

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

FEBRUARY 18, 2014

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 (via telephone) and Anita D. Morrison

ABSENT Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr.

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.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **amend** the agenda as follows:

delete item 3.A. Youth Services: Charter Oak Club.
Motion carried 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Karen Howe, 100 Ridgewood Road, Chair of the Fine Arts Commission, invited the Council to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary of the East Hartford Summer Youth Festival and the establishment of the Fine Arts Commission on Saturday, April 5th at the Marco Polo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 4, 2014 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Anita Morrison
to **approve** the minutes of the February 4, 2014 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 8/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Responses to Questions Asked of Administration – 63 Woodbridge Avenue

Chair Kehoe stated that the owner of the house at 63 Woodbridge Avenue is current on his property taxes and has secured the house so that there is no danger of collapse or

hazard to the surrounding properties. As such, the property is in compliance with the town's Property Maintenance Code.

Disposition of Town-owned Property Other Than Real Estate – Used Furniture

Chair Kehoe announced that, pursuant to §10-3(c) of the town's Code of Ordinances, the Administration is notifying the Town Council that old furniture from Raymond Library and other locations will be disposed of through public auction.

East Hartford Housing Authority (EHHA) Update

Deb Bouchard, Executive Director, announced that present in the Chamber were Robert Keating, Chair of the EHHA's Board of Commissioners, John Carella, member of the Board of Commissioners, and Kelly McDermott, Senior Manager of Planning and Modernization.

Ms. Bouchard reported that the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) just recently acknowledged that the EHHA exited out of troubled status. She went on to summarize the accomplishments of EHHA: (1) the negotiation of the sale of King Court; (2) EHHA's new website; (3) a 20-year HUD rent subsidy contract for Veterans Terrace; (4) new policies and trained staff on various programs; (5) monitoring their budget more tightly; (6) reduced expenses through collective bargaining agreements on self-insuring dental coverage and healthcare programs.

Ms. Bouchard stated that the anticipated closing for the sale of King Court is early April 2014 with a selling price of \$3,200,000. The proceeds from the sale of King Court – after repayment of obligated funds – will be split between the State of Connecticut and the Town of East Hartford.

East Hartford Board of Education: Medical Analysis Presentation

Michael Walsh, Finance Director, summarized the reasons why this presentation is necessary – higher medical costs in the current fiscal year will extend into the upcoming budget year. Since the Medical Reserve is depleted, Mr. Walsh stated that more financial resources need to be embedded in the upcoming budget to more closely match the expected medical costs.

Arch Henderson, Todd Goodall, and Deb Testa, representatives from Lockton, the town's outside consultant for the town's and Board of Education's medical accounts, presented charts and graphs concerning the upswing in the medical claims experienced by both the town and the Board. Most of the increase is attributed to the rise of cancer cases and the prescription drugs to combat chronic illnesses like diabetes.

NEW BUSINESS

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg

seconded by Barbara Rossi
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$7,409.14
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 8/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	Over Paid
2012-03-0050403	AFD CONSTRUCTION	2004//1N6AA07B04N541953		\$ (105.45)
2011-03-0055020	CAB EAST LLC FORD CREDIT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	2009//3MEHM07Z19R612392		\$ (329.65)
2011-03-0055022	CAB EAST LLC FORD CREDIT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	2010//2FMDK4KC1ABB20699		\$ (74.88)
2012-01-0008200	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES LLC	11 BATES DR		\$(2,946.57)
2012-03-0060820	EDDINGS DEBORAH L	1997//JHMBB6248VC004159		\$ (62.77)
2012-04-0082455	EDDINGS DEBORAH L	1993//JN1MS34P0PW302774		\$ (10.98)
2011-03-0062541	FLANAGAN KERRY W	1997//3C3EL55H3VT629596	\$(22.70)	\$ (94.57)
2012-03-0062190	FLANAGAN KERRY W	1997//3C3EL55H3VT629596	\$ (5.27)	\$ (87.80)
2012-03-0062990	GABOURY JEAN L OR GABOURY THERESA Y GUERRETTE RAYNOLD & RINETTE	2006//4YDT30R236G922283		\$ (74.20)
2012-01-0006254		166 JEFFERSON LN		\$ (245.40)
2012-01-0007436	JUERGENS GLORIA OR JUERGENSE MARIE	57 MONROE ST		\$(1,888.14)
2012-03-0072145	MARTINEZ MARIA	2011//2T3BF4DV1BW096739		\$ (116.11)
2012-01-0013098	PIERCE ROBERT L	1201 FORBES ST		\$ (50.00)
2012-03-0080070	RIVERA RUTH Y	1998//1HGCG5646WA227391		\$ (15.19)
2012-03-0085697	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP	2010//4T1BF3EK3AU044289		\$ (448.06)
2012-03-0085707	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP	2010//4T3BA3BB5AU013748		\$ (366.12)
2012-03-0086317	USB LEASING LT	2009//1G6DS57V190140374		\$ (465.28)
	SUBTOTAL		\$(27.97)	\$(7,381.17)
	TOTAL			\$(7409.14)

Appointments and Reappointments to Various Boards and Commissions

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **approve** the following appointments:

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSIONTERM EXPIRES

D	Patricia Brynes	57 Garvan Street	12/16
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COMMISSION ON SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

D	Tanya Marie Rosario	88 Green Manor Drive	12/15
D	Marie Beaulier	41 Applegate Lane, #203	12/16
D	Michael Brinius	60 Rentschler Street	12/16
D	Iris M. Martin	21 Silver Lane, B-1	12/16

COMMISSION ON AGING

D	Edmond Laliberte	61 Shadycrest Drive	12/16
D	Jaacqueline Pencz	86 Shawnee Road	12/16

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Alternate

D	Theresa Goudreau	51 Naubuc Avenue	12/18
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

D	Susan Skowronek	84 Syracuse Drive	12/16
D	Devorah Johnson	26 Westview Drive	12/16

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

D	Catherine Condio	19 Blinn Street	12/15
D	Dorese Roberts	1454 Silver Lane	12/15

FINE ARTS COMMISSION

D	Maureen Rodgers	1909 Main Street	12/18
D	Elizabeth Russell	118 Oak Street	12/18

INLAND-WETLANDS/ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

D	Richard Rivera	11 Hills Street	12/17
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INSURANCE COMMITTEE

D	Paul Sousa	56 Columbus Street	12/17
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LIBRARY COMMISSION

D	Rose Tavigian	93 Chapel Street	12/16
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PATRIOTIC COMMISSION

D	Margaret A. Byrnes	57 Garvan Street	12/16
D	Gregory K. Simms, Jr.	245 Hollister Drive	12/16

One Year Appointments

VFW	Edward Dettore	54 Garden Street
VET AFFRS	Paul Barry	23 Candlewood Drive

PENSION & RETIREE BENEFIT BOARD

D	Frank Vignati, Jr.	87 Kingston Drive	12/17
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PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD

Alternate

D	Robert Keating	15 Knollwood Road	12/16
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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

D Mary E. Korngiebel 111 Cannon Road 12/18

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

D Gerald Maine 42 Phillips Farm Road 12/18

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Alternate

D Eddie Camejo 46 Columbus Street 12/18

Motion carried 8/0.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
seconded by Esther Clarke
to **approve** the following appointments:

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

R Patricia Perron 64 Oxford Drive 12/16

FINE ARTS COMMISSION

R Gay Suzanne Lowell 12 Holly Road 12/14

INSURANCE COMMISSION

R Melodie Wilson 272 Goodwin Street 12/14

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

R Timothy Siggia 145 Arbutus Street 12/18

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Elaine Dube 80 Salem Road 12/16

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

R Travis Simpson 119 Naubuc Avenue 12/16

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

R Robert J. Damaschi 11 Hartz Lane 12/18

Motion carried 8/0.

MOTION By Esther Clarke
seconded by Anita Morrison
to **approve** the following appointments:

COMMISSION ON SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

R Peter Gero 132 Sandra Drive 12/16

R Bernard Corona 27 Winding Lane 12/16

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

R Frank Collins, Jr. 64 Phillips Farm Road 12/16

Alternate

R Stephen Roczynski 25 Cree Road 12/18

FINE ARTS COMMISSION

R Prescille Yamamoto 235 East River Drive 12/18

R Florence Schroeter 55 Olmsted Street 12/18

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

R Travis Simpson 119 Naubuc Avenue 12/18

R Jeffrey Cummings 641 Hills Street 12/18

INLAND-WETLANDS/ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

R John G. Morrison 47 Woodbridge Avenue 12/17

Motion carried 8/0.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
seconded by Esther Clarke
to **approve** the following appointments:

PATRIOTIC COMMISSION

R	Charles Clarke	197 Langford Lane	12/16
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One Year Appointments

DAV Bernard A. Corona 27 Winding Lane

PENSION & RETIREE BENEFIT BOARD

R	Robert J. Damaschi, Sr.	11 Hartz Lane	12/17
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PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD

R	Thomas A. Ogar, Esq.	178 Burnside Avenue	12/16
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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

R	Paul Roczynski	244 Handel Road	12/18
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R Travis Simpson 119 Naubuc Avenue 12/18

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

R	Travis J. Simpson	119 Naubuc Avenue	12/18
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Motion carried 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Darien Marrero v East Hartford Board of Education

MOTION By Barbara Rossi

