

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM / MICROSOFT "TEAMS"

EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

MARCH 8, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING/BUDGET

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.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:02 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.

The Chair gave a brief overview of the Mayor's recommended FY2023-24 budget which totals \$211.7 million. The budget reflects a 3.6% increase in expenses. The Board of Education's share of the budget is \$98.2 million and their request is fully funded under the proposed budget. The Mayor's budget contains changes to staff to support the reorganization of departments to serve the public more effectively. All service levels to East Hartford residents are maintained in this budget. The proposed budget fully funds the town's obligations for the pension plan and the health insurance fund for active and retired town employees. It also reflects additional debt payments as a result of bonds issued for road improvements and town building repairs including Town Hall.

The recommended mill rate to support this budget will increase from 41.00 mills to 43.00 mills for Real Estate and Personal Property. The mill rate for motor vehicles remains the same as the current year – 32 mills.

No citizens came forward to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By John Morrison
seconded by Don Bell
to **adjourn** (7:13 p.m.)

Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair shared that the Town Council will hold a special meeting on Monday, March 13th at 7 pm to vote on the proposed budget in the Community Cultural Center Auditorium.

Attest _____
Jason Marshall
Town Council Clerk