

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MARCH 1, 2016

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr., Majority Leader  
Linda A. Russo, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I.  
Weinberg, Ram Aberasturia, Joseph R. Carlson, Patricia Harmon and  
Michael G. Kurker

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:30 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.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Bill Horan  
to **amend** the agenda as follows:

to **delete** item 6. B.1. – resignation of Kirk Allison from Veterans' Affairs Commission and item 6. B. 4. – resignation of Mary Manns from Historic District Commission and Inland/Wetlands Commission.

Motion carried 9/0.

*The Chair indicated that both resignations were previously on a Council agenda.*

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Rafael Zeligzon, 430 Burnside Avenue, is concerned about the safety of his neighborhood. Mr. Zeligzon requested a more complete police report for the property at 442 Burnside Avenue, which should include activity in the vicinity of that property.

Susan Kniep, 44-46 and 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) is concerned about the crime rate in the Burnside Avenue corridor and will request – through FOI – a 3-year Police report for that area; (2) suggested that the Council briefly explain the recommendations from the subcommittees on the agenda; (3) believes that the Council agenda should contain docket numbers for tax appeals and that those tax appeals should be presented at a public hearing before being acted on; and (4) suggested the Council review the town's ethics ordinances.

*The Chair noted the recommendations of subcommittees are contained in the agenda packet available on the town's website.*

Mayor Leclerc commented on (1) state budget cuts should not affect the town's budget; (2) she has been asked to testify at the state legislature on CRDA, blight and CTDA; (3)

Parks & Recreation Department is accepting applications for Summer employment; and (4) the property at 442 Burnside Avenue was cited for electrical violations and Consumer Protection issues.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### February 16, 2016 Executive Session/Pension Agreements

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                     seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
                     to **approve** the minutes of the February 16, 2016 Executive Session.  
                     Motion carried 9/0.

### February 16, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                     seconded by Esther Clarke  
                     to **approve** the minutes of the February 16, 2016 Regular Meeting.  
                     Motion carried 9/0.

### February 22, 2016 Budget Workshop/Police and Fire Departments

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                     seconded by Pat Harmon  
                     to **approve** the minutes of the February 22, 2016 Budget Workshop.  
                     Motion carried 9/0.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

### Riverfront Recapture – Donation Acknowledgement

Michael Zaleski, President and CEO of Riverfront Recapture, sent a letter formally thanking the town for its quarterly donation.

### Resignations from Various Boards/Commissions

Chair Kehoe announced the resignation of Mike Brinius from the Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities and the resignation of Amy Sawyer from the Planning and Zoning Commission. He thanked Mr. Brinius and Ms. Sawyer for their service to the town.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Recommendation from Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee re: New Job Description Fire Captain/Emergency Management – **tabled at February 2, 2016 meeting**

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                     seconded by Bill Horan

to **remove from the table** the following motion from the February 2, 2016 Town Council meeting:

to **approve** the new job description of Fire Captain/Emergency Management as outlined in a memo from Fire Chief John Oates to Mayor Marcia Leclerc dated November 30, 2015 and as attached to an email from Mayor Marcia Leclerc dated February 1, 2016.

On call of the vote to **remove from the table**, motion carried 7/2. Nays: Clarke, Harmon

On call of the vote to **approve the new job description**, motion carried 6/3. Nays: Clarke, Harmon, Kurker

*A copy of the new job description follows these minutes.*

## NEW BUSINESS

### Recommendation from the Ordinance Committee: §15-3 Personnel Appeals Board Membership

MOTION        By Bill Horan  
                     seconded by Linda Russo  
                     to **amend** the East Hartford Code of Ordinances by repealing section 15-3 entitled "Personnel Appeals Board Membership" and to substitute in lieu thereof a new section 15-3, which is consistent with the draft dated February 16, 2016. –see below.  
                     Motion carried 9/0.

D R A F T  
(02-16-16)

Section 4. Section 15-3 of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Insofar as possible, the members of the Personnel Appeals Board shall be selected so that there shall be one (1) member associated with labor, one (1) member associated with management, and one (1) member not associated directly with either management or labor. No member of the Board [of] or the alternate panel shall be a Town employee or elected official. [Employee, official or member of any board or commission of the Town]. The alternates shall be appointed from the same categories as the regular members.

### Recommendation from the Real Estate Acquisition and Disposition Committee re: 9-11 Moore Avenue

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                     seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
                     that the East Hartford Town Council, recognizing the stipulations set forth by the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee at their August 4, 2015 meeting, authorizes the town to sell the property known as 9-11 Moore Avenue to Habitat for Humanity for a sales price no less than \$8,100.84 – which represents the town's out of pocket expense in connection with the foreclosure action.  
                     Motion carried 9/0.

## Refund of Taxes

**MOTION** By Joe Carlson  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$7,209.03  
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.  
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2014-03-0052053	AVILES MIRIAM C	2006/3N1CB51D66L484342	-32.15
2014-04-0081434	CARTER KEYAIR ALISHA OR SMITH CHARLENE	1999/4T1BG22K0XU400802	-76.72
2014-04-0081754	COMPLETE INTERIOR SYSTEMS INC	2006/JALE5B16067903429	-283.65
2014-03-0058145	CREEDEN DEBRA M	2007/JTHBJ46G472104750	-268.75
2014-03-0062936	FRANCOUER CHARLENE B	2012/1G4GC5G35CF169107	-210.59
2012-03-0063520	GEN ELECTRIC CAPITAL CRP	2008/1FCJE39L08DA90128	-601.88
2013-03-0063607	GEN ELECTRIC CAPITAL CRP	2008/1FCJE39L08DA90128	-572.50
2014-03-0063734	GEN ELECTRIC CAPITAL CRP	2008/1FCJE39L08DA90128	-531.98
2014-03-0064372	GONZALEZ MARGARITA	2013/1N4AL3AP6DN541187	-276.08
2014-03-0064752	GRANT KIMBERLY	2004/JA3AJ66F64U027555	-66.82
2014-03-0066045	HERNANDEZ CARLOS A	2013/JH2RC6354DK100886	-20.82
2014-03-0066742	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2012/5J6TF2H57CL004955	-427.22
2014-04-0084081	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2012/1HGCP2F83CA197733	-92.59
2014-03-0067180	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING	2013/5XXGM4A74DG178021	-541.16
2013-03-0067107	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING	2011/5NPDH4AE1BH034689	-228.82
2014-03-0088474	LEONARD PATRICIA	2011/3FADP4BJ3BM143914	-9.86
2013-03-0073407	MERCHANTS AUTOMOTIVE GRO	2009/1FTYR10D99PA40857	-274.09
2014-03-0075397	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2014/JN1CV6EL2EM130420	-1,118.98
2014-03-0075527	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2013/JN8AS5MV3DW652815	-344.37
2014-04-0086937	RANA CAB CO LLC	2011/5TDDK3EH2BS068764	-861.25
2014-04-0087322	RODRIGUEZ DAVID	2003/4A3AA46G23E165131	-99.35
2014-01-0000398	SOMAIRA ALTAF	16 BELL CT C-2	-40.00
2014-03-0085634	TORRES MARIO C	2001/WBAFA53521LM82088	-19.13
2014-03-0088457	WILLIAMS DANIELLE L	2008/1HGCS22838A016450	-210.27
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-7,209.03</b>

Appointment of Gladys Rivera to the Economic Development Commission

MOTION        By Ram Aberasturia  
                     seconded by Marc Weinberg  
                     to **approve** the appointment of Gladys Rivera, 31 High Street #5102,  
                     to the Economic Development Commission, whose term shall expire  
                     December 2016.  
                     Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Esther Clarke thanked the Mayor for the recent N.E.A.T. report and inquired if there will be monthly updates. *Mayor Leclerc stated that the NEAT committee meets monthly and there will be updated reports as new information becomes available.*

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Naeem Khalid v Town of East Hartford, Docket No.CV-14-6025593-S

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                     seconded by Marc Weinberg  
                     to **accept** Corporation Counsel's recommendation to settle the pending real  
                     property tax appeal known as Naeem Khalid v Town of East Hartford, Docket  
                     No.HHB-CV-14-6025593-S, involving 194 Main Street from the fair market value  
                     of \$238,690.00 to the fair market value of \$215,000.00, which shall generate a  
                     reduction of \$752.44 per year in property taxes, commencing with the Grand List  
                     Year of 2013.  
                     Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION        By Esther Clarke  
                     seconded by Bill Horan  
                     to **adjourn** (8:45 p.m.).  
                     Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next *regular* meeting of the Town Council would be March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 Angela M. Attenello  
                                 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK