

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM / MICROSOFT "TEAMS"

50 CHAPMAN PLACE

EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

April 2, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING- Bidding Threshold, Sidewalk Repair and Maintenance, and
Food Vendor Ordinances

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina
Wilson, Minority Leader John Morrison, Councillors Angie Parkinson, Thomas
Rup, Awet Tsegai, Travis Simpson, and Harry O. Amadasun, Jr.

The following is a copy of the legal notice published in the East Hartford Gazette on
Thursday, March 21, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

The Town Council of the Town of East Hartford will hold a Public Hearing in the
Community Cultural Center Auditorium, and via the Teams platform, on Tuesday, April 2,
2024 @ 7:15 pm. to hear public comment on the Town Bidding Threshold Ordinance, the
Sidewalk Repair and Maintenance Ordinance and the Food Vendor Ordinance.

Any person(s) wishing to express an opinion on this matter may do so at this
meeting.

Jason Marshall
Town Council Clerk

Chair Kehoe called the public hearing to order at 7:17 pm.

The Chair stated that the purpose of this meeting is to hear public comment on three
ordinances that have been proposed for passage.

Bidding Procedures and On-Call Services

The Chair stated that it has been 11 years since the Town's bidding ordinance
requirements have been updated. The proposed changes would increase the minimum
contract amount required for the town to solicit bids from \$10,000 to \$25,000 which is
consistent with a survey of similar sized towns to East Hartford, and also reduces the
amount of personnel resources and delay that goes with the process for seeking bids.
Finally, the maximum amount for any cumulative payments for an on call service contract
is increased from \$150,000 to \$175,000 to reflect inflation rates since it was last amended
5 years ago. The time limit for on-call contracts remains the same at a maximum of 5
years.

Food Vendors

The original referral was given to the Ordinance Committee to consider restrictions on where food trucks could be located relative to brick and mortar restaurants. The ordinance as constructed allows for trucks to locate at any location that Police and Health Department consider are without safety or health risks. There is a legal question as to the ability of a town to restrict the location of a food truck solely for the purpose of reducing any competitive impact. The committee took no action on that matter but made a number of technical changes to better align town ordinances with State health laws.

Sidewalk Maintenance

The revisions proposed regarding sidewalk maintenance remove the responsibility of an abutting property owner to maintain and repair any public sidewalk adjoining such property since state law places that responsibility on the Town. Snow and other obstruction removal is still the responsibility of the property owner.

The Chair then opened the floor to public comment.

No one came forward to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By John Morrison
 seconded by Don Bell
 to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Motion carried 9/0.

Attest _____
 Jason Marshall
 Town Council Clerk