

## EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

### COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM

September 5, 2023

**PRESENT** Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Don Bell, Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson (via Teams), Minority Leader John Morrison, Councilors Angie Parkinson, Travis Simpson, Thomas Rup, Awet Tsegai and Harry Amadasun, Jr.

#### **ABSENT**

**ALSO PRESENT** Mayor Michael P. Walsh  
Melissa McCaw, Chief Administrative Officer and Finance Director (via Teams)  
Laurence Burnsed, Director of Health and Social Services  
Eileen Buckheit, Development Director  
Ben Whittaker, Chief Operations Officer, East Hartford Public Schools (via Teams)  
Sarah Morgan, Library Director (via Teams)  
Paul O'Sullivan, Grants Administrator  
Steven Alsup, Assistant Fire Chief  
Ted Fravel, Director of Parks and Recreation (via Teams)  
Deputy Chief Donald Olson, East Hartford Police Department  
Sergeant Todd Mona, East Hartford Police Department  
Brian Zelman, Principal, Jasko Zelman 1 LLC

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm. The Chair stated that this meeting was also available to the public through the "Teams" platform.

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.

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

#### RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

##### Mayor Walsh

- wished all a good evening
- Hartford Healthcare Mobile Mammography Van will be at Raymond Library on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm performing screenings. Appointments are required.
- Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dad's Hero Community Day event held on the East Hartford Town Green from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

- ## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Don Bell

Motion carried 9/0

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seconded by John Morrison

Motion carried 9/0

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seconded by Don Bell

September 5, 2023

Motion carried 9/0

## COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

### OLD BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

To accommodate those present, the following motion was made:

MOTION        By Don Bell  
                     seconded by John Morrison

to take Item 8Q3 “Amusement Permit Application: Believe 208 – Run for the Brave and Finest” out of order.

Motion carried 9/0

### Believe 208 – Run for the Brave and Finest

MOTION        By Harry Amadasun  
                     seconded by Tom Rup

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application and **waive** the associated permit fee for the event entitled “Believe 208- Run for the Brave and Finest” as submitted by Scott Sansom, Chief of Police, scheduled for Sunday, September 24, 2023 from 7:00 am to 11:00 am beginning at the Knights of Columbus located at 1831 Main Street with local road closures from 8:00 am to 9:30 am, 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 9/0

Trish Buchanan, widow of former East Hartford Police Officer Paul Buchanan thanked the Council for their support of this annual event. With the support of the East Hartford Police Department and various other sponsors, over \$100,000 has been raised in support of Law Enforcement support initiatives. This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the road race and all funds raised will support the Connecticut Alliance to Benefit Law Enforcement (CABLE), a non-profit that provides resources, training and information on all aspects of first responder well-being. All residents are encouraged to attend.

*The meeting then returned to its regular order.*

### Town Building Renovations Bond Referendum

MOTION        By Don Bell  
                     seconded by John Morrison



company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford, Connecticut. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying, registrar and transfer agent and paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including approval of the rate or rates of interest, shall be determined by the Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended from time to time (the "Connecticut General Statutes").

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Mayor, the Treasurer, and the Director of Finance in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, provisions of the purchase agreement shall be approved by the Mayor, the Treasurer, and the Director of Finance.

Section 4. The Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Mayor and the Treasurer, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance, be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford, Connecticut, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing, and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and any time after the date of passage of this resolution in the maximum amount of the Project with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Tax Exempt Obligations") authorized to be issued by the Town. The Tax-Exempt Obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Director of Finance or his designee is authorized to pay Project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of the Tax-Exempt Obligations.

Section 6. The Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") and to provide notices to the MSRB of certain events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this resolution. Any agreements or representations to provide information to MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified, and approved.

Section. 7. The Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any other agreements, instruments, documents, and certificates, including tax and investment agreements, for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution. The Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept any and all Federal and State loans and or grants-in-aid of any Project, to expend said

funds in accordance with the terms hereof, and in connection therewith to contract in the name of the Town with engineers, contractors and others.

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

Explanatory Text Publication and Payment Thereof for Bond Referenda

MOTION        By Don Bell  
                     seconded by John Morrison

that the Town Clerk prepare for publication the explanatory text regarding the bond referendum and that those costs be paid for by the Town Clerk.

Motion carried 9/0

Placement on the Ballot

MOTION        By Don Bell  
                     seconded by John Morrison

to approve the following:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,200,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, RECONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPPING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWN BUILDINGS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE", adopted by the Town Council on September 5, 2023, be submitted to the Town electors for approval or disapproval at a referendum in conjunction with the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (E.T.), and that the warning of said referendum shall state the question to be voted upon as follows:

"Shall the resolution entitled 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,200,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, RECONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPPING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWN BUILDINGS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE', adopted by the Town Council on September 5, 2023, be approved?"

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

"Shall the \$6,200,000 bond authorization for the planning, design, construction and reconstruction, and equipping of improvements to Town Buildings be approved?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

The warning shall also state that the full text of the aforesaid resolutions is on file, open to public inspection, in the office of the Town Clerk, that the vote on the aforesaid bond resolutions is taken under the authority of Chapter 6, Section 10 of the Charter of the Town of East Hartford, and Chapter 152 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and that absentee ballots will be available in accordance with law in the office of the Town Clerk.

### Allocation of 2016 Town Bond Funds re: Infrastructure Projects at Concourse Park

to **adopt** the following resolution

**WHEREAS**, \$3,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 Development Grant will be funded by the Silver Lane Corridor Authorization; and

**WHEREAS**, Jasko has asked the Town Council to approve the appropriation of \$3,000,000 from the Silver Lane Corridor Authorization, subject to the express terms and conditions of the Development Agreement, for infrastructure improvements;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:**

That the East Hartford Town Council approve the appropriation of \$3,000,000 from the Silver Lane Corridor Authorization, to provide financial assistance for all or a portion of the cost of infrastructure improvements, provided that such financial assistance be made available to Jasko in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Development Agreement, including Schedule 4.1 thereto.

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

Establishment of East Hartford K-9 Academy and Setting of Associated Fees

MOTION        By Don Bell  
                     seconded by Tom Rup

to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department of the Town of East Hartford is responsible for the preservation of the public peace, prevention of crime, apprehension of criminals, regulation of traffic, protection of rights of persons and property and enforcement of the laws of the state, and the ordinances of the town and all rules and regulations made in accordance therewith.

**WHEREAS**, the use of trained police K-9 assists the Police Department with officer safety, crime scene skills, and search and rescue skills.

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department of the Town of East Hartford began incorporating police K9 teams in 1990.

**WHEREAS**, the East Hartford Police Department trains its own officer and K-9 teams for certification by Connecticut Police Work Dog Association.

**WHEREAS**, the East Hartford Police Department desires to assist neighboring municipalities in certifying their officer and K-9 teams because doing so will benefit the Town of East Hartford help to ensure that East Hartford Police K-9 teams remain the top in the State.

**WHEREAS**, the East Hartford Police Department desires to conduct a training academy for Connecticut police officer and K-9 teams.

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the East Hartford K-9 Academy will be to prepare canines and their handlers to receive the North American Police Work Dog Association and the Connecticut Police Work Dog Association certifications.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve the following items:



1. The Town of East Hartford, is authorized and approved to enter into contracts with participating municipalities in the amount of a one-time, \$2,500.00-dollar fee for each participating dog handler and dog team; and
2. That Mayor, Michael P. Walsh, is hereby authorized to make, execute and deliver all agreements, additional and supplemental documents, and to do and perform such acts and to take such actions as may be necessary or required for the consummation of the transactions provided for and contemplated by this Resolution.

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

Bid Waiver Request re: Paramedic Training with New Britain EMS Academy

MOTION By Awet Tsegai  
seconded by Don Bell

that in accordance with Section 10-7(c) of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances, the Town Council **waive** the bidding procedures required by Section 10-7(b) and **allow** the Fire Department to purchase an initial paramedic training class from New Britain Emergency Medical Services Academy at a purchase price of \$11,800 as detailed in a memo from Stephen Alsup, Assistant Fire Chief to Mayor Michael P. Walsh dated August 25, 2023.

Motion carried 9/0

Revised Bid Waiver Request from Fire Department re: Vehicle Rescue class from Spec. Rescue International, Inc.

**MOTION** By Harry Amadasun  
seconded by Don Bell

to rescind the March 21, 2023 motion regarding Item 3B1 “Fire Department Training- Vehicle Rescue” and approve the following motion in lieu thereof:

that in accordance with Section 10-7(c) of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances, the Town Council waive the bidding procedures required by Section 10-7(b) and allow the Fire Department to purchase an NFPA 1006 Compliant Vehicle Rescue class from Spec. Rescue International, Inc. at a purchase price of \$84,360.00 as detailed in a memo from Mayor Michael P. Walsh to Town Council Chair Richard Kehoe dated August 23, 2023.

Motion carried 9/0

Bid Waiver Request from Fire Department re: Arrow EZ IO Intraosseous Vascular Access System supplies through Teleflex, LLC

MOTION By Harry Amadasun  
seconded by Tom Rup

Motion carried 9/0





**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED;** that Michael P. Walsh, 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 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection as they pertain to this Personal Services Agreement.

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

## Recommendations from Ordinance Committee

## Process for Naming Town Buildings

**MOTION** By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by John Morrison

to amend the town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances by adding a new section 1-17 to Town Ordinances "Naming of Town Facilities" with language that is consistent with the draft dated August 6, 2023 which was approved at the August 9, 2023 Ordinance Committee meeting.

Motion carried 9/0

### Establishment of Tree Board

**MOTION** By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by John Morrison

to amend the town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances by repealing Section 2-106 of the East Hartford Town Ordinances “Duties” and substituting in lieu thereof language that is consistent with the draft dated August 9, 2023 which was approved at the August 9, 2023 Ordinance Committee meeting.

Motion carried 9/0

Referral to Ordinance Committee re: Establishment of Tobacco and Cannabis Free Areas at Town-owned and operated recreation areas

**MOTION** By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by John Morrison

to refer to the Town Ordinance Committee a review of the use of alcohol, marijuana and tobacco on town parks and property.

Motion carried 9/0

## Recommendations from Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee

## Proposed Revision of Job Description for Network Systems Administrator

MOTION        By Awet Tsegai  
                         seconded by Tom Rup

to **approve** the proposed revised Job Description for the position of Network Systems Administrator in the Information Technologies department, dated August 1, 2023, as presented at the September 5, 2023 Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee Meeting.

Motion carried 9/0

Proposed Revision of Job Description, Change in Pay Grade and Title for Accounts Clerk III (Tax)

MOTION        By Awet Tsegai  
                         seconded by Tom Rup

to **approve** the proposed revised Job Description, Change in Pay Grade and Title for the position previously titled “Accounts Clerk III” to “Senior Account Clerk- Tax” in the Tax - Finance department, dated September 1, 2023, as presented at the September 5, 2023 Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee Meeting.

Motion carried 9/0

Referral to Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee re: Proposed Revision of Job Description and Title for Counseling Coordinator and Creation of Job Description for New Position of Program Supervisor, Crisis Intervention Division

MOTION        By Awet Tsegai  
                         seconded by Tom Rup

to **refer** to the Personnel & Pensions Subcommittee proposed revisions to the job description and title for Counseling Coordinator in the Youth Services Department and the creation of a job description for a new position of Program Supervisor, Crisis Intervention Division in the Department of Health and Social Services as provided in a memo from Mayor Michael P. Walsh to Rich Kehoe, Town Council Chair dated August 23rd, 2023 with instructions to review the positions and report back to the full Council with its recommendations, if any.

Motion carried 9/0

Amusement Permit Applications

Wickham Library Grand Re-Opening Celebration

MOTION        By Harry Amadasun  
                         seconded by Don Bell

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled “Wickham Library Grand Re-Opening Celebration” as submitted by Scott Sansom, Chief of Police, scheduled for Saturday September 9, 2023 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at Wickham Library, 656 Burnside Avenue, 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 9/0

#### East Hartford Latin Festival

MOTION      By Harry Amadasun  
seconded by Don Bell

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled “East Hartford Latin Festival” as submitted by Scott Sansom, Chief of Police, scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2023 from Noon to 6:00 pm at Alumni Park, 1021 Main Street, 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 9/0

#### Believe 208 – Run for the Brave and Finest

*This item was moved to earlier in the agenda.*

#### East Hartford Fall Festival

MOTION      By Harry Amadasun  
seconded by Awet Tsegai

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled “East Hartford Fall Festival” as submitted by Scott Sansom, Chief of Police, scheduled for Saturday October 7, 2023 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Alumni Park, 1021 Main Street with set up to begin at 8:00 am and a rain date of Sunday October 8, 2023 with the same hours, 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 9/0

#### Thunderbird American Indian Dance Troupe

MOTION      By Harry Amadasun  
seconded by Don Bell

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled “Thunderbird American Indian Dance Troupe” as submitted by Scott Sansom, Chief of Police, scheduled for Saturday October 21, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm on the front lawn of Raymond Library, 840 Main Street, 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 9/0

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

#### COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

The pending Workers’ Compensation claims of former Town employee, Mark Losty.

MOTION        By Don Bell  
                     seconded by Tom Rup

to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending workers’ compensation claims of former Town employee, Mark Losty, for a total sum of \$125,000.00.

Motion carried 9/0

The pending Superior Court action known as Albertina Arbisi v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV-19-6119113-S.

MOTION        By Don Bell  
                     seconded by Awet Tsegai

to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending Superior Court action known as Albertina Arbisi v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV-19-6119113-S, for a total sum of \$24,500.00.

Motion carried 9/0

The pending tax assessment tax appeal known as GOODWIN COLLEGE 417 MAIN, LLC v. TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD Et Al, Docket No: HHB-CV20-6061740-S, regarding the real property located at 417 Main Street, East Hartford, CT for Grand List Years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

MOTION        By Don Bell  
                     seconded by Tom Rup

to **adopt** the following resolution:



**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Hartford is presently a party to a taxation assessment appeal known as GOODWIN COLLEGE 417 MAIN, LLC v. TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD Et Al and bearing the docket number: HHB-CV20-6061740-S.

**WHEREAS**, this taxation assessment appeal relates to the real property known as 417 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut.

**WHEREAS**, the parties to this litigation desire to resolve and mutually settle their dispute.

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve the following items:

1. Accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as GOODWIN COLLEGE 417 MAIN, LLC v. TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD, Docket Number HHB-CV20-6061740-S to authorize:
  - a. the refund of \$51,604.78 in real property taxes for the Grand List Year 2019; and
  - b. the refund of \$51,015.28 in real property taxes for the Grand List Year of 2020; and
  - c. the refund of \$73,867.24 in real property taxes, for the Grand List Year of 2021.
2. To further accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to authorize the refund of \$38,320.89 in real property taxes and approve a tax credit in the amount of \$38,320.89 for Grand List Year 2022.

*On call of the vote, the motion carried 8/1 (Nay: Simpson)*

The pending tax assessment tax appeal known as GOODWIN UNIVERSITY, INC. v. TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD Et Al, Docket No: HHB-CV20-6061739-S, regarding real property located at 120 Colt Street, East Hartford, CT for the Grand List Years, of 2019 and 2020.

MOTION        By Don Bell  
                     seconded by Travis Simpson

to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Hartford is presently a party to a taxation assessment appeal known as GOODWIN UNIVERSITY, INC. v. TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD Et Al, and bearing the docket number: HHB-CV20-6061739-S.

**WHEREAS**, this taxation assessment appeal relates to the real property known as 120 Colt Street, East Hartford, Connecticut.

**WHEREAS**, the parties to this litigation desire to resolve and mutually settle their dispute.

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve the following items:

1. Accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as GOODWIN UNIVERSITY, INC. v. TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD Et Al, Docket Number: HHB-CV20-6061739-S to authorize:
  - a. the refund of \$12,600.32 in real property taxes for the Grand List Year 2019; and
  - b. the refund of \$12,456.44 in real property taxes for the Grand List Year 2020.

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

The pending tax assessment tax appeal known as RIVER CAMPUS, INC. v. TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD Et Al, Docket No: HHB-CV19-6053341-S, regarding the real property located at 247 Riverside Drive, East Hartford, CT for Grand List Years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

MOTION        By Don Bell  
                     seconded by Travis Simpson

to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Hartford is presently a party to a taxation assessment appeal known as RIVER CAMPUS, INC. v. TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD Et Al, and bearing the docket number: HHB-CV19-6053341-S, regarding the real property located at 247 Riverside Drive, East Hartford, CT for Grand List Years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

**WHEREAS**, this taxation assessment appeal relates to the real property known as 247 Riverside Drive, East Hartford, Connecticut.

**WHEREAS**, the parties to this litigation desire to resolve and mutually settle their dispute

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve the following items:

1. Accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as RIVER CAMPUS, INC. v. TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD Et Al, Docket No: HHB-CV19-6053341-S to authorize:
  - a. the refund of \$28,802.04 in real property taxes for the Grand List Year 2018;
  - b. the refund of \$29,277.08 in real property taxes for the Grand List Year 2019;
  - c. the refund of \$28,942.80 in real property taxes for the Grand List Year 2020; and
  - d. the refund of \$26,586.04 in real property taxes for the Grand List Year 2021.

2. To further accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to authorize the refund of \$15,171.55 in real property taxes and approve a tax credit in the amount of \$15,171.55 for Grand List Year 2022.

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

The pending notice to quit against and claim for relocation costs by Raisa Protas d/b/a Raisa Hair Salon regarding 848 Silver Lane, East Hartford, CT.

**MOTION** By Don Bell  
seconded by Travis Simpson

to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, after approval by the Town of East Hartford Redevelopment Agency and this Council an action for eminent domain was filed in the superior court known as, TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY Et Al v. EAST HARTFORD VENTURE, LLC;

**WHEREAS**, On February 21, 2023, the superior court issued two executed amended certificates of taking;

**WHEREAS**, On March 1, 2023, the executed amended certificates of taking were recorded on the land records for the Town of East Hartford transferring the real property located at 794 – 810 Silver Lane, East Hartford and 818 – 850 Silver Lane, East Hartford (hereinafter collectively “Silver Lane Plaza”) to the Town;

**WHEREAS**, portions of the Silver Lane Plaza, at the time of acquisition, were leased by various business entities;

**WHEREAS**, the Town has maintained efforts to engage with the business entities to offer relocation assistance as reasonably appropriate.

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending notice to quit against and claim for relocation costs by Raisa Protas d/b/a Raisa Hair Salon regarding 848 Silver Lane, East Hartford, CT.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve the following items:

1. This Council waives the requirements of Town Ordinance 10-19, acting as a committee of the whole for the Fees Committee to permit the Town to enter into an agreement with Raisa Protas d/b/a Raisa Hair Salon for Relocation Benefits, Release of Claims for Such Benefits, and Occupancy regarding a portion of the Silver Lane Plaza;
2. Such agreement shall be in a form reviewed and approved by the Office of Corporation Counsel;
3. This Council waives the requirement of rent for Raisa Protas d/b/a Raisa Hair Salon for the Months of September 2023, October 2023, November 2023, and December 2023, in consideration for the condition that Raisa Protas d/b/a Raisa Hair

Salon will totally vacate the Premises located at 848 Silver Lane, East Hartford, CT by or before December 31, 2023.

4. The Town, in consideration of the release by Raisa Protas d/b/a Raisa Hair Salon of all past, present and future claims for Relocation Benefits regarding the Silver Lane Plaza and in full and final settlement for such claim, will pay Raisa Protas d/b/a Raisa Hair Salon the Fixed Payment in Lieu of Actual Expenses in the amount of twelve thousand four hundred one dollars and zero cents (\$12,401.00) as Relocation Benefits, to be paid directly to Raisa Protas.

5. That Mayor, Michael P. Walsh, is hereby authorized to make, execute and deliver all settlement agreements, additional and supplemental documents, and to do and perform such acts and to take such actions as may be necessary or required for the consummation of the transactions provided for and contemplated by this Resolution.

*On call of the vote, the motion carried 8/0 (Recused: Rup)*

The pending notice to quit against and claim for relocation costs by Splinting Solution, LLC regarding 800 Silver Lane, Ste. 210, East Hartford, CT.

MOTION        By Don Bell  
                     seconded by Awet Tsegai

to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, after approval by the Town of East Hartford Redevelopment Agency and this Council an action for eminent domain was filed in the superior court known as, TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY Et Al v. EAST HARTFORD VENTURE, LLC;

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**WHEREAS**, On March 1, 2023, the executed amended certificates of taking were recorded on the land records for the Town of East Hartford transferring the real property located at 794 – 810 Silver Lane, East Hartford and 818 – 850 Silver Lane, East Hartford (hereinafter collectively “Silver Lane Plaza”) to the Town;

**WHEREAS**, portions of the Silver Lane Plaza, at the time of acquisition, were leased by various business entities;

**WHEREAS**, the Town has maintained efforts to engage with the business entities to offer relocation assistance as reasonably appropriate.

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending notice to quit against and claim for relocation costs by Splinting Solution, LLC regarding 800 Silver Lane, Ste. 210, East Hartford, CT.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve the following items:

- On call of the vote, the motion carried 8/0 (Recused: Rup)

MOTION By John Morrison  
seconded by Don Bell  
to **adjourn** (10:22 pm)  
Motion carried 9/0

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Jason Marshall  
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK