

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM / MICROSOFT "TEAMS"

EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

MARCH 2, 2024

BUDGET WORKSHOP

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS / INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY /
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES / SOCIAL SERVICES / YOUTH SERVICES /
PARKS AND RECREATION / SENIOR SERVICES / EH WORKS!

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson, Minority Leader John Morrison, Councillors Angela Parkinson, Awet Tsegai, Thomas Rup, Travis Simpson, Harry Amadasun, Jr. (arrived 8:45 am)

ALSO
PRESENT Mayor Connor Martin
Melissa McCaw, Chief Administrative Officer and Finance Director
Ekaterine Tchelidze, Chief of Staff
Pat Sirois, Chair of Beautification Commission
Ken Sayers, Chief Information Security Officer
Rich Muth, IT Manager
Laurence Burnsed, Director of Health and Human Services
Amanda Garrity, Deputy Health Director
Ronda Doherty, Public Health Nursing Supervisor
Michael O'Connell, Public Health Supervisor
Astrid Calderon, Youth and Social Services Program Supervisor
Lindsay Potterton, Program Supervisor, Crisis Intervention
Sean Dwyer, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
Vicki Liberator, Senior Services Coordinator
Amy Pelletier, Director – East Hartford Works!

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.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 review process for the Mayor's proposed budget, which will include a Public Hearing on March 6, 2024 and projected adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Town Budget on March 11, 2024.

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

Boards and Commissions

To accommodate those present, the Chair stated that the Council will review presentations by individual Boards and Commissions as representatives arrive during the workshop session. At the close of the meeting, any remaining Boards and Commissions will be reviewed.

Mayor Martin shared that the Board of Ethics, Emergency Medical Commission, Hockanum River Commission and the Personnel Appeals Board are no longer operational and thus do not require funding. The newly established Fair Rent Commission is funded through the Development Department.

Beautification Commission (8:42 am)	Pat Sirois
Information Technology (9:11 am)	Ken Sayers
Health And Human Services (10:13 am)	Laurence Burnsed Amanda Garrity Michael O'Connell
Youth and Social Services (11:20 am)	Laurence Burnsed Astrid Calderon Lindsay Potterton

The Chair called for a brief recess at 11:57 am and the meeting reconvened at 12:39 pm.

Crisis Intervention Division (12:39 pm)	Laurence Burnsed Lindsay Potterton
Parks and Recreation (1:05 pm)	Laurence Burnsed Sean Dwyer
Senior Services (1:43 pm)	Laurence Burnsed Vicki Liberator
East Hartford Works! (2:13 pm)	Amy Pelletier

The Council acknowledged the remaining Boards and Commissions did not have any substantive budget changes. (2:52 pm):

Veterans Commission	Zoning Board of Appeals
Inland/ Wetlands/Environment Commission	Public Building Commission
Board of Assessment Appeals	Pension & Retiree Benefit Board
Commission on Culture & Fine Arts	Commission on Aging
Historic District Commission	Services for Persons w/Disabilities

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By John Morrison
 seconded by Don Bell

to **adjourn** (2:54 pm)
Motion carried 9/0.

Attest _____
Jason Marshall
Town Council Clerk