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EAST HARTFORD

APRIL 19, 2017

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 7:48 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) believes that the Inspections & Permits Department, as well as the Zoning Board of Appeals, should be audited for compliance with state statutes citing her successful appeal of a ZBA/Inspections & Permits Department approval of a liquor permit and zone exception for Mount Carmel Hall; (2) asked that the Town inquire of the general public, not just the Democratic or Republican parties, to see if there is any interest in serving on a town Board or Commission; (3) believes that the Town needs to review the Zoning Board of Appeals membership to determine if certain individuals should not be serving on that Commission; and (4) believes that the Council should not act on the Firefighters' contract this evening since the town is not sure how the state's budget will effect East Hartford's financial status.

Mayor Leclerc announced (1) that the children involved in the house fire on Saunders Street that were admitted to the hospital have been released; (2) a homeowner on Woodbridge began to demolish his home without permits and the town had to clean up the demolition and then lien the property; (3) the Council is invited to the grand opening of the EHHS tennis courts on Wednesday, May 3rd @ 3PM; (4) Little League opening day will be Saturday, April 22nd; (5) the distracted driving program will be ongoing until April 30th; (6) Sandwich with a Cop will be at D'Angelo's on Tuesday, April 25th; (7) Drug Take-back Day will be Saturday, April 29th at the Public Safety Complex from 10AM to 2PM; (8) the new command center should be completed by the end of April; (9) summer jobs are available at the Parks and Recreation Department; (10) boat launch passes and picnic permits are being accepted; (11) the Easter Egg hunt was a success; (12) the East Hartford Golf Course restaurant is opened; and (13) supports the Firefighters' contract and thanked the employees involved in the negotiations of that contract for their efforts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 4, 2017 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Linda Russo

seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the minutes of the April 4, 2017 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain:** Kurker

NEW BUSINESS

Contract between Town of East Hartford and Local 1548 International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO:

Approval of Contract

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **approve** the 4-year contract between the Town of East Hartford and
 Local 1548 International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO as outlined
 and attached to a memo dated April 17, 2017 from Marcia A. Leclerc,
 Mayor to Rich Kehoe, Town Council Chair.
 Motion carried 9/0.

Once fully executed, a copy of this contract will follow these minutes.

Contingency Transfer FY 2016-2017

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **approve** a contingency transfer in fiscal year 2016-2017 to
 provide a source of funds to settle the Firefighters' Contract for the
 years ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017 as follows:

From Acct G9600-60201	
Contingency Reserve – Contract Negotiations	\$656,784
To Acct G5317-60110	
Fire Suppression	\$656,784
Motion carried 9/0.	

Contingency Transfer FY 2017-2018

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **approve** a contingency transfer in fiscal year 2017-2018 to
 provide a source of funds to settle the Firefighters' Contract for the
 years ending June 30, 2016, June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2018 as follows:

From Acct G9600-60201	
Contingency Reserve – Contract Negotiations	\$571,861
To Acct G5317-60110	
Fire Suppression	\$571,861
Motion carried 9/0.	

Contract Authorization: Raymond Library and Televid Services Inc.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **approve** a contract with Televid Services, Inc. for the installation of a
 pay-per-use FaxScan 24 Kiosk at the Raymond Library as attached to a
 memo dated March 29, 2017 from Sarah Kline Morgan, Library Director to
 Marcia A. Leclerc Mayor.
 Motion carried 9/0.

A copy of the contract follows these minutes.

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

MOTION By Joe Carlson
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 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 department extrication and rescue equipment, one waste removal truck, stadium lighting, HVAC equipment, various vehicles, one zero-turn mower, a variety of building improvements and equipment, and the replacement of office furniture as part of the Town of East Hartford's Approved 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the fiscal years 2017-18 through 2021-22; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the various capital equipment designated for lease-purchase financing totals \$861,700; and

WHEREAS, the Town will budget \$225,964 in fiscal years 2018-19 through 2021-22 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 \$861,700. 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.

Historic Document Preservation Grant

MOTION By Joe Carlson
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

Whereas the Public Records Administration of the Connecticut State Library offers a non-competitive grant each year to the Town Clerk's Office; and

Whereas the grant for the fiscal year of 2018 is in the amount of \$5,000.00; and

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 Connecticut State Library Public Records Administrator as they pertain to this Historic Documents Preservation grant.

Recommendation from Investigation & Audit Committee re: Appointment of Town Auditor

Recommendations from the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee:

MOTION By Bill Horan
seconded by Linda Russo
that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-163e, the Town
Council will **set** a public hearing date of Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:15 p.m.
to be held in Town Council Chambers to hear public comment on the
proposed sale of 100 Woodlawn Circle to the Young Men's Christian
Association of Metropolitan Hartford, Inc.
Motion carried 9/0.

MOTION By Bill Horan
seconded by Linda Russo
that the Town Council **waive** the appraisal requirement set forth in
Section 10-19(c) of the Town Ordinances and **grant** an easement to
Goodwin College, Inc. for its multi-use trail through seven parcels of land
owned by the Town, such proposed easement having been submitted to
the Town Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to Connecticut
General Statutes Section 8-24; the terms of such easement to be governed
by the Easement agreement attached to a memo dated March 21, 2017
from Richard Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel to Marcia A. Leclerc,
Mayor.
Motion carried 9/0.

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Referral to Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: 146 Prospect Street

MOTION By Bill Horan
seconded by Linda Russo
to **refer** to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee the issue of accepting the donation of a 7.14 acre parcel of land known as 146 Prospect Street, with instructions to investigate the matter and report back to the Town Council with its recommendation if any.
Motion carried 9/0.

Outdoor Amusement Permit Application: Gengras HD Spring Open House

MOTION By Bill Horan
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Gengras HD Spring Open House" submitted by Mallory Craig, Marketing and 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, sales and vendors on Saturday, April 29th from 9AM to 5PM, with music from 12PM to 3PM; 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 Ram Aberasturia
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$43,491.17
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2015-01-0014184	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	24 STANLEY ST	-2606.68
2015-01-0002843	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	100 SISSON ST	-2034.81
2015-01-0007541	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	25 SEDGWICK RD	-2152.44
2015-01-0011077	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	1784 MAIN ST	-1973.36
2015-01-0013484	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	9-11 HIGBIE DR	-1944.47
2015-01-0005977	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	134 GREENWOOD ST	-2041.23
2015-01-0001893	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	54 FERNCREST DR	-2431.96
2015-01-0011246	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	167 GREENWOOD ST	-1878.43
2015-01-0015422	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	40 AVON DR	-2304.72
2015-01-0008054	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	146 WOODYCREST DR	-2016.24
2015-01-0008421	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	615 HILLS ST	-2617.46
2015-01-0010224	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	22 GREENLAWN ST	-2286.12
2015-01-0003295	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	10 CLEMENT RD	-2337.03

2015-01-0006733	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	67 FOREST LN	-3012.09
2015-01-0002311	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	104 DEPAUW CIR	-3159.76
2015-01-0001385	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	21 SOUTHWOOD LN	-6722.62
2015-01-0006744	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS DEPT DFW1-3	49 MAY RD	-1971.75
		TOTAL	\$ (43,491.17)

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Joe Carlson asked if there is an alternate site for the South End Senior Center since it is undergoing renovations. *Mayor Leclerc indicated that the East Hartford Community Cultural Center, the Raymond Library and the North End Senior Center will serve the seniors until renovations are complete.*

Mike Kurker asked what it costs the town to maintain 100 Woodlawn Circle. *Mayor Leclerc will ask the Public Works Director and get back to Councillor Kurker.*

Ram Aberasturia indicated that his children attended the "Bunny Breakfast" and had a great time. He acknowledged the East Hartford students who staffed the event and thanked them for their service. *Mayor Leclerc noted that her daughter, Merissa, started the Bunny Breakfast 20 years ago as a class project when she was on the student council.*

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

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See New Business

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) asked that future union contracts contain the job title, the current salary, the proposed wage increase, the proposed step increase and the updated total of the salary for each job title; (2) spoke against the DROP program that's offered to the Police and Fire Departments; (3) inquired how the Council liaison for the Board of Education distributes information to the public and to the other Councillors; suggested it be included under Communications on the Council's agenda; (4) questioned the East Hartford Housing Authority's renewal of their contract for legal counsel with Attorney Ralph Alexander; and (5) believes that Goodwin College should assume the responsibility of paying the PILOT funds back to the town.

Joe Carlson and Rich Kehoe indicated that, per the town's actuaries and the Finance Director, the DROP program is revenue and cost neutral to the town.

Marc Weinberg wished Joe Carlson and Mike Kurker Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **adjourn** (9:20 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be Tuesday, May 2nd.

Attest Angela M. Attenello
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 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK