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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

FEBRUARY 16, 2021

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Councillors Awet Tsegai, Connor Martin and John Morrison

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He explained that this meeting is, once again, a hybrid meeting with four Councillors physically present in Chambers and five Councillors attending virtually. He then asked the Council to join him in the pledge of allegiance.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Angie Parkinson
to **amend** the agenda as follows:

Add, under New Business, item 8.F. entitled
"The Town Council – acting as a Committee of the Whole for the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: Sidewalk Easement at 141 Brewer Street: Fire House No. 5".

Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 2, 2021 Executive Session

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Connor Martin
to **approve** the minutes of the February 2, 2021 Executive Session.
Motion carried 9/0.

February 2, 2021 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Connor Martin
to **approve** the minutes of the February 2, 2021 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 9/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Update by the EHPD: Police Cameras

Lt. Donald Olson, along with Deputy Chief Robert Davis and Detective Jason Smola, the Project Manager for the cameras, outlined the implementation of police cameras in certain areas of town. Some cameras would cover an intersection; others would have a 360-degree range and others could be adjusted remotely. The Council expressed a desire to enact regulations to govern the use of the cameras and protect privacy concerns.

Pension Valuation and Investment Results Presentations:

Lee Griffin, Town Treasurer and Chair of the Pension & Retiree Benefit Board (Pension Board), suggested that, in the interest of time, the meeting should proceed directly to the presentations.

DiMeo Schneider & Associates, LLC: Discussion of Town's Portfolio – Fixed Income Side

Christopher Kachmar, Chief Investment Officer of Fiduciary Investment Advisors (FIA) addressed the Council on the annual investment returns of the fixed income portion of the Town's pension and OPEB trust funds.

3D/L Capital Management: Discussion of the Town's Portfolio – Equity Side

John O'Connor, President of 3D/L Capital Management, Inc., and Ben Lavine, Chief Investment Officer of 3D/L Capital Management, Inc., presented the investment returns on the equity portion of the Town's pension and OPEB portfolio for the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. 3D/L manages three accounts for the town: Pension Equity Account – which is a stock account, Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and a cash management account.

Segal Company: Pension Contributions for FY 2021-2022

Henry Nearing, Plan Actuary, reported that the Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC) for FY2021-2022, after employee contributions, a 7.5% discount rate and a 3¼% amortization increase, is \$18,964,310. He also reported that as of June 30, 2020 there are \$22M in investment losses to be reflected in future years with the majority of these losses (\$17M) caused by the 2019-2020 plan year.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendations from Ordinance Committee:

Chapter 11. Fire Protection

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Esther Clarke
to **amend** the town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances by adopting the revisions to Chapter 11. Fire Protection, consistent with the draft dated January 27, 2021 that was unanimously approved at the January 27, 2021 Ordinance Committee meeting.
Motion carried 9/0.

Chapter 13 – ATV Nuisance Ordinance

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Esther Clarke
to **amend** the town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances by repealing Section 13-1 in Chapter 13. Offenses, and substitute in lieu thereof the new Section 13-1 that is consistent with the draft dated January 27, 2021 which was unanimously approved at the January 27, 2021 Ordinance Committee meeting.
Motion carried 9/0.

Tree Warden Powers and Duties

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Esther Clarke
to **amend** the town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances by repealing Section 20-1 in Chapter 20. Trees and Vegetation, and substitute in lieu thereof the new Section 20-1; and to repeal Sections 20-2 through 20-4, inclusive, consistent with the draft dated January 3, 2021 that was unanimously approved at the January 27, 2021 Ordinance Committee meeting.
Motion carried 9/0.

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Grants for Arts Projects Program

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

WHEREAS the National Endowment for the Arts has made funds available to local arts agencies through the Grants for Arts Projects Program; and

WHEREAS the Town desires to install a work or works of art at the new Senior Center that reflect the cultural and artistic aesthetic of East Hartford.

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 National Endowment for the Arts as they pertain to this Grants for Arts Projects program.

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

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
seconded by Connor Martin
to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT) through the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) has made funds available to municipalities through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program; and

WHEREAS the Town desires to install bicycle lanes on Silver Lane to enhance non-vehicular use in the area through connections to the local transit system, as described the Silver Lane Corridor Study.

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 CT DOT and CRCOG as they pertain to this CMAQ program.

AND LET IT BE FUTHER RESOLVED that the Town of East Hartford will provide all matching funds and will own, operate, and maintain the proposed project after it is completed.

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

Opioid Use Disorder Prevention Grant

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
seconded by John Morrison
to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS the State Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) has made funding available to address the opioid crisis through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery activities for opioid use disorder (OUD); and

WHEREAS The East Hartford Health Department has been chosen as partner for implementation of OUD-focused initiatives, including the Academic Detailing for Opioid Safety (ADOPS) and providing pharmacists and physicians with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) information.

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 DMHAS as they pertain to this Opioid Use Disorder Prevention grant.

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

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Connor Martin
seconded by John Morrison
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$ 69,167.39
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int	Over Paid
2019-03-0053720	BLAIN CAROL F	2009/1HGCP26359A016273	0	-35.23
2019-01-0002278	CARDOSO ELIZABETH J	152 OXFORD DR	0	-1,097.74
2019-03-0062985	FORAN THOMAS R JR	2007/JTNBB46KX73023115	0	-19.80
2019-02-0041632	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	333 BURNHAM ST	0	-81.81
2019-03-0064199	GILL ROXANNE D	2015/5NPE24AF7FH210522	0	-8.27
2019-03-0069155	KELLY DION J	2013/1FTFW1ETXDFA69492	0	-18.28
2017-01-0001371	LEGGETT STREET REALTY	69 LEGGETT ST	0	-34,172.70
2018-01-0001371	LEGGETT STREET REALTY	69 LEGGETT ST	0	-31,268.93
2019-04-0084345	LOUANGVANNASY SOU	2017/5FRYD4H51HB014967	0	-51.03
2020-99-0006579	MARTIN ALEXIS S	PARKING TICKET		-25.00
2019-03-0076953	ORTIZ MARIA E	2017/5TDDZ3DC2HS151105	0	-456.08
2019-03-0077558	PARKER X-RAY SOLUTION SERVICE INCORPORA	2018/5TDKZ3DC2JS930629	0	-402.17
2019-03-0082114	RUIZ ANA	2019/4S4BSANC3K3266587	0	-157.05
2019-03-0083778	SHRESTHA REENA	2013/JN8AS5MV0DW632778	-16.74	-279.00
2019-04-0080264	VIVA EXPRESS INC	2019/1XPXDP0X4KD606145	0	-796.50
2018-03-0087636	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	2016/1VWBT7A34GC040685	0	-40.72
2018-03-0087674	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	2016/1VWAT7A31GC036265	0	-68.67
2019-03-0089495	WIREDU BEN A	2007/5FNYP18577B022466	0	-171.67
		SUBTOTAL	-16.74	\$ (69,150.65)
		TOTAL		\$ (69,167.39)

The Town Council – Acting as a Committee of the Whole – re: 141 Brewer Street Easement

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
 seconded by Awet Tsegai
 that the Town Council, acting as a Committee of the Whole for the Real Estate Acquisition and Disposition Committee, **accept** the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation's offer of \$500 to acquire an easement along Brewer Street as shown on a map entitled RIGHT OF WAY SURVEY TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD MAP SHOWING EASEMENT ACQUIRED FROM TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD BY STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION JANUARY 2020, and **waive** all requirements set forth in Town Ordinances 10-19 (c), waiver of such requirements being in the best interests of the Town since it will allow for a beneficial road improvement program on Brewer Street.
 Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

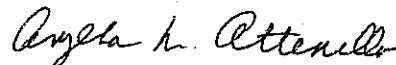
None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Don Bell
 to **adjourn** (10:46 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be March 2nd.

Attest



Angela M. Attenello
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK