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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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MAY 2, 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 7:30 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.

The Chair called for a moment of silence to honor the life of Herbert "Herb" Barall, a longtime resident of East Hartford, who served as a Town Councillor and Corporation Counsel. He was appointed a Superior Court Judge in 1979. He was a thoughtful and earnest man who was known for being fair and a gentleman. He and his wife, Regina "Reggie" Barall, started Circle of Life: Arts for All which is a non-profit organization centered on ballroom dancing that connected the Baralls with the youth of the community. He will be greatly missed.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **amend** the agenda as follows:

under Communications and Petitions, delete item 6.A. entitled "East Hartford Housing Authority Update".

Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) inquired on the extension of the legal counsel contract for the Housing Authority every two years; (2) the relationship between the Housing Authority and the East Hartford Affordable Homes Now non-profit; (3) is against the sale of 100 Woodlawn Circle and asked that the Council not approve the transfer; and (4) asked that the Council review town ordinance §2-24 regarding the membership of the Zoning Board of Appeals – specifically the stipulation that "no member of the Board shall hold a salaried municipal office".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 19, 2017 Executive Session

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **approve** the minutes of the April 19, 2017 Executive Session.
 Motion carried 9/0.

April 19, 2017 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Pat Harmon
 to **approve** the minutes of the April 19, 2017 Regular Meeting.
 Motion carried 9/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Resignation of Stephen Watkins from the Board of Assessment Appeals

Chair Kehoe announced the resignation of Stephen Watkins from the Board of Assessment Appeals. He thanked him for his service to the community.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation from the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: 100 Woodlawn Circle

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 that the Town Council **waive** the appraisal requirement set forth in §10-19(c) of the Code of Ordinances and, having submitted this matter to the Town Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24 and having complied with the Public Hearing requirements of Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-163e, **approve** the sale of the property known as 100 Woodlawn Circle by way of Quit Claim Deed to the YMCA for the sum of \$30,000 payable in four installments as follows:

1. \$1,000 at closing;
2. \$9,000 on January 1, 2018;
3. \$10,000 on January 1, 2019;
4. \$10,000 on January 1, 2020; such payment obligation to be evidenced by a promissory note and secured by a mortgage.

And that the Deed (or another document executed in recordable form) contain a right of first refusal in favor of the Town, at the purchase price

(or, if less, the amount paid by the YMCA under the note to date) should the YMCA sell the property, fail to maintain operations at its facility across the street from the site, or use the Property for a use not associated with the operations at the facility across the street. This restriction will last for the term of the mortgage and note.
Motion carried 9/0.

Referral to Ordinance Committee: Town Contracts for Vendor Services to the Public and Sale/Lease of Town-owned Property

MOTION By Bill Horan
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **refer** to the Ordinance Committee (1) a review of the ordinance related to the provision of services to the public on town property; and (2) the sale and lease of town-owned property, and to report back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.
 Motion carried 9/0.

Outdoor Amusement Permit Applications:

12th Annual Abelon Memorial Walk

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "12th Annual Abelon Memorial Walk" submitted by the East Hartford Public Schools via 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 13th on the grounds of the Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy, 857 Forbes Street from approximately 7:30AM to 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 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.

CHR 1 in 5 Road Race

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "CHR 1 in 5 Road Race", submitted by Ken Harrison, Development and Communications Manager for Community Health Resources, to conduct a 3.1 mile road race on Saturday, May 20th from 7AM to 2PM with music

from 8:30AM to 10AM in Great River Park; 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.

Pappy's Golf Tournament and Customer Appreciation Days

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Pappy's Golf Tournament and Customer Appreciation Days", submitted by Rancourt Enterprises, Inc., DBA: Pappy's Café, by Arthur Rancourt, its Permittee, to conduct two Customer Appreciation Days cookouts on Saturday, June 17th –preceded by a golf tournament – and Saturday June 24th from 12PM to 8PM on both days with food and liquor to be served both days at Pappy's Café on 37 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.

4th Annual East Hartford Parks & Recreation Car Show

MOTION By Bill Horan
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application, entitled 4th Annual East Hartford Parks & Recreation Car Show, submitted by Ted Fravel, Director of the East Hartford Parks and Recreation Department, to conduct a car show for viewing with awards and live musical entertainment at Sunset Ridge School, 450 Forbes Street, on Saturday July 8th from 10AM to approximately 5PM – music from 1PM to 5PM – with a rain date of Sunday, July 9th utilizing the same times for the car show and music; 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.

Reappointment of Marilyn Pet to the Greater Hartford Transit District

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the reappointment of Marilyn Pet, 235 East River Drive, to the Greater Hartford Transit District, whose term shall expire December 2020.
Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **adjourn** (8:15 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be on May 16th.

Attest Angela M. Attenello
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 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK