

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

FEBRUARY 16, 2016

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr., 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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:45 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 Bill Horan
to **amend** the agenda as follows:
Under New Business add item 8. C., entitled "Recommendation from
Ordinance Committee re: Personnel Appeals Board membership".
Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Rafael Zeligzon, 430 Burnside Avenue, inquired on the time it will take to get a response to his concerns about his neighborhood. The Council would discuss the Administration's actions under Communications.

Susan Kniep, 44-46 and 50 Olde Roberts Street, is concerned about the economic condition of the town and stated that the Council should bear that in mind when considering pension and union contracts.

Mayor Leclerc commented on the following: (1) released her recommended budget which keeps the mill rate the same as last year; (2) since SB-1 is in effect, there will be a decrease in car taxes; (3) Raymond Library will hold an Aspen Initiative meeting; (4) TED presentations and discussion on timely topics will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Raymond Library; and (5) the Town Planner has made changes regarding the functional use of the Development Department, including zoning regulations, helping to modernize that department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **approve** the minutes of the February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting.
 Motion carried 9/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Pension Valuation and Investment Results Presentations

Donald Currey, Town Treasurer and Chair of the Pension and Retiree Benefit Board (Retirement Board), stated that the pension assets as of December 31, 2015 are as follows: \$126M – Equity; \$75.8 – Fixed Income; OPEB assets: \$2.2M – Equity; \$1.4M – Fixed Income. Mr. Currey believes that the discount rate (currently 8%) plays a key role in assuring whether the pension plan has enough assets to meet future obligations. The Retirement Board has approved lowering the discount rate to 7.75% in FY2016-2017. In addition the Retirement Board's target discount rate is 7% by FY2019-2020.

Segal Company: Pension Contributions for FY2016-2017

Ann Gineo, Senior Vice President and Consulting Actuary, and John Stiefel, Vice President and Consulting Actuary reviewed the town's pension plan through a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Stiefel reported that the town's contribution needed to fund the pension plan, after including employee contributions and assuming the lowering of the discount rate, for the 2016-2017FY is \$13,985,652, which is an increase of approximately \$2.1M.

3D Asset Management: Discussion of the Town's Portfolio – Equity Side

John O'Connor, President of 3D Asset Management, Inc., presented the returns on the equity side of the Town's portfolio. Mr. O'Connor stated that 3D manages three accounts for the town: Pension Equity Account – which is a stock account, Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) stock account and a cash transfer account.

Fiduciary Investment Advisors: Discussion of the Town's Portfolio – Fixed Income Side

Christopher Kachmar, Chief Investment Officer of Fiduciary Investment Advisors (FIA) addressed the returns on the fixed income side of the Town's portfolio. As of the end of December 2015, the pension fixed income is \$75.8M; the OPEB fixed income is approximately \$1.4M.

Response to Citizen Complaint: 442 Burnside Avenue

The Council reviewed the following report issued by the EHPD on 442 Burnside Avenue:

SUMMARY

Citi Food Mart is a small convenience store located at 442 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford, CT. It is located on the north side of Burnside Avenue between the "S" curve and Hillside Street. For this report a query was run for all logged cases at this address from 2014 to February 8, 2016.

Robberies

During this time period this business was the victim of an armed robbery three (3) times. These incidents are summarized below:

- 12/14/2014 – 2131 hours. The store owner was assaulted and armed by two male suspects. Money was taken. These two males were later arrested after being caught committing a bank robbery and confessing to this robbery.
- 12/17/2015 – 1830 hours. The store owner was robbed by three armed male suspects. Cigarettes and cash were taken.
- 1/24/2016 – 1544 hours. The store owner was robbed by three armed males. Cigarettes, cigars, and money were taken. This Robbery is still under investigation by the East Hartford Police Department Criminal Investigations Bureau

Burglary

On 7/17/2015 this business was burglarized during the overnight hours. During this burglary cigarettes and money was taken. An arrest was made on this case due primarily to the store video identification of a suspect.

Compliance Checks

On 8/19/2014 the East Hartford Police Department assisted State of Connecticut Liquor Control, the East Hartford Zoning and Building Department, and the State of Connecticut Fire Marshal's Office on a compliance check. There were no violations found during this inspection. This compliance check was initiated by the Town of East Hartford.

On 7/28/2015 the East Hartford Police Department assisted the Department of Revenue in investigating the Citi Food Mart for cigarette violations. They did find that the business sold loose cigarettes and also sold cigarettes to a minor. The owner was cited by the Department of Revenue for these violations. This compliance check was initiated by the Department of Revenue Services.

There were also some miscellaneous nuisance complaints for this address which included:

- 10/12/2015 A highly intoxicated male in front of the store was transported to hospital
- 7/16/2015 Check welfare – A person had a problem because the store would not sell him loose cigarettes
- Two disputes were logged at this address during this two year time period. One involved tenants upstairs and the other was changed to a civil matter.
- Two motor vehicles were stolen from that address. Both of them were in 2014
- In 2015 the owner of Citi Food Mart was the victim of two people throwing bottles at him from the second floor of a neighboring address.

Moving Forward

Compliance Checks

There are many different agencies which may oversee possible state statute violations or other violations committed by the permittees of East Hartford convenience stores. The East Hartford Police Department will continue to assist these agencies with random compliance checks and will also request the assistance of these agencies for these checks if complaints are received concerning certain stores. These checks may be performed by the Patrol Division on Common Days in cooperation with the Criminal Investigations Bureau.

Security Education

The East Hartford Police Department can assist the town's convenience stores in increasing their security measures to reduce the chance of victimization. Some of these measures would include:

- Improve visibility by providing adequate lighting and installing mirrors; keep signs and shelves low.
- Install drop safes and signs that indicate little cash is kept on-hand.
- Maintain video surveillance.
- Provide silent and personal alarms.
- Establish emergency procedures including communications systems, training and education.
- Restrict customer access by reducing store hours and closing portions of a store.
- Take precautions when going to remote, isolated spots such as garbage areas and outdoor freezers.

- Lock doors not in use.
- Increase staffing during high-risk periods.

This security education program could be done in a cooperative effort with the police department's Criminal Investigations Bureau and Community Resource Officers

OLD BUSINESS

Recommendation from Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee re: New Job Description Fire Captain/Emergency Management – tabled at the February 2, 2016 meeting

No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Outdoor Amusement Permit Application: 2016 Masonicare Quality of Life Walk:

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Linda Russo
to **approve** the amusement permit application entitled “ 2016 Masonicare Quality of Life Walk”, submitted by Patricia L. Morgan, Director of Development for the Masonic Charity Foundation of CT, to conduct a walk promoting health and wellness in Great River Park on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from approximately 8:30AM to 12:30PM with music from 9AM to 12:00PM, 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; and to **waive** the associated permit fee under the provisions of Town Ordinance §5-6(a) as this event is being sponsored by a charitable organization.
Motion carried 9/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$8,445.19
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2014-03-0054617	BRUNO KRISTEN R	2009/3VWRZ71K29M041212	-169.00
2013-03-0055035	CAB EAST LLC- FORD CREDIT PER. PROP.	2012/1FAHP3F26CL240512	-235.17
2014-03-0057041	COLACCHIO KEVIN C OR IRENE A	2003/1D4HS58Z33F557535	-13.57
2014-03-0059851	DIAZ LUZ E	2004/4A3AB76S04E119768	-16.65
2014-03-0060789	DZEN COMMERCIAL ROOFING	2006/1HTMMAAL26H169356	-44.94

2013-03-0063326	GARCIA JOSE M	2013/1GT121CG9DF232788	-680.09
2014-01-0005607	GARRO ROBERT F	396 MAY RD	-10.25
2012-01-0005710	GERES DORIS J	124 WINDING LN	-10.00
2013-03-0067104	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TR	2011/KNDJT2A29B7247230	-261.23
2013-03-0067105	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TR	2012/KMHDH4AE8CU177268	-165.08
2013-03-0067115	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TR	2011/5NPEB4ACXBH149022	-348.00
2013-03-0067117	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TR	2011/5NPDH4AEXBH013033	-305.23
2013-03-0067120	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TR	2011/KM8JU3AC3BU184991	-457.64
2013-03-0067125	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TR	2012/KMHDH4AE1CU470297	-82.82
2013-03-0067134	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TR	2011/KNAGN4A78B5059495	-345.95
2013-03-0067137	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TR	2011/5XYKU4A15BG008491	-637.42
2013-03-0067139	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TR	2013/KMHDH4AE0DU582218	-89.30
2014-03-0070219	LE THANG VAN	1997/4M2DV1110VDJ45050	-37.84
2014-03-0070383	LEEMAN ANGELIQUE OR	2012/1GKKVRED0CJ329763	-455.85
2014-03-0070847	LISEE PAULINE M	2001/1FAFP55U11A148402	-16.46
2014-03-0072663	MCALLISTER DENNIS C OR SUSAN	1989/HMADE/HOMEMADE	-4.58
2014-03-0072665	MCALLISTER DENNIS C OR SUSAN	2005/4YDF329285D512376	-134.54
2014-03-0072667	MCALLISTER DENNIS C OR SUSAN	2009/5N1AR18B19C613757	-270.59
2014-03-0072668	MCALLISTER DENNIS C OR SUSAN	2003/1GCHK231X3F172566	-264.84
2014-03-0073944	MITCHELL LAKEISHA R	1995/2T1AE09B9SC115182	-51.59
2014-03-0081199	ROSAS VICTOR	2011/5FNYP4H40BB021256	-16.96
2014-03-0081931	SANCHEZ JUDITH	2004/19UUA65524A011606	-10.63
2014-03-0081932	SANCHEZ JUDITH	2004/19UUA66264A042524	-5.31
2014-01-0013387	SHIMMEL THOMAS J	70 RISLEY ST	-18.99
2014-04-0088096	SMITH SHANE M	1999/2FTRX17L1XCA76418	-19.48
2014-01-0014101	SUTTER RICHARD SUTTER CLARA & RICHARD L/U	30 ELLINGTON RD	-2595.68
2014-04-0088765	UTZ QUALITY FOODS INC	2012/JM1CW2BLXC0138857	-264.11
2014-03-0087600	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	2012/3VWJP7AT9CM602332	-405.40
		TOTAL	-8445.19

Ordinance Committee: Section 15-3 Personnel Appeals Board Membership

MOTION By Bill Horan
seconded by Esther Clarke
to **set** a public hearing date of Tuesday March 1, 2016 at 7:15PM in
Council Chambers to hear public comment on proposed revisions to
Section 15-3 of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances, entitled "Personnel
Appeals Board Membership. See draft below.
Motion carried 9/0.

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