

*Robert J. Park*

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MICROSOFT "TEAMS"  
TAX POLICY COMMITTEE

TOWN CLERK  
EAST HARTFORD

FEBRUARY 9, 2021

PRESENT Angie Parkinson, Chair; Councillors Don Bell and Pat Harmon

ALSO Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel

PRESENT Linda Trzetzak, Finance Director  
Eileen Buckheit, Development Director  
Craig Stevenson (arrived 5:26 p.m.), Chair, Economic Development Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parkinson called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 24, 2020

MOTION By Pat Harmon  
seconded by Don Bell  
to **approve** the minutes of the November 24, 2021 Tax Policy Committee meeting.  
Motion carried 3/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

OLD BUSINESS

Economic Development Incentives Guidelines

Chair Parkinson started a discussion on the comparison of towns with incentive guidelines. Both she and Councillor Don Bell thought that East Hartford was in step with the other towns and perhaps even a bit more aggressive than most. The Chair noted that since the last meeting, the guidelines have undergone some tweaks and minor edits. Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel, said that the Mayor suggested that there should be an indication that the guidelines are for commercial businesses. Eileen Buckheit,

Development Director, stated that there is also going to be a marketing brochure and reviewed the various topics that will be included in that brochure.

Discussion on the specific elements of the document, specifically the requirements section in 1C, followed. Additionally, Councillor Bell stated he would like to see language in the guidelines that would deal with diversity such as "...a qualifying business must be committed to diversity and inclusion in hiring and provide the town with evidence of their efforts toward this end."

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By Pat Harmon  
                         seconded by Don Bell  
                         to **adjourn** (6:08 p.m.)  
                         Motion carried 3/0.

cc: Town Council  
     Mayor Leclerc  
     Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
     Linda Trzetzak, Finance Director  
     Eileen Buckheit, Development Director  
     Craig Stevenson, EDC Chair