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MARCH 7, 2017

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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) spoke to the disparity of the bids on the construction contract for the flood protection rehabilitation project; (2) believes the town's ethics ordinance should be strengthened; (3) asked that members of an "LLC" should be made public; (4) believes that the Town Council should pass a resolution regarding the MDC's financial situation; and (5) requested that the case numbers of her personal law suits against the ZBA be contained within these minutes.

Mayor Leclerc stated that (1) the Route 2 westbound exit ramp to Governor Street will be closed from March 13<sup>th</sup> to November 2017 – alternate routes and more information is on the town's website; (2) the 2017 Sounds of Summer Concert Series will be moved to the Amphitheater at Great River Park – the concerts will be held Thursdays beginning July through August 10<sup>th</sup>; (3) April Vacation Day Camp begins April 10<sup>th</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup> at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center; (4) the next Lunch with the Mayor will be March 23<sup>rd</sup>; (5) the next Coffee with a Cop will be at Dunkin Donuts on Silver Lane on March 25<sup>th</sup>; (6) Raymond Library has several new programs – March 22<sup>nd</sup> they will partner with the East Hartford School Readiness program to host a tour of the Library for preschoolers and their parents, where library cards will be issued to preschoolers; (7) Hartford's St. Patrick's Day Parade will be Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>; and (8) the Mayor stated that East Hartford would not benefit from the change to the ad valorem tax as is currently structured by the Metropolitan District Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 21, 2017 Public Hearing

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **approve** the minutes of the February 21, 2017 Public Hearing.  
Motion carried 9/0.

February 21, 2017 Regular Meeting

MOTION      By Linda Russo  
                 seconded by Pat Harmon  
                 to **approve** the minutes of the February 21, 2017 Regular Meeting.  
                 Motion carried 9/0.

February 27, 2017 Budget Workshop/Police and Fire Departments

MOTION      By Linda Russo  
                 seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
                 to **approve** the minutes of the February 27, 2017 Budget Workshop/ Police  
                 and Fire Departments.  
                 Motion carried 9/0.

March 1, 2017 Budget Workshop/BOE and Inspections & Permits Department

MOTION      By Linda Russo  
                 seconded by Pat Harmon  
                 to **approve** the minutes of the March 1, 2017 Budget Workshop/BOE and  
                 Inspections & Permits Department .  
                 Motion carried 9/0.

March 4, 2017 Budget Workshop/Various Departments

MOTION      By Linda Russo  
                 seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
                 to **approve** the minutes of the March 4, 2017 Budget Workshop/Various  
                 Departments.  
                 Motion carried 9/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Resignation of Robert Falkevitz from the Economic Development Commission

Chair Kehoe announced the resignation of Robert Falkevitz from the Economic Development Commission. He thanked Mr. Falkevitz for his dedication to the community.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Lien Sales – RFP

MOTION      By Bill Horan  
                 seconded by Marc Weinberg  
                 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 9/0.

#### Flood Protection System Rehabilitation Project Contract Authorizations:

#### MOTION

By Linda Russo

seconded by Ram Aberasturia

to **authorize** the Administration to enter into the following contracts to continue the town's flood protection system:

1. Professional Services – GEI Consultants, Inc. totaling \$204,370 as follows:
  - a. Construction Administration & Inspection Services for the Meadow Hill Box Culvert Repair Project \$141,522
  - b. Seepage Evaluation & Stability Analysis \$62,848

2. Legal Services – Rogin Nassau, LLC and Others, totaling \$165,000 as follows:
  - a. Outside Legal Services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000
  - b. Property Appraisals in an amount not to exceed \$15,000
  - c. Property Map Development in an amount not to exceed \$15,000
  - d. System Right of Way Mapping in an amount not to exceed \$15,000
  - e. Misc. expenses associated with levee encroachments in an amount not to exceed \$20,000
3. Construction Services – LaRosa Construction Company, Inc. of Meriden CT re:
  - a. Meadow Hill Box Culvert Repair Project as per Bid #17-09 in the amount of \$582,000

Motion carried 9/0.

#### North Central Area Agency on Aging Grocery Delivery Grant

MOTION By Joe Carlson  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
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 North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. 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 9/0.

#### East Hartford's Back to School Rally

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit entitled East Hartford's Back to School Rally as submitted by Cephus Nolen, Director, Youth Services to conduct a back to school rally on Saturday August 19, 2017 from 9AM to 12PM at the Town Green Gazebo with music from 10AM to 11:30PM; 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.  
Motion carried 9/0.

## Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg  
seconded by Linda Russo  
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$17,519.06  
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.  
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2015-01-0000283	AIELLO JOSEPH P & LINDA J	33-37 INDIAN HILL ST	-2,288.44
2015-03-0051437	ANWAR NEYAR	2011/2C3CA6CT8BH596139	-29.09
2015-01-0002318	CARON ALBE G & SUSAN W	160 DAVIS RD	-5.00
2015-01-0003079	CORADO JUDITH R	48-50 GOVERNOR ST	-60.00
2015-03-0058675	DAIMLER TRUST	2014/WDDSJ4EB1EN039509	-82.70
2015-01-0004057	DONOVAN DAVID J JR & EILEEN M	3 LEXINGTON RD	-238.65
2015-03-0063071	GAMMO CLAIRE H & GAMMO WAYNE J	2007/1SATS02L971EY6842	-8.81
2015-03-0063549	GHAGAN BETTY A	2002/4T1BE32K82U580471	-124.17
2015-03-0063563	GIARENAKIS NICHOLAS G	2013/JN1AZ4EH1DM880384	-327.08
2014-03-0064608	GOTHBURG CAREN B	2002/1J4GL58K42W131838	-13.98
2015-03-0066365	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2013/5J8TB4H52DL019542	-366.49
2014-03-0067202	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TR	2013/5NPDH4AE0DH419311	-117.42
2014-03-0067238	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TR	2013/5NPEB4AC2DH517874	-126.20
2014-03-0067241	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TR	2013/5NPDH4AE7DH255619	-234.82
2015-01-0007066	ISABELLE HARVEY	19 BREWER ST	-45.62
2015-04-0085397	LEMAIRE CAMERON J	1993/2HGEH2363PH517861	-9.25
2015-02-0040097	MARATHON PETROLEUM CO LP-PROPERTY	524 MAIN ST	-7,684.07
2015-03-0068004	MAZDA CAPITAL SERVICES	2014/JM1GJ1W67E1120988	-298.78
2015-03-0075160	NISSAN INFINITI LT- TAX OPER.	2012/1N4AA5AP5CC869843	-111.08
2015-03-0075316	NISSAN INFINITI LT- TAX OPER.	2013/JN1CV6AR6DM353861	-447.88
2015-01-0011815	PRICE BARBARA J & JAY M SR	167 TIMBER TR	-19.72
2015-01-0011834	PROCACCINI MARGARET A & MICHAEL J	18 SCHAFFER DR	-20.00
2015-02-0041388	RENT- A- CENTER INC	265 ELLINGTON RD	-147.54
2015-01-0004281	ROBBINS KYLE	35 MILWOOD RD	-2,996.72
2015-03-0081146	ROTARU-BARAC ANTON	2001/9BWB6T61J314076077	-7.21

2015-01-0001235	THE JORGENSEN LAW FIRM	133 JANET DR	-34.40
2015-01-0016608	THE LAW OFFICES OF TREVOR R. PARRIS LLC	908 FORBES ST	-1,367.20
2015-03-0086484	V W CREDIT LEASING LTD	2013/3VWDP7AJ8DM213341	-294.04
2015-01-0015260	WEAVER DAVID L	40 OLDE ROBERTS ST	-12.70
		<b>Total</b>	<b>-17,519.06</b>

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Mike Kurker said he received a call from a resident of Phelps Place who had problems with the snow plowing at the last storm. *Mayor Leclerc indicated that she has spoken to that resident and explained that since Phelps Place is not a town road, the work is performed by a private contractor. She will work with the resident to alleviate any snow plowing issues.*

Ram Aberasturia commended the Mayor's swiftness addressing the curb repairs on Grande Road which he brought to her attention at the last Council meeting.

#### COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

##### Pending Property Damage Claim of Colleen Maniscalco

No action taken at this time.

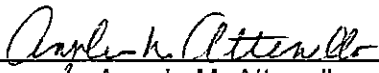
#### OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Rafael Zeligzon, 430 Burnside Avenue, is concerned about questionable activity at the convenience store located at 442 Burnside Avenue.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By Esther Clarke  
                   seconded by Bill Horan  
                   to **adjourn** (8:40 p.m.).  
                   Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be the public hearing on the budget – March 8<sup>th</sup>; the special meeting on the budget – March 14<sup>th</sup>; the next regular meeting will be on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Attest   
 Angela M. Attenello  
 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK