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APRIL 4, 2017

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr., Majority Leader
Linda A. Russo, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I.
Weinberg, Ram Aberasturia, Joseph R. Carlson and Patricia Harmon

ABSENT Councillor Michael G. Kurker

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. 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.

The Chair called for a moment of silence to recognize the accomplishments of retired K-9 Axel, who had recently passed away. Both Officer John Zavalick, Axel's handler, and Axel retired from the East Hartford Police Department in 2015. Axel served the town of East Hartford admirably for eight years. He will be missed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) believes that the Town needs to review the Zoning Board of Appeals membership to determine if any individuals should not be serving on that Commission; (2) asked that the Council not approve the appointments that are on the agenda until the Council is satisfied that the appointees are familiar with the law and their duties on the Board or Commission; and (3) asked that the Town inquire of the general public, not just the Democratic or Republican parties, to see if there is any interest in serving on a town Board or Commission.

Mayor Leclerc (1) stated that Chief Sansom has returned to work from the FBI Academy course; (2) thanked Deputy Chief Mack Hawkins for acting as Chief of Police in Chief Sansom's absence; (3) the EHPD will be enforcing the Distracted Driving Grant beginning April 4th through April 30th; (4) the Donate Life flag will be raised on Wednesday April 12th at 10AM in front of Town Hall; (5) on Friday, April 7th, Friends of East Hartford Seniors will host a breakfast honoring Senior Volunteers; (6) Fire Chief Oates performed the final inspection on the new rescue vehicle that will soon be added to East Hartford's inventory; (7) the EHFD hockey team hosted their annual charity game last week; and (8) the Parks and Recreation Department will be hiring lifeguards, camp counselors, park rangers, etc. to fill summer positions – applications are on the town's website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 21, 2017 Executive Session

MOTION By Joe Carlson

seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the minutes of the March 21, 2017 Executive Session.
Motion carried 6/0. **Abstain:** Horan, Russo

March 21, 2017 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Pat Harmon
to **approve** the minutes of the March 21, 2017 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 6/0. **Abstain:** Horan, Russo

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Presentation by Billy Casper Golf (BCG) re: East Hartford Golf Course

Mayor Leclerc introduced Ciaran Carr, Regional General Manager for BCG, who in turn introduced Chris Gibbs, the new General Manager of the East Hartford Golf Course. Mr. Gibbs is looking forward to working at the Golf Course and meeting the Councillors.

Also in the audience this evening was Ryan Phelps, Regional Director of Operations and Bill Abbe, Groundskeeper.

Mr. Carr then introduced Greg Sinder, Regional Director of Marketing, who used a PowerPoint presentation to outline the updates to the Golf Course and the rate structure for the upcoming season: (1) a new executive chef was hired to oversee the restaurant – Chad Wolfe; (2) the bar area in the club house is being renovated and clearly separated from the restaurant portion; (3) a canopy will be installed over the patio for better utilization of that space for 3-season outdoor dining; (4) through the tracking of sales, rates for Senior 9 holes and 18 holes will be eliminated on weekends, since most Seniors tend to play weekdays; (5) cart prices have been increased to where they were 2 years ago as lower prices did not increase sales; (6) a new communications strategy – through advertising – will better inform the residents of the Golf Course's events and restaurant offerings.

Another presentation will be scheduled for the summer, when more financial data is available.

Tim Bockus, Public Works Director, updated the Councillors on the re-construction of the cart paths and the installation of the new well.

Rotary Club of East Hartford – Donations Report

Chair Kehoe announced that in August 2011, the Town Council voted unanimously to allow the Rotary Club of East Hartford free use of the Veterans Memorial Clubhouse for its weekly meetings provided the Club donates a minimum of \$10,000 for the benefit of East Hartford residents on a yearly basis. A report containing such information would be due by July 1st of each year. Below is that report for the fiscal year 2015-2016 and for the fiscal year-to-date for 2016-2017.

ROTARY CLUB OF EAST HARTFORD CHARITABLE DONATIONS
SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF EAST HARTFORD
PERIOD 7/1/15 - 3/13/17

<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>FUNDED 2015-16</u>	<u>TO DATE FUNDED 2016-17</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Academy of Finance	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	High School students
EH Holiday Fest	\$ 200	\$ 200	
EH Little League	\$ 500	\$ 500	
EH High School Basketball League	\$ 0	\$ 500	
EH Homeless Shelter	\$ 2,598	\$ n/a	
EH Parks & Rec. Summer Concerts	\$ 0	\$ 300	
EH Police Department SRO's	n/a	\$ 3,200	ballistic vests/helmets
EH Youth Football	\$ 1,000	\$ 750	
EH Social Services: Back to School	\$ 262	\$ 250	
EH Social Services: Holiday gifts/food	\$ 1,402	\$ 2,848	adopted two families
EH Social Services: "Koats for Kids"	\$ 3,484	\$ 3,320	
Food Banks (5 @ \$400 each)	\$ n/a	\$ 2,000	
Mayberry School iPads	\$ 2,648	\$ n/a	
Scholarships high school graduates	\$12,000	\$12,000	6 @ \$2,000
School Business Partnership Program participation	\$ 1,000	\$ tbd	High School student
Totals:	\$26,094	\$25,868	

Resignation of Gladys Rivera from the Economic Development Commission

Chair Kehoe announced the resignation of Gladys Rivera from the Economic Development Commission and thanked her for her dedication to the town.

NEW BUSINESS

AT&T Foundation Grant

MOTION By Bill Horan
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS AT&T and the AT&T Foundation have made funding available to support projects that create opportunities, make connections and address community needs; and

WHEREAS the East Hartford Youth Services Department is eligible for this funding through its operation of several positive youth development programs and the provision of outreach services to help meet the needs of East Hartford's youth and their families.

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 AT&T and the AT&T Foundation as they pertain to this grant.

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

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **refer** to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee the
possible granting of an easement to Goodwin College across seven town-
owned parcels of land in connection with their proposed multi-use
recreational trail through the South Meadows, with instructions to
investigate the matter and report back to the Town Council with its
recommendation if any.
Motion carried 8/0.

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Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$62,963.25
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 8/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2015-01-0000677	AUDIBERT JOSEPH & GAIL M	26 NORIGE DR	-93.98
2015-01-0000022	BTV REALTY OF EAST HARTFORD LLC	1375 SILVER LN	-304.00
2014-03-0055351	CAMPBELL REBECCAANN	1997/2G4WS52M3V1461847	-14.08
2015-03-0059338	DELLARIPPA MARY E	2011/JN8AF5MV6BT023259	-152.94
2015-03-0061744	FEDORAS MICHAEL J	2002/2FTZF07372CA55885	-48.99
2015-03-0061844	FERNANDEZ CARMEN T	2005/1GTDT136358156718	-142.45
2015-01-0005365	FREMONT 155 LLC	255 PITKIN ST	-58457.10
2015-01-0005376	FREMONT 60 PPR LLC	60 PRESTIGE PARK RD	-10.00
2015-03-0063778	GOBIN GODFREY A	2000/3N1BB51D7YL102513	-50.87
2015-04-0084013	GUERRIERI ANTHONY L	1986/1HD1EBL45GY117793	-153.92
2015-01-0006374	HAMELIN RENE	16 RIVERMEAD BLVD	-100.00
2015-03-0065523	HEBREW TONGAS A	2011/3N1BC1CPXBL454506	-189.99
2015-03-0066326	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2012/5FNRL5H45CB098841	-471.60
2015-03-0066404	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2012/2HGFB2F88CH576899	-28.53
2015-03-0068650	KIMBALL JOYCE P	2014/5NPEC4AC3EH851247	-9.67
2015-03-0070304	LETTMAN GERALDO	2008/4S4WX90D084410066	-191.80
2015-03-0071186	MACFARLANE CHRISTINE I	2016/KMHDH4AE1GU520234	-205.54
2015-03-0071262	MADE U LOOK PROMOTIONS LLC	2010/5TEUU4EN5AZ736919	-133.83
2015-03-0072751	MCKEOWN BRIAN M	1999/4S3BK4350X7302486	-36.07
2015-04-0086054	MCNEIL DIANE M	2003/JNKDA31A93T108593	-6.13
2015-03-0073566	MILONE ELLEN M	2015/3TMLU4EN0FM205546	-334.44
2015-03-0075151	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2013/3N1AB7AP6DL690769	-134.68
2015-03-0075248	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2012/3N1AB6AP4CL634029	-121.29
2015-03-0075319	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2014/5N1AR2MM5EC730796	-225.74
2015-03-0075330	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2015/KNMAT2MV6FP513637	-146.96
2015-03-0075338	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2013/1N4AZ0CP5DC407485	-140.23
2015-03-0075348	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2013/1N4AL3AP0DC173312	-380.73
2015-03-0079018	RATAIC JANICE M	2000/1FMRU1665YLA26886	-7.00

2015-01-0012051	RAWLINITIS ROSEMARY A	55 WESTERLY TER	-30.38
2015-01-0012445	RODRIGUE RITA H	245 WOODMONT DR	-229.77
2015-03-0082023	SANTIAGO DENNIS M	2015/2T1BURHE3FC299693	-134.87
2015-03-0084030	STAR STAINLESS SCREW CO.	2011/2B3CL5CT8BH555334	-238.61
2015-03-0084865	TEDS PLUMBING AND	2015/54DC4W1C3FS805805	-17.06
2015-01-0005508	VU BANG & NGUYEN CHAP	12 ARAPAHO DR	-20.00
		TOTAL	\$ (62,963.25)

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Esther Clarke (1) asked the Administration to repair/reseed the front lawn of 58 Barbara Drive as a result of the road repair program. *The Mayor said she would look into it.* (2) asked if there was any way that the Memorial Day Parade could be held this year. *The Mayor indicated that whether or not the parade is held is the decision of the Patriotic Commission.*

Rich Kehoe commented that the program at Bicentennial Park for recognizing Memorial Day will still be held.

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Rafael Zeligzon, 430 Burnside Avenue, is concerned about questionable activity at the convenience store located at 442 Burnside Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **adjourn** (9:30 p.m.).
 Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced the next meeting of the Town Council would be **Wednesday**, April 19th.

Attest



Angela M. Attenello
 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK