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MARCH 5, 2019

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Linda A. Russo, Majority Leader Ram Aberasturia, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc Weinberg, Patricia Harmon and Caroline Torres

ABSENT Councillors Joseph R. Carlson and Shelby J. Brown

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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) raised concerns about residents being "taxed out of their homes"; (2) asked if the town's assets were being cared for as well as they could be; (3) suggested that non-profit organizations present a burden for East Hartford's taxpayers; (4) stated that Governor Lamont's proposal for municipalities to help pay for teachers' pensions will impact the town's budget significantly; and (5) inquired if the Board of Education is spending their proposed budget on East Hartford students or Magnet Schools.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 19, 2019 Executive Session

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Pat Harmon
to **approve** the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Executive Session.
Motion carried 7/0.

February 19, 2019 Public Hearing

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Linda Russo
to **approve** the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Public Hearing.
Motion carried 7/0.

February 19, 2019 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **approve** the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Regular Meeting.
 Motion carried 7/0.

February 25, 2019 Budget Workshop/Police & Fire

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by
 to **approve** the minutes of the February 25, 2019 Budget Workshop/Police
 and Fire.
 Motion carried 6/0. **Abstain:** Clarke

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

MIRA FY20 Budget and Tip Fees

Chair Kehoe stated that Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) suffered a serious mechanical failure with the trash-to-energy facility in Hartford's South Meadows in November 2018. While the repairs were underway, the estimated increased costs to divert the waste processing could be as much as \$13 per ton. However the MIRA Board of Directors did lower the increase (\$9.35/ton) and postponed its effective date to April 1, 2019.

Additionally, MIRA reported that their Board of Directors approved the FY20 budget which includes an \$11.00/ton increase for tipping fees effective July 1, 2019.

Dissolution of "Circle of Life – Arts for All"

The Chair announced that the Mayor's office received a letter from Regina Barall, President of Circle of Life: Arts for All, Inc., in which she stated the dissolution of that non-profit corporation. Also, as of March 31, 2019, Circle of Life will vacate the room leased in the East Hartford Community Cultural Center at 50 Chapman Place.

The Chair thanked Ms. Barall for her dedication to the town and wished her well in her retirement.

NEW BUSINESS

Referral to Tax Policy Committee re: Tax Lien Sales

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Linda Russo
to **refer** to the Tax Policy Committee (1) the list of 113 properties recommended for the town's annual tax lien sale, totaling \$2,168,953.18 in delinquent taxes which includes those properties where the owner has defaulted on a payment plan; and (2) the list of 55 properties where prior year tax liens have sold and now the subsequent liens need to be assigned to existing lien holders totaling \$400,648.79; both lists attached to a memorandum dated February 15, 2019 from Finance Director Michael Walsh to Mayor Marcia Leclerc, with instructions to review the proposed lists of properties and the criteria used by the town to implement a tax lien sale and to report back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.
Motion carried 7/0.

Properties Conveyed to the Town through Tax Deed Sale

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Caroline Torres
to refer to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee the list of 17 properties that were sent by the Town's Tax Collector to a tax sale; such list attached to a memorandum dated February 15, 2019 from Finance Director Michael Walsh to Mayor Marcia Leclerc, with instructions to the Committee to review the town's policy when a property is sent to Tax Sale.
Motion carried 7/0.

St. Isaac Jogues Church Lease of Parking Area

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Pat Harmon
to refer to the Fees Committee the new lease between St. Isaac Jogues Ghanaian Catholic Parish and the Town of East Hartford for a parcel of land on the corner of Community Street and Home Terrace used as a paved parking lot with instructions to review the lease terms and report back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.
Motion carried 7/0.

North Central Area Agency on Aging: Grocery Delivery Grant

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Linda Russo
to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (NCAAA) has made funds available for the operation of a grocery delivery program to benefit senior citizens in the Town of East Hartford; and

WHEREAS this program provides East Hartford senior citizens with assistance that helps them remain independent and self-sufficient residents of their own homes.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is authorized and directed to file an application on forms prescribed by the NCAAA for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$2,100 and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a funding agreement and any amendments as may be required with the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. for the purposes of administering a grocery delivery to elderly residents program.

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

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$84,990.07
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 7/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	Over Paid
2017-03-0050571	AGOSTO ALICIA M	1996/4T1BG12K5TU949285		-29.50
2016-03-0050799	ALEXANDER SHANAYE N	2005/JTEHD20VX56025129		-215.95
2016-09-0050799	ALEXANDER SHANAYE N	2005/JTEHD20VX56025129		-42.91
2017-03-0050859	ALEXANDER SHANAYE N	2005/JTEHD20VX56025129		-225.28
2017-04-0080220	ALLIED ROOFING AND SHEET METAL CO INC	2017/1GCVKNEH0HZ331583		-451.35
2017-03-0087776	ALLY FINANCIAL LOUISVILLE PPC	2014/1G6DE1E31E0159972		-604.8
2017-01-0000540	ANTIL EVA F	33 SAWKA DR		-20.00
2017-04-0080410	AUTOMOTIVE RENTALS INC	2012/1FTNE2EW9CDA45256		-39.83
2017-03-0052176	ATTA KWAME C	2010/4T1BF3EKXAU507481		-285.08
2017-01-0009812	BOUCHARD JOANNE M	46 CHEYENNE RD		-399.16
2016-04-0081060	BRITE FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC	2013/3N1AB7AP5DL661022		-160.72
2017-03-0054569	BRITE FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC	2013/3N1AB7AP5DL661022		-275.85
2017-03-0054570	BRITE FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC	2014/1N4AL3AP5EC405260		-220.90
2017-04-0080939	BRITE FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC	2015/1N4AL3AP4FC257460		-139.50
2015-03-0054588	BROWN ROBIN R	2015/5NPE24AF8FH018445		-231.44
2017-01-0001838	BROWNE LASETA	133 OCONNELL DR		-61.86
2016-03-0056175	CASTANEDA MAYRA	2003/1N4BL11E13C288880		-29.75

2017-01-0015379	CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED REFUNDS	229 ELLINGTON RD V		-1,344.82
2017-03-0078354	ELEMENT FLEET CORPORATION	2012/1C4RJFAG2CC224084		-408.70
2017-02-0043791	ENDOTO CORP	43 FRANKLIN ST		-669.15
2017-01-0001371	FALVEY LINEN SUPPLY	69 LEGGETT ST		-4,180.06
2017-03-0089495	HERNANDEZ ESMERALDA	2000/2HGEJ6670YH502722		-113.89
2017-03-0067065	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2015/2HGFB6E5XFH704983		-205.28
2017-03-0067169	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2014/5FNRL5H45EB075577		-260.46
2017-03-0067286	HOUGHTALING MARYANN B	2015/5XYKTDA66FG555290		-22.30
2017-03-0068322	JIMENEZ-MENDOZA JOSE R	2007/1N4AL21E37N450648		-52.74
2017-03-0069885	KV MCHNCL CNSTRCTN & RSTRN LLC	2013/3VW5P7AT7DM809269		-218.48
2017-04-0084589	LAD KIRTIBEN R	2001/4T1BG28KX1U076109		-97.06
2016-04-0085183	MARHOLIN ELAINE G	2008/2LNHM82V88X635751		-137.94
2017-01-0014454	MANCINI PROVENZANO AND FUTTNER LLC	325 OAK ST		-159.85
2017-01-0009472	MCCANN DEBRA A	38 MONROE ST		-40.03
2017-01-0009746	MERRILL ANTHONY P	92 PENNEY DR		-18.48
2017-01-0010025	MONETTE JULIE AND GERALD	36 AMATO DR		-3,344.07
2016-04-0085909	NAVAROLI TYLON L	2013/1N4AL3AP9DC291830		-17.46
2017-03-0076220	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2015/1N4AL3AP7FN916121		-104.72
2017-03-0076637	OGDEN FRANK P JR	2005/1J4GL48K25W596732		-26.14
2017-01-0000357	POMA ANDREW J & MARCIA M	20 BURNSIDE AVE		-60,405.24
2017-03-0080059	RENOUF JULIA	2013/5FNYP4H40DB053398	-8.88	-296.10
2017-01-0013121	SCHNEIDER MARK & IRENE J	148 SPRUCE DR		-46.12
2017-04-0088046	SOUSA JOSEPH A JR	2005/JH4CL96825C016579		-54.40
2017-01-0014531	TORPEY JANET	134 MANOR CIR		-22.50
2017-01-0000063	TUCKERMAN 321 LLC	321 BURNHAM ST		-8,495.40
2017-02-0042516	WAVERLY MARKETS OF E HTFD LLC	31 MAIN ST		-805.92
		SUBTOTAL	-8.88	-84981.19
		TOTAL		\$(84,990.07)

CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce Duck Derby

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled
 "Duck Derby" as submitted by Mary Ellen Dombrowski, President of
 the CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce, to conduct a duck race
 on the Hockanum River as a fundraiser. The race will start at the
 Walnut Street Bridge over the Hockanum River and will end at
 Labor Field on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 8AM to 2PM; subject
 to compliance with adopted codes and regulations of the State of
 Connecticut, the Town of East Hartford, and any other stipulations
 required by the Town of East Hartford or its agencies; and to **waive**
 the associated permitting fee under the provisions of §5-6 (a) of the
 Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances as this is a charitable
 fundraising event, which proceeds benefit community service
 projects in East Hartford.
 Motion carried 7/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Automobile Liability Claim of John Brady

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally
 settle the pending automobile liability claim of John Brady for a total sum
 of \$29,557.71.
 Motion carried 7/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Grace Wright, 15-17 Fuller Avenue, is interested in the space that Circle of Life is currently leasing until March 31st. She was not sure who to contact – whether it was the Mayor's office, Parks & Recreation or the Town Council. Chair Kehoe suggested she formalize her interest in the space by putting it in writing.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **adjourn** (8:10 p.m.).
 Motion carried 7/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be March 19th.

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