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TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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APRIL 3, 2018

PRESENT

Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Linda A. Russo, Majority Leader Ram Aberasturia, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I. Weinberg, Joseph R. Carlson, Shelby J. Brown, Patricia Harmon and Caroline Torres

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:30 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

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 20, 2018 Executive Session

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia seconded by Linda Russo

to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 Executive Session.

Motion carried 9/0.

March 20, 2018 Public Hearing/New Cingular Wireless

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

seconded by Pat Harmon

to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 Public Hearing/New

Cingular Wireless. Motion carried 9/0.

March 20, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

seconded by Caroline Torres

to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried 9/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Resignation of Joshua Quintana from Inland/Wetlands Commission

The Chair announced the resignation of Joshua Quintana from the Inland/Wetlands Commission. He thanked him for his service to the town.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Tax Lien Sales - RFP

MOTION

By Shelby Brown

seconded by Ram Aberasturia

to authorize the administration to conduct a tax lien sale by way of a request for proposal (RFP) and to seek and receive sealed bids pursuant to an invitation to bid on a number of tax liens held by the town on specific real property as stated on lists produced by Finance Director Mike Walsh and attached to a memorandum dated March 14, 2018 from Mayor Marcia Leclerc to Town Council Chair Richard Kehoe, subject to the following four conditions:

- 1. The Collector of Revenue shall notify the record owner of each property subject to a lien that is to be included in the tax lien sale, by certified mail, that the lien is being included in the request for proposal and invitation to bid, and that the owner should contact the Town immediately to pay the taxes or seek a payment plan if they wish to keep the Town's tax liens on their property from being sold;
- 2. In order to qualify for a payment plan, the property owner must meet the following three criteria:
 - They must remit 25% of the outstanding amount due
 - They cannot have defaulted on a prior payment arrangement
 - Their property must not have active property code violations:
- 3. The letters from the Collector of Revenue to each property owner shall notify the property owner that the purchaser of the tax lien on their property shall have the right to foreclose on that property; and
- 4. The Administration shall return to the Town Council with the results of the request for proposal and that the proposal for each tax lien must be approved by the Town Council before it is sold.

And further to **authorize** the Administration to assign the subsequent tax liens totaling \$457,394.80, as stated on lists produced by Finance Director Mike Walsh and attached to a memorandum dated March 14, 2018 from Mayor Marcia Leclerc to Town Council Chair Richard Kehoe, to the vendors who currently hold the prior year tax liens on these properties.

Motion carried 9/0.

Outdoor Amusement Permit Applications:

Gengras Spring Open House

MOTION

By Linda Russo

seconded by Marc Weinberg

to waive the 30-day filing requirement pursuant to section 5-2(a) of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances and approve the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "The Gengras Spring Open House", submitted by Steve Bray, Events Coordinator for Gengras Motor Cars, Inc., to conduct an open house at 221 Governor Street where riders will have the opportunity to take test rides, and with music, food, a motorcycle stunt show, sales and vendors on Saturday, April 14th from 9AM to 5PM, with music from 11AM to 4PM; subject to compliance with adopted codes and regulations of the State of Connecticut, the Town of East Hartford, and any other stipulations required by the Town of East Hartford or its agencies. Motion carried 9/0.

13th Annual Abelon Memorial Walk

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

seconded by Marc Weinberg

to approve the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "13th Annual Abelon Memorial Walk" submitted by the East Hartford Public Schools by way of Rachel Buck, Walk Faculty Advisor for the Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy Student Advisory Board to conduct a walk to raise money and awareness for pancreatic cancer research and to provide a college scholarship for a CIBA student on Saturday, May 19th on the grounds of the Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy, 857 Forbes Street from approximately 7:30AM to 2PM; the walk will begin at CIBA, proceed down Forbes Street to Sunset Ridge School, 450 Forbes Street and turn and retrace its steps back to CIBA; subject to compliance with adopted codes and regulations of the State of Connecticut, the Town of East Hartford, and any other stipulations required by the Town of East Hartford or its agencies, and to waive the associated permit fee under the provisions of Section 5-6(a) in the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances, as this is a not-for-profit student initiated event. Motion carried 9/0.

2018 Lung Force Walk

MOTION

By Joe Carlson

seconded by Linda Russo

to approve the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "2018 Lung Force Walk", submitted by Mary Mackey, Development Manager for the American Lung Association to conduct a walk to raise awareness to defeat lung cancer at Great River Park on Sunday, June 3rd from 6:30AM to 12:30 PM with music and interactive educational activities; subject to compliance with adopted codes and regulations of the State of Connecticut, the Town of East Hartford, and any other stipulations required by the

Town of East Hartford or its agencies. Motion carried 9/0.

Riverfront Summer Pops

MOTION

By Marc Weinberg

seconded by Linda Russo

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Riverfront Summer Pops" submitted by Josh Urrutia, Director of Events, for Riverfront Recapture to conduct three Pop concerts in Great River Park, with music on the following dates and times in 2018:

Saturday, June 9th 7PM to 9PM (rain date: Sunday, June 10th) Saturday, July 21st 7PM to 9PM (rain date: Sunday, July 22nd) Saturday, August 25th 7PM to 9PM (rain date: Sunday, August 26th)

subject to compliance with adopted codes and regulations of the State of Connecticut, the Town of East Hartford, and any other stipulations required by the Town of East Hartford or its agencies; and to waive the permit fee and any associated town expenses for this event pursuant to the resolution passed by the Town Council on June 3, 2014.

Motion carried 9/0.

East Hartford's Back to School Rally

MOTION

By Joe Carlson

seconded by Ram Aberasturia

to approve the outdoor amusement permit entitled East Hartford's Back to School Rally as submitted by Cephus Nolen, Jr., Director, Youth Services to conduct a back to school rally on Saturday August 18th from 9AM to 12PM at the Town Green Gazebo with music from 10AM to 11:15AM; subject to compliance with adopted codes and regulations of the State of Connecticut, the Town of East Hartford, and any other stipulations required by the Town of East Hartford or its agencies. Motion carried 9/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION

By Marc Weinberg

seconded by Linda Russo

to refund taxes in the amount of \$86,413.27

pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	Over Paid
2016-09-0050012	A AND B AUTO SALVAGE INC	2002/1FTRF17292NB99283	0	-9
2015-03-0050159	ACAR LEASING LIMITED ALLAN S. GOODMAN	2013/1G11J5SX1DF256703	0	-274.8
2016-03-0050927	INCORPORATED ALLAN S. GOODMAN	2012/5TDDK3EH7CS158946	0	-424.54
2016-09-0050927	INCORPORATED ·	2012/5TDDK3EH7CS158946	0	-92.87

BOWER KENNETH C & GENTRY 2016-01-0001593 CAROL 259 PROSPECT ST 0 2016-02-0042382 BUSAM BRIAN 1602 MAIN ST	-200 -8.83 52.26 13.72
	52.26
2016-03-0055417 CAMARCO EMILIE C 2001/1N4DL01DX1C226434 0	13.72
2016-09-0055417 CAMARCO EMILIE C 2001/1N4DL01DX1C226434 0	
2016-04-0089351 DIFUSCO ROBERT R 2013/4T1BF1FK7DU276174 0	17.98
2016-09-0061779 ENTERPRISE FM TRUST 2013/1C6RR7FTXDS672950 0 ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	99.58
2016-04-0082801 STATUTORY TRUST 2017/1GCWGAFFXH1102094 0 -2,0	37.96
2015-05-0035110 FROFERT TAX	04.96
2016-01-0005386 FREMONT RIVERVIEW LLC 99-101 EAST RIVER DR - 75,2	24.25
2016-03-0064664 GONZALEZ MARCO A 2010/1FTFW1EVXAFC20389 -2	31.74
2016-09-0064663 GONZALEZ MARCO A 1999/1J4FY19SXXP448366	37.52
2016-09-0064664 GONZALEZ MARCO A 2010/1FTFW1EVXAFC20389 -1	01.39
2016-09-0064665 GONZALEZ MARCO A 2001/1G1YY22G815130039	70.15
2016-09-0064666 GONZALEZ MARCO A 2007/2FMDK49C97BA97722	55.81
2016-03-0064733 GONZALEZ XYOMARA 2010/1G4GE5EV2AF226780	22.59
2016-04-0083464 GONZALEZ XYOMARA 2013/2G61T5S38D9133328	182.2
2016-04-0085400 GONZACEZ X I OMARKA 2016/10 11/02/102/102/102/102/102/102/102/102/10	55.49
2016-09-0064733 GONZALEZ XYOMARA 2010/1G4GE5EV2AF226780	-4.94
2016-03-0065172 GREEN KYRON K 1997/JN1CA21D3VM523023	63.03
2010-09-0005172 GILLIN KINON K. 1001/01/15/12/15/15/15/15/15/15/15/15/15/15/15/15/15/	12.58
2016-03-0065546 GYAMFI JONATHAN A 2003/5GZCZ23DX3S836001	10.2 4
2016-03-0090325 HENSON LEON 2002/1FAHP60A92Y127723 -1	85.27
2016-04-0083920 HODDER JAMES R 2006/1FAHP34N96W254341 0	-16
2016-03-0067050 HONDA LEASE TRUST 2014/5J6RM4H77EL043190 0 -2	08.83
2016-03-0067096 HONDA LEASE TRUST 2013/19XFB2F9XDE269187 0 -1	12.62
2016-03-0067131 HONDA LEASE TRUST 2015/1HGCR2F51FA012924 0	35.55
2016-04-0084027 HONDA LEASE TRUST 2014/2HGFB2F83EH526401 0	68.17
2016-01-0007866 KOSTRZEWA WALTER & THEODOSIA 288 BURKE ST 0	-27
2010-00-0010000 114 001111111111111111111	10.33
2010-03-0070007	15.54
2016-03-0071163 LEXIE MIRIAM S 2013/KMHCT4AE2DU397873 0	58.35
2016-03-0073881 MENSAH VIDA O 2007/1D8GU58K57W726631 0	32.16
2016-09-0073881 MENSAH VIDA O 2007/1D8GU58K57W726631 2	-7.03

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2016-03-0075066	MOUNT RICHARD A JR	2014/1C4AJWAGXEL157413		-109.63
2016-09-0075066	MOUNT RICHARD A JR	2014/1C4AJWAGXEL157413	0	-31.84
2016-03-0075130	MUIRHEAD-SHIPPY CUTIE L	2012/2GNFLEE50C6295526	0	-10.27
2016-09-0075130	MUIRHEAD-SHIPPY CUTIE L	2012/2GNFLEE50C6295526	. 0	-2.25
2016-09-0075323	MYERS BRUCE M	2009/1D8HN44E49B519234	0	-28.28
2016-03-0075636	NGUYEN DEXUAN	2016/5N1AL0MM1GC519006	0	-712.8
2016-04-0086082	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2016/1N4AL3AP7GC246681	0	-285.75
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2016-09-0076218	LSNG	2011/1GB3G3BLXB1164407	0	-77.77
2015-04-0087189	PEREZ JAMEL JR	2006/2HGFG128X6H546194		-63.45
2016-03-0079186	PRINSTIL ALIX	2006/1HGCM55156A130134	0	-71.35
2016-09-0081259	RODRIGUEZ FRANKIE	2015/2C4RC1HG7FR602303	. 0	-34.41
2016-03-0082906	SANTOS KIWANNA M	2012/ZDM14BPW6CB003609		-290.11
2010-04-0086359	SARTORI VINCENT M	2003/1C3EL45T33N593193		-290.11
2016-04-0088010	SOTO HECTOR L	2006/1FTNE24W36DA15627		-256.92
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2016-03-0086134	TOMPKINS SHERINA R	2001/1G4HP54K81U162956	8.79	-73.28
2016-04-0088342	TOMPKINS SHERINA R	2014/1N4AL3AP6EC110829		-46.84
2016-09-0086134	TOMPKINS SHERINA R	2001/1G4HP54K81U162956		-16.03
2015-03-0086430	USB LEASING LT	2014/2GNFLGEK2E6177210	0	-296.19
2016-01-0005282	WILLIAM FRANCIS	69-71 LARRABEE ST	0	-2,983.21
		SUBTOTAL	8.79	86404.48
		TOTAL		86,413.27

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Esther Clarke inquired on the status of the purchase of Blessed Sacrament Church. Mayor Leclerc stated that the closing is scheduled for April 24th.

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Pitkin Street EH, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6038266-S

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

seconded by Esther Clarke

to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as Pitkin Street EH, LLC

v Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6038266-S, involving 131-133 Pitkin Street, from the fair market value of \$655,920 to the fair market value of \$287,500, which shall generate a reduction of \$12,133.73 in property taxes, for the Grand List Year of 2016. Motion carried 9/0.

Carlos Mouta, Trustee v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6038265-S

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

seconded by Marc Weinberg

to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as Carlos Mouta, Trustee v Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6038265-S, involving 235 East River Drive, Unit 1402, from the fair market value of \$274,190 to the fair market value of \$267,500, which shall generate a reduction of \$220.21 in property taxes, for the Grand List Year of 2016.

Motion carried 9/0.

Tolland Street Holdings, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6038270-S

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

seconded by Marc Weinberg

to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as Tolland Street Holdings, LLC v Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6038270-S, involving 163 Tolland Street, from the fair market value of \$901,390 to the fair market value of \$852,000, which shall generate a reduction of \$1,626.52 in property taxes, for the Grand List Year of 2016.

Motion carried 9/0.

Property Damage Subrogation Claim of Donald Balfour, Claim # 0149023

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

seconded by Marc Weinberg

to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending property damage subrogation claim of National General Insurance Company on behalf of Donald Balfour, involving 108 Arbutus Street,

for a total sum of \$16,980.14.

Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Mayor Leclerc (1) April is National Donate Life Month and the Donate Life flag will be raised tomorrow in front of Town Hall; (2) the textile recycling program (pink bags) has been implemented; (3) the Connecticut State Library World War I Digitization Day will be held at Raymond Library in cooperation with the East Hartford Historical Society on Saturday April 7th;

(4) East Hartford Youth Services is sponsoring a forum on opioids at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center on April 4th from 6PM – 7:30PM; (5) the distracted driving program went into effect on Monday April 2nd – "You Drive-You Text-You Pay"; and (6) explained that the state's Transportation money for FY 2017-2018 was expected municipal aid – also known as the "Manufacturing Machinery & Equipment" exemption.

<u>Joe Carlson</u> announced that tomorrow evening is the inter-elementary school concert and art festival at the Middle School.

Marc Weinberg wished Joe Carlson a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

By Esther Clarke

seconded by Linda Russo to adjourn (8:00 p.m.). Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be April 17th.

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