

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

January 18, 2022

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PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson, Minority Leader John Morrison, Councillors Angela Parkinson, Awet Tsegai, Thomas Rup, Travis Simpson and Harry O. Amadasun, Jr.

ABSENT Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. The Chair stated that this meeting was also available to the public through the "Teams" platform.

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 Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Angie Parkinson  
to **amend** the agenda as follows:

Add, under COMMUNICATIONS and PETITIONS, Item 6. B. entitled  
"Proposed ARPA Reallocation and Control Processes".  
Motion carried 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Walsh commented on (1) Positive Cases of COVID 19 are at a current rate of 321 per 100k residents, which is 6<sup>th</sup> worst in the state. Masking in Town Owned Buildings is still required and recommended external businesses. (2) Test Kits have been distributed to various congregant populations where the largest amount of local transmission has been measured. (3) On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 4,000 test kits were distributed to the public at East Hartford High School via vehicle procession. (4) On Wednesday January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm there will be a Town Hall meeting in Council Chambers that will include a presentation regarding development, operational programs and infrastructure improvements. (5) Stop and Shop at Charter Oak Mall closed on January 6<sup>th</sup>. While the sale of the property previously appeared imminent, the mayor believes the transaction is merely an additional partner to the existing owner. (6) Bids were opened January 6<sup>th</sup> for a consultant to assist with the creation of a Silver Lane redevelopment plan. (7) The contract with Hockanum Dial a Ride has been amended to provide additional route options allowing for travel to neighboring towns for grocery stores in light of the closure of the Silver Lane Stop and Shop. (8) The January 5<sup>th</sup> Ice Storm caused the response of 27 motor vehicle accidents. (9) The process to taking applications for positions of Fire Chief, Finance Director, and Human Resources Director closed December 31, 2021 and are now under review. (11) Three new hires have been made for open town related positions in December. (12) Due

to weather, the Brian Aselton Snow Dash, scheduled for January 6th has been postponed. (13) In 2021, 41,000 people visited Raymond Library. The Mayor recognized Library Director Sarah Morgan's relationship with East Hartford Connects which was recognized by the Boston Federal Reserve.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### January 4, 2022 Executive Session

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Tom Rup  
to **approve** the minutes of the January 4, 2022 Executive Session.  
Motion carried 8/0.

##### January 4, 2022 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Harry Amadasun  
to **approve** the minutes of the January 4, 2022 Regular Meeting.  
Motion carried 8/0.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

##### Stub Road Between 19 and 31 Margery Drive.

Chair Kehoe shared that at the December 22nd Real Estate Acquisition and Disposition Committee meeting, a motion was approved that the committee recommend **not** to sell the parcel of land between 19 and 31 Margery Drive – known as a stub road. The Stub Road serves as a walkway between Margery Drive to Synergy High School.

##### Proposed ARPA Reallocation and Control Processes

Chair Kehoe commented that Town Council had approved an initial allocation of federal pandemic relief funds to various town programs and projects. Mayor Walsh then provided proposed changes to reallocate distribution of the funds for the council to review. The Town Council will discuss and take action on the proposed changes at its February 1, 2022 meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Town of East Hartford and Local 1174, Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO:

John Lawlor, Director of Public Works provided an outline via Teams of an analysis of proposed changes to waste collection services by outsourcing the effort. Sandy Franklin, Interim Human Resources Director then provided an outline via Teams of proposed changes in wages and benefits for Public Works and Park Maintenance employees.

Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Tom Rup  
to **approve** the collective bargaining agreement as ratified by the bargain unit members on January 13, 2022 between the Town of East Hartford and Local 1174, Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO which agreement is effective through June 30, 2022 and is outlined in and attached to a memo from Mayor Michael Walsh to Town Council Chair Richard Kehoe dated January 13, 2022.  
Motion carried 8/0.

Once fully executed, a copy of this contract will follow these minutes.

Contingency Transfer re: Local 1174 Contract Settlement

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Awet Tsegai  
to **transfer** funds in the amount of \$71,102 from account #G9600-60201 Contingency Reserve-Contract Negotiations to the following accounts:

#G7300-60110 Highway - Permanent Services	\$26,673
#G7400-60110 Waste – Permanent Services	\$11,998
#G7700-60110 Fleet – Permanent Services	\$ 6,722
#G7800-60110 Building – Permanent Services	\$ 1,572
#G8200-60110 Parks – Permanent Services	\$24,137

which transfers total \$71,102 and will cover the settlement costs associated with the Local 1174 contract retroactive for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

Motion carried 8/0.

Additional LOTCIP funding for the Goodwin Street Reconstruction Project

MOTION By Angie Parkinson  
seconded by John Morrison  
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 Goodwin Street Reconstruction Project is eligible for funding under this program;

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the East Hartford Town Council strongly supports the Goodwin Street Reconstruction Project and that Michael P. Walsh, 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 LOTCIP Program.

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

Council Appropriation of Bond Funds:  
Design Costs for Fire Station #2 Constructions

MOTION By Awet Tsegai  
seconded by Angie Parkinson  
that the Town Council **approve** the expenditure of appropriated funds that were approved by the voters at the November 2020 election to complete the design work for the replacement of Fire Station 2 for an estimated \$450,000.

Motion Carried 8/0.

Extension for Charter Revision Commission

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by  
to **amend** the Charter Revision Commission resolution adopted on June 15, 2021 to extend the reporting deadline from January 30, 2022 to April 30, 2022.

Motion Carried 8/0

Brian Aselton Memorial 5K Rescheduled Date (Prev Approved 11/30)

MOTION By Awet Tsegai  
seconded by Harry Amadasun  
to **approve** that the recent permit for the Brian Aselton Road Race approved on November 30, 2021 is amended to authorize the conduct of the race on January 30, 2022.

Motion Carried 8/0

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Harry Amadasun  
seconded by Angie Parkinson  
to **approve** a total refund of taxes in the amount of \$62,716.36 pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Motion carried 8/0

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int	Over Paid
2020-03-0050152	ACAR LEASING LTD	2018/3GKALTEV4JL301476	0	-216.66
2020-03-0050357	ADDO KOFI	2008/1N4AL21E78N460892	0	-104.62
2020-03-0054027	BRADBY JAKE L	2003/WBAEU33453PM52934	0	-14.12

2016-01-0001520	BREWER KEVIN	9 CHERRY ST	0	-2,371.79
2019-03-0056296	CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD	2019/1C4RJFBG5KC702575	0	-1,167.30
2020-03-0055910	CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD	2017/2C4RC1EG4HR752523	0	-768.60
2020-03-0055912	CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD	2018/3C4MJDBB0JT162109	0	-508.95
2020-03-0055924	CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD	2018/1C4HJXDN7JW248646	0	-901.54
2020-01-0002661	CHANTHINITH DAWAN	150 JERRY RD	0	-81.71
2020-02-0040434	CORT FURNITURE RENTAL C/O BADEN TAX MGMT LLC	VARIOUS	0	-110.05
2020-03-0058011	CRUZ JOSE M	2013/1HGCR2F51DA030546	-9.02	-400.96
2020-03-0058114	CUADROS JEROMI	2015/2HGFG3B08FH506055	0	-430.66
2020-03-0059578	DICKIE HOWARD B	1985/WDBAB53A0FA227772	0	-3.60
2020-03-0059579	DICKIE HOWARD B	2009/WDBUF87X49B426940	0	-55.66
2019-03-0060417	DOUGENIK JAMES D	2009/JS2YC414796202448	0	-122.82
2020-03-0060777	EASON LUCY W	2011/5FNRL5H46BB054541	0	-283.50
2020-03-0060775	EASON LUCY W	200/5NPEU46C68H367843	0	-126.00
2020-03-0060826	EATHORNE BRIAN	2004/5GZCZ53494S859689	0	-7.24
2020-03-0061822	FINANCIAL SER VEH TRUST	2018/5UXTR9C58JLD68930	0	-685.53
2019-03-0063754	GARCIA VILMARIE	2017/KM8SMDHF4HU176675	0	-324.90
2019-03-0063755	GARCIA VILMARIE	2008/4T18K46K08U565819	0	-194.40
2020-02-0040705	GERASIMO SERGEI	1268 MAIN ST	0	-8.09
2020-03-0064514	GROLL JOSEPH E	2016/1G1BE5SM4G7240816	0	-13.63
2020-03-0053422	BIALLAS GRACINDA	1978/RN28156848	0	-152.55
2020-03-0066221	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2019/2HKRW2H53KH657091	0	-214.64
2020-02-0040817	HOWMEDICA OSTEONICS	255 PITKIN ST	0	-44,482.22
2020-03-0067151	JAHN SIOBHAN C	2008/1YVHP84C485M00962	0	-97.59
2020-03-0088148	JOHNSON OLIVIA I	2014/5NPEB4ACXEH894311	-3.06	-34.20
2020-01-0007133	JOHNSTON JAMES J & SUSAN O	26 SPARROWBUSH RD	0	-33.34
2020-03-0074185	KEESLER THERESA	2011/JHMZE2H38BS004144	0	-13.95
2019-03-0074116	MILLER ANDRE D	2002/WAULT64B52N102092	0	-42.52
2020-01-0009965	NARAIN JOSEPH D & PITRI V	19-21 BIDWELL AVE	0	-2,793.17
2019-02-0041761	NGUYEN THANH HUYEN	205 BURNSIDE AVE	0	-363.42
2018-04-0086125	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2017/JN1EV7AR0HM838372	0	-346.23
2019-03-0075875	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2017/1N4AA6AP6HC379098	0	-534.38
2020-03-0074733	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2017/JN1EV7AR0HM839456	0	-772.66
2019-01-0010886	ORTIZ JUAN JR & TERESA	250 GOODWIN ST	0	-99.84
2020-01-0011862	REKOSIEWICZ NORBERT	552 HILLS ST	0	-2,536.84

2020-03-0081705	SEELEY LYNN A	2004/4S3BH686547637444	0	-145.80
2020-03-0069120	TAWAKALITU AHMED	2004/JTDBE32KX40278940	0	-117.00
2019-03-0087223	USB LEASING LT	2016/2C3CDXJG7GH211616	0	-169.52
2019-03-0087224	USB LEASING LT	2016/3C6RR7LT0GG388579	0	-284.86
2020-03-0085309	USB LEASING LT	2016/2C3CDZAG4GH345267	0	-559.57
2020-03-0086952	WHITE CLAYTON A JR & WHITE CAROL	1968/452398Y131837	0	-7.65
SUBTOTAL			(12.08)	(62,704.28)
TOTAL				\$ (62,716.36)

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

Harry Amadasun acknowledged the Town Hall session scheduled for January 19 in Town Council Chambers at 6 p.m.

#### COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

No Action Taken

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By John Morrison  
seconded by Sebrina Wilson  
to **adjourn** (9:25 p.m.).  
Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be February 1, 2022.

Attest

  
Jason Marshall  
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK