

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM

April 2, 2024

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Don Bell, Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson, Minority Leader John Morrison, Councilors Angie Parkinson, Travis Simpson, Thomas Rup, Awet Tsegei and Harry Amadasun, Jr.

ABSENT

ALSO Mayor Connor S. Martin
PRESENT Melissa McCaw, Chief Administrative Officer and Finance Director
Alex Trujillo, Director of Public Works
Justin Stanziale, Director of Facilities (via Teams)
Doug Wilson, Town Engineer (via Teams)
Ekaterine Tchelidze, Chief of Staff (via Teams)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. The Chair stated that this meeting was also available to the public through the “Teams” platform.

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

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Martin

- wished all a good evening
- reminded residents that the Town Clerk has moved back to their previous permanent location in Town Hall. Additional departments will be relocating back to the building in two phases with Town Hall fully open to the public on May 20.
- The Memorial Day Parade on May 24th is at full vendor capacity. Participants with interest in walking in the parade must submit an application by May 1st. Step-off for the parade is at 10 a.m.
- The Town’s 3rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration is scheduled for Saturday June 15th from 11am-4pm on the Town Green/Alumni Park.
- Former East Hartford Fire Department employee Brian Rykowski will be inducted into Connecticut State Firefighters Association Hall of Fame for 2024
- recognized Jerry and Jacquelyn Brewer Croft, 139 Harvest Lane for making a \$5,000 donation to the Town’s paramedic program.
- provided the Council with a monthly Media Coverage Report highlighting various media articles centered on East Hartford.

- ARPA reallocations initially planned for this meeting's agenda have been removed. One of the items, a project to redevelop the Golf Course restaurant building porch into a three season room had originally been estimated at \$125,000 but actual bids were more than \$250,000. After meeting with management of the facility, the Mayor feels that other capital improvements to the course may be a higher priority. The Administration will continue to review options with a goal of seeking Town Council approval for a complete set of reallocations at the next regular council meeting. .
- Shared renderings of planned short term improvements for the revitalization of Bissell Street. With the potential closure of the street, plans for traffic reconfiguration are underway. The Mayor's goal is to close the road by July 1 so summer entertainment events can be held at that site.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 19, 2024 Executive Session

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Travis Simpson

to **approve** the minutes of the March 19, 2024 Executive Session

Motion carried 9/0

March 19, 2024 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by John Morrison

to **approve** the minutes of the March 19, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion carried 9/0

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Bid Waiver re: Partial Roof Replacement at Public Safety Complex

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
seconded by Tom Rup

that pursuant to Section 10-7(c) of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances, the Town Council **waive** the bidding requirements required by Section 10-7(a) and allow the town to contract with K&S Property Holdings, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$251,000 for repair work on the roof of the Public Safety Complex at 31 School Street as detailed in a memo from Mayor Connor S. Martin to Town Council Chair Richard Kehoe dated March 22, 2024.

For each subsequent re-inspection, costs will be as follows:

Commercial Re-Inspections: \$60.00

Residential Re-Inspections: \$25.00

Motion carried 9/0

Referral to Tax Policy Committee re: Tax Lien Sales

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
seconded by Don Bell

to **refer** to the Tax Policy Committee the list of 115 properties recommended for the Town's annual tax lien sale, totaling \$1,356,664.85 in delinquent taxes as recorded on a list attached to a memorandum dated March 25, 2024 from Finance Director Melissa McCaw to Mayor Connor Martin, with instructions to review the proposed lists of properties and the criteria used by the town to implement a tax lien sale and to report back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.

Motion carried 9/0

Referral to Real Estate Acquisition and Disposition Committee: Classification of Rosenthal Street as a Town Road

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
seconded by Tom Rup

to **refer** to the Real Estate Acquisition and Disposition Committee consideration of the acquisition of Rosenthal Street to be classified as a Town Road as detailed in a memo from Mayor Connor Martin to Town Council Chair Richard Kehoe on March 26, 2024 and report back to the full Council with its recommendations, if any.

Motion carried 9/0

Amusement Permit Applications

Centennial Celebration

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
seconded by John Morrison

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Centennial Celebration" as submitted by Mack Hawkins, Chief of Police, to be held at Goodwin University located at 1 Riverside Drive scheduled for Friday April 19, 2024 between the hours of 5:30 and 9:00 pm, 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.

Motion carried 9/0

18th Annual Abelon Memorial Walk

MOTION By Harry Amadasun
seconded by Tom Rup

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled “18th Annual Abelen Memorial Walk” as submitted by Mack Hawkins, Chief of Police, scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2024 on the grounds of Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street proceeding to Sunset Ridge School (450 Forbes Street) and back, 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 Section 5-6(a) in the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances, as this is a not-for-profit event.

Motion carried 9/0

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Harry Amadasun
seconded by John Morrison

to **approve** a total refund of taxes in the amount of \$280,924.00 pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Motion carried 9/0

Bill	Name/ Check payable to:	Address	City/State/Zip	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	Over Paid
2022-01-0000428	ALICEA ANGEL & OLGA I	74 BLISS ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	74 BLISS ST		-2,533.05
2022-03-0053600	BIGGS LESBERT R	27 GOLD ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-1115	2022/2HKRW2H57NH645398		-13.83
2022-01-0002589	BOITSON CHRISTOPHER	284 WESTCHESTER RD	COLCHESTER, CT 06415	29 WINDING LN		-2,513.90
2022-03-0054524	BROWN AVRIL E	330 PARK AVE APT D	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-4716	2018/2T3RFREV6JW715439		-20.69
2022-03-0055456	CAPITAL LEASE GROUP LTD	145 MANLEY ST	BROCKTON, MA 02301	2019/1FTYR1CMXKA03895		-71.06
2022-03-0056938	COBIAN NICHOLAS F	55 WAKEFIELD CIR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-1628	2019/1C6SRFFT7KN900071		-6.76
2022-01-0008151	CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED REFUNDS	3001 HACKBERRY RD	IRVING, TX 75063	35 BROAD ST		-2,346.92
2022-01-0004893	CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED REFUNDS	3001 HACKBERRY RD	IRVING, TX 75063	82 SO PROSPECT ST		-2,825.71
2022-01-0011729	CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED REFUNDS	3001 HACKBERRY RD	IRVING, TX 75063	35 RIVAL CT		-3,428.09
2022-03-0058560	D & S LOGISTICS INC	PO BOX 380735	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06138	2019/3C6TRVBG4KE500691		-1,062.09
2022-01-0004173	DONOFRIO DOLORES J	22 MCKEE ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	22 MCKEE ST		-224.63
2022-03-0060746	DUPRE ROGER E	112 HOLLAND LN	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-1727	2014/3GCUKREH9EG224935		-452.14
2019-01-0000447	GOODWIN COLLEGE 417 MAIN LLC	ONE RIVERSIDE DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	417 MAIN ST		-51,604.00
2020-01-0005745	GOODWIN COLLEGE 417 MAIN LLC	ONE RIVERSIDE DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	417 MAIN ST		-51,014.78
2021-01-0005721	GOODWIN UNIVERSITY INC	ONE RIVERSIDE DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	417 MAIN ST		-73,867.24
2022-01-0005826	GOODWIN UNIVERSITY INC	ONE RIVERSIDE DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	417 MAIN ST		-38,320.89
2022-01-0012275	HOMEOAN SERV	PO BOX 7899	BOISE, ID 83707-1899	16 FORBES ST		-2,543.68
2010-01-0012135	IGLESIA FUENTE DE SALVACION MISIONERA IN	306 TOLLAND ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	302-306 TOLLAND ST		-2,884.60
2022-03-0069272	KILBURN SARAH B	52 CAVAN RD	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-2011	2020/5NMS5CAD2LH301466		-315.80
2022-01-0013519	LAW OFFICE OF JACQUELINE REARDON	37 MAPLE AVE	WINDSOR, CT 06095	31 HIGH ST 4206		-1,374.90
2022-01-0008048	LEE BRUCE	50 MOHAWK DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	50 MOHAWK DR		-20.03
2022-03-0072196	MARTIN CAROL N	50 DARTMOUTH DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-1426	2005/2T2HA31U95C052156		-27.59
2022-03-0075905	NTUNDUMULA ESSENCE S	98 PARK RIVER DR UNIT 1809	HARTFORD, CT 06112	2011/KNAGR4A66B5112352		-10.00
2022-01-0010446	ONS INVESTMENTS LLC	P O BOX 110095	TRUMBULL, CT 06611	1140-1162 BURNSIDE AVE		-30,934.88
2022-01-0011000	PAUL HILLARY	33 CHRISTOPHER CT	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	33 CHRISTOPHER CT		-2,691.51
2022-03-0080287	RIVERA WILLIAM R	111 GROVE ST	WINDSORLOCKS, CT 06096	1997/4T1BF12B8VU168704	-2.00	-16.23
2022-01-0003470	SCHIFER LORRAINE	9 CARDINAL DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	9 CARDINAL DR		-9.00
2022-01-0001769	ST AMANT MELISSA	111 FOREST LN	GLASTONBURY, CT 06033	705 HILLS ST		-3,717.36
2021-03-0083218	STEPHENSON CHERYL L	31 CAVAN RD	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-2012	2016/WMWZC5C56GWU04105		-62.65
2022-01-0014321	THOMAS SARA & WILLIE F	19 WAKEFIELD CIRCLE	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	19 WAKEFIELD CIR		-1,236.21
2020-04-0089020	TOLLAND AUTOMOTIVE ENT INC	PO BOX 280188	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06128	2002/2NKMZH7X42M897782		-370.22
2021-01-0015062	VISTA TOWER LLC	PO BOX 2673	MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457	36 MAIN ST		-1,870.42
2022-01-0015050	VISTA TOWER LLC	PO BOX 2673	MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457	36 MAIN ST		-1,940.68
2022-04-0086914	VW CREDIT INC	1401 FRANKLIN BLVD	LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048	2023/WA1EAAFY7P2014802		-585.09
2022-03-0088484	WILLETTE JANET A	271 BREWER ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-2100	2013/5FNFY4H6XDB018630		-5.37
SUB TOTAL					-2.00	-280,922.00
TOTAL						\$ (280,924.00)

[OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION](#)

[COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS](#)

[The pending tax assessment appeal known as ZELDA ENTERPRISE, LLC v. TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD – Docket Number HHB-CV22-6073107-S, involving real property located at 11 Nelson Street, East Hartford and 17 Nelson, East Hartford Street for the Grand List year 2021 through Grand List year 2025.](#)

MOTION By Don Bell

to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending tax assessment appeal known as ZELDA ENTERPRISE, LLC v. TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD, Docket Number HHB-CV22-6073107-S, involving real property located at 11 Nelson Street, East Hartford and 17 Nelson Street, East Hartford to adjust the Appraised Parcel Value of 11 Nelson Street, East Hartford from \$204,400.00 to \$200,000.00 for the Grand List year 2021 through Grand List year 2025 and **authorize** a refund or reduction of \$126.28 for Grand List year 2021, and a refund or reduction of \$131.02 for Grand List year 2022.

MOTION By Don Bell
seconded by Travis Simpson

to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending tax assessment appeal known as KHALID NAEEM v. TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD, Docket Number HHB-CV22-6073104-S, involving real property located at 194 Main Street, East Hartford to adjust the Appraised Parcel Value of \$268,040.00 to \$250,000.00 for the Grand List year 2021 through Grand List year 2025 and **authorize** a refund or reduction of \$517.42 for Grand List year 2021, and a refund or reduction of \$536.86 for Grand List year 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair wished all a good evening and announced that the next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Tuesday April 16th.

Attest _____
Jason Marshall
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK