

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

APRIL 5, 2016

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr., Majority Leader Linda A. Russo, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I. Weinberg, Ram Aberasturia, Joseph R. Carlson, Patricia Harmon and Michael G. Kurker

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

Mayor Leclerc (1) April is “Donate Life” month; (2) on March 18th, Governor Malloy met with the 1st Kid Governor – Elena Tipton – at O’Connell School; (3) Congressman John Larson presented Elena Tipton a letter from President Obama recognizing her as Connecticut’s 1st Kid Governor; (4) the Mayor has been appointed to both the Advisory Commission of the Intergovernmental Relations and to the Regional Special Education Funding Working Group; (5) there will be a meeting on April 28th at 6:30PM at the Raymond Library to update the residents on the I-91 interchange project; and (6) another prescription drug take-back day will be held April 30th from 10AM -2PM at the Public Safety Complex.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 15, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the minutes of the March 15, 2016 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 9/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Chair Kehoe called for a moment of silence to honor the life of Lawrence “Larry” DelPonte, a longtime East Hartford resident who served on the Board of Education, the Town Council and in numerous other capacities. A true gentleman, he will be missed.

442 Burnside Avenue – Update

The following report was requested by the Town Council Chair:

To: Scott M. Sansom, Chief of Police
From: Mack S. Hawkins, Deputy Chief
Field Operations Bureau
Date: March 17, 2016
Subject: Part 1 Crime Statistics Surrounding 442 Burnside Avenue

Chief,

Below is the breakdown of Part 1 “Calls for Service.” The AREA encompasses 382 Burnside Avenue to 500 Burnside Avenue, to include Zebulon Street, Daniel Street, Bidwell Avenue and Moore Avenue.

This writer received an “Incident Analysis Report” from Records Supervisor Donna Lemaire and the breakdown is as follows:

<u>March 2015 – March 2016</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>442 Burnside Ave.</u>
• Burglary	5	0
• Larceny	19	1
• Motor Vehicle Theft	5	0
• Robbery	7	2 (Arrest Made in 1)
• Serious Assault	1	0
• Sex Offense	0	0
 <u>March 2014 – March 2015</u>		
• Burglary	1	0
• Larceny	8	0
• Motor Vehicle Theft	6	1
• Robbery	3	1 (Arrest Made)
• Serious Assault	3	0
• Sex Offense	1	0
 <u>March 2013 – March 2014</u>		
• Burglary	9	0
• Larceny	18	0
• Motor Vehicle Theft	7	1
• Robbery	5	1
• Serious Assault	2	0
• Sex Offense	1	0

In the past 3 years, 442 Burnside Avenue has had 7 “Part 1 Crimes” at their location, to include 4 Robberies. To date, 2 of the Robberies have resulted in arrests.

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Tax Exempt Lease Purchase Financing: 5-year Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **adopt** the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A MUNICIPAL TAX-EXEMPT
LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of East Hartford approved the purchase of various capital equipment including police cars, fire public safety vehicles, various computer equipment, a phone system, a zero-turn mower, a pick-up truck, a dump truck with plow, a backhoe, a dike mower, replacement office furniture, and the local share for a senior bus as part of the Town of East Hartford's Approved 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the fiscal years 2016-17 through 2020-21; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the various capital equipment designated for lease-purchase financing totals \$852,750; and

WHEREAS, the Town will budget \$236,638 in fiscal years 2017-18 through 2020-21 in the General Operating Fund to pay principal and interest on the purchases.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Town of East Hartford is authorized to enter into a master lease purchase agreement and related documents with TD Equipment Finance, Inc. or their affiliates in the principal amount not to exceed \$852,750. The interest rate, payment schedule and other details of the financing shall be mutually determined between the company and the Mayor, whose signatures will indicate approval of specific terms and conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town declares its intent to be reimbursed for any temporary advances from the General Fund to pay for any part of the equipment from proceeds of the lease financing in accordance with Treasury Regulation 26 CFR 1.103-18 and/or 26CFR1.150-2.

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

Brownfields Cleanup Grant Application

MOTION By Bill Horan
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) Section 32-763, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of East Hartford make an application to the State for \$75,000 in order to undertake the 590 Burnside Avenue Brownfield Cleanup and to execute an assistance agreement.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL that it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by C.G.S. Sec. 32-763; that the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of East Hartford in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 is hereby approved and that Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of East Hartford.

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

LoCIP Grant Applications

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is authorized to make application to, and execute and approve on behalf of this corporation, any and all documents as may be required by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management to secure Local Capital Improvement Program funds (LoCIP) in the amount of \$448,528 for projects listed in the approved 2017 Municipal Capital Improvement Plan. The projects will be:

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| • Facilities Sign Replacement | \$200,000 |
| • Golf Course Cart Path Replacement | \$100,000 |
| • Tax Office Security Upgrades | \$ 75,000 |
| • Ecology Drive Fuel Storage Tank Replacement | \$ 68,528 |
| • Town Clerk Carpet Replacement | \$ 5,000 |

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

Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation Grant

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

WHEREAS the state Department of Transportation has made available a State Matching Grant for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation; and

WHEREAS these funds can be used to provide transportation services to East Hartford's elderly and disabled community.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is authorized to make application to, and execute and approve on behalf of this corporation, any and all documents, contracts, and amendments as may be required by the state Department of Transportation and the Capitol Region Council of Governments as they pertain to this Demand Responsive Transportation Matching Grant.

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

State Department of Transportation: Section 5310 Program

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

Whereas the state Department of Transportation has made available grant funds to enhance the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

Whereas these funds can be used to purchase a wheelchair-accessible vehicle.

Now Therefore Let It Be Resolved that Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the town of East Hartford, is authorized to make application to, and execute and approve on behalf of this corporation, any and all documents, contracts, and amendments as may be required by the state department of transportation for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$53,600 for the purpose of funding the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van.

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

Outdoor Amusement Permit Applications:

Gengras HD Spring Open House

MOTION By Bill Horan
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled “Gengras HD Spring Open House” submitted by Stephen Bray, Events Coordinator for Gengras Motor Cars, Inc., to conduct a weekend event at 221 Governor Street where riders will have the opportunity to take test rides, and with music, food, sales and vendors on the following days and times in 2016:

Saturday May 14th 9AM-5PM, with music from 10AM-2PM
Sunday, May 15th 10AM-3PM, with music from 10AM-2PM

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.

Town of East Hartford Wellness Fair

MOTION By Joe Carlson
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application, entitled Town of East Hartford Wellness Fair, submitted by Eliza Westberry, CEO-owner of Eliza’s Energy Source, to conduct a wellness fair on the Town Green located on Main Street – or in the event of inclement weather, inside at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center – on Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 10AM to 2PM with music during those same hours; 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 Town Ordinance §5-6(a), as the applicant hopes to provide an informational forum on the various aspects of health as it applies to East Hartford’s residents.
Motion carried 9/0.

Spring Fling Fundraiser

MOTION By Joe Carlson
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application, entitled
 Spring Fling Fundraiser, submitted by Lisa Barilla, of Barilla's Salon, LLC
 to conduct a fundraiser to raise awareness and funds for The Hole in the
 Wall Gang Camp – a nonprofit 501 organization serving children and their
 families coping with cancer and other serious conditions – to be held on
 Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 10AM to 6PM with music during the hours of
 12PM to 6PM at 144 Main Street; 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 Town Ordinance §5-6(a), as this event is a
 fundraiser for a charitable organization.
 Motion carried 9/0.

29th Annual Memorial Mile

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application submitted by
 Ted Fravel, Director of the East Hartford Parks and Recreation
 Department to conduct the 29th Annual Memorial Mile Road Race
 on Monday May 30, 2016, from approximately 10:20AM to
 completion, with check-in and race registration at Martin Park, 307
 Burnside Avenue; 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.

Greater Hartford Are Walk for Children with Apraxia of Speech

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application submitted by
 Jaime LaVecchia, Events Coordinator for the Childhood Apraxia of
 Speech Association of North America, to conduct a walk as a
 fundraiser to raise awareness of Apraxia on Sunday June 5, 2016
 from 10AM to 2PM at the Goodwin School Field, 1235 Forbes
 Street, with music during the same hours as the walk; 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 Town Ordinance
 §5-6(a) as this is a fundraising event.
 Motion carried 9/0.

32nd Annual Riverfest 5K and Kids 1K

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled “32nd
Annual Riverfest 5K & Kids 1K”, submitted by Ted Fravel, Director
of the East Hartford Parks & Recreation Department to hold
a 5K and a 1K road race, in conjunction with the July 4th Riverfest
events on Saturday, July 9, 2016 – the 5K race will start at approximately
6AM to 11AM, beginning and ending at Goodwin School/Park, 1235
Forbes Street, and the 1K Kid’s Run will begin at 8AM held entirely on
School and Park grounds; subject to 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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Esther Clarke inquired if House Bill 5478 regarding grant in lieu of taxes for the PILOT funds for the schools has been passed. *Mayor Leclerc answered that all bills at the State Legislature are still pending until the state’s budget is approved.*

Mike Kurker asked if there is an update on a possible new senior center. *The Mayor indicated that any senior center would be a bonded item which could be forwarded to the Council sometime this summer.*

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Garden of Light Inc. dba Bakery on Main – tax appeal

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending
assessment (tax) appeal known as Garden of Light Inc. dba Bakery on Main v
Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-15-6029159-S, by applying the
manufacturing tax exemption to certain additional machinery and equipment
located at 127 Park Avenue, thereby reducing the taxes owed by the Plaintiff from
\$11,315.96 to \$8,736.80 for the 2014 Grand List.
Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Marc Weinberg wished Joe Carlson a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **adjourn** (8:12 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be April 19th.

Attest _____
 Angela M. Attenello
 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK