

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AUGUST 4, 2015

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, 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

ABSENT Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 8:15 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 Commission awards – July 2015

Pat Sirois, Chair of the East Hartford Beautification Commission, presented July's awards to Donna Lord, 69 Oxford Drive and Justo Marrero, 59 Chipper Drive.

The Council joined with Ms. Sirois in thanking the recipients for making East Hartford a prettier place to live.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Leclerc (1) announced that a press conference was held today in Martin Park regarding a \$3.8M investment into the rehabilitation of Burnside Avenue from Main Street to Mary Street; and (2) due to bridge work on Route 2, the Governor Street exit off I-84 East will be closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Barbara Rossi  
seconded by Pat Harmon  
to **approve** the minutes of the July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting.  
Motion carried 8/0.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

### Silver Lane/Rentschler Field Redevelopment: Mayor's Initiative & Discussion re: Redevelopment Tools

Mayor Leclerc presented the Council with an overview of sites along the Silver Lane corridor that need rehabilitation. Utilizing the Connecticut City and Town Development Act, the town would like to use the Act's economic incentives to encourage development in this area.

Attorney David Panico, the town's bond Counsel from Robinson & Cole, explained that the town's powers under the Act – which last for five years, include tax abatements and revenue bonds. The requirements for adopting the Act are similar to the process for referendum on bonding.

## NEW BUSINESS

MOTION        By Ram Aberasturia  
                     seconded by Anita Morrison  
                     to **take** the Outdoor Amusement Permit Application: Believe 208 Run for the Brave and Finest out of order to accommodate those present.  
                     Motion carried 8/0.

### Believe 208 Run for the Brave and Finest

MOTION        By Ram Aberasturia  
                     seconded by Barbara Rossi  
                     to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Believe 208 Run for the Brave and Finest", submitted by Kathryn Carbone, its Race Director, to hold a 5K run on Sunday, September 20, 2015 from 8:30AM to 9:30AM beginning at the Knights of Columbus, 1831 Main Street East Hartford and into South Windsor, northbound on Main Street and return southbound on Main Street, with music and food from 8:30AM to Noon at the Knights of Columbus hall; 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 due to the town under the provisions of §5-6 (a) of the Code of Ordinances as this a fundraising event.  
                     Motion carried 8/0.

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

### Recommendations from Personnel & Pensions Subcommittee:

#### Assistant Building Official 1

MOTION        By Marc Weinberg  
                     seconded by Ram Aberasturia

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pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.  
Motion carried 8/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2013-03-0054963	BUTLER ELISA L	2007/3N1BC13E87L369010	-63.33
2013-03-0056535	CHOQUETTE GREGORY S AND	2002/1GNDT13S822369005	-7.00
2013-01-0007593	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE	6 DEPAUW CIR	-68.10
2013-01-0011855	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE	70-72 CLOVERDALE DR	-101.24
2013-03-0059863	DINEEN JOSE L AND	2007/5FNRL38637B456000	-40.30
2014-01-0008084	LAGUEUX MARIO R	72 BURKE ST	-205.66
2012-01-0012675	LERETA LLC	149 KING ST	-782.30
2014-03-0080618	RODRIGUEZ FRANKIE	1990/1HGED3556LA060817	-29.57
2014-03-0081323	ROWLEY DEANNA L OR	2000/1J4FF48S5YL107278	-23.43
2013-03-0086415	USB LEASING LT	2011/W04GP5EC5B1054590	-357.58
2014-03-0086735	VARGAS NEREIDA	1990/JH4DB1669LS031719	-59.71
2012-01-0010779	WELLS FARGO	69-71 ADAMS ST	-2346.24
2013-01-0010779	WELLS FARGO	69-71 ADAMS ST	-2426.41
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ (6,510.87)</b>

Setting a Public Hearing Date of Tuesday August 18, 2015 re: §21-6e Parking Ticket Appeal Procedures

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Anita Morrison  
to **set** a public hearing date of Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 7PM in Council Chambers to hear public comment on proposed revisions to §21-6e of the town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances entitled "Formal Hearing Procedure – Parking Violations Hearing Officers".  
Motion carried 8/0.

*Prior to discussion and vote on the following agenda item, Councilor Aberasturia recused himself and left the Chamber.*

Capital Workforce Partners Intergovernmental Consortium Agreement

MOTION By Barbara Rossi  
seconded by Esther Clarke  
to **adopt** the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST HARTFORD TO IMPLEMENT THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2014 IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAW**

**WHEREAS**, the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States of America enacted the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 ("WIA"), for the purpose of providing workforce investment activities through statewide and local workforce systems; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to WIA, the Governor of the State of Connecticut created the North Central Region consisting of thirty-seven municipalities (the "Municipalities"), including the Municipality of East Hartford (the "Municipality"); and

**WHEREAS**, in or about 2003 the Municipalities entered into an Intergovernmental Consortium Agreement (the "Existing ICA") to implement a local workforce system for the North Central Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States of America enacted and President Obama signed into law on July 22, 2014 the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 ("WIOA"), to continue with certain changes the policies and programs created and administered under WIA, including the initial re-designation of the North Central Region as the North Central Connecticut Workforce Development Area (the "Local Area"); and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of WIOA and the re-designation of the Local Area shall require amending the Existing ICA through the execution of an amendment creating an Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Consortium Agreement (the "New ICA") among the Municipalities in the Local Area specifying among other things the powers and authority of the Consortium of the Municipalities created thereby (the "Consortium"), the process for the selection of the members of the workforce development board, the designation of a grant recipient and of a sub grant recipient/administrative agency/fiscal agent and a statement of accountability for allocated federal workforce funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality wishes to remain a part of the Consortium and the Local Area and to continue to receive funds under WIOA and other related workforce funding streams so as to provide workforce services to its constituents, by entering into the New ICA.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Municipality having complied with all of its municipal and other applicable requirements to enter into the New ICA, authorizes its chief elected official or chief executive officer to execute any amendment or other documents and to do such other lawful things as are necessary to enter into the New ICA on behalf of the Municipality; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipality authorizes its designated representative to the Consortium to act for the Municipality on all Consortium matters as set out in the New ICA.

On call of the vote, motion carried 7/0. Aberasturia **recused**.

*At this point, Councillor Aberasturia entered the Chamber and joined the Council.*

**OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION**

Anita Morrison asked that graffiti in and around the Park Avenue neighborhood be cleaned up.  
*The Mayor said she would take care of it.*

**COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS**

None

## OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Reginald Thibault, 42 Chester Street, is against the possible sale of 53 Chester Street to Habitat for Humanity since their proposal several years ago was for the construction of eight affordable homes which the neighbors opposed. He and several of his neighbors want to keep that land as open space.

Mayor Leclerc thanked the Council for their patience in disseminating the volume of information on the Silver Lane/Rentschler Field redevelopment issue. The Mayor stated that she will try to obtain information from the towns that have implemented the Connecticut City and Town Development Act and share that with the Council.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By Esther Clarke  
                  seconded by Pat Harmon  
                  to **adjourn** (10:02 p.m.).  
                  Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela M. Attenello  
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK