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TOWN COUNCIL MAJORITY OFFICE
TAX POLICY COMMITTEE

TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

PRESENT William P. Horan, Jr., Chair; Councilors Marc Weinberg and Pat Harmon

ALSO Mike Walsh, Finance Director
PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Horan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 19, 2016

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Pat Harmon
to **approve** the minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting.
Motion carried 3/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Lien Sales

Finance Director Mike Walsh provided a general overview of the tax lien sale process. Some specific questions followed.

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Pat Harmon
to **authorize** the administration to conduct a tax lien sale by way of a request for proposal (RFP) and to seek and receive sealed bids pursuant to an invitation to bid on a number of tax liens held by the town on specific real property as stated on lists produced by Finance Director Mike Walsh and attached to a memorandum dated February 1, 2017 from Mayor Marcia Leclerc to Town Council Chair Richard Kehoe, subject to the following four conditions:

1. The Collector of Revenue shall notify the record owner of each property subject to a lien that is to be included in the tax lien sale, by certified mail, that the lien is being included in the request for proposal and invitation to bid, and that the owner should contact the Town immediately to pay the taxes or seek a payment plan if they wish to keep the Town's tax liens on their property from being sold;
2. In order to qualify for a payment plan, the property owner must meet the following three criteria:
 - They must remit 25% of the outstanding amount due
 - They cannot have defaulted on a prior payment arrangement
 - Their property must not have active property code violations;
3. The letters from the Collector of Revenue to each property owner shall notify the property owner that the purchaser of the tax lien on their property shall have the right to foreclose on that property; and
4. The Administration shall return to the Town Council with the results of the request for proposal and that the proposal for each tax lien must be approved by the Town Council before it is sold.

And further to **authorize** the Administration to assign the subsequent tax liens totaling \$608,749.82, as stated on lists produced by Finance Director Mike Walsh and attached to a memorandum dated February 1, 2017 from Mayor Marcia Leclerc to Town Council Chair Richard Kehoe, to the vendors who currently hold the prior year tax liens on these properties.

Motion carried 3/0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Pat Harmon
 to **adjourn** (6:28 p.m.)
 Motion carried 3/0.

cc: Town Council
 Mayor Leclerc
 Mike Walsh, Finance Director