

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JANUARY 6, 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.

The Chair called for a moment of silence to honor the life of Dr. Richard "Dick" Veltri, a former member of the East Hartford Board of Education and Town Councillor. Dr. Veltri was known for his quiet, calm demeanor toward all and his strong dedication to his family and the town of East Hartford. He will be missed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Leclerc:(1) wished everyone a Happy New Year; (2) the Public Safety Complex is the town's 24-hour warming center for those who need one; (3) East Hartford Family Night, a Parks and Recreation program, will be held at the Excel Center; (4) the 2015-2016FY budget preparation is underway; (5) tax collections are on-going; (6) January 9th is the last day that Public Works will have curb-side pick-up for Christmas trees; (7) the new LED street lights program is successful and is progressing to the north end of town and the Silver Lane area; (8) a storm preparedness check list is posted on the town's website;(9) Cardio Express and a Grossman's Home Improvement Center will be opening at the School Street Plaza; (10) UTC and UTRC is planning to break ground this summer and will involve heirs of the Rentschler family; (11) a significant addition to the NEFCO building at 411 Burnham Street is underway; and (12) supports all the appointments to the various Boards and Commissions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 9, 2014 Executive Session

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the minutes of the December 9, 2014 Executive Session.
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain**: Harmon

December 9, 2014 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Esther Clarke
to **approve** the minutes of the December 9, 2014 Regular Meeting as
corrected on January 6, 2015.
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain**: Harmon

December 10, 2014 Special Joint Meeting/Board of Education

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **approve** the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting with the Board of
 Education held on December 10, 2014.
 Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain**: Horan, Harmon

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Resignation of Debra Arrieta from the Economic Development Commission

Chair Kehoe announced the resignation of Debra Arrieta from the Economic Development Commission and thanked her for her commitment and dedication to the town.

NEW BUSINESS

EHPD: "Click It or Ticket" Grant Program

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Barbara Rossi
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety Office of the State Department of Transportation (DOT) has made available funds for the 2015 "Click-It or Ticket" program; and

WHEREAS, in order to process reimbursements for this program, the DOT requires Certifications and Assurances to be on file with the Highway Safety Office.

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 9/0.

CRCOG's Metropolitan Planning Organization: Acceptance of New Member Towns

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

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT NEW TOWNS INTO THE CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
(CRCOG) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

BOARD OF ETHICS

D	Paul Sousa	56 Columbus Street	12/19
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FINE ARTS COMMISSION

D	Karen Howe	100 Ridgewood Road	12/19
D	Dan Russell	118 Oak Street	12/19

HOCKANUM RIVER COMMISSION

D	Timothy Larson	33 Gorman Place	12/17
D	Micah London	162 Arbutus Street	12/17
D	Fern Strong	50 Chapman St. Apt. 212	12/17
D	Stacy Smith	11 Kingston Drive	12/17
D	Bruce Jokubaitis	11 Kingston Drive	12/17

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

D	Ellen McCreery	39 Greene Terrace	12/17
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PATRIOTIC COMMISSION

D	Patricia Begley	18 Springside Avenue	12/17
D	Vincent Parys	1408 Silver Lane	12/17
D	Sue Tukey	51 Cheyenne Road	12/17

PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD

D	Paul Sousa	56 Columbus Street	12/17
D	Lynn Kayser	23 Dartmouth Drive	12/17
D	Shawn Jones	37 Kenyon Place	12/17

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

D	John Ryan	172 Burke Street	12/19
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

D	David Repoli	69 Wood Drive	12/19
D	Carol Noel -Alternate	102 Christine Drive	12/19

Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Ram Aberasturia announced that he and his wife are expecting a baby boy in June.

Esther Clarke inquired on the path that the town's brine machine takes on streets –whether it does both sides of the street or just one side. *The Mayor believes that the brine machine does both sides of the street, but will check with Tim Bockus.*

Barbara Rossi noted that her neighborhood (Jerry Road area) has the new LED street lights and notices a big improvement.

Anita Morrison says that she has received complaints about the LED street lights, especially in the Mayberry Village area, stating that peripheral lighting is diminished with the new lighting. *Mayor Leclerc will inform Tim Bockus and take a ride through the neighborhood. The Mayor also asked that Councillor Morrison get more details from the citizens as to what they perceive is different.*

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Jason Libby v Town of East Hartford

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally
 settle the pending superior court action known as Town of East Hartford v.
 Jason Libby, Docket No. HHD-CV-13-6040268S, for a total sum of \$6,666.66,
 which amount constitutes a compromise of the workers' compensation claim
 regarding current Town employee, Daniel Zaleski.
 Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Marc Weinberg wished Barbara Rossi a Happy Birthday.

Ram Aberasturia wished all a happy Three Kings Day.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **adjourn** (8:20 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be January 20th.

Attest _____
Angela M. Attenello
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK