

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

APRIL 7, 2015

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr., Majority Leader Barbara-Ann Rossi, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I. Weinberg, Linda A. Russo, Ram Aberasturia, Patricia Harmon and Anita D. Morrison

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:30 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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 17, 2015 Executive Session/Delgazio

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the minutes of the March 17, 2015 Executive Session.
Motion carried 9/0.

March 17, 2015 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Pat Harmon
to **approve** the minutes of the March 17, 2015 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 9/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

East Hartford Golf Course: Update

Mayor Leclerc introduced Ciaran Carr and Ryan Phelps from Billy Casper Golf (BCG), who updated the Council on the progress of the East Hartford Golf Course. The opening day is Friday, April 10th and the restaurant will open April 15th. The golf fees will remain the same as last year. Additional improvements will be made to the Course and clubhouse. The menu has been revised and new marketing programs initiated.

Of the 160 courses that BCG manages, the East Hartford Golf Course was awarded Most Improved Course. The Mayor was presented a plaque from the staff of BCG for this honor.

Resignation of John Ryan from the Economic Development Commission

Chair Kehoe announced that John Ryan is resigning from the Economic Development Commission. He thanked Mr. Ryan for his service. The Chair stated that any resident interested in serving on a board or commission should contact either the Mayor's office or the Council office.

Resignation of Jack Jacobs from the Economic Development Commission and the Board of Ethics

Chair Kehoe announced that Jack Jacobs is resigning from the Economic Development Commission and from the Board of Ethics. He thanked Mr. Jacobs for his service. The Chair stated that any resident interested in serving on a board or commission should contact either the Mayor's office or the Council office.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to take "Capital Improvement Program Amendment re: Labor Park Project"
 out of order.
 Motion carried 9/0.

Capital Improvement Program Amendment re: Labor Park Project

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Town of East Hartford currently has a total of \$140,000 in Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) funds earmarked to a Playscape Replacement Program; and

WHEREAS the Town desires to reprogram these funds for Improvements to Labor Park; and

WHEREAS the Playscape Replacement Program will be funded through the Town's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED; that Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is authorized to amend the Town Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the purpose of transferring \$140,000 from the Playscape Replacement Program (CIP #2016-302) to the Improvements to Labor Park Project (CIP #2016-337) and 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 state Office of Policy and Management as they pertain to these projects and the state Local Capital Improvement Program.

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

At this point, the Council returned to the order of the agenda.

LoCIP Grant Applications

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Barbara Rossi
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

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 as may be required by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management to secure Local Capital Improvement Program funds (LoCIP) in the amount of \$450,000 for projects listed in the approved 2016 municipal capital improvement plan. The projects will be:

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| • Labor Park Improvements | \$140,000 |
| • Golf Course Cart Path Mill & Overlay | \$120,000 |
| • Tennis Courts Repairs | \$100,000 |
| • Town Clerk Vault HVAC | \$ 35,000 |
| • Replacement of Town Hall Front Steps | \$ 30,000 |
| • Town Hall Lower Level Window Installation | \$ 15,000 |
| • Tax Office Carpet Replacement | \$ 10,000 |

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

Municipal Tax Exempt Lease Purchase Financing re: 5-year Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A MUNICIPAL TAX-EXEMPT LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of East Hartford approved the purchase of various capital equipment including police cars, pick-up and utility trucks, a leaf vacuum, a tractor with attachments, a prisoner transport vehicle, and wellness equipment as part of the Town of East Hartford's Approved 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the fiscal years 2015-16 through 2019-20; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the various capital equipment designated for lease-purchase financing totals \$767,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town will budget \$202,000 in fiscal years 2016-17 through 2019-20 in the General Operating Fund to pay principal and interest on the purchases.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Town of East Hartford is authorized to enter into a master lease purchase agreement and related documents with TD Equipment Finance, Inc. or their affiliates in the principal amount not to exceed \$767,000. The interest rate, payment schedule and other details of the financing shall be mutually determined between the company and the Mayor, whose signatures will indicate approval of specific terms and conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town declares its intent to be reimbursed for any temporary advances from the General Fund to pay for any part of the equipment from proceeds of the lease financing in accordance with Treasury Regulation 26 CFR 1.103-18 and/or 26CFR1.150-2.

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

OPM Police and Youth Grant Program

MOTION By Bill Horan
 seconded by Barbara Rossi
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Marcia A. Leclerc Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of this municipality a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 with the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division for a "Police & Youth Program" grant and to file any amendments or reports as may be required to successfully complete the terms of the grant contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Marcia A. Leclerc is currently serving as Mayor of the Town of East Hartford. Her current term of office began on January 10, 2013 and will continue until November 9, 2015. As Mayor, Marcia A. Leclerc serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of East Hartford, and is duly authorized to enter into agreements and contracts on behalf of the Town of East Hartford.

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

Referral to Ordinance Committee re: Massage Therapy Establishments

MOTION By Bill Horan
 seconded by Barbara Rossi
 to **refer** to the Ordinance Committee the possibility of amending the Town's Sexually Oriented Business ordinance to include the licensing of Massage Therapy establishments with instructions to investigate the issue and to report its recommendations to the Town Council.
 Motion carried 9/0.

Appointment of Robert Falkevitz to the Economic Development Commission

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **approve** the appointment of Robert Falkevitz to the Economic Development Commission; term to expire December 2016.
 Motion carried 9/0.

Outdoor Amusement Permit Applications:

4th Annual CT River Academy Scholarship Walk

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application submitted by the CT River Academy at Goodwin College Parent Group, by Aldith Mason, its President, to conduct a 4-mile walk on Friday, May 1, 2015 from 9AM to 10:30AM beginning at 9 Riverside Drive, through Ensign Street to Main Street, turn at Willys Street and then back to 9 Riverside Drive, 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 Town Ordinance §5-6(a) as this is a fundraiser to benefit scholarships provided to some of this year's graduating seniors.

Motion carried 9/0.

Riverfront Summer Pops

MOTION

By Marc Weinberg

seconded by Anita Morrison

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application submitted by Joshua Urrutia, Events Manager, for Riverfront Recapture, Inc. to conduct three Pop concerts in Great River Park, with music, beer and wine, on the following dates and times in 2015:

Saturday, May 23rd 7PM to 9PM (rain date: Sunday, May 24th)

Saturday, June 27th 7PM to 9PM (rain date: Sunday, June 28th)

Saturday, July 25th 7PM to 9PM (rain date: Sunday, July 26th)

Additionally, the applicant seeks authorization to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages in connection with this event in a designated area in Great River Park under the provisions of §14-7(b) and §14-10(13) of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances, provided a current and updated liquor permit is submitted to the Town prior to the June 27th event, and a current concession permit is submitted to the town prior to the May 23rd event, 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** both the permit fee and any associated town expenses for this event pursuant to the resolution passed by the Town Council on June 3, 2014.

Motion carried 9/0.

Riverfest 2015

MOTION

By Marc Weinberg

seconded by Barbara Rossi

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application, Riverfest 2015, submitted by Joshua Urrutia, Public Events Manager, for Riverfront Recapture, to conduct outdoor entertainment with music, food, vendors, roaming entertainment, activities and a fireworks show at Great River Park and Founders Plaza on Saturday July 11, 2015 between the hours of 4PM and 10PM, with music occurring between the hours of 4PM and 9:30PM with a rain date of Sunday, July 12, 2015 using the same hours as that of the July 11th event – providing the town receives current and updated liquor and concession permits prior to the July 11th event date; 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** both the permit

fee and any associated town expenses for this event pursuant to the resolution passed by the Town Council on June 3, 2014.
Motion carried 9/0.

Riverfront Swing Nights

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Anita Morrison
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled “Riverfront Swing Night” submitted by Joshua Urrutia, Events Manager for Riverfront Recapture to conduct a music concert, along with beer and wine to be sold in a designated area of Great River Park on the following dates and times in 2015:

Saturday, May 30th 6:30PM-8:30PM (rain date Sunday May 31st)
 Saturday, Aug 22nd 6:30PM-8:30PM (rain date Sunday Aug 23rd)
 Saturday, Sept 19th 6:30PM-8:30PM (rain date Sunday, Sept 20th)

provided that the town receives a current and updated liquor permit prior to the August 22nd event and a current concession permit prior to the May 30th event; 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 permit fee and any associated town expenses for this event pursuant to the resolution passed by the Town Council on June 3, 2014. Motion carried 9/0.

Head of the Riverfront Regatta

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Barbara Rossi
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application, entitled Head of the Riverfront Regatta” submitted by Joshua Urrutia, Events Manger for Riverfront Recapture to conduct a rowing regatta on the Connecticut River beginning at the Charter Oak Landing in Hartford on Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 6AM to 5PM, with a flood and rain date of Sunday, November 8, 2015; 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 permit fee and any associated town expenses for this event pursuant to the resolution passed by the Town Council on June 3, 2014.
Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Esther Clarke attended the musical “Annie” put on by the East Hartford Music Department and commented on the top-notch performance of the players.

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Mayor Leclerc announced (1) the new East Hartford Guide will be ready for distribution on Friday April 10th; (2) the UTC and Pratt & Whitney expansion applications will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission on Wednesday April 8th; (3) CERC training will be held on Wednesday April 22nd from 6PM to 8PM in Council Chambers; (4) the Donate Life flag will be flown in front of Town Hall on Thursday April 9th; (5) there will be a blood drive on Thursday April 9th at the East Hartford Cultural Community Center; (6) Enviro-Shred, 22 Prestige Park Circle, will host a “shred day” on Saturday April 18th from 9AM to 1PM; (7) the LED conversion on the town’s street lights is 80% complete; (8) East Hartford Police Officer Lisa Magnano performed CPR on a citizen while at the Special Olympics-Cops on Tops in March and is credited with saving his life; and (9) the Lions Club is recognizing East Hartford Police Officer Woodrow Tinsely at their Sixty-fifth anniversary celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **adjourn** (8:40 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be April 21st.

Attest _____
Angela M. Attenello
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK