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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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MARCH 21, 2017

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors
Marc I. Weinberg, Ram Aberasturia, Joseph R. Carlson, Patricia Harmon
and Michael G. Kurker

ABSENT Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr. and Majority Leader Linda A. Russo

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:32 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) suggested that the Town Council pass a resolution regarding their opposition to providing any financial assistance for the MDC; (2) read a list of proposed reform bills that will be discussed by the state legislature on Friday, March 24th; (3) believes the town's Ethics Ordinance should be strengthened; and (4) would like an update of the status of Rentschler Field development.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 6, 2017 Budget Workshop

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Pat Harmon
to **approve** the minutes of the March 6, 2017 Budget Workshop.
Motion carried 7/0.

March 7, 2017 Executive Session

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **approve** the minutes of the March 7, 2017 Executive Session.
Motion carried 7/0.

March 7, 2017 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Pat Harmon
 to **approve** the minutes of the March 7, 2017 Regular Meeting.
 Motion carried 7/0.

March 8, 2017 Public Hearing/Budget

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **approve** the minutes of the March 8, 2017 Public Hearing/Budget.
 Motion carried 7/0.

March 13, 2017 Special Meeting/Budget

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **approve** the minutes of the March 13, 2017 Special Meeting/Budget.
 Motion carried 7/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Juvenile Justice Committee's Police and Youth Grant Program

Cephus Nolen, Youth Services Director, gave the Council a brief presentation of the benefits of this program, which is designed to improve relations between police and youths. It has been in existence since 2012 and nearly 1,500 youths have participated in this program.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLVED that Marcia A. Leclerc Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of this municipality a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 with the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division for a "Police & Youth Program" grant and to file any amendments or reports as may be required to successfully complete the terms of the grant contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Marcia A. Leclerc is currently serving as Mayor of the Town of East Hartford. Her current term of office began on November 9, 2015 and will continue until November 13, 2017. As Mayor, Marcia A. Leclerc serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of East Hartford, and is duly authorized to enter into agreements and contracts on behalf of the Town of East Hartford.

On call of the vote, motion carried 7/0.

Referral to Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: 100 Woodlawn Circle

MOTION By Joe Carlson
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **refer** to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee the
 possible sale of a 2.3 acre parcel of town-owned land to the YMCA, who
 will utilize the lot as a parking area for a new community focused YMCA
 facility to be located at the Larson Community Center, with instructions to
 investigate the matter and report back to the Town Council with its
 recommendation if any.
 Motion carried 7/0.

Appointment to Beautification Commission

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **approve** the appointment of Donna Kehoe, 8 Knollwood Road, to the
 Beautification Commission; whose term shall expire December 2019.
 Motion carried 6/0. **Abstain:** Kehoe

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Esther Clarke (1) inquired on the status of the fees at the East Hartford Golf Course.
*Mayor Leclerc stated that BCG will give a presentation to the Council at their April 4th
meeting which will address this issue. (2) asked if any grants were available to offset the
expense of the demolition of properties. Mayor Leclerc indicated that she will be meeting
with the State of Connecticut soon to discuss the BAR grant and the creation of a funding
source to use for demolition. Additionally, the Mayor said there is a possibility of
reallocating CDBG funds for demolition.*

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Pending Property Damage Claim of Colleen Maniscalco

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle
 the subrogation claim brought by Arbella Mutual Insurance regarding
 property damage sustained by Coleen Maniscalco in a motor vehicle
 accident which occurred on October 6, 2016 for a total sum of \$14,315.79.
 Motion carried 7/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **adjourn** (8:25 p.m.).
 Motion carried 7/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be on April 4th.

Attest Angela M. Attenello
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 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK