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JULY 11, 2017

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 29th 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 20th; (11) the EHFD and the Red Cross have partnered to canvass the Mayberry Village area on August 4th 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

<u>Vice Chair Horan</u> 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

to set a public hearing date of Tuesday, August 1, 2017 @ 7:00PM in Town Council Chambers to hear public comment on the proposed revisions to the town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances by adding a new Section 10-4a in Chapter 10, entitled "Vendor Services on Townowned Property and to substitute a new Section 10-19 entitled "Sale or Lease of Town-owned Property.

Motion carried 8/0.

Connecticut DOT Community Connectivity Grant Program

MOTION By Linda Russo

seconded by Ram Aberasturia to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the of Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) has made available funds under the Community Connectivity Program; and

WHEREAS the program seeks to improve accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians in urban, suburban and rural community centers; and

WHEREAS the Town desires to use these funds to implement some of the improvements suggested in the Main Street Road Safety Audit.

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 the State DOT as they pertain to this Community Connectivity grant.

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

State Department of Education Youth Service Bureau Grant

MOTION

By Marc Weinberg

seconded by Linda Russo

to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Education has made available funding through the Youth Service Bureau Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this program is to assist municipalities (or private agencies serving youth which are designated to act as agents for such municipalities), in establishing, maintaining or expanding such Youth Service Bureaus.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE 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 to the State of Connecticut Department of Education for a "Youth Service Bureau 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 That Marcia A. Leclerc is currently serving as Mayor of the Town of East Hartford. Her current term of office began on November 9, 2015 and will continue until November 13, 2017. As the 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 8/0.

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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. Nav: 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

<u>Rafael Zeligzon</u>, 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 1st.

Attest

∮Angela M. Àttenello

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