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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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MAY 15, 2018

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

ABSENT Councillor Patricia Harmon

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:37p.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) supports the initiatives in the CDBG program but questioned the use of the monies set aside for Housing Rehabilitation; (2) inquired on what the plans are for the Showcase Cinema property if the town decides to purchase it; and (3) believes that the tax appeals discussed in executive session should be held in a more public forum.

Robin Pearson, Chair of the Silver Lane Advisory Committee, spoke in favor of the referral of 936-960 Silver Lane and 285-291 Forbes Street to the Real Estate Committee.

Todd Andrews, Vice President of Economic and Strategic Development for Goodwin College, is a member of the Silver Lane Advisory Committee. Mr. Andrews strongly supports the referral of 936-960 Silver Lane and 285-291 Forbes Street to the Real Estate Committee.

Mayor Leclerc commented on (1) has information from the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) on what has passed/failed in the state budget which she will share with the Council through the Council Clerk; (2) supports the referral of 936-960 Silver Lane and 285-291 Forbes Street to the Real Estate Committee; (3) the renovations to Wickham Library through the CDBG program; (4) supports the Office of the Arts Grant.

At this point, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Esther Clarke, who announced the passing of J. Roger Pelletier, a former selectman for the town of East Hartford from 1971 to 2013. Chair Kehoe remembered Mr. Pelletier's sense of humor, which belied the seriousness of how he perceived his role in the community. He will be missed. The Chair called for a moment of silence to honor his life.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### May 1, 2018 Executive Session

MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
                 seconded by Linda Russo  
                 to **approve** the minutes of the May 1, 2018 Executive Session.  
                 Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Carlson

### May 1, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
                 seconded by Marc Weinberg  
                 to **approve** the minutes of the May 1, 2018 Regular Meeting.  
                 Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Carlson

## COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

### Resignation of Paul Roczynski from the Planning & Zoning Commission

The Chair announced the resignation of Paul Roczynski from the Planning & Zoning Commission and thanked him for his service to the town.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 44<sup>th</sup> Program Year

MOTION      By Joe Carlson  
                 seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
                 to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** The Town of East Hartford is entitled to Forty-fourth Program Year funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in the amount of \$555,818; and

**WHEREAS** receipt of this entitlement grant is contingent upon the submission of a Forty-fourth Program Year Action Plan, and Certifications of Compliance; and

**WHEREAS** citizen input was obtained, in accordance with the Grants Administration Office's Citizen Participation Plan, at three Public Hearings held on November 6, 2017 and March 12, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of East Hartford recognizes the need for funding the objectives contained in the Forty-fourth Program Year Action Plan and endorses this Plan as reflecting the Town's Community Development needs.

**AND, FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council does support and authorize the submission of the 44th Program Year Action Plan, and Grantee Certifications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development and authorizes its Mayor, Marcia A. Leclerc, to act as representative of the Town and to enter into contract and any amendments thereof with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

On call of the vote, motion carried 8/0.

**TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
44<sup>th</sup> YEAR ACTION PLAN - ACTUAL  
September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019**

**ADMINISTRATION**

***Program Administration*** **\$111,163**  
Oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.206.

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

***Senior Support Services*** **\$5,670**  
Funding for the delivery of services to East Hartford's elderly population. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(A).

***Youth Services Bilingual Counselor*** **\$4,317**  
Funding to support the hiring of a part-time Spanish speaking counselor to help provide free counseling services to East Hartford families. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(B).

***CRT - East Hartford Community Shelter*** **\$36,317**  
Funding to supplement the operating budget at the East Hartford Community Shelter for the homeless located at 381-385 Main Street. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 70.208(a)(2)(i)(A).

***InterCommunity, Inc.*** **\$6,317**  
Funding for the delivery of services to East Hartford young adult residents recovering from mental health and/or substance abuse issues through the Young Adult Program. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(B).

***Interval House, Inc.*** **\$6,317**  
Funding for domestic violence shelter and counseling services for low and moderate income East Hartford clients. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(A).

***Interfaith Ministries, Inc.*** **\$13,317**  
Funding to supplement the operating budget of the Friendship Center's free hot meal program. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(D).

**PROJECTS**

***Housing Rehabilitation*** **\$220,365**  
Funding for limited housing rehabilitation of one to four unit owner-occupied properties inhabited by low and moderate income families. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.202(a)(1), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3).

***Wickham Library Improvements***

**\$152,035**

Funding for physical improvements to East Hartford's Wickham Library, including, but not limited to, installation of an elevator to increase accessibility for persons with disabilities, additional parking, upgrades to bathrooms. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(c), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)(i).

***TOTAL***

**\$555,818**

**CT DECD Office of the Arts Grant**

**MOTION** By Shelby Brown  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the State of Connecticut Office of the Arts had made available Project Grants for planning and implementation of arts-based projects for Connecticut audiences, communities, and participants; and

**WHEREAS** the Raymond Library seeks to provide all the people of East Hartford with opportunities to pursue life-long learning and literacy, to connect with their community, and to share information and ideas freely.

**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 Office of the Arts as they pertain to these Project Grants.

On call of the vote, motion carried 7/1. **Nay:** Clarke

**CT Department of Transportation Master Municipal Agreements:**

**Rights of Way Activities**

**MOTION** By Joe Carlson  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **adopt** the following resolution:

**RESOLVED** that the Honorable Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement Entitled "Master Municipal Agreement for Rights of Way Projects".

On call of the vote, motion carried 8/0.

**Preliminary Engineering Projects (Design Projects)**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Honorable Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement Entitled "Master Municipal Agreement for Design Projects".

On call of the vote, motion carried 6/0. **Abstain:** Clarke, Torres

Referral to Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: 936-960 Silver Lane and 285-291 Forbes Street

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **refer** to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee the possible purchase of the land known as 936-960 Silver Lane and 285-291 Forbes Street by the town for redevelopment purposes, with instructions to investigate the matter and report back to the Town Council with its recommendation if any.  
Motion carried 8/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$58,600.11  
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.  
Motion carried 8/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	L/F Paid	Over Paid
2016-03-0087615	ALLY FINANCIAL	2015/1GNSKBKC4FR170492	0	0	-161.6
2016-09-0087615	ALLY FINANCIAL	2015/1GNSKBKC4FR170492	0	0	-35.35
2015-04-0080399	APONTE WILLIAM	2010/4T3ZA3BB1AU034854	-21.74	-5	-362.38
2016-03-0051551	APONTE WILLIAM	2010/4T3ZA3BB1AU034854	-8.52	0	-283.84
2016-09-0051551	APONTE WILLIAM	2010/4T3ZA3BB1AU034854	-2.79	0	-62.09
2016-09-0056976	CLARKE-REID GEORGIANN	2011/4T1BF3EK0BU662462			-59.39
2016-01-0001480	CORELOGIC	37 NORTHBROOK CT	0	0	-1,957.75
2016-01-0006078	CORELOGIC	163 COLBY DR	0	0	-3,415.36
2016-01-0009222	CORELOGIC	82 KNOLLWOOD RD	0	0	-2,743.49
2016-01-0010372	CORELOGIC	22 LYDALL RD	0	0	-2,321.92
2016-01-0011605	CORELOGIC	31 HIGH ST 7307	0	0	-1,531.24
2016-01-0012810	CORELOGIC	235 EAST RIVER DR 903	0	0	-3,610.62
2016-01-0013151	CORELOGIC	229 WOODMONT DR	0	0	-3,809.88
2016-01-0015111	CORELOGIC	131 ROLLING MEADOW DR	0	0	-4,615.84
2016-01-0015263	CORELOGIC	29 NORTHFIELD DR	0	0	-3,068.13
2016-03-0088149	GILMORE STEVEN	2012/1N6AD0EV3CC426214	0	0	-368.53
2016-03-0067024	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2014/1HGCR2F38EA269379	0	0	-58.37
2016-03-0067052	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2014/2HKRM4H50EH674968	0	0	-165.51
2016-09-0067050	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2014/5J6RM4H77EL043190	0	0	-45.68
2016-09-0067108	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2014/2HKRM4H59EH624831	0	0	-15.82

2016-09-0067110	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2014/2HKRM4H31EH686660	0	0	-7.04
2016-03-0067555	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	2015/5NPE34AF8FH095913	0	0	-254.85
2016-03-0067645	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	2013/5XXGM4A74DG178021	0	0	-272.64
2016-04-0084338	JENNINGS ERIC K JR	2011/4T4BF3EK0BR094297			-282.89
2016-01-0000076	KAD EAST HARTFORD REALTY LLC	65 ALNA LN	0	0	-1,547.24
2016-01-0000077	KAD EAST HARTFORD REALTY LLC	68 ALNA LN	0	0	-9,896.26
2016-01-0000078	KAD EAST HARTFORD REALTY LLC	71 ALNA LN	0	0	-9,808.75
2016-01-0007873	KOURAKOS KYRIAKOS & ANNA	386 PROSPECT ST		0	-42.5
2016-09-0070136	LAM SANH	2015/JTMRFREV5FD165526	0	0	-9.43
2016-03-0070270	LANTHIER JOSHUA R	2001/JN1CA31A81T317854			-92.58
2016-04-0084731	LANTHIER JOSHUA R	2001/WAUDC68D51A038819		0	-40.18
2016-09-0070270	LANTHIER JOSHUA R	2001/JN1CA31A81T317854		0	-18.66
2016-03-0070678	LE STEVEN	1996/JT4UN22D3T0029785			-16.66
2016-04-0085204	MARSH ANDREW F	2006/1D8GP25E26B556688			-48.65
2016-09-0072518	MARSH ANDREW F	2003/YS3EH45GX33006900		0	-23.35
2016-03-0073653	MEDOLLI BERNARD	2006/JTDBA32K260026775		0	-47.73
2016-03-0074617	MOODY BRITTANY E	1997/WDBHA28E4VF545259		0	-12.06
2016-09-0074617	MOODY BRITTANY E	1997/WDBHA28E4VF545259			-2.64
2016-03-0076060	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2014/5N1AR2MMXEC653844	0	0	-298.69
2016-03-0076134	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2014/5N1AL0MM3EC501698	0	0	-737.6
2016-09-0076134	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2014/5N1AL0MM3EC501698	0	0	-161.35
2016-09-0076060	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2014/5N1AR2MMXEC653844	0	0	-65.34
2016-09-0077773	PAXI ROXANA G	2006/1N4AL11D66N425324	0	0	-23.87
2016-03-0077817	PEAY EBONY D	2007/JM1BK12F371602986			-166.43
2016-03-0082914	SANTOS ORLANDO N	1999/WAUCB28D0XA220900	0	0	-50.4
2016-09-0082914	SANTOS ORLANDO N	1999/WAUCB28D0XA220900	0	0	-11.02
2016-01-0006840	STEVENSON RICHARD	5 FOLEY CIR	0	0	-2,619.51
2016-03-0085105	STRINGER CELIA M	2006/SHSRD78516U430093	0	0	-122.69
2016-03-0086527	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	2015/2T1BURHE8FC275552	0	0	-244.45
2016-03-0086662	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	2015/JTHCF1D2XF5017086	0	0	-536.86
2016-04-0088408	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	2014/5TDDKRFH0ES032738	0	0	-927.03

2016-09-0086527	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	2015/2T1BURHE8FC275552	0	0	-53.47
2016-09-0086662	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	2015/JTHCF1D2XF5017086	0	0	-117.44
2016-03-0086892	TRUONG THUAN C	2013/JF1GV8J62DL013487		0	-228.48
2016-09-0086892	TRUONG THUAN C	2013/JF1GV8J62DL013487	0	0	-49.98
2016-03-0087838	VELASQUEZ DAVID	2015/1C4RJFCG3FC847974	0	0	-269.82
2016-09-0087838	VELASQUEZ DAVID	2015/1C4RJFCG3FC847974			-59.02
2015-03-0087628	WAGNER TIMOTHY C	2013/JTHBK1GG9D2060783	0	0	-17.07
2016-03-0088406	WAGNER TIMOTHY C	2015/2T2BK1BA9FC316439	0	0	-684.64
SUBTOTAL			-33.05	-5	(58,562.06)
TOTAL					(58,600.11)

#### Outdoor Amusement Permit Applications:

##### Final Officer Brian Aselton Memorial Motorcycle Run

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **approve** the amusement permit application entitled "Final Officer Brian Aselton Memorial Motorcycle Run", submitted by John Aselton, President of the Officer Brian A. Aselton Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc., to conduct a memorial motorcycle run on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30 A.M. to 2PM which will begin at the Gengras Harley-Davidson dealership, 221 Governor Street and end at the East Hartford Police Department, 31 School Street – food and music will be provided during the event; 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 8/0.

##### French Social Circle Picnic

MOTION By Marc Weinberg  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
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 entitled "French Social Circle Picnic" submitted by April LaFrance-Tardif, Treasurer of the French Social Circle to conduct a picnic with music, food and alcohol on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12PM to 8PM at the French Social Circle, 373 Main Street, provided that the temporary liquor permit issued by the State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection on Friday May

Motion carried 8/0.



pending assessment (tax) appeal known as Albro Roberts Street, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6037847-S, involving real property located at 330 Roberts Street from the fair market value of \$1,829,914 to the fair market value of \$1,680,000, which shall generate a reduction of \$4,937.44 in property taxes for the Grand List Year of 2016.  
Motion carried 8/0.

18 Signor Street, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6038262-S, involving real property located at 18 Signor Street

MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as 18 Signor Street, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6038262-S, involving real property located at 18 Signor Street from the fair market value of \$685,270 to the fair market value of \$650,000, which shall generate a reduction of \$1,161.67 in property taxes for the Grand List Year of 2016.  
Motion carried 8/0.

20 Village Street, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6037703-S, involving real property located at 20 and 28 Village Street

MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as 20 Village Street, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6037703-S, involving real property located at 20 and 28 Village Street from the combined fair market value of \$488,756 to a combined fair market value of \$375,000, which shall generate a reduction of \$3,746.60 in property taxes for the Grand List Year of 2016.  
Motion carried 8/0.

Isaac Properties, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6037706-S, involving real property located at 22 and 28-34 Nelson Street

MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as Isaac Properties, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6037706-S, involving real property located at 22 and 28-34 Nelson Street from the combined fair market value of \$535,957 to a combined fair market value of \$370,000, which shall generate a reduction of \$5,465.81 in property taxes for the Grand List Year of 2016.  
Motion carried 8/0.

22 32 Prospect Street, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6037846-S, involving real property located at 22-26-32 Prospect Street

MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as 22 32 Prospect Street, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6037846-S, involving real property located at 22-26-32 Prospect Street, from the fair market value of \$1,777,420 to the fair market value of \$1,681,899, which shall generate a reduction of \$2,915.22 in property taxes for the Grand List Year of 2016.  
Motion carried 8/0.

525-527 Main Street East Hartford, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6037851-S, involving real property located at 525-527 Main Street

MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as 525-527 Main Street East Hartford, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6037851-S, involving real property located at 525-527 Main Street from the fair market value of \$1,853,490 to the fair market value of \$1,760,812, which shall generate a reduction of \$3,052.14 in property taxes for the Grand List Year of 2016.  
Motion carried 8/0.

212-218 Main Street East Hartford, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6038260-S, involving real property located at 212-218 Main Street

MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as 212-218 Main Street East Hartford, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6038260-S, involving real property located at 212-218 Main Street from the fair market value of \$758,757 to the fair market value of \$720,819, which shall generate a reduction of \$1,249.66 in property taxes for the Grand List Year of 2016.  
Motion carried 8/0.

55 Burnside Avenue East Hartford, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6038261-S, involving real property located at 55 Burnside Avenue


MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as 55 Burnside Avenue East Hartford, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6038261-S,

Motion carried 8/0.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the  
pending assessment (tax) appeal known as Naeem Khalid v. Town of East  
Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6038263-S, involving real property located at  
194 Main Street from the fair market value of \$246,014 to the fair market  
value of \$225,000, which shall generate a reduction of \$692.11 in property  
taxes for the Grand List Year of 2016.  
Motion carried 8/0.

Marc Weinberg wished Mayor Leclerc a belated Happy Birthday, which was May 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be June 5<sup>th</sup>.

  
Angela M. Attenello  
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK