

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM

October 17, 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 Connor Martin, Chief of Staff
Melissa McCaw, Chief Administrative Officer and Finance Director
Laurence Burnsed, Director of Health and Social Services (via Teams)
Ted Fravel, Director of Parks and Recreation (via Teams)
Kevin Munson, Fire Chief
Lt. Paul Neves, East Hartford Police Department

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:31 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

Chief of Staff Martin

- wished all a good evening.
- The Town has partnered with local Main Street businesses to offer a contest in promotion of Small Business Saturday on November 25th. The contest runs from October 23 through November 22 and information on how to participate is available at the Community Cultural Center and both libraries.
- The Town has partnered with the East Hartford Tennis Club to offer indoor pickleball for local senior residents 55 years of age and older. Sessions are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 pm.
- East Hartford Works! invites all individuals who are new homeowners or are about to purchase their first home, to an information session to be held Wednesday, November 8th from 6:00-7:00 pm at East Hartford Public Library (840 Main Street).
- East Hartford Health Department is offering residents, aged 12 and older, a flu and COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Senior Center (15 Milbrook Drive) on Friday, October 27th from 1:00-4:00 pm.

- A Public Hearing on the Town's 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report will be held Monday, November 6, 2023 at 11:00 am., in room 105 of the Community Cultural Center (50 Chapman Place).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 3, 2023 Executive Session

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Don Bell

to **approve** the minutes of the October 3, 2023 Executive Session

Motion carried 9/0

October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Don Bell

to **approve** the minutes of the October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion carried 9/0

October 11, 2023 Special Meeting

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Don Bell

to **approve** the minutes of the October 11, 2023 Special Meeting

Motion carried 9/0

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Town On-Call Service Contract Report

Chair Kehoe stated that, pursuant to Ordinance 10-6(a), the administration is required to provide a report on the amounts expended on each on-call service contract during the previous fiscal year within 60 days of the end of such fiscal year. The Chair summarized the report and types of services provided through on-call contracts, including electrical work, engineering, and architectural services. Two contracts have reached the end of their permitted five-year window and will be heading out to bid.

Resignations from Boards and Commissions

The Chair stated that James Arsenault Jr. has resigned from the Economic Development Commission and that recently appointed Anthony Sweet has decided to step away from the Fair Rent Commission. The Chair thanked both residents for their continued service and involvement in the community.

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
 seconded by John Morrison

pursuant to Section 10-4a of Town Ordinances, the East Hartford Town Council **authorize** the Mayor of the Town of East Hartford to enter into a contract with Liturgical Publications, Inc., in the form presented to the Council, with such non-material changes as deemed reasonable and necessary by the Office of the Corporation Counsel.

Motion carried 9/0

Recommendations from Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee

Revision of Job Description for Position of Fire Services Technician Heavy Mechanic

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
 seconded by Tom Rup

to **approve** the Proposed Revision of Job Description for the Position of “Fire Services Technician Heavy Mechanic” in the Fire Department, dated October 1, 2023 as presented at the October 12, 2023 Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee Meeting.

Motion carried 9/0

Creation of Job Description for Position of Municipal Communications Specialist

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
 seconded by

to **approve** the Proposed Job Description for “Municipal Communications Specialist” in the Department of the Mayor’s Office and recommended paygrade 8 under the Systemic Pay Plan for East Hartford Town Employees, effective November 1, 2023, as presented at the October 12, 2023 Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee meeting.

Motion carried 9/0

Referral to Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee re: Proposed Revisions of Job Description for “Career Coach”

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
 seconded by Tom Rup

to **refer** to the Personnel & Pensions Subcommittee proposed revisions to the job description for the position of “Career Coach” as provided in a memo from Mayor Michael P. Walsh to Rich Kehoe, Town Council Chair dated October 10, 2023 with instructions to review the positions and report back to the full Council with its recommendations, if any.

Motion carried 9/0

Appointment of Goviana Morales to Fair Rent and Quality Housing Commission

MOTION By Harry Amadasun
seconded by John Morrison

to approve the appointment of (Tenant) Goviana Morales, 28 Clement Rd, to the Fair Rent and Quality Housing Commission with term to expire 12/25.

Motion carried 9/0

Amusement Permit Applications

Trunk or Treat

MOTION By Harry Amadasun
seconded by Don Bell

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled “Trunk or Treat” as submitted by Scott Sansom, Chief of Police, scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 5:00 pm — 7:00 pm with set up at 2:30 pm with a rain date of Tuesday, October 31, 2023, to be located in the parking lot across from 50 Chapman Place, and **waive** the associated permit fee under the provisions of (TO) 5-6(a), since this a free community event, 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

Trick or Treat Trail

MOTION By Harry Amadasun
seconded by Travis Simpson

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled “Trick or Treat Trail” as submitted by Scott Sansom, Chief of Police, scheduled for Sunday, October 29, 2023, from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM with set up starting at 10:00 AM at the Town Green / Alumni Park, 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

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Harry Amadasun

seconded by Travis Simpson

to approve a total refund of taxes in the amount of \$20,897.35 pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Motion carried 9/0

Bill	Name/ Check payable to:	Address	City/State/Zip	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2022-03-0051877	ARIS ROSHAWN K	322 PARK AVE	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	2021/KM8J3CALOMU408921	-353.98
2022-03-0054025	BORNSTEIN MARC H	35 KENCove DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-3130	2008/1J8HR58278C208715	-12.76
2022-03-0056404	CHARETTE-FRANCOEUR CYNTHIA A	23 HOWARD ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-2117	2014/4S4BRBCC6E3275325	-30.37
2022-03-0057075	COLLADO ARNALDO D	31 HIGH ST APT 3104	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-1875	2004/1HGEM22944L044994	-60.53
2022-03-0057274	COLORADO DIAZ GUSTAVO A	22 HIGH CT APT 4	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	2008/JTEBU14R58K010594	-22.43
2022-03-0058509	CURRIE-DYSON DENISE C	40 SAUNDERS ST # 1FL	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-3121	2019/4JGDA5GB7KB218233	-409.84
2021-01-0002103	C2HPS LLC	43 THOMAS ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	43-45 THOMAS ST	-1,038.12
2022-03-0058836	DANIELS KARL S JR	45 FOREST ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-2311	2015/555WF4KBFU089499	-207.42
2022-03-0060124	DIXON FRANCES L	16 LARAIA AVE	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-2731	2018/5NPD74LF1JH351539	-8.81
2021-03-0062164	FIRST TRANSIT INC	148 ROBERTS ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-3609	2013/1FD7X2B65DEA17193	-400.47
2022-03-0062738	FIRST TRANSIT INC	148 ROBERTS ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-3609	2013/1FD7X2B65DEA17193	-533.98
2022-03-0066584	HIGLEY DYSHAWN C	31 HIGH ST APT 4207	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-1876	2000/WBAGH8348YDP08261	-16.23
2022-03-0066937	HONDA LEASE TRUST	11675 GREAT OAKS WAY SUITE 200	ALPHARETTA, GA 30022	2020/3CZRU6H54LM715227	-101.94
2021-03-0066786	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	3161 MICHAELSON DR STE 1900	IRVINE, CA 92612	2020/KM8R5DHE3LU100571	-1,173.10
2022-03-0067508	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	3161 MICHAELSON DR STE 1900	IRVINE, CA 92612	2020/KM8R5DHE3LU100571	-1,036.12
2022-03-0067595	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	3161 MICHAELSON DR STE 1900	IRVINE, CA 92612	2022/KM8K3CAB3NU897926	-354.14
2022-03-0069130	KENNEDY JASON P ESTATE OF	18 LONGVIEW DR	SIMSBURY, CT 06070	2012/1HGCP2E30CA069505	-101.12
2021-01-0014708	LERETA ATTN: CENTRAL RECORDS	901 CORPORATE CENTER DR	POMONA, CA 91768	54 MICHAEL AVE LAND	-575.23
2021-01-0009087	LERETA ATTN: CENTRAL RECORDS	901 CORPORATE CENTER DR	POMONA, CA 91768	54 MICHAEL AVE	-2,282.68
2022-03-0070690	LEWIE NANCY L	460 GOODWIN ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-1218	2011/1J4NF4G86BD213043	-13.34
2022-03-0071123	LOPEZ DIAZ FELIX J JR	72 WARREN DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-1140	2003/2T1BR32E43C022473	-53.95
2022-03-0071637	MACNEAL LILLIAN R	408 OAKLAND RD	SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074	2013/3N1AB7AP1DL774188	-27.33
2022-03-0075623	NISSAN INFINITI LT LLC	P O BOX 650214	DALLAS, TX 75265-9523	2019/KNMAT2MV1KP521882	-478.63
2022-03-0080096	RIVERA JAZMIN	37 PORTERBROOK AVE	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-3225	2017/5FNYP6H95HB087138	-187.03
2022-03-0081582	ROZIE GERALDINE M	446 MAIN ST APT 115	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-1437	2006/1G1AL55F667717937	-20.61
2022-03-0082327	SANTANA ORTIZ CARMEN M	92 HIGBIE DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-2840	2003/1HGCMS6303A055905	-16.89
2022-03-0083985	SODERQUIST JAMES C	407 BURNSIDE AVE	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-2449	2022/1HD1YBK19NB015394	-48.68
2022-03-0083986	SODERQUIST JAMES C	407 BURNSIDE AVE	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-2449	2009/1D7HW22K29S744279	-48.69
2022-03-0085884	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	3200 WEST RAY ROAD	CHANDLER, AZ 85226	2020/2T3P1RFV1LW095137	-508.79
2022-03-0085919	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	3200 WEST RAY ROAD	CHANDLER, AZ 85226	2021/JTDEPMAEOMJ168594	-337.42
2022-03-0086554	USB LEASING LT	1850 OSBORN AVE	OSHKOSH, WI 54902	2019/3C4NJDDB4KT847182	-421.39
2022-03-0087066	VCFS AUTO LEASING CO	PO BOX 91300	MOBILE, AL 36691	2021/YV4102RK6M1695442	-152.92
2022-03-0087212	VELASQUEZ PEREZ NORMA	41 GLENN RD APT C7	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118	2009/JF1GE60649H519807	-11.66
2021-04-0087254	VW CREDIT	1401 FRANKLIN BLVD	LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048	2021/WAUAABAF47MA087021	-74.63
2021-03-0086384	VW CREDIT	1401 FRANKLIN BLVD	LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048	2019/WAUDNAF42KN019123	-62.54
2021-01-0015116	WADE BONITA D	900 HEMLOCK AVE APT 141	SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074	75 KINGSTON DR	-5,724.01
2022-01-0015657	WOJNILO EUGENE	267 GOODWIN ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	267 GOODWIN ST	-3,989.57
TOTAL					\$ (20,897.35)

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Councillor Simpson, proposed Silver Lane Plaza and the Showcase Cinema site as alternative options for events previously held in the space near Rentschler Field that is now occupied by the National Development project until development on those sites is initiated.

Councillor Bell requested an update on the Town's review of storm drains given the flooding issues over the summer.

Councillor Morrison asked for an update on the Town Hall renovation and the Simon Konover Apartment project along East River Drive. *Mr. Martin stated that Town Hall project is on schedule and under budget. Regarding Simon Konover, the developer is seeking additional funding from the Capital Region Development Authority.*

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

The Pending Workers' Compensation Claim of Former Town Employee, David Brochu

MOTION By Don Bell
 seconded by Tom Rup

to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending workers' compensation claim of former Town employee, David Brochu, for a total sum of \$46,068.64.

Motion carried 9/0

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Gary Roy, 61 Matthew Road, asked if the Post Office building on Main Street remains for sale. *While the building is not currently listed as for sale, the USPS has recently re-engaged with the Administration to evaluate purchasing the building or leasing space.*

Mr. Roy also noted what appears to be a homeless camp of 4 to 6 tents with trash located along the Interstate 84 off-ramp. *Mr. Martin stated that Social Services and Public Safety will be notified to address the issue.*

Matthew Corey owner of One Wood Pub, 130 Long Hill Street, requested an opportunity to bid on management of the East Hartford Golf Club when the lease is up next year.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By John Morrison
 seconded by Don Bell

to **adjourn** (8:24 pm)

Motion carried 9/0

The Chair wished all a good evening and announced that the next regular meeting of the Town Council would be on Wednesday November 1, 2023.

Attest _____
Jason Marshall
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK