>\$ 80,000</b>
Oversight, management, coordination & monitoring related to activities designed to prevent, prepare for and/or respond to the coronavirus. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.206.	

**TOTAL \$766,793**

*\* Fire Chief John Oates explained that recruitment of minority candidates in fire service has been a challenge. To address that challenge, Chief Oates decided to develop a program that will grow the diversity in his department. It will begin at the junior high school level through coaching and mentoring and continue through higher levels of education. Hopefully, this will create a pathway for those who want to become a firefighter or paramedic for the East Hartford Fire Department.*

#### Referral to Fees Committee re: Bulky Waste Permit Fees

**MOTION** By Awet Tsegai  
seconded by Connor Martin  
to **refer** to the Fees Committee the current fee structure and procedures

for removing bulky waste, with instructions to review the collection process and its cost to determine if the current system is responsive to the needs of the residents of East Hartford, and report back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.  
Motion carried 9/0.

#### Refund of Taxes

**MOTION** By Connor Martin  
seconded by Awet Tsegai  
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$5,895.18  
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.  
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2019-03-0051493	ANNESSO ACQUISITIONS LLC	2016/54DC4W1B2GS804198	-310.50
2019-03-0051503	ANNESSO ACQUISITIONS LLC	2013/54DC4W1B7DS800045	-419.32
2018-04-0081020	BROOKS NAOMI M	2001/2HGES16591H550949	-199.00
2019-03-0054813	BUD BEHLING LEASING INC	2015/1GCWGF5F1264049	-357.40
2019-03-0055709	CAROLINIDE-FLORE MARIA M	2003/JF1SG65643H738982	-9.85
2018-03-0058010	CRANE RUSSELL D JR	2005/1LNHM87A45Y662608	-9.40
2019-03-0060341	DONLEN TRUST	2014/1FTNE1EW9EDA28745	-424.76
2019-03-0064485	GONZALEZ CARMEN L	2006/5FNRL38846B006579	-116.73
2019-03-0066655	HOAK DEBORAH J	2002/4S3BH665026630818	-26.77
2019-03-0068163	JENSEN DEBRA A	2016/5J6RM4H92GL110105	-43.42
2019-03-0069403	KING JAMES M	2003/2FAHP74W63X127711	-16.15
2019-03-0071628	LOZADA-BRION CARLOS H	2010/4T3BA3BB1AU014928	-9.42
2017-03-0073300	MCCOY WILLIAM JR	2013/2HKRM4H75DH681995	-543.60
2018-03-0072741	MCCOY WILLIAM JR	2013/2HKRM4H75DH681995	-513.46
2019-03-0073206	MCCOY WILLIAM JR	2013/2HKRM4H75DH681995	-470.26
2019-03-0073495	MCNEILLY JOLENE D	2006/1N4AL11E56C127142	-18.27
2017-03-0076940	ORTIZ AISHA	2014/WDDKJ5KBXEF234156	-436.73
2018-03-0077276	PEDROGO ALEXSANDER	2002/JN1DA31A92T301121	-55.75
2019-03-0080008	REYES DAMARIS	2003/2HGES16503H616663	-35.37

2019-03-0080054	REYES ZORAIDA	2005/5GZCZ63495S809480	-9.16
2019-03-0082432	SALMON CARMELLA E	2015/19XFB2F58FE262805	-10.00
2019-03-0083087	SCANLAN NORA Z	2009/JN8AZ18WX9W133615	-9.79
2018-03-0087671	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	2016/WAUFGAFC2GN166012	-1,031.86
2019-03-0088346	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	2016/WAUFGAFC2GN166012	-796.96
2019-03-0088978	WHITE STUART S	2000/JHLRD1840YC058843	-21.25
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ (5,895.18)</b>

Referral to Personnel & Pensions Subcommittee: Assistant Fire Chief Job Description

MOTION By Connor Martin  
seconded by John Morrison  
to refer to the Personnel & Pensions Subcommittee the job description for the Assistant Fire Chief for the purposes of reviewing the job description and compensation and report back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.  
Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK


Mayor Leclerc spoke on the following: (1) FEMA will reimburse the town for damages caused by Storm Isaias at 75%; (2) submission to FEMA for Covid-19 expenses is anticipated; (3) the town will receive 200 doses of the Covid vaccine for this week which will be administered to first responders and healthcare workers, among others; (4) the town's Youth Services Department is developing an on-line Covid support group; (5) the town received notification that the \$20,000 grant applied for from the State Historic Prevention has been approved; (6) the Library has amended their hours to curb evening hours due to limited activity; and (7) Police Chief Scott Sansom was appointed by the Connecticut Speaker of the House Matt Ritter to the Police Officers Standards Training Council.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By Esther Clarke  
                 seconded by Don Bell  
                 to **adjourn** (8:16 p.m.).  
                 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Attest



Angela M. Attenello  
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK