

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM

April 4, 2023

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson (Arrived 7:38 pm), Minority Leader John Morrison, Councillors Angela Parkinson (via Teams), Awet Tsegai, Travis Simpson, Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Jr.

ABSENT

ALSO Mayor Michael P. Walsh
PRESENT Melissa McCaw, Finance Director (via Teams)
Connor Martin, Chief of Staff (via Teams)
Sarah Morgan, Library Director (via Teams)
Paul Neves, Lieutenant, East Hartford Police Department
Ted Fravel, Director of Parks and Recreation

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

MOTION By Don Bell
seconded by Tom Rup

to **add** the following item to the agenda:

Item 8L: Waiver of Bid re: Repairs to the Public Safety Impound Garage

Motion carried 8/0

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Sam Pines, Director of Fixed Operations at Hoffman Auto Group, spoke in favor of the referral to Fees committee regarding a request for reduction of permit fees for a planned construction project at 650 Connecticut Boulevard and asked for expedited review as they have construction crews ready to proceed..

Mayor Walsh

- wished all a good evening

- read the following proclamation in recognition of National Donate Life Month in light of the fact that we are unable to raise the Donate Life flag at Town Hall due to construction

“Donate Life Month”

WHEREAS, *National Donate Life Month (NDLM) was instituted by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003. Celebrated in April each year, NDLM features an entire month of local, regional and national activities to encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors; and*

WHEREAS, *over 104,2234 people are waiting in the United States for a life-saving transplant and a second chance at life with more than 1,300 individuals waiting here in Connecticut; and*

WHEREAS, *we celebrate with those who are here today through the gift of life, because they are a living example of being a recipient, but the critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis, and an average of more than 17 Americans die daily waiting for an organ transplant; and*

WHEREAS, *through this observance, East Hartford stands with individuals, families and communities to thank, remember and honor those who have chosen to be donors and have saved lives through their generous and selfless gift; and*

WHEREAS, *registered donors provide hope, strength and life, and all who wish to register to become a donor can do so through the Department of Motor Vehicles by sharing their wishes with family members, or by registering online with Life Choice Donor Services, a Donate Life Organization.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Michael P. Walsh, Mayor of the great Town of East Hartford, do proclaim April 2023 as;*

“Donate Life Month”

- All Town offices, including the East Hartford transfer station, will be closed on Friday, April 7, 2023 in observance of Good Friday. Please be advised that curbside waste pickup schedule will remain unchanged. Weekly trash and recycling collection will occur based on the regular schedule.
- Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications for Summer 2023 employment opportunities at the Town’s five outdoor aquatic facilities.
- East Hartford, CT— East Hartford Parks and Recreation is now accepting registrations for April Break Camp for students in grades 1-6. Camp is held at the Goodwin Elementary School Gymnasium, 1235 Forbes St.
- East Hartford Senior Center invites individuals 55 and older to a Petting Zoo & Smoothies event on May 6th at the Senior Center (15 Milbrook Drive).

- East Hartford residents Chris and Ashley Tierinni are collecting non-perishable, non-expired, food donations to help stuff the backpacks and support local children. Monetary donations are also welcome.
- The East Hartford Board of Education appointed Thomas Anderson, a graduate of East Hartford Public Schools, as its new Superintendent of Schools at a special meeting on March 22, 2023. His role is effective July 1, 2023.
- East Hartford Social Services will begin accepting applications for the 2023 Renters Rebate Program starting April 1 and through October 1, 2023. The program is offered through the State of CT Office of Policy and Management to provide elderly and disabled renters with a refund check, based on the amount of rent and utilities they paid in 2022.
- East Hartford Senior Center invites individuals 55 and older to a Latin Dinner Dance on April 21 at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center (15 Milbrook Drive). Musical Performance will be provided by The Latin Heartbeat Jazz Ensemble.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 21, 2023 Executive Session

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Travis Simpson

to **approve** the minutes of the March 21, 2023 Executive Session

Motion carried 9/0

[March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting](#)

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by John Morrison

to **approve** the minutes of the March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion carried 9/0

March 22, 2023 Combined Meeting re: Draft Affordable Housing Plan

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Travis Simpson

to **approve** the minutes of the March 22, 2023 Combined Meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission re: Draft Affordable Housing Plan

Motion carried 9/0

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Disposition of Obsolete or Broken Town-Owned Equipment

The Chair shared that the Administration is planning to place in auction a “J&J” model railroad set that is currently housed at McCartin School. Public notice will be provided in advance of the auction.

Resignation/s from Boards and Commissions

The Chair stated that Steven Strange has resigned from his position on the Historic District Commission. The Council and Administration recognize Mr. Strange for his dedicated years of service on the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Council Resolution - AccelerateCT Summer Program Expansion Grants

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
 seconded by Tom Rup

to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS; the State of Connecticut has announced the dedication of funding toward the expansion of programs that connect students to high-quality summer enrichment and recreational opportunities; and;

WHEREAS; these grants will be awarded to entities to expand existing enrichment opportunities and increase access for children who might otherwise not have access to summer camp or programming.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED; that Michael P. Walsh, 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 the Connecticut Department of Education as they pertain to this AccelerateCT Summer Program Expansion Grant.

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

Council Resolution - 2023 Speed & Aggressive Driving Enforcement Program

MOTION By Don Bell
 seconded by John Morrison

to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS; the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) has made funding available under the FY 2023 Speed & Aggressive Driving Enforcement Program, and;

WHEREAS; this funding will allow the East Hartford Police Department to participate in grant funded overtime enforcement through the use of dedicated speed and aggressive overtime enforcement patrols.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED; that Michael P. Walsh, 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 the DOT as they pertain to this Speed & Aggressive Driving Enforcement grant.

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

Setting of Public Hearing Date re: Reserve Fund Requirements Ordinance

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
 seconded by John Morrison

to set a public hearing date of April 18, 2023 @ 7:15 pm in the Community Cultural Center Auditorium as well as via the Teams platform to hear public comment on the Fund Balance and Reserve Fund and revisions to subsection (b) of section 10-52 of town Ordinances with language that is consistent with the draft dated March 27, 2023 as recommended at the March 27, 2023 Ordinance Committee meeting.

Motion carried 9/0

Recommendation from Tax Policy Committee re: Tax Lien Sales

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
 seconded by Tom Rup

to **authorize** the administration to conduct a tax lien sale by way of a request for proposal (RFP) and to seek and receive sealed bids pursuant to an invitation to bid on a number of tax liens held by the town on specific real property, totaling \$1,430,365.44, as stated on lists produced by Finance Director Melissa McCaw and attached to a memorandum dated March 29, 2023 from Finance Director Melissa McCaw to Mayor Michael P. Walsh subject to the following four conditions:

1. The Collector of Revenue shall notify the record owner of each property subject to a lien that is to be included in the tax lien sale, by certified mail, that the lien is being included in the request for proposal and invitation to bid, and that the owner should contact the Town immediately to pay the taxes or seek a payment plan if they wish to keep the Town's tax liens on their property from being sold;
2. In order to qualify for a payment plan, the property owner must meet the following three criteria:
 - They must remit 25% of the outstanding amount due
 - They cannot have defaulted on a prior payment arrangement
 - Their property must not have active property code violations;
3. The letters from the Collector of Revenue to each property owner shall notify the property owner that the purchaser of the tax lien on their property shall have the right to foreclose on that property; and

Motion carried 9/0

Motion carried 9/0

Motion carried 9/0

Motion carried 9/0

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
 Seconded by Tom Rup

to **approve** the revised Job Description for the position of “Human Resources & Chief Diversity Officer” dated March 1, 2023 as provided by the Department of Human Resources and presented at the Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee meeting held on March 30, 2023.

Motion carried 9/0

Deputy Director of Health and Human Services

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
 Seconded by Tom Rup

to **approve** the revised Job Description for the position of “Deputy Director of Health and Human Services” dated January 3, 2023 as provided by the Department of Human Resources and presented at the Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee meeting held on March 30, 2023.

Motion carried 9/0

Youth Outreach Coordinator

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
 Seconded by Tom Rup

to **approve** the proposed Job Description for the position of “Youth Outreach Coordinator” in the Youth Services Department, dated January 1, 2023 as provided by the Department of Human Resources and presented at the Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee meeting held on March 30, 2023.

Motion carried 9/0

Custodian I- Public Works

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
 Seconded by Tom Rup

to **approve** the revised Job Description and Compensation Plan for the position of “Custodian I” in the Department of Public Works dated April 1, 2023 as provided by the Department of Human Resources and presented at the Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee meeting held on March 30, 2023.

Motion carried 9/0

Custodian I- Library

MOTION By Awet Tsegai

Seconded by Tom Rup

to **approve** the revised Job Description and Compensation Plan for the position of “Custodian I” at East Hartford Public Library dated April 1, 2023 as provided by the Department of Human Resources and presented at the Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee meeting held on March 30, 2023.

Motion carried 9/0

Custodian I- Police Department

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
Seconded by Tom Rup

to **approve** the revised Job Description and Compensation Plan for the position of “Custodian I” in the Police Department dated April 1, 2023 as provided by the Department of Human Resources and presented at the Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee meeting held on March 30, 2023.

Motion carried 9/0

Amusement Permit Applications

17th Abelon Memorial Walk

MOTION By Harry Amadasun
Seconded by John Morrison

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled “17th Abelon Memorial Walk” as submitted by Scott Sansom, Chief of Police, scheduled for Saturday, May 13, 2023 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

Memorial Day Parade

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by John Morrison

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled “Memorial Day Parade” as submitted by Scott Sansom, Chief of Police, scheduled for Monday May 29, 2023 from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm starting at Riverside Drive to the Fallen Star Memorial at Goodwin University, subject to compliance with adopted codes and regulations of the State of Connecticut, the Town

Motion carried 9/0

MOTION By Don Bell
seconded by Travis Simpson

Motion carried 9/0

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Tom Rup

Motion carried 9/0

MOTION By Harry Amadasun
seconded by Tom Rup

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 \$17,795.23 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
2021-01-0000003	101 GOODWIN EAST L L C	49 LYNDAL STREET	MANCHESTER, CT 06040	101 GOODWIN ST	0	-\$5.00
2021-01-0000178	ABBOTT BARBARA S	32 MIDDLE DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	32 MIDDLE DR	0	-\$2,467.59
2021-03-0056123	CHAMROEN CHAO	303 FOREST ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-2451	2016/2T2BZMCA8GC051204	0	-\$161.33
2021-04-0081410	COLON SARO	886 MAIN ST APT 907	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-2228	2005/2C8GP54L85R429703	0	-\$7.47
2021-01-0003225	CORBIN WAYNE	5 RIVERMEAD BLVD	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	5 RIVERMEAD BLVD	0	-\$45.36
2021-01-0057845	CRISTOBAL-ZARATE GIOVANNY	205 GREEN MANOR DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-3523	2005/JKBVNKA195A016327	0	-\$29.51
2021-03-0057846	CRISTOBAL-ZARATE GIOVANNY	205 GREEN MANOR DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-3523	2011/1D7RV1CT5B563708	0	-\$100.53
2021-03-0061255	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST ATTN: MGARNETT PPT	9315 OLIVE BLVD	ST. LOUIS, MO 63132	2018/1FM5K8D83JGC46950	0	-\$318.92
2021-01-0082421	FINANCIAL SER VEH TRUST ATTN: TAX DEPT	1400 CITY VIEW DR	COLUMBUS, OH 43215-1477	2021/WBA13AR05MCG65968	0	-\$1,329.24
2021-03-0053541	GARVEY JOAN	481 TOLLAND ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-2560	2012/2T3BF4DV2CW262753	0	-\$302.30
2021-01-0005982	GREENE DONALD W	174 LOMBARDO DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	174 LOMBARDO DR	0	-\$136.30
2020-03-0065007	HARLEY TIMOTHY AND DEBRA	111 TEMPLE DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-1335	2016/1N4AA6AP7GC902806	0	-\$527.86
2021-03-0065099	HARLEY TIMOTHY AND DEBRA	111 TEMPLE DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-1335	2016/1N4AA6AP7GC902806	0	-\$415.16
2021-01-0010619	HENRY LESHAWN	27 MAY ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	27 MAY ST	0	-\$2,571.11
2021-03-0066211	HONDA LEASE TRUST	11675 GREAT OAKS WAY SUIT	ALPHARETTA, GA 30022	2017/1HGCR2F33HA137084	0	-\$438.54
2021-03-0066426	HORIZON SERVICES CORPORATION	250 GOVERNOR STREET	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	2018/2G1105536J9113931	0	-\$41.71
2021-03-0066634	HUTCHINS GRACELYN J	83 ENSIGN ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	2019/KMHH35LE4KU094762	0	-\$392.86
2021-03-0066757	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	3161 MICHELSON DR SUITE 1	IRVINE, CA 92612	2019/SXYPGDA35KG549846	0	-\$295.71
2021-01-0002857	JAY C TRUCKING LLC	79 MICHAEL AVENUE	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	79 MICHAEL AVE	0	-\$88.35
2021-01-0015297	KAD EAST HARTFORD REALTY LLC	583 SOUTH ST	NEW BRITAIN, CT 06051	68R ALNA LN REAR	0	-\$1,439.51
2021-03-0068692	KEARNS DEBRA A	144 HOLLAND LN	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-1727	2003/WAULT64B33N044596	0	-\$40.72
2021-03-0007416	KERR KATHERINE M	670 NORTH MAIN ST	MANCHESTER, CT 06042	50 NORTHBROOK CT	0	-\$100.00
2021-04-0087690	LOPEZ DIAZ FELIX J JR	72 WARREN DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-1140	2003/1N6ED27Y13C464996	0	-\$49.34
2021-03-0070895	MAHONEY PATRICK J	173 BRENTMOOR RD	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-1709	2017/4T1BF1FK7HU771013	0	-\$220.73
2021-03-0071773	MATHESON DAVID W	23 PHILLIPS FARM RD	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-1258	2018/3C4NJDB89JT190779	0	-\$280.62
2021-03-0009126	MCGOWAN MELVIN H	385 BREWER ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	385 BREWER ST	0	-\$10.00
2021-03-0073350	MOORE BRIAN A	140 MAIN ST	BALTIC, CT 06330	2018/454BSACXJ3285414	0	-\$137.47
2021-03-0010585	P & W AIRCRAFT CLUB	200 CLEMENT RD	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	200-B CLEMENT RD	0	-\$3,539.00
2021-03-0077954	QUINTERO CARLOS A	241 KING ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-1019	2011/4JG8B8G89BA635221	0	-\$280.78
2021-03-0085647	RESTORATION SPECIALISTS LLC	18 E FRANKLIN ST	DANBURY, CT 06810	2022/3GNAXSEVNS172998	0	-\$236.28
2021-03-0012991	SCHWARTZ ESMUND TRUSTEE FOR E	347 BUTTONBALL LN	GLASTONBURY, CT 06033	421 TOLLAND ST 308	0	-\$10.00
2021-04-0014354	THOMAS SARA & WILLIE F	19 WAKEFIELD CIRCLE	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	19 WAKEFIELD CIR	0	-\$189.60
2021-02-0041701	WHITE & KATZMAN MGMT INC	111 ROBERTS ST STE G-1	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	111 ROBERTS ST	0	-\$956.61
2021-01-0015709	WORON THOMAS C & JULIA W	16 BANTLE ROAD	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	2020/454BTACC6L3125255	0	-\$365.50
2021-03-0087627	WORON THOMAS C & JULIA W	16 BANTLE ROAD	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	16 BANTLE RD	0	-\$264.22
TOTAL						-\$17,795.23

Referral to Ordinance Committee re: Tree Board

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
 seconded by John Morrison

to **refer** to the Ordinance Committee the adoption of a tree board ordinance for the purpose of continuing to qualify as a Tree City.

Motion carried 9/0

Waiver of Bid: Repairs to the Public Safety Impound Garage

MOTION By Don Bell
 seconded by Travis Simpson

that pursuant to Section 10-7(c) of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances, the Town Council **waive** the requirement to obtain three quotes under Section 10-7(a) of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances to allow the Department of Public Works to engage Orlando Annulli & Sons to make repairs to the new PSC Impound Garage that was damaged on February 17, 2023 at a cost of \$25,663.30 as requested in a memo from Mayor Michael P. Walsh to Town Council Chair Richard Kehoe dated April 3, 2023.

Motion carried 9/0

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Councillor Morrison asked if there were plans to host any town event to celebrate the July 4th holiday. *The Mayor stated that while a regional fireworks event was held previously, given the crowd control and safety concerns from past events, nothing is currently planned.*

Councillor Wilson requested that the Administration consider alternative options and funding sources to provide for a community event for the 4th of July holiday.

Councillor Amadasun proposed consideration of a ticketed event as an option to limit crowd and supplement costs. *Chief of Staff Martin made the suggestion of a Food Truck festival, and Administration will look into options.*

Councillor Amadasun also shared that painting of the commissioned art project at the Gold Star Pool House in Goodwin Park will begin in the coming days.

Councillor Tsegai commended the Administration on the installation of lighting poles along Roberts Street in the efforts of improved resident safety.

Mayor Walsh stated that a Public Hearing is scheduled for April 12 at 7 pm at the Community Cultural Center regarding a redevelopment proposal of 160 and 182 Governor Street. Included in the proposal is a convenience store, gas station and car wash.

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

No residents came forward.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By John Morrison
 seconded by Don Bell
 to **adjourn** (9:08 pm)

Motion carried 9/0

The Chair wished all a good evening and announced that the next regular meeting of the Town Council would be on April 18, 2023.

Attest _____
 Jason Marshall
 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK