

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM / MICROSOFT "TEAMS"

EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

FEBRUARY 26, 2024

BUDGET WORKSHOP / MAYOR'S SUMMARY, POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson (via Teams), Minority Leader John Morrison, Councillors Angela Parkinson, Awet Tsegai, Thomas Rup, Travis Simpson and Harry Amadasun, Jr.

ALSO Mayor Connor Martin
PRESENT Melissa McCaw, Chief Administrative Officer and Finance Director
Ekaterine Tchelidze, Chief of Staff
Marissa Baum, Head of Communications
Rich Gentile, Probate Judge
James Tallberg, Corporation Counsel
Mary Mourey, Republican Registrar of Voters
Veronica Rosario, Democratic Registrar of Voters
Mack Hawkins, Chief of Police
Robert Davis, Deputy Chief EHPD
Joshua Litwin, Deputy Chief EHPD
Donald Olson, Deputy Chief EHPD
Lieutenant Paul Neves, Support Services, EHPD
Kevin Munson, Fire Chief
Steve Alsup, Assistant Chief EHFD
Jay Silver, Assistant Chief EHFD
John Pelow, Fire Marshal
Josh Recker, Chief Medical Officer
Steve Purcell, Chief Training Officer
Brian Jennes, Emergency Management Captain

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 6:37 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 and those in attendance joined him in the pledge of allegiance.

Chair Kehoe provided an overview of the Council's process for reviewing the Mayor's proposed budget, which will include 4 budget workshops, a public hearing on March 6, 2024 and a projected adoption of a final budget on March 11, 2024.

Mayor Martin addressed the Council with a presentation on the Administration's process for developing the proposed budget and highlighted initiatives that have been completed or are moving forward based on the FY2025 budget.

Melissa McCaw, Finance Director, provided an introductory breakdown of the FY2025 budget with proposed revenue and expenditures of \$221,482,324.

The Town Council reviewed the mayor's recommended budget. The following departments and agencies provided presentations on their activities for the year and goals for the future. The Town Council reviewed the mayor's proposed budget for each department and asked questions about the budget line items and major initiatives the department is implementing.

Office of the Mayor (6:53 pm)	Connor Martin Ekaterine Tchelidze
Town Clerk (7:01 pm)	Connor Martin on behalf of Kelly Bilodeau
Probate Court (7:09 pm)	Rich Gentile
Corporation Counsel (7:27 pm)	James Tallberg
Town Treasurer (7:45 pm)	Rich Kehoe on behalf of John Murphy
Town Council (7:48 pm)	Rich Kehoe
Registrars of Voters (7:52 pm)	Mary Mourey and Veronica Rosario
Selectmen (8:10 pm)	Rich Kehoe on behalf of Board of Selectmen
Police Department (8:11 pm)	Mack Hawkins Paul Neves
Fire Department (9:03 pm)	Kevin Munson Steve Alsup Jay Silver

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By John Morrison
 seconded by Don Bell
 to adjourn 10:10 p.m.
 Motion carried 9/0

Attest _____
Jason Marshall
Town Council Clerk