

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

APRIL 19, 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 7:33 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.

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Proclamation Honoring Desiree Elmore

Chair Kehoe read the following proclamation into the minutes:

***Whereas**, Desiree Elmore was born and raised in the great town of East Hartford; and*

***Whereas**, Inspired by her brother, father, and uncle, Desiree started playing basketball at the age of 4 by joining the East Hartford Parks and Recreation's "Dribblers" program; and*

***Whereas**, Desiree is a senior at Capital Preparatory High School, has set the following school records; 2,233 points, 1,318 rebounds, 389 steals, 267 blocks, and 406 assists, is the only Capital Prep player to have won 4 straight Championship State Titles, and was selected to play on the All-Conference team, the New Haven Register All-State team, as well as the All State 1st Team; and*

***Whereas**, Desiree was also nominated for the CT Gatorade Player of the Year, participated in the US Olympic Team Trial in 2014, is the USA Today CT Player of the Year, and is ranked #50 in the Country according to ESPN; and*

***Whereas**, In addition to her skills on the court Desiree is a dedicated student with a 3.25 GPA, is a mentor to her fellow athletes and younger players, and volunteers in women's shelters, schools, and her church; and*

***Whereas**, this fall Desiree will attend Syracuse University on a full basketball scholarship.*

***Now Therefore**, I, Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, together with the East Hartford Town Council, do hereby congratulate Desiree Elmore on all of her accomplishments on and off the court.*

The Mayor and the Council congratulated Ms. Elmore on both her athletic and scholastic achievements.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep suggested that the Council not approve the contract extension agreement for the East Hartford Police Officers' Association pending the outcome of state budget cuts.

Mayor Leclerc (1) was present at a police training exercise known as active shooter simulation; (2) last week was National Public Safety Telecommunication week – the Mayor recognized the town's 911 operators; (3) Saturday April 23rd at Gorman Park is opening day for East Hartford's Little League program; (4) senior volunteers are being recognized Friday April 22nd; (5) Arbor Day ceremony will be held at Norris School on Friday April 29th – East Harford will receive a plaque for being a continuously recognized community from Tree City USA; (6) 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; (7) another prescription drug take-back day will be held April 30th from 10AM-2PM at the Public Safety Complex; (8) the transfer station will be opened every Saturday in May; (9) the deadline for filing for the town's tax relief programs is May 13th; (10) housing workshops are scheduled for May 3rd and May 12th; and (11) supports the Hockanum River Race.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 5, 2016 Executive Session/Garden of Light

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **approve** the minutes of the April 5, 2016 Executive Session/Garden of
 Light.
 Motion carried 9/0.

April 5, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Pat Harmon
 to **approve** the minutes of the April 5, 2016 Regular Meeting.
 Motion carried 9/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Hartford Yard Goats

Shawn Perry, Account Executive for the Yard Goats, updated the Council on the progress the new stadium is making – planned opening day is May 17th and the first game will be May 31st. Mr. Perry suggested that the Council coordinate with local businesses for an “East Hartford Day” at the new ballpark.

25th Annual Town-wide Student Art Show

Chair Kehoe announced that the East Hartford Public Schools will be holding their annual art show featuring the artwork of students in the K-12 program starting Tuesday April 26th through Sunday May 1st.

[Contract Extension Agreement: Town of East Hartford and The East Hartford Police Officers' Association:](#)

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the contract extension agreement between the Town of East Hartford and the East Hartford Police Officers' Association – effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 – as outlined and attached to a memorandum dated April 1, 2016 from Santiago Malave, Human Resources Director to Marcia Leclerc, Mayor; such agreement being ratified by the bargaining unit members on March 24, 2016.
Motion carried 9/0.

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Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Linda Russo
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$6,920.81
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2014-03-0051117	AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO	2014/1HGCR2E50EA095567	-5.33
2014-01-0001874	ARSENAULT ROBERT	401 HIGH ST	-10.05
2014-03-0052895	BELANGER ANNE B	2014/JF2SJAEC0EH523754	-405.63
2014-01-0006719	CAMPUS REALTY LLC	56 WILLOWBROOK RD	-1,293.53
2014-03-0055946	CASSANDRA JOHN J	2011/1GCNKPEA2BF131151	-288.23
2014-03-0055948	CASSANDRA JOHN J	2013/3VW5P7AT0DM819870	-335.47
2014-04-0081594	CHICOINE KRISTA LAUREN	2001/1GCEK14V81Z197184	-23.89
2014-03-0059135	DAVIS KEITH W	2008/1J8FF47WX8D573768	-152.49
2014-04-0082479	DUMELIN JR EDWARD M ESTATE OF	2015/1C3CCCEG5FN543677	-80.49
2014-03-0061606	FACER JAMES T OR FACER JANET	2013/JF2SHACC2DH404956	-46.27
2014-04-0082997	FITZGERALD THOMAS D ESTATE OF	2001/3N1CB51D61L517302	-155.28
2014-04-0089495	GOMEZ MICHELE A	2014/5XYZTDLB7EG152779	-21.3
2014-03-0066189	HERSEY KATIE A	1999/1B7GG26X0XS221140	-20.15
2014-03-0066973	HUDSON AISHA A	2006/JNRS08W86X202656	-361.22
2014-03-0068204	JORDAN-MUNROE DONNA E	2010/5NMSG3AB4AH333227	-487.57
2014-03-0068743	KENDALL BRIAN T	1990/1FDGS24H8LHA03024	-44.67
2012-03-0071356	MADISON DANISIA V	2005/1N4BA41E65C812096	-312.14
2014-03-0076345	ORTIZ EVELYN	2001/1FAFP56S81A275404	-69.87
2014-03-0080493	RODRIGUEZ ADRIAN	2001/1FBNE31L21HB74418	-17.02
2014-01-0013260	SERPA TERESA M TRUSTEE	15-17 JERRY RD	-225.06
2014-03-0084571	SULLIVAN KENNETH	2008/1J8GA69138L547308	-999.84
2014-03-0087030	VEILLEUX DANIEL OR KATHY	2008/2CNDL63FX86293948	-92.75
2014-03-0087835	WARBURTON ROBERT F	2005/1D4GP45R35B158405	-150.88

AMENDED REFUNDS 4-14-16 - ADDED DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES OF SITUATION, APPROVED BY M. WALSH

2012-02-0043066	FINANCIAL VISION LLC	323 PITKIN ST	-660.56
2013-02-0043216	FINANCIAL VISION LLC	324 PITKIN ST	-661.12
***** AMENDED TOTAL			-6,920.81

Outdoor Amusement Permit Applications:

Macho's Give Back

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **waive** the 30-day filing requirement and **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Macho's Give Back" submitted by Carlos Hernandez to hold a memorial for his late son on Sunday April 24, 2016 from 11AM to 5PM at Martin Park with food, music, crafts, etc. with a rain date of Saturday April 30th; 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 as this is a memorial event.
Motion carried 9/0.

2016 Memorial Day Parade

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled, 2016 Memorial Day Parade, submitted by Melodie Wilson, Chair, East Hartford Patriotic Commission to conduct the town's annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2016 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, 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.
Motion carried 9/0.

Gengras Harley-Davidson ICS Chili Challenge

MOTION By Bill Horan
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application submitted by Stephen T. Bray, Events Coordinator for Gengras Motor Cars, Inc. to conduct a regional chili cook-off by The International Chili Society to benefit the Fidelco Guide Dog foundation on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 11AM to 4PM at 221 Governor Street with music during the same time period; 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.

Rotary Club of East Hartford Duck Race

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Esther Clarke
 to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled
 “Rotary Club of East Hartford Duck Race” submitted by Mary
 Martin, Rotary Club Treasurer, to conduct a duck race on the
 Hockanum River as a fundraiser at the Walnut Street Bridge over
 the Hockanum River at Labor Field on Sunday, June 12, 2016 from
 2PM and ending approximately 20 minutes later; 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 permitting fee under the provisions of §5-6 (a) of the
 Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances as this is a charitable
 fund-raising event, which proceeds benefit community service
 projects and also provides scholarships to local graduating seniors.
 Motion carried 9/0.

East Hartford Hockanum River Race

MOTION By Bill Horan
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **waive** the 30-day filing requirement and **approve** the outdoor
 amusement permit application entitled “East Hartford Hockanum River
 Race” submitted by Paula Saaf, Race Director for The East Hartford
 Hockanum River Commission to conduct canoe, kayak and SUP races
 on the Hockanum River beginning at Labor Field and ending at the Two
 Rivers Magnet School on Sunday May 1, 2016 from 9:30AM to
 approximately 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; and to **waive** the associated permit fee as this is a Town
 sponsored event.
 Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Bill Horan recognized East Hartford resident Mykquan “Mike” Williams as a pro-boxer –making his debut recently at Foxwood’s Resort and Casino. Along with Mykquan’s longtime trainer and mentor former Town of East Hartford employee Paul Cichon, Councillor Horan suggested they return to the Council for an update.

Esther Clarke inquired if a new Library Director has been hired. *Mayor Leclerc stated that the search has begun. In the interim, the Assistant Library Director is assuming those duties.*

Joe Carlson inquired when the deadline is for unaffiliated voters to register with a political party so they may participate in the presidential primary. *The deadline is the day before the primary.*

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **adjourn** (8:45 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be on May 3rd.

Attest _____
 Angela M. Attenello
 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK