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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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FEBRUARY 6, 2018

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Linda A. Russo, Majority Leader Ram Aberasturia, Councillors Marc I. Weinberg, Joseph R. Carlson, Shelby J. Brown and Caroline Torres

ABSENT Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke and Councillor Patricia Harmon

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:39 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

The following citizens spoke in favor of the town's acquisition of Blessed Sacrament Church to renovate and use as a senior center:

Fred Sokolowski, 35 Passaro Drive; Kathy Lombardo, 334 Maple Street; and a senior citizen whose first name is Lydia.

The following citizens spoke in favor of a faith-based group acquiring Blessed Sacrament Church to use as a church:

Starsheemar Byrom, 147 Jessica Drive; Wanda Arroyo, 88 Turtle Creek Drive; Wes Beason, 91 Tolland Street; Alvin James, 110 Concord Street; Evelyn Castro, 528 Forbes Street; Jon Petoskey, 147 Jessica Drive; Rev. Leonel Sanabria, 306 Tolland Street; Lydia Sanabria Alexander, 36 Richard Road; Wade James, 110 Concord Street.

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) is concerned that Goodwin College acquires taxable property, but then has it reclassified as non-profit real estate; and (2) suggested the Council delay a vote on the School Based Health Center Grant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 16, 2018 Executive Session

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **approve** the minutes of the January 16, 2018 Executive Session.
Motion carried 6/0. **Abstain:** Torres

January 16, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **approve** the minutes of the January 16, 2018 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 6/0. **Abstain:** Torres

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Resignation of Adrien Spence from the Board of Assessment Appeals

The Chair announced that Mr. Spence is resigning from the Board of Assessment Appeals and thanked him for his service to the town.

OLD BUSINESS

Recommendation from Ordinance Committee re: New Section 21-1 & 21-9 entitled "RVs and Motor Vehicle Parking on Residential Property" – TABLED January 16th

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **remove from the table** the recommendation from the Ordinance Committee regarding a New Section 21-1 & 21-9 entitled "RVs and Motor Vehicle Parking on Residential Property" which was made at the January 16, 2018 Town Council meeting.
Motion carried 7/0.

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **revise** the town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances by repealing Section 21-1 entitled "Abandoned and/or Inoperable Vehicles" and repealing Section 21-9 entitled "Parking Prohibited on Front Lawns" and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 21-1 and 21-9 entitled "RVs and Motor Vehicle Parking on Residential Property" consistent with the draft dated January 31, 2018.
Motion carried 7/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Relocation of the East Hartford Senior Center

Mayor Leclerc introduced the following members of her staff to speak on the possible acquisition of Blessed Sacrament Church to repurpose as a senior center: Mike Walsh, Finance Director; Eileen Buckheit, Development Director, Tim Bockus, Public Works Director, Ted Fravel, Parks and Recreation Director; Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel, Kathy Kane, and Senior Services Supervisor.

RESOLUTION TO ADD A PROJECT TO THE TOWN'S 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, TO AUTHORIZE AN APPROPRIATION, TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION, TO SEND THE PROJECT TO THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE, AND TO FUND THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE PROJECT COST

WHEREAS the Town of East Hartford Board of Education has identified that a flooring abatement project at the Stevens (Synergy) Alternative High School is a priority of the school district and qualified for State School Construction reimbursement; and

WHEREAS the cost of the abatement including design and construction is anticipated to total \$300,000 with the State reimbursing 76.43% or \$229,290 leaving the School District to pay 23.57% or \$70,710.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve the following items:

1. The addition by resolution to the Town's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan, the Stevens (Synergy) Alternative High School Flooring Abatement Project in the amount of \$300,000;
2. The appropriation of \$300,000 to fund the Stevens (Synergy) Alternative High School Flooring Abatement Project into the Board of Education's Capital Reserve Account;
3. The authorization of the East Hartford Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the Stevens (Synergy) Alternative High School Flooring Abatement Project;
4. That the Town's Public Building Commission is hereby charged with the oversight and approval of the Stevens (Synergy) Alternative High School Flooring Abatement Project;
5. That, in accordance with Article 7 §10-38 of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances, the approval of the Board of Education's request to expend \$71,000 from the Board of Education's FY 2019 Program 80 Account for the purposes of funding the local share of the Stevens (Synergy) Alternative High School Flooring Abatement Project;
6. That the Town of East Hartford hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Stevens (Synergy) Alternative High School Flooring Abatement Project.

On call of the vote, motion carried 7/0.

School Based Health Center (SBHC) Grant

MOTION By Shelby Brown
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS The Connecticut Department of Public Health had made available funding under the School Based Health Center Program; and

WHEREAS School Based Health Centers assure that students, particularly those that are uninsured and underinsured, have access to comprehensive health and preventative services needed to be healthy, in school, and ready to learn.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc has been empowered to make, execute and approve on behalf of this corporation any and all contracts or amendments thereof with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for a School Based Health Centers grant for the period March 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

On call of the vote, motion carried 7/0.

Youth Services Prevention Program FY2018 and FY2019

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Town of East Hartford (Youth Task Force) has been identified In Public Act 17-2, SB 5102 to be a recipient of a \$34,375 per year grant from the State of Connecticut for the provision of preventive youth services for fiscal years 2018 and 2019; and

WHEREAS as a condition of the grant, the Town is required to provide documentation that details a plan for spending, monitoring, and reporting on these funds in a manner that is consistent with the intent of the Public Act.

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 of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Office of the Chief Court Administrator as they pertain to this Youth Services Prevention grant.

On call of the vote, motion carried 7/0.

2017-2018 LoCIP Projects: Wickham Library

MOTION By Joe Carlson
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS the cost of renovations to the Wickham Library is expected to exceed the \$225,000 allocated to the project in the 2017-18 Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS the State of Connecticut Office of Policy of Management has allocated new LoCIP funds to the Town for its 2018 Program Year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve the following:

1. That Item Number 2018-601 of the 2018 Capital Improvement plan be amended to allocate a total of \$680,768 to the Wickham Library Renovation Project; and
2. 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 as may be required by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management to secure Local Capital Improvement Program funds (LoCIP) in the amount of \$680,768 for the Wickham Library Renovation Project.

On call of the vote, motion carried 7/0.

Referral to Fees Committee re: Cell Tower Lease, 100 Sunset Ridge Drive

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **refer** the lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless for use of the town's communications cell tower at 100 Sunset Ridge Drive to the Fees Committee, with instructions to review the matter and report back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.
 Motion carried 7/0.

Appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **approve** the following appointments to the Board of Assessment Appeals:

- Vanessa Jenkins, 26 Suffolk Drive, term to expire December 2020; and
- Sebrina Wilson, 15 Clark Street, term to expire December 2020

Motion carried 7/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Linda Russo
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$6,358.45
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 7/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2015-03-0052297	BAGLEY ANTHONY L	1966/F6271443	-22.93
2016-03-0054258	BRADLEY SHERRY M	1999/1G3NF52E6XC364975	-8.61
2016-03-0056211	CASTLE WAYNE R	1990/2GCEC14Z4L1163335	-20.76
2016-01-0011612	CIEZA MANUEL	30 HILLSIDE ST B-14	-35.96
2016-03-0056997	CLAUDIO MARIANA	2012/19UUA9F22CA003610	-213.92
2016-03-0057840	COOKE NATALIE M	2008/1G1ZK577384194554	-84.82
2016-01-0000897	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUND UNIT	1026 FORBES ST	-2600.69
2016-03-0059218	DAVILA BENJAMIN	2006/2CNDL73F466093232	-96.80
2016-03-0059700	DELUCCO DOMINIC A SR	2005/1FTRX14W85NA54082	-57.11
2016-03-0062202	FELICIANO NATALIE M	2010/1N4AL2EP0AC110212	-17.49
2016-03-0063632	GALINDO RIVERA A	2003/WAULT68E33A261609	-74.07
2016-03-0063714	GARAY SUSAN T	2010/4T1BF3EK1AU054044	-189.27
2016-03-0063821	GARCIA-PENA ESTELLE	2006/JTEEP21A860175217	-129.00
2016-03-0065269	GRIFFIN PATRICK F JR	2012/2C4RDGDG0CR324894	-122.37
2016-09-0065269	GRIFFIN PATRICK F JR	2012/2C4RDGDG0CR324894	-26.77
2016-03-0066851	HOLDEN VALERIA Y	2006/JHLRD78806C004073	-130.14
2015-03-0066899	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	2014/5XXGN4A7XEG332259	-120.25
2016-03-0068975	KASAVAGE KENNETH J	1989/2FTHF26H6KCA47877	-85.38
2016-04-0084560	KENNEDY SHAILA N	2009/2T2HK31U19C112465	-102.57
2016-09-0069323	KHAN TYRON C	2008/WBANV935X8CZ60534	-238.11
2016-03-0072394	MARIANI DEMETRIUS Q	1999/WDBJF82H7XX026633	-68.80
2016-09-0072394	MARIANI DEMETRIUS Q	1999/WDBJF82H7XX026633	-15.05
2016-03-0074336	MINTA SAMANTHA B	2009/WBANV93509C134115	-42.53
2016-09-0074336	MINTA SAMANTHA B	2009/WBANV93509C134115	-9.30

2016-03-0075390	NAILS GREGORY L JR	1998/2G4WS52M3W1422807	-2.40
2016-03-0075391	NAILS GREGORY L JR	2003/1FAFP55U13G245650	-49.92
2016-03-0075844	NIEVES MILITZA	2004/JNRS08W34X220866	-187.46
2016-03-0078663	PIERCE JOSHUA B	2003/1HGCM56673A139746	-139.16
2016-03-0082407	SALAZAR ALFREDO SAMMYS PROFESSIONAL CUT	2000/1GGCS1945Y8702118	-53.99
2016-02-0043334	BARBER SHOP LLC	1165 MAIN ST	-63.00
2016-03-0083126	SCHIFF ALAN J	1998/1B7HF13Y1WJ257471	-91.97
2016-03-0083127	SCHIFF ALAN J	1998/1FMZU34X9WZB53903	-46.30
2016-09-0083126	SCHIFF ALAN J	1998/1B7HF13Y1WJ257471	-20.12
2016-09-0083127	SCHIFF ALAN J	1998/1FMZU34X9WZB53903	-10.13
2016-03-0083177	SCHNEIDER KATHY L	2002/1J4FA49SX2P761416	-160.22
2016-09-0083177	SCHNEIDER KATHY L	2002/1J4FA49SX2P761416	-35.05
2016-03-0083887	SILVA WANDA L	2001/1HGCG66591A097310	-15.21
2016-03-0086837	TRIPLE T TRANSPORT LLC	1999/1FUYDDYB1XL971496	-55.10
2016-09-0086837	TRIPLE T TRANSPORT LLC	1999/1FUYDDYB1XL971496	-12.05
2016-03-0068709	TROCHE CAROLINA	2016/JF2GPAKC0G8284444	-553.92
2016-03-0087930	VENABLE RICHARD E	2000/JNKCA31A9YT123677	-51.58
2016-03-0087931	VENABLE RICHARD E	2005/1FTYR10U95PA78499	-143.36
2016-03-0089260	WILLIAMS LEONARD A JR	2005/4T1BK36B55U012590	-122.15
2016-09-0089260	WILLIAMS LEONARD A JR	2005/4T1BK36B55U012590	-32.66
	TOTAL		\$ (6,358.45)

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Huaman v Tinsely, et al, Docket No. 17-3420

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally
 settle the pending federal court action known as Huaman v. Tinsley, et al,
 Docket No. 3:17-CV-3420 for a total sum of \$315,425.00.
 Motion carried 7/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Jon Petoskey, 147 Jessica Drive, thanked the Council for their sensitivity to the faith-based community on the town's possible acquisition of Blessed Sacrament Church.

Mayor Leclerc (1) announced that East Hartford is one of the Connecticut cities awarded the Working Cities Challenge Grant which the Council approved at their November 28, 2017 meeting; (2) since Town Hall will be closed on Monday February 12th – Lincoln's Birthday and Monday February 19th – President's Day, trash pickup for those weeks will be delayed by one day; and (3) the Town Clerk's office will waive fees for marriage licenses on Wednesday February 14th.

Marc Weinberg wished Happy Birthday to Esther Clarke and Matt Larson.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Caroline Torres
 to **adjourn** (11:19 p.m.).
 Motion carried 7/0.

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

Attest Angela M. Attenello
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 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK