

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AUGUST 2, 2016

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 7:30 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.

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Beautification Awards: July 2016

Pat Sirois, Chair of the Beautification Commission, presented the July award for residential landscaping to Diane Garner and John Laraia, 877 Forbes Street.

The Council joined Ms. Sirois in thanking Ms. Garner and Mr. Laraia for making East Hartford a prettier place to live.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep, 44-46 and 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) suggested that the Council table the referral to the Real Estate Committee pending additional information on that referral; and (2) asked that the Chair announce the date of the meeting that the Town Council will vote on the proposed bond referenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 12, 2016 Executive Session/Larbi

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the minutes of the July 12, 2016 Executive Session/Larbi.
Motion carried 8/0.

July 12, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Pat Harmon

to **approve** the minutes of the July 12, 2016 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Aberasturia

NEW BUSINESS

Neglected Cemeteries Grant

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS the state Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has made funds available to municipalities under the Neglected Cemeteries Program; and

WHEREAS the purpose of this program is to provide grants of up to \$2,000 to clear weeds, briars and bushes; to mow cemetery lawn areas; to repair fences and walls; to straighten memorial stones and perform other activities to keep neglected cemeteries in an orderly and decent condition.

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 Office of Policy and Management as they pertain to this Neglected Cemeteries Grant Program.

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

Proposed Bond Referendum: Redevelopment of Silver Lane Corridor:

Mayor Leclerc addressed the Council on this proposed bond issue, stating that the monies could be potentially utilized to obtain acreage along the Silver Lane corridor, install much needed drainage or clean-up blighted properties for future development possibilities.

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **set** a public hearing date of Tuesday August 16, 2016 @ 7pm
 regarding a resolution appropriating \$3,000,000 for land acquisition
 and infrastructure improvements for redevelopment of the Silver Lane
 Corridor and authorizing the issuance of \$3,000,000 bonds of the
 town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the
 making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.
 Motion carried 8/0.

Outdoor Amusement Permit Application: East Hartford's Back to School Rally

Representatives from East Hartford Public Schools – Vincent Crawford, Family & Community Liaison at the Middle School, and Veronica Marion, Coordinator of Family & Community Partnerships – provided an overview to the Council on what their roles are in the school system and what the Back to School Rally means to the students.

MOTION By Marc Weinberg

seconded by Linda Russo
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit entitled East Hartford's Back to School Rally as submitted by Cephus Nolen, Director, Youth Services to conduct a back to school rally on Saturday August 20, 2016 from 9AM to 1PM at the Town Green Gazebo with music from 10:30AM to 12:30PM; 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.
Motion carried 8/0.

Referral to Ordinance Committee re: Off-street Parking of Motor Vehicles, Boats and Major Recreational Vehicles on Residential Property

MOTION By Bill Horan
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **refer** to the Ordinance Committee a review of the existing regulations regarding the parking of motor vehicles, boats and major recreational vehicles on residential properties and to report back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.
Motion carried 8/0.

Referral to Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: 1252-1256 Main Street

MOTION By Bill Horan
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **refer** to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee the issue of possibly purchasing 1252-1256 Main Street, with instructions to investigate the matter and report back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.
Motion carried 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Susan Kniep (1) inquired if the town will rely on the use of eminent domain along the Silver Lane corridor; and (2) is interested in knowing why the referral to the Real Estate Committee came about and who was instrumental in referring it.

Mayor Leclerc (1) provided an explanation as to how the referral to the Real Estate Committee began; (2) the Mayor's Clean-up Day will be Saturday September 10th; (3) the Hartford Business Journal's "40 under 40" article recognized five East Hartford residents and five employees of East Hartford businesses; (4) the Sounds of Summer concert on the Town Green will be Thursday, August 4th; and (5) the Farmers' Market is held every Friday at the Raymond Library front lawn.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be on August 16th.

Attest _____
 Angela M. Attenello
 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK