

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JULY 14, 2015

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:40 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) spoke to the proposed bond issue and the financial impact to the town; and (5) the sale of individual tax liens.

MaryAnn Lee, 446 Main Street, Chair of the Commission on Aging, spoke in favor of a new senior center.

Ron Arpin, 32 Pendleton Drive, a Public Works Highway Supervisor, spoke in favor of the proposed capital improvement and equipment bond.

Don Sugalski, 1736 Main Street, asked for clarification on the amount of the state grant for the senior center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 16, 2015 Executive Session

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the minutes of the June 16, 2015 Executive Session.
Motion carried 9/0.

June 16, 2015 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Linda Russo
to **approve** the minutes of the June 16, 2015 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 9/0.

Rock Cats Baseball: East Harford Community Night

Resignation of Frank Vignati from the Pension and Retiree Benefits Board

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Linda Russo
to **approve** the pension agreement between the Town of East Hartford and
the East Hartford Federation of Paraprofessionals AFT, AFL-CIO which
was ratified by the bargaining unit members on June 17, 2015 and is
effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020.
Motion carried 9/0.

Presentation from the Administration:

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Anita Morrison
to **set** a Public Hearing Date of August 4, 2015 @ 7PM in Town Council
Chambers to hear public comment on Appropriating \$5,000,000 for The
Planning, Design, Acquisition, Construction and/or Renovation of a Senior
Center/Multi-purpose Facility and Authorizing The Issuance of \$5,000,000
Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance
Thereof The Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.
Motion carried 9/0.

Presentations from Police, Fire and Public Works Departments:

EHPD Deputy Chief Tim McConville, EHFD Assistant Superintendent of Alarms Bob Merski, Fire Chief John Oates and Public Works Director Tim Bockus used a PowerPoint presentation to explain the need for dispatch consoles, a fire ladder truck, a rescue squad vehicle, a fire engine, 2 dump trucks and a waste removal truck.

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
Seconded by Anita Morrison
to **set** a public hearing date of August 4, 2015 @ 7PM in Town Council Chambers to hear public comment on Appropriating \$4,625,000 for The Planning, Design, Acquisition, and Construction of Various Public Improvements and Equipment and Authorizing The Issuance of \$4,625,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof The Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.
Motion carried 9/0.

Board of Education Budget Transfer FY2014-2015: Capital Reserve Fund

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Linda Russo
that, in accordance with Article 7, §10-38 of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances, the Town Council **approve** the Board of Education's request to expend \$872,000 (or such lesser amounts as deposited based on the proceeds forwarded by the Board of Education) from the Board of Education's Capital Reserve Account for the purposes of funding capital improvements at Sunset Ridge School, the Middle School, Silver Lane School, Willowbrook School, and for the purchase of one truck and two vans which are all consistent with the projects contained in the district's approved Capital Improvement Plan.
Motion carried 9/0.

2015 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

MOTION By Bill Horan
seconded by Barbara Rossi
to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has funding available to the Town of East Hartford under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the State of Connecticut JAG Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, these funds may be used to improve or enhance Law Enforcement Programs with no cash match by the Town of East Hartford; and

WHEREAS, the East Hartford Police Department desires to use these funds to purchase traffic enforcement equipment including a Police Motorcycle, together with required installation of lighting.

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 U.S. Department of Justice as they pertain to this Justice Assistance Grant.

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

East Hartford Police Department: K9 Primo

MOTION By Linda Russo
 Seconded by Anita Morrison
 to **approve** the transfer of ownership of Primo, a 10-year old German
 Shepard, from the Town of East Hartford to Todd Mona, pursuant to
 Section 10-3 of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances.
 Motion carried 9/0.

Recommendation from Fees Committee for Fee Revisions:

Police Department Fees:

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 that the Town Council **approve** the following fees as requested by the
 Police Department and outlined in a memo dated August 12, 2014 from
 Mayor Marcia Leclerc to Rich Kehoe Town Council Chair and further
 detailed on a memo dated June 2, 2015 from Scott Sansom, Chief of
 Police to Marcia Leclerc, Mayor:

Alarms

Alarm Registration Fee	\$5
Failure to Register	\$99
*False Alarm Fee:	
0-3 avoidable alarms	0
4 th and 5 th avoidable alarms	\$25 each incident
6 th to 8 th avoidable alarms	\$50 each incident
9 th to 10 th avoidable alarms	\$75 each incident
11 th or more avoidable alarms	\$100 each incident
Alarm Renewal Fee	\$5

* per registration year

Parking Ticket Fines

Handicapped Parking	\$125
Fire Lane	\$ 50
Snow Ban	\$ 45
All other Violations	\$ 45

And that the recipient of the parking ticket have 10 calendar days (starting on the issue date) to pay the original fine and on the 11th day the ticket will double, with no increase thereafter; all fees to be effective October 1, 2015.

Motion carried 9/0.

Inspections & Permits Department Fees:

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Linda Russo
that the Town Council **approve** the following fees as requested by the
Inspections and Permits Department as outlined in a memo dated August
12, 2014 from Mayor Marcia Leclerc to Rich Kehoe, Town Council Chair:

Building Permits

Building Plan Review & Permit Fee – 1st \$1,000:

Commercial \$30

Building Plan Review & Permit Fee – 2nd \$1,000 and any \$1,000 after:

Commercial \$20

Demolition Permit

1st \$1,000 - \$3,000 each:

Res/Commercial \$30

Any \$1,000 after:

Res/Commercial \$17

Cert of Occupancy

Per \$1,000 up to \$2,000:

Res \$25 fixed

Comm \$50 fixed

Cert of Approval

Per \$1,000 up to \$2,000:

Res \$10 fixed

Comm \$20 fixed

Temp Cert of Occupancy

1st 30 days:

Commercial \$75

Add 'l 30 day periods:

Commercial \$200

Re-inspections:

Construction inspections:

Res \$10

Comm \$20

Site Plan Approval:

Residential \$150
Commercial \$150

All fees to be effective October 1, 2015.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **amend** the motion as follows:

Cert of Occupancy

~~Per \$1,000 up to \$2,000:~~

Res \$25 fixed
Comm \$50 fixed

Cert of Approval

~~Per \$1,000 up to \$2,000:~~

Res \$10 fixed
Comm \$20 fixed

Motion carried 9/0.

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

Individual Tax Lien Sales

MOTION By Bill Horan
 seconded by Barbara Rossi
 to **approve** the sale of tax liens as listed on the report attached to a memorandum dated June 19, 2015 from Finance Director Michael Walsh to Mayor Marcia Leclerc which lists and enumerates 43 properties, along with the amount of the tax lien for each property and the high bid for each property resulting from the request for proposal relevant to the tax lien sale and to **award** the high bid for the 43 properties which collectively totals \$648,113.19 as follows:

- ❖ Empire VII CT Portfolio, LLC – 8 bids totaling \$ 78,503.00
- ❖ ATCF II, Connecticut LLC – 35 bids totaling \$ 569,610.19

Motion carried 9/0.

Referral to Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: 9-11 Moore Avenue

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **refer** to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee the possible acquisition and transfer of ownership of 9-11 Moore Avenue, with

on the Town Green; and (8) acknowledged the resignation of Frank Vignati and thanked him for his service to the town.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **adjourn** (10:43 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be August 4th.

Attest _____
 Angela M. Attenello
 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK