

Robert J. Pratt

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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JANUARY 2, 2019

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Linda A. Russo, Majority Leader Ram Aberasturia, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc Weinberg, Joseph R. Carlson, Shelby J. Brown, Patricia Harmon and Caroline Torres

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:37p.m. He wished all a Happy New Year. 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

Mayor Leclerc (1) wished the Council and the residents a Happy New Year; (2) is looking forward to the introduction of Roberta Pratt, the new joint Town of East Hartford and Board of Education Information Technology Director; (3) reminded viewers that Christmas trees will be picked up curbside by Public Works until January 11th; (4) recognized Sarah Morgan, Library Director, for the wonderful Holiday Programs at Raymond Library; (5) announced the 2019 Art Project Grant that Director Morgan applied for was approved; and (6) the Brian Aselton Road Race will be Sunday January 6th at Langford School.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 11, 2018 Executive Session

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **approve** the minutes of the December 11, 2018 Executive Session.
Motion carried 9/0.

December 11, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Caroline Torres
to **approve** the minutes of the December 11, 2018 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 9/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Joint Town and Board of Education Information Technology Director

Mayor Leclerc introduced Roberta Pratt to the Council – the new Joint IT Director – who then gave a summary of her education and experience to the Councillors. Ms. Pratt stated that due to the security issues that came to light under the penetration test audit of the IT

Wickham Memorial Library Renovation

Senior Center Design Update

DEEP Emissions Reduction Act Program Grant Awarded

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Linda Russo
that the East Hartford Town Council, acting as a Committee of the Whole for the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee, and in accordance with Section 7-163e of the Connecticut General Statutes, set a public hearing date of Tuesday, February 5th @ 7:15P.M. in Council Chambers to hear public comment on the possible transfer of 67 Woodbridge Avenue to Habitat for Humanity.
Motion carried 9/0.

Referral to the Ordinance Committee re: (1) Public Act 1765 – Property Tax Exemption for Gold Star Parents and Spouses; (2) Raising Minimum Legal Sales Age to Purchase Tobacco Products to Twenty-one

MOTION

By Linda Russo

seconded by Esther Clarke

to refer to the Ordinance Committee the following issues:

(1) a property tax exemption as outlined in State of Connecticut Public Act No. 17-65 entitled "An Act Concerning a Municipal Option Property Tax Exemption for Gold Star Parents and Spouses", which was enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in the Connecticut General Assembly effective October 1, 2017; and (2) drafting a new ordinance for raising the minimum legal sales age for all tobacco products to twenty-one

with instructions to investigate both matters and return to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.

Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Caroline Torres is concerned about the number of vehicles that are still parking on front lawns. *Mayor Leclerc stated that the two community police officers are enforcing the local ordinance which prohibits parking on front lawns. The Mayor also went on to say that she is putting together a committee of her staff and Councillors to review the ordinances to ensure that they are actionable and understood by the residents.*

The Mayor informed the Council that the new "My East Hartford" app is available to download. This is another way for residents to get involved by helping with reporting matters such as blight and code enforcement issues, animal issues, potholes, parking issues, construction issues, etc.

Esther Clarke said that she has observed vehicles parking on the wrong side of the street all night for about over a week and no tickets were issued. *Mayor Leclerc said that this is where residents could help by reporting these matters to the police and they will respond.*

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

By Esther Clarke

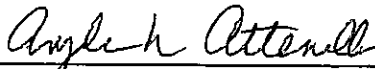
seconded by Linda Russo

to adjourn (9:25 p.m.).

Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council will be January 15th.

Attest



Angela M. Attenello
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK