

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DECEMBER 8, 2015

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, 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 Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr.

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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep, 44-46 and 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) asked that the Council not support the supplemental budget appropriation for Drennan pool; and (2) made the public aware of the annual Christmas party for the homeless held at Manchester Country Club.

Mayor Leclerc spoke on the following: (1) Holiday Fest was a success and recognized the efforts of the Beautification Commission and the Parks & Recreation Department; (2) the proposed state budget does not contain cuts to municipal aid; (3) the Outlets at Rentschler Field project is progressing – the analysis for a potential state financial assistance package has been initiated; (4) there is nothing new to report on the proposed casino at the Showcase Cinemas property; (5) the town has been called by the DEEP for an interview for the brownfields grant on December 14<sup>th</sup>; (6) Pratt & Whitney will go before the Planning & Zoning Commission for a slight revision to the plans for their headquarters building; (7) a video is being made by Pratt & Whitney to document their history in the town of East Hartford; and (8) congratulated James Kate for his appointment to the Board of Commissioners of the East Hartford Housing Authority.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 17, 2015 Executive Session

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **approve** the minutes of the November 17, 2015 Executive Session  
Motion carried 8/0.

November 17, 2015 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Linda Russo

seconded by Pat Harmon  
to **approve** the minutes of the November 17, 2015 Regular Meeting.  
Motion carried 8/0.

#### December 2, 2015 Board of Education Budget Workshop

MOTION      By Linda Russo  
                  seconded by Joe Carlson  
                  to **approve** the minutes of the December 2, 2015 Board of Education  
                  Budget Workshop.  
                  Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Harmon

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

##### Responses to Questions Asked of Administration – November 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Chair Kehoe read the Mayor's emailed response:

*"...Councilor Harmon raised issue about Primrose Street being included in the 2016 Roadwork. In conversations with Tim Bockus he stated that the street has low ratings and will require a full reconstruction and significant cost per square foot and so it could not fit within the funds available this round. Godar and Barbonsel were small enough to add to the work for 2016.*

*In regards to work on Columbus Circle the work will be done on schedule. The EHHA project will have minimal impact to the roads based on the plans the town has received."*

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Appointment of James Kate to the East Hartford Housing Authority

MOTION      By Joe Carlson  
                  seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
                  to **appoint** James Kate to the East Hartford Housing Authority's Board of  
                  Commissioners, to fulfill the unexpired term of Robert Keating; term to  
                  expire July 31, 2018.  
                  Motion carried 8/0.

##### Click It or Ticket Grant Program

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

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Safety Office of the state Department of Transportation (DOT) has made available funds for the 2016 "Click-It or Ticket" program; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Click-It or Ticket” enforcement campaign is a key tool in public awareness and enforcement of safety belt use.

**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 Department of Transportation as they pertain to this “Click-It or Ticket” program.

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

#### Application to CRCOG for LOTCIP Funds:

#### Brewer Street Reconstruction – Phase 4

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                     seconded by Marc Weinberg  
                     to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is inviting municipalities to submit proposals for transportation projects to be funded under the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Brewer Street Reconstruction Project – Phase 4 is eligible for funding under this program.

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**; that the East Hartford Town Council strongly supports the Brewer Street Reconstruction Project – Phase 4 and 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 CRCOG as they pertain to the above project and the LOTICIP Program.

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

#### Silver Lane Sidewalk Project

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                     seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
                     to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is inviting municipalities to submit proposals for transportation projects to be funded under the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Silver Lane Sidewalk Project is eligible for funding under this program.

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**; that the East Hartford Town Council strongly supports the Silver Lane Sidewalk Project and 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 CRCOG as they pertain to the above project and the LOTICIP Program.

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

#### State of Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection: Flood & Erosion Control Board Program Funding

MOTION        By Joe Carlson

seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has issued a request to municipalities for projects that can be funded through the Flood and Erosion Control Board (FECB) Program; and

**WHEREAS** the Town currently has several flood and erosion control projects that would be eligible for funding under this program.

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED** that Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is authorized to make application to DEEP for funding under the FECB Program.

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

#### Bid Waiver: Legal Services – Town Levee Project

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                     seconded by Marc Weinberg  
                     that pursuant to Section 10-7(c) of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances, the Town Council **waive** the bidding requirements for legal services associated with the town's levee project and **authorize** the town to hire Rogin Nassau LLC to provide legal services for the levee project as it is in the best interests of the town.  
                     Motion carried 5/3. **Nays:** Clarke, Harmon, Kurker

#### Referral to Fees Committee re: Massage Therapists

MOTION        By Marc Weinberg  
                     seconded by Linda Russo  
                     to **refer** to the Fees Committee a review of the fees associated with Section 8-73 "Massage Therapists" of the Code of Ordinances with instructions to investigate the issue and report back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.  
                     Motion carried 8/0.

#### Referral to the Personnel & Pensions Subcommittee

MOTION        By Ram Aberasturia  
                     seconded by Linda Russo  
                     to **refer** the revised job description of Fire Marshal and the new job description of Fire Captain/Emergency Management to the Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee with instructions to review the proposed revisions and new job description and report back to the Town Council with its recommendation, if any.  
                     Motion carried 8/0.

#### Outdoor Amusement Permit Application – 2016 Eversource Hartford Marathon

MOTION        By Marc Weinberg

seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit entitled “Eversource Hartford Marathon – 2016” submitted by Josh Miller, Technical Director for the Hartford Marathon Foundation to conduct a marathon, road races and outdoor musical entertainment with volunteers and several thousand spectators and runners on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 7:30AM to 1:30PM, with music between the hours of 9AM and 1:30PM, 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.

#### Supplemental Budget Appropriation: Drennan Pool Deck Replacement Project

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                     seconded by Marc Weinberg  
                     to **adopt** the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND FUND BALANCE TRANSFER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016 TO FUND THE UNFUNDED PORTION OF THE DRENNAN POOL DECK REPLACEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Hartford opened the Drennan Pool in the summer of 1963, and

**WHEREAS**, \$350,000 was set aside in FY15 under the Local Capital Improvement Program to replace the filter, return line, and deck at Drennan Pool, and

**WHEREAS**, through two rounds of competitive bidding, value engineering, and moving the timing of the work around to attract lower bids was generally unsuccessful, and

**WHEREAS**, in order to complete the necessary work including design fees, engineering, permits, and contingencies, an additional \$176,000 is needed to allow a contract for the total project of \$526,000 to be executed and to allow the project to proceed using existing bids.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve this Supplemental Budget Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$176,000 from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance and to reflect the addition of the attached Supplemental Revenue Appropriation and Expenditure Appropriation.

G0320-55900	Fund Balance Appropriation	176,000
G8200-64504	Parks Maint. – Construction/Renovation	176,000

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

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

None

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

James Kate, 22 Greenhurst Lane, thanked the Council for their support on his appointment to the EHHA Board of Commissioners.

Mayor Leclerc wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.  
Marc Weinberg wished all Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By Esther Clarke  
                  seconded by Pat Harmon  
                  to **adjourn** (8:53 p.m.).  
                  Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be January 5, 2016.

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