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MARCH 10, 2020

SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Connor Martin, Angela Parkinson, Awet Tsegai, Patricia Harmon and John Morrison

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m. He announced the exit locations in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 29-381, after which the Council joined him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of the 2020-2021 Budget**

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Awet Tsegai  
to **adopt** the following budget for 2020-2021 in accordance  
with Section 6.4(b) of the Town Charter, as follows:  
Town Government Budget of-----\$ 93,391,098  
Board of Education Budget of-----\$ 92,679,245  
and a Debt Service payment of -----\$ 8,489,639  
and a Capital Improvement Budget of-----\$ 2,082,324  
for a total budget of -----\$196,642,306  
be amended as follows:

Account Number	Description	Amount	Comments
G0610-41231	Building Permits	112,800	Town Council directed changes
Subtotal - Revenue Increase (Decrease)		<u>112,800</u>	
G5203-60144	Police overtime special events	(18,200)	Town Council directed changes
G9600-63492	Reserve for Contingency	18,200	Town Council directed changes
G5317-60141	Fire overtime	(2,500)	Town Council directed changes
G9600-63492	Reserve for Contingency	2,500	Town Council directed changes
G1300-60110	Registrars Permanent Services	1,000	Town Council directed changes
G2100-60110	Mayor's Office Permanent Services	1,800	Town Council directed changes
G7808-63489	2 <sup>nd</sup> North School Bldg Maintenance	(7,000)	Town Council directed changes
G9600-63492	Reserve for Contingency	7,000	Town Council directed changes
G2200-63131	Corp Cnsl Sheriff, Court Filing Fees	(4,500)	Town Council directed changes

G9600-63492	Reserve for Contingency	4,500	Town Council directed changes
G8300-65251	Parks Facilities Natural Gas	(2,300)	Town Council directed changes
G9600-63492	Reserve for Contingency	2,300	Town Council directed changes
G9600-63492	Reserve for Contingency	100,000	Town Council directed changes
G1100-63287	Town Council Broadcast Expense	10,000	Town Council directed changes

Subtotal - Expenditure Increase (Decrease)	112,800
Net Inc. (Dec.) to Mayor's Recommended Budget	-

Motion carried 9/0.

MOTION By Connor Martin  
seconded by Don Bell  
that the taxes for the uniform fiscal year 2020-2021 will be due and payable as follows: one half on July 1, 2020 and one half on January 1, 2021, except when the tax due is not in excess of \$400 and then it shall be due and payable in full on July 1, 2020, or when the property tax due is in an amount less than \$5.00, such tax shall be waived pursuant to C.G.S. §12-144c.  
Motion carried 9/0.

MOTION By Awet Tsegai  
seconded by Angie Parkinson  
to **adopt** the following receipts for the 2020-2021 uniform fiscal year in accordance with Section 6.4(b) of the Town Charter as follows:

**Grand List as of October 1, 2019 for:**

Real Estate and Personal Property	\$ 2,522,072,784
Motor Vehicles	\$ 285,721,790

Tax Collection Rate 98.13

**Mill Rate Setting Generating Taxes of:**

Real Estate and Personal Property @ 49.92	\$ 123,550,201
Motor Vehicles @ 45.0000 (incl. Supple. MV)	\$ 14,140,492
Totaling	\$ 137,690,693

(Local Elderly, Veteran's, Leased Engines Relief)	- 570,000
Other Receipts	\$ 59,634,413

Total Revenue \$ 196,755,106

Motion carried 9/0.

Resolution Approving the Proposed Special Revenue Program and Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021

MOTION      By Angie Parkinson  
                  seconded by Esther Clarke  
                  to **adopt** the following resolution:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED:

That the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve the Mayor's recommendation for the Special Revenue Programs to be conducted during the fiscal year 2020-2021 on a self-supporting basis, and further requires that any new programs to be offered under Special Programs Fund must first be approved by the Town Council. The Council further requires that any excess funds accruing in this account at the end of each fiscal year, as determined by the independent auditors, shall be transferred to the General Fund as revenue in the next succeeding fiscal year.

On call of the vote, motion carried 9/0.

Adoption of the Town of East Hartford's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan


MOTION      By Don Bell  
                  seconded by Esther Clarke  
                  to **adopt** the Town of East Hartford's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2020-2021 through 2024-2025 as contained in the Mayor's Recommended Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 with the following amendments: (1) the lease payments for the 2020-2021 Rolling Stock purchases shall be five years and are anticipated to be as set out in the attached chart entitled "Schedule of Leases Payable for FY Ending June 30, 2021"; and (2) the funds used for the purchase of real time crime center technology will not use artificial intelligence or facial recognition. The technology will not be monitored except when a potentially criminal incident occurs or during an active criminal investigation.  
                  Motion carried 9/0.

Chair Kehoe recognized the Mayor and her Directors for their hard work with this budget. Additionally, he thanked East Hartford's legislative delegation for their diligence in obtaining funds at the state level for the Board of Education as well as the town.

Mayor Leclerc thanked her Directors – noting new Finance Director Linda Trzetzziak's efforts during the past few weeks – the town's Legislative delegation, and the Town Council for supporting her budget. Also, the Mayor stated to the new Councillors that now they understand what the budget process entails.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By Esther Clarke  
                 seconded by Don Bell  
                 to **adjourn** (7:35p.m.)  
                 Motion carried 9/0.

Attest   
Angela M. Attenello  
Town Council Clerk