

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JULY 11, 2017

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TOWN CLERK  
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PRESENT 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, Patricia Harmon and Michael G. Kurker

ABSENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Horan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Vice 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 Linda Russo  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **amend** the agenda as follows:

Under Communications and Petitions, add item 6.A. "Resignation of Bernie Corona from the Veterans' Affairs Commission".

Motion carried 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) inquired on what other properties the East Hartford Housing Authority plans to purchase, as it will affect the tax base in East Hartford. Additionally, Mrs. Kniep suggested the Town Council call for a special meeting to discuss this issue with the EHHA; (2) asked if Veterans' Terrace falls under the auspices of East Hartford Affordable Homes LLC; and (3) suggested that there be an audit of the liquor permits granted by the Inspections & Permits Department.

Mayor Leclerc (1) thanked Mr. Corona for his service to the town; (2) the fireworks this past weekend were a success and thanked Riverfront Recapture and its sponsors; (3) the Farmers Market on the Raymond Library front lawn will be held on Fridays from 9AM to 1PM; (4) the area business visitations have begun; (5) the road improvement program continues to progress; (6) the Sounds of Summer concerts are held on Thursdays at Great River Park; (7) the town's pools are opened; (8) Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> is East Hartford Yard Goats Day; (9) the Raymond Library has numerous summer programs; (10) MDC has notified the town of construction activity in the Simmons Road/Cumberland Drive area around July 20<sup>th</sup>; (11) the EHFD and the Red Cross have partnered to canvass the Mayberry Village area on August 4<sup>th</sup> for the installation of smoke detectors; and (12) the Elms Village area will have a "Plan 9" distribution by the EHFD and the Red Cross which is a red recyclable bag that contains nine essential items needed in an emergency.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### June 19, 2017 Special Meeting/Transportation Proposal

MOTION      By Linda Russo  
                 seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
                 to **approve** the minutes of the June 19, 2017 Special Meeting.  
                 Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Harmon

### June 20, 2017 Executive Session

MOTION      By Linda Russo  
                 seconded by Marc Weinberg  
                 to **approve** the minutes of the June 20, 2017 Executive Session.  
                 Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Horan

### June 20, 2017 Public Hearing/Mayor & Registrars of Voters Salaries

MOTION      By Linda Russo  
                 seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
                 to **approve** the minutes of the June 20, 2017 Public Hearing.  
                 Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Horan

### June 20, 2017 Regular Meeting

MOTION      By Linda Russo  
                 seconded by Pat Harmon  
                 to **approve** the minutes of the June 20, 2017 Regular Meeting.  
                 Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Horan

## COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

### Resignation of Bernie Corona from the Veterans' Affairs Commission

Vice Chair Horan announced, with regret, the resignation of Bernie Corona from the Veterans' Affairs Commission. The Council joined with the Vice Chair in thanking Mr. Corona for his years of dedicated service to the town.

Vice Chair Horan invited the viewing public to get involved in the community by volunteering on one of the town's many Boards and Commissions.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Setting a Public Hearing Date "Vendor Services on Town-owned Property" and "Sale or Lease of Town-owned Property"

MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
                 seconded by Linda Russo



## East Hartford Housing Authority – Proposed PILOT Agreement

MOTION        By Joe Carlson  
                     seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
                     to **approve** the proposed PILOT Agreement between the East Hartford  
                     Housing Authority and the town of East Hartford as follows:

1. The East Hartford Housing Authority (EHHA) has purchased various real property located at 41-43 Welles Avenue, 68 and 83 Connecticut Boulevard, 232-234 Burnside Avenue, 17-19 Goodwin Place, and 39-41 Laurel Street in East Hartford Connecticut.
2. It is anticipated that the EHHA will operate these sites solely to provide affordable housing under the direction of the State of Connecticut Department of Housing at these locations for the foreseeable future.
3. The Assessor for the Town of East Hartford has determined that these various properties operated as scattered site housing by the EHHA are tax exempt under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) sections 8-58 and/or 8-71 as long as the various properties are used by the EHHA as affordable housing.
4. The EHHA acknowledges its current tax exemption status and hereby offers subject to the provisions of CGS 8-71, a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) on the various sites acknowledging the parcels to be users of services from the Town.
5. Effective July 1, 2017, for all scattered site properties owned by the EHHA as of the October 1, 2016 grand list, the EHHA hereby agrees to make a PILOT payment of \$17,434.00 to the Town.
6. For the October 1, 2017 grand list and future grand lists, the PILOT payment will continue for the duration of time that the EHHA owns and operates the properties as affordable housing.
7. The EHHA will prepare a calculation annually based on the provisions of CGS 8-71 based on 12% of shelter rents less utilities and forward that payment to the Town by July 31 of each year.
8. This PILOT agreement is subject to the review and approval of the Town Council.

Motion carried 7/1. **Nay:** Clarke

## OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

## COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

### Mark Losty vs. Alexander Ogle/Nationwide Insurance

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                     seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
                     that the Town Council **accept** the recommendation of the Town Risk  
                     Manager to compromise the workers' compensation lien of Mark Losty in  
                     the amount of \$50,000 by accepting in satisfaction thereof the total sum of  
                     \$32,652.54 from the third-party action known as Losty vs. Alexander  
                     Ogle/Nationwide Insurance.  
                     Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Horan

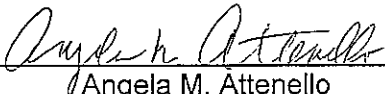
OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Rafael Zeligzon, 430 Burnside Avenue, addressed the Council on the issues at the convenience store at 442 Burnside Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By Esther Clarke  
                  seconded by Linda Russo  
                  to **adjourn** (8:32 p.m.).  
                  Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Attest   
Angela M. Attenello  
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK