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MARCH 12, 2019

SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Linda A. Russo, Majority Leader
Ram Aberasturia, Councillors Marc I. Weinberg, Shelby J. Brown,
Patricia Harmon and Caroline Torres

ABSENT Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke and Councillor Joseph R. Carlson

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.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 2019-2020 Budget

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Linda Russo
to **adopt** the following budget for 2019-2020 in accordance
with Section 6.4(b) of the Town Charter, as follows:
Town Government Budget of-----\$ 89,701,725
Board of Education Budget of-----\$ 91,662,619
and a Debt Service payment of -----\$ 8,211,866
and a Capital Improvement Budget of----- \$ 1,947,216
for a total budget of -----\$191,523,426
be amended as follows:

Account Number	Description	Amount	
G0350-42531	PILOT	361,813	Adjust to State grant
G0350-42541	Municipal Transition Grant	666,197	Adjust to State grant
G0350-42533	Municipal Stabilization Grant	7,572	Adjust to State grant
G0370-40067	Current Tax Levy	100,000	Inc revenue w/o mill rate impact
G0990-42508	ECS	(762,763)	Adjust to State grant
G0990-42508	TRS Expense	(66,138)	Adjust to State grant
G0370-40067	Current Tax Levy	(443,507)	Direct reduction in the mill rate
Subtotal - Revenue Increase (Decrease)		<u>(136,826)</u>	
G7310-60141	PW - Flood Prot. Sys. OT	(12,240)	Town Council directed reductions
G7400-60141	PW - Waste Services - OT	(23,767)	Town Council directed reductions
G7700-60141	PW - Fleet - OT	(13,500)	Town Council directed reductions

G7800-60141	PW - Bldg. Maint. - OT	(28,000)	Town Council directed reductions
G8200-60141	Parks - Maint. - OT	(75,495)	Town Council directed reductions
G7400-63410	PW - Tipping Fees	130,000	Town Council directed inc - MIRA tip fee incr
G7700-62321	PW - Fleet - Gasoline and Fuel	(15,000)	Town Council directed reductions
G7700-62322	PW - Fleet - Tires	(24,000)	Town Council directed reductions
G7700-63229	PW - Fleet - Repairs	(50,000)	Town Council directed reductions
G7300-62344	PW - Highway Services - Tools	(12,324)	Town Council directed reductions
G7310-64510	PW - Flood - Equipment	(12,500)	Town Council directed reductions
Subtotal - Expenditure Increase (Decrease)		<u>(136,826)</u>	

Motion carried 7/0.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Marc Weinberg
that the taxes for the uniform fiscal year 2019-2020 will be due and payable as follows: one half on July 1, 2019 and one half on January 1, 2020, except when the tax due is not in excess of \$400 and then it shall be due and payable in full on July 1, 2019, 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 7/0.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Linda Russo
to **adopt** the following receipts for the 2019-2020 uniform fiscal year in accordance with Section 6.4(b) of the Town Charter as follows:

Grand List as of October 1, 2018 for:

Real Estate and Personal Property	\$ 2,459,371,605
Motor Vehicles	\$ 268,494,870

Tax Collection Rate 98.04

Mill Rate Setting Generating Taxes of:

Real Estate and Personal Property @ 49.11	\$ 120,779,740
Motor Vehicles @ 45.0000 (incl. Supple. MV)	\$ 13,605,440
Totaling	\$ 134,385,180

(Local Elderly, Veteran's, Leased Engines Relief)	- 1,025,000
Other Receipts	\$ 58,026,420

Total Revenue	<u>\$ 191,386,600</u>
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Motion carried 7/0.

Resolution Approving the Proposed Special Revenue Program and Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 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 2019-2020 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 7/0.

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

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **adopt** the Town of East Hartford's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for
 fiscal years 2019-2020 through 2023-2024 as contained in the Mayor's
 Recommended Budget for Fiscal year 2019-2020.
 Motion carried 7/0.

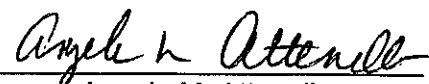
Chair Kehoe and Majority Leader Aberasturia thanked the Board of Education and the Mayor for their cooperative efforts working with the Town Council during the budget process. The Chair indicated that the Council will continue to look for savings – on the town's side – with trash collection, recycling and energy-based improvements to town buildings, as well as reassessing labor positions. He also recognized the Councillors for their dedication and thanked the Council Clerk for her help during this process.

Majority Leader Aberasturia thanked the Republican caucus for their collaboration with the Democratic caucus and commented that this joint effort could work as a template at the national level.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Pat Harmon
 seconded by Caroline Torres
 to **adjourn** (7:23 p.m.)
 Motion carried 7/0.

Attest



Angela M. Attenello
Town Council Clerk