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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN CLERK  
EAST HARTFORD

MARCH 2, 2021

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe and Councillor Awet Tsegai

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

ABSENT Councillor John Morrison

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. The Chair then invited the Council to join him in the pledge of allegiance.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Leclerc stated she received notification that the US House of Representatives passed the American Rescue plan, which provides East Hartford with \$14M of funding and the Board of Education will receive \$24M of funding. Hartford, Litchfield and Middlesex counties will receive additional funding of \$173M, which will be distributed in a manner yet to be determined. The bill is subject to Senate amendments and approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 16, 2021 Public Hearing/Ordinance Revisions

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Awet Tsegai  
to **approve** the minutes of the February 16, 2021 Public Hearing.  
Motion carried 8/0.

February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Awet Tsegai  
to **approve** the minutes of the February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting.  
Motion carried 8/0.

February 22, 2021 Budget Workshop – Police and Fire Departments

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Connor Martin  
to **approve** the minutes of the February 22, 2021 Budget Workshop –  
Police and Fire Departments.  
Motion carried 8/0.

February 24, 2021 Budget Workshop – Inspections/Permits, Board of Education &  
Information Technology

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Esther Clarke  
to **approve** the minutes of the February 24, 2021 Budget Workshop –  
Inspections/Permits, Board of Education & Information Technology.  
Motion carried 8/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Reappointment of Marilyn Pet to the Board of Directors of the Greater Hartford Transit  
District

MOTION By Connor Martin  
seconded by Don Bell.  
to **approve** the reappointment of Marilyn Pet, 235 East River  
Drive, to the Greater Hartford Transit District, whose term shall  
expire December 2024.  
Motion carried 8/0.

North Central Area Agency on Aging Grocery Delivery Grant Program

MOTION By Angie Parkinson  
seconded by Don Bell  
to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (NCAAA) has made funds available for the  
operation of a grocery delivery program to benefit senior citizens in the Town of East Hartford; and

**WHEREAS** this program provides East Hartford senior citizens with assistance that helps them remain  
independent and self-sufficient residents of their own homes.

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED** that Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is  
authorized and directed to file an application on forms prescribed by the NCAAA for financial assistance in an  
amount not to exceed \$2,100 and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a funding  
agreement and any amendments as may be required with the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. for  
the purposes of administering a grocery delivery to elderly residents program.

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

## OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Rich Kehoe asked if the Town is removing trees from the corner of Forbes and Chester Streets. *The Mayor believes that property is privately owned by Habitat for Humanity. The Town would not be involved.*

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Robert Briggs v. William Perez, Et Al., Docket No. HHD-CV-18-6105334-S

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Awet Tsegai.  
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally  
settle the pending Superior Court action known as Robert Briggs v William Perez,  
et al., Docket No. HHD-CV-18-6105334-S for a total sum of \$1,000,000.00.  
Motion carried 8/0.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Mayor Leclerc announced that the Town would be the recipient of \$1.8M additional state funding for lost property taxes because the state does not allow towns to tax manufacturing equipment (also known as PILOT MM&E) through the advocacy of State Representative Jason Rojas.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke  
seconded by Don Bell  
to **adjourn** (7:56 p.m.).  
Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be the public hearing on the town's Budget for FY22 on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Attest

Angela K. Ottum

Angela M. Attenello  
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK