

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MARCH 17, 2015

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr., Majority Leader Barbara-Ann Rossi, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I. Weinberg, Linda A. Russo, Ram Aberasturia, Patricia Harmon and Anita D. Morrison

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:35 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.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Anita Morrison
to **amend** the agenda as follows:

add, under New Business, item A. entitled "Resolution: East Hartford Chamber of Commerce's 100th Anniversary."

Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep, 44-46 and 50 Olde Roberts Street, is against the new tax deed sale process and believes the Council should still have a voice in this new process.

Kathryn Hale, 54 Orchard Hill Drive, South Windsor, an Attorney representing a stockholder in East Hartford Equipment Corporation, believes that Corporation Counsel has a conflict of interest since he represents East Hartford Equipment Corporation in private practice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 28, 2015 Budget Workshop – tabled at the March 3rd Meeting

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the minutes of the February 28, 2015 Budget Workshop.
Motion carried 9/0.

March 2, 2015 Budget Workshop

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Pat Harmon
to **approve** the minutes of the March 2, 2015 Budget Workshop.
Motion carried 9/0.

March 3, 2015 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Linda Russo
to **approve** the minutes of the March 3, 2015 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain**: Aberasturia

March 4, 2015 Public Hearing/ Budget

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Anita Morrison
to **approve** the minutes of the March 4, 2015 Public Hearing/Budget.
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain**: Aberasturia

March 10, 2015 Special Meeting/Budget

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **approve** the minutes of the March 10, 2015 Special Meeting/Budget.
Motion carried 9/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

New Tax Sale Process – pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §12-157

Michael Walsh, Finance Director, and Scott Chadwick, Corporation Counsel, presented the Council with an overview of the new tax sale process that the administration would like to implement as a method of collecting delinquent taxes. While this process is new to East Hartford, it has been the preferred method of collecting delinquencies for several towns in Connecticut –especially Norwalk which has used the tax sale process for many years. Section 12-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes empowers the Collector of Revenue to sign/sell the deed to a delinquent property – the Town Council’s approval of this is not necessary.

The same steps that the town uses in the tax lien sale process to inform taxpayers of their delinquency are the same steps that the town will implement in the tax sale process.

Councillors raised concerns including the process for selecting properties and the reasonableness of fees charged by the outside attorney representing the town.

NEW BUSINESS

East Hartford Chamber of Commerce: 100th Anniversary

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

Whereas, the town of East Hartford is a vibrant, diverse community with a strong business sector comprised of high tech manufacturing, retailers and other commercial enterprises; and

Whereas, for one hundred years, the interests of our business sector have been ably represented by the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, the growth of our commercial base – from a predominantly farming community to significant manufacturing sector – has been due in significant measure to the actions of the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, during this past century, the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce has been an active participant in town development, offering community programming and networking opportunities; and

Whereas, most recently, the town has partnered with the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce in a joint venture to successfully market the town of East Hartford to other businesses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East Hartford Town Council, together with Mayor Marcia Leclerc, hereby extends its sincere appreciation for the contributions of the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce and its hearty congratulations to the Chamber on its 100th anniversary of advocacy and support for the businesses in our community.

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

NCAAA Grocery Delivery Grant

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Barbara Rossi
 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 \$3,000 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.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Barbara Rossi

to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$15,349.87
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2013-03-0052396	BANSEMER MARJORIE A	2012/3VWBP7AJ1CM378833	-10
2013-01-0001067	BEDARD WENDY R	178 MANOR CIR	-33.18
2013-03-0053297	BHURA NAZMINBANU A	2010/4T4BF3EKXAR067736	-38.14
2013-03-0058492	CZARNIECKA ZOFIA	2001/2B8GP44G51R177817	-42.22
2013-01-0016563	DOUBLE E PROPERTIES OF MIDDLETOWN LLC	148 ROBERTS ST REAR	-2,077.28
2013-04-0082716	FEDERICO RALPH R	1999/3FAFP15P4XR160321	-36.45
2013-03-0061653	FELLOWS NARDIA	2000/4N2XN11T0YD813967	-80.54
2013-03-0063078	GABOURY JEAN L OR	2006/4YDT30R236G922283	-55.84
2013-03-0063784	GIBBONS STACY M	2003/5GZCZ53BX3S860959	-12.98
2013-03-0066356	HOANG THY ANH	2008/WVWKC71K28W099437	-17.63
2013-04-0083803	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2010/1HGCP2F36AA149337	-189.82
2013-04-0083925	HURLBURT MILTON ALBERT	1967/7R02C239575	-76.64
2013-04-0083951	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	2014/KNAFX4A60E5188428	-17.7
2013-03-0067136	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	2011/KNDPC3A20B7101587	-328.46
2013-01-0007354	JONES FRANK E & FRANCES J	16 GRANT ST	-188.86
2013-03-0068162	JT S TRUCK RENTAL INC	2006/JALE5B16567902678	-146.84
2013-01-0005426	KAMINSKI MATTHEW R	473 HILLS ST	-36.79
2013-01-0007327	KLEIN GARY P & CODA-KLEIN LYNN L	235 EAST RIVER DR 205	-3,489.21
2013-03-0069080	KORZH ALEXANDER	2002/JTEHF21A520052856	-253.03
2013-03-0070059	LE HOANG B	2000/1HGCG1651YA084094	-14.93
2013-03-0071221	LUNDY JAMES A	2005/1G1ZS52F25F104910	-102.15
2013-03-0072368	MASSICOTTE JOHN M OR	2002/4T3ZF13C92U464792	-13.64
2013-03-0072438	MATIAS KARLA M	2001/1N4DL01D41C240202	-41.32
2013-03-0072710	MCCORMICK DEBORAH B	1999/1HGCG5551XA054505	-21.7
2013-03-0072972	MCLANE BENJAMIN A	2008/1J8FF48W88D523885	-7.16
2013-03-0073026	MCNALLY BRIAN T	2011/1N4AL2AP0BC110962	-8.44
2013-01-0009854	MILES LUCIA T	83 CONCORD ST	-197.73
2012-03-0074281	MORIN SARAH C OR	2007/2HGFG12877H553783	-14
2013-04-0085738	NISSAN MOTOR ACCEPTANCE CORP	2011/JN1CV6AR2BM407928	-344
2013-04-0085796	NISSAN MOTOR ACCEPTANCE CORP	2011/JN1CV6AR4BM404898	-274.72

2013-03-0075606	NORIGE OIL CO INC	2004/2NKMHZ7X84M061766	-291.92
2013-03-0075608	NORIGE OIL CO INC	1995/1HTSDAAN35H628932	-158.45
2013-03-0075609	NORIGE OIL CO INC	2001/1HTHBAHR81H385223	-218.6
2013-03-0075610	NORIGE OIL CO INC	2007/1GCHG35U271143645	-198.17
2013-03-0075611	NORIGE OIL CO INC	2011/3GNTKGE3XBG202725	-584.07
2013-03-0075612	NORIGE OIL CO INC	2011/1GCZGTCA5B1155424	-302.82
2013-03-0075613	NORIGE OIL CO INC	2009/1GCEK29J29Z213869	-360.25
2013-03-0075615	NORIGE OIL CO INC	1999/1HTSDAAN7XH641559	-166.17
2013-03-0076356	ORTIZ WILFREDO R	1995/1FTEF14Y2SLA96127	-45.4
2013-03-0076595	PACHECO JOSE R	2003/1G6DM57N930111089	-26.2
2013-03-0077077	PATROCINIO KAREN	2008/JH4CL96848C000792	-238.81
2013-03-0078211	PITURA KATHY M	2008/4T1BE46K88U732340	-13.21
2013-03-0078687	PUGLIARES PAMELA	2007/JTHCK262975013224	-75.54
2013-04-0086633	REID VERONICA A	2000/1N4DL01D0YC117765	-9.08
2013-03-0079572	REYES-NAVARRO LORI A JNT	1997/1FTDX18W5VNB58002	-41.31
2013-03-0079639	RICE LEONARD S	2007/JTNBB46K473014703	-27
2013-03-0081107	ROSA JASON E	2003/JKAZX4K103A001139	-16.89
2013-03-0082416	SCHEMP JACQUELINE B OR	2008/1G4HD57278U146195	-20.56
2013-03-0084191	STEINER GEORGE E OR	2012/2HKRM4H76CH602848	-138.38
2013-03-0084556	SUMISLASKI DONALD J	2007/JNKAY01F27M450783	-11.93
2013-01-0002328	TEN BEACH STREET LLC	31 HIGH ST 10208	-47.45
2013-01-0014324	THE PRATT & WHITNEY AIRCRAFT CLUB	27 SIMMONS RD	-248.79
2013-03-0085430	TIRINZONIE JOANNE	1998/1FAFP52S7WG277803	-6.49
2013-01-0016423	TRANSFER ENTERPRISES INC	672 TOLLAND ST	-2,559.18
2013-01-0008168	UNITED BANK	30 BLACKSTONE LN	-1,072.77
2013-04-0088293	VALLIERE GREGORY P	1994/1FTCR15X6RTA42232	-38.82
2013-03-0086974	VEILLEUX DANIEL	2008/1D7HE22K68S535449	-20
2013-03-0087085	VELEZ THERESA L	2005/1HD1BWB115Y102602	-166.85
2013-03-0087156	VERNON BRENDA E OR	2004/1GNEK13TX4R278778	-25.69
2013-03-0088163	WHITTINGHAM SHANEAK J	2005/2HGES16565H555659	-47.67
TOTAL			-15,349.87

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Workers' Compensation Claims: Todd Delgazio

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **accept** Corporation Counsel's recommendation to fully and finally
 settle any and all pending workers' compensation claims of former Town
 employee, Todd Delgazio, for a total sum of \$12,000.00.
 Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Kim Mengden, 88 Leland Drive, is concerned about student safety at the O'Brien School and presented the Council with a petition containing 172 signatures showing support for the need to make Farm Drive – where the school is located – a one way road.

Susan Kniep, Olde Roberts Street, (1) believes that Corporation Counsel has a conflict of interest with the tax sale process; and (2) suggested that the Council ask for a copy of the RFP on the legal services provided for the tax sale process. Additionally, Ms. Kniep stated that her property floods during rainstorms and that it appears the catch basin across the street has failed.

Kathryn Hale, 54 Orchard Hill Drive, South Windsor, a veteran Councillor in South Windsor, urged the Council to consider the income stream produced by the 18% interest rate the town collects on delinquent tax accounts when reviewing the tax sale process.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **adjourn** (8:58 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be April 7th.

Attest _____
Angela M. Attenello
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK