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MARCH 9, 2021

SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors
Awet Tsegai and John Morrison

PRESENT Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson, Councillors
Via Teams Connor Martin, Angela Parkinson and Patricia Harmon

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He explained that this was a hybrid meeting as has been the case for the past several months due to the pandemic. The Chair then invited the Council to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of the 2021-2022 Budget

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Awet Tsegai
to **adopt** the following budget for 2021-2022 in accordance
with Section 6.4(b) of the Town Charter, as follows:
Town Government Budget of-----\$ 96,047,082
Board of Education Budget of-----\$ 94,179,245
and a Debt Service payment of -----\$ 8,716,889
and a Capital Improvement Budget of-----\$ 2,129,890
for a total budget of -----\$201,073,106
be amended as follows:

Description	Account Number	Amount	
Intergovernmental Distressed Municipalities	G0350 42536	(4,539,757)	Decrease
Intergovernmental Payment in Lieu of Taxes	G0350 42531	500,000	Increase
Intergovernmental Municipal Project Grants	G0350 42526	1,800,000	Increase
Miscellaneous Revenue	G0320 51760	105,772	Increase
Current Tax Levy	G0370 40067	2,211,985	Increase
Subtotal – Revenue Increase		<u>78,000</u>	
Library Programs	G2400 63308	1,000	Increase
Culture and Fine Arts – Indigenous People Day	G9884 63376	1,000	Increase
Culture and Fine Arts – Immigrants Contribution	G9884 63377	1,000	Increase
Reserve For Contingency	G9600 63492	75,000	Increase
Subtotal – Expenditures Increase		<u>78,000</u>	
Net Inc. (Dec.) to Mayor's Recommended Budget			

And further, the increased contingency account will be used to fund, among other things, the following: (1) the public safety job funnel program; (2) economic development outreach to

the small business community; (3) police/mental health provider collaboration; (4) increased internship opportunities; (5) blight enforcement; and (6) implementation of a revised bulky waste permit and enforcement process.

Motion carried 6/3 Nays: Clarke, Harmon, Morrison

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Esther Clarke
that the taxes for the uniform fiscal year 2021-2022 will be due and payable as follows: one half on July 1, 2021 and one half on January 1, 2022, except when the tax due is not in excess of \$400 and then it shall be due and payable in full on July 1, 2021, or when the property tax due is in an amount less than \$5.00, such tax shall be waived pursuant to C.G.S. §12-144c.
Motion carried 9/0.

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Awet Tsegai
to **adopt** the following receipts for the 2021-2022 uniform fiscal year in accordance with Section 6.4(b) of the Town Charter as follows:

Grand List as of October 1, 2020 for:

Real Estate and Personal Property	\$ 2,529,222,893
Motor Vehicles	\$ 296,511,790

Tax Collection Rate 98.87

Mill Rate Setting Generating Taxes of:

Real Estate and Personal Property @ 49.35	\$ 123,406,716
Motor Vehicles @ 45.0000 (incl. Supple. MV)	\$ 14,715,425
Totaling	\$ 138,122,141

(Local Elderly, Veteran's, Leased Engines Relief)	- 520,000
Other Receipts	\$ 63,548,965

Total Revenue	<u>\$ 201,151,106</u>
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Motion carried 6/3. **Nays:** Clarke, Harmon, Morrison

Resolution Approving the Proposed Special Revenue Program and Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Awet Tsegai
to **adopt** the following resolution:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED:

That the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve the Mayor's recommendation for the Special Revenue Programs to be conducted during the fiscal year 2021-2022 on a self-supporting basis, and further requires that any new programs to be offered under Special Programs Fund must first be approved by the Town Council. The Council further requires that any excess funds accruing in this account at the end of each fiscal year, as determined by the independent auditors, shall be transferred to the General Fund as revenue in the next succeeding fiscal year.

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

Adoption of the Town of East Hartford's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
 seconded by Don Bell
 to **adopt** the Town of East Hartford's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for
 fiscal years 2021-2022 through 2025-2026 as contained in the Mayor's
 Recommended Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.
 Motion carried 6/3. **Nays:** Clarke, Harmon, Morrison

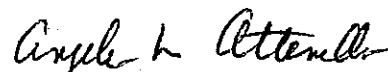
The Councillors thanked the Mayor and her Directors for their hard work during the budget process. They also recognized the impact this budget has on the town's residents and thanked them for their support.

Mayor Leclerc addressed the Council on this, her last budget. She stressed the fact that this budget meets the wide scope of services that East Hartford's residents have come to rely upon. The Mayor also noted that this budget was completed with a clear lens on prioritizing and incorporating racial equity within the budgeting process. She thanked the Councillors and her Directors for their diligence during the process of formulating this budget.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Don Bell
 to **adjourn** (7:58 p.m.)
 Motion carried 9/0.

Attest



Angela M. Attenello
Town Council Clerk