

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAY 17, 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 and Michael G. Kurker

ABSENT Councillor Patricia Harmon

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:36 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.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **amend** the agenda as follows:  
  
Under New Business add item 8. F. "Motor Vehicle Mill Rate".  
  
Motion carried 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep, 44-46 and 50 Olde Roberts Street, spoke to (1) the state budget's impact on the town; (2) use of the CDBG money for housing rehabilitation; (3) believes that – due to the poor economic climate – the town should hold off on any proposed bonding .

Mayor Leclerc (1) addressed the use of the CDBG monies; (2) the bonds on tonight's agenda are for discussion purposes only; (3) the EHPD will host their awards ceremony on June 2<sup>nd</sup>; (4) the annual "Fallen Officer" ceremony will be held May 18<sup>th</sup>; (5) Raymond Library will have children's programs that tie into Public Works week; (6) the EHPD's Click It or Ticket program will begin May 23<sup>rd</sup>; (7) the town's low-cost rabies clinic will be held Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>; (8) every Saturday in May, the town's transfer station will be open; and (9) the new Dunkin Donuts on the corner of Walnut and Burnside will open Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 3, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Linda Russo

seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **approve** the minutes of the May 3, 2016 Regular Meeting.  
Motion carried 8/0.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

### Proposed 2016 Bond Referenda

Mayor Leclerc discussed with Councillors the proposed bond and referendum issues that could be on the ballot November 2016: (1) Flood Control (2) Road Improvements (3) Senior/Multi-purpose Center (4) Connecticut City and Town Development Act. The Council will consider each item at the July meeting and determine which items to move forward to a public hearing in August.

### Mayor Update: State Budget Impact On Town

Mayor Leclerc and Mike Walsh, Finance Director, discussed the \$1.5M shortfall for fiscal year 2016-2017 that is created by the reduction in 2016-2017 state assistance to towns. The Mayor has implemented a town-wide budget freeze and has asked that all town departments find ways to cut spending and overtime.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 2016-2017 Neighborhood Assistance act Program

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

**WHEREAS**, the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program provides State of Connecticut tax credits to businesses who contribute to community programs benefiting low income or handicapped individuals in such areas as: job training, job education, community services, and energy conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, eighteen proposals have been received from area agencies, listed on the 2016 State of Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Proposal Summaries sheet as attached, and have requested to be included in the 2016 State of Connecticut tax credit program through the Town of East Hartford; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing to present these applications was held on April 27, 2016, as required by the State of Connecticut.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** That Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is authorized to forward these applications to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services for their review and inclusion into the 2016 Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program.

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

### CDBG 42<sup>nd</sup> Year

MOTION        By Ram Aberasturia  
                     seconded by Marc Weinberg

to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Town of East Hartford is entitled to Forty-second Program Year funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, totaling \$498,058; and

**WHEREAS**, receipt of this entitlement grant is contingent upon the submission of a Forty-second 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 9, 2015 and March 14, 2016.

**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-second 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 Forty-second 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**  
**42<sup>nd</sup> YEAR ACTION PLAN**  
**September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017**

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

***CRT - East Hartford Community Shelter*** **\$35,000**  
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 570.208(a)(2)(i)(A).

***Housing Education Resource Center, Inc.*** **\$10,462**  
Funding for the provision of fair housing services including town-wide education and counseling to tenants and landlords as well as foreclosure prevention. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(B).

***InterCommunity, Inc.*** **\$4,500**  
Funding for the delivery of services to Young Adult East Hartford residents with behavioral health issues through the Movement to Youth Program. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(B).

***Interfaith Ministries, Inc.*** **\$6,500**  
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).

***Interval House, Inc.*** **\$4,500**  
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)(A).

***Senior Support Services*** **\$9,750**  
Funding for the delivery of services to East Hartford's elderly population.

<p><b>Youth Services Bilingual Counselor</b></p> <p>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).</p>	<p><b>\$3,000</b></p>
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**Commercial Rehabilitation** **\$14,000**

<b>Housing Rehabilitation</b>	<b>\$177,100</b>
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**Parks Improvements** **\$71,528**

**Streetscape Improvements** **\$62,107**

## ADMINISTRATION

<b>Program Administration</b>	<b>\$99,611</b>
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**TOTAL** **\$498,058**

## Appointment of Parking Violation Hearing Officers

**MOTION** By Bill Horan  
seconded by Linda Russo  
that pursuant to Chapter 21, Section 21-6e of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances, the Town Council **approve** the appointment of the following persons to serve a two-year term as Parking Violation Hearing Officers:

1. Carol A. Connolly, Esquire, 15 Wildflower Drive, Hebron, CT
2. Paul Ruszczyk, Esquire, 61 Wolf Hill Court, Cheshire, CT
3. Adrienne R. DeLucca, Esquire, 87 Curve Hill Road, Cheshire, CT

Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Aberasturia

## Refund of Taxes

**MOTION** By Marc Weinberg  
seconded by Linda Russo  
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$9,795.74  
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.  
Motion carried 8/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	Over Paid
2014-04-0080622	BAISDEN RENEE	2011/2T2BK1BA4BC101688	0	-13.58
2012-03-0057051	COLON JENNIFER	2008/1HGCP26358A074432	-27.92	-418.82
2013-03-0057154		2008/1HGCP26358A074432	-36.12	-401.34
	GOODWIN COLLEGE KING			
2014-01-0015899	COURT LLC	5-7 KING CT	0	-106.02
2014-01-0015900		9-11 KING CT	0	-67.56
2014-01-0015901		10 KING CT	0	-246.59
2014-01-0015902		12-14 KING CT	0	-63.34
2014-01-0015903		13-15 KING CT	0	-61.89
2014-01-0015904		16-18 KING CT	0	-100.62
2014-01-0015905		20-22 KING CT	0	-100.62
2014-01-0015906		21 KING CT	0	-287.37
2014-01-0015907		24-26 KING CT	0	-50.98
2014-01-0015908		25-27 KING CT	0	-61.89
2014-01-0015909		30 KING CT	0	-276.81
2014-01-0015910		32-34 KING CT	0	-75.9
2014-01-0015911		36-38 KING CT	0	-57.31
2014-01-0015913		40-42 KING CT	0	-57.31
2014-01-0015914		44-46 KING CT	0	-92.38
2014-01-0015915		48 KING CT	0	-191.65
2014-01-0015916		49 KING CT	0	-283.69
2014-01-0015917		50-52 KING CT	0	-63.34
2014-01-0015918		51-53 KING CT	0	-96.94
2014-01-0015919		54-56 KING CT	0	-100.62
2014-01-0015920		55-57 KING CT	0	-71.26
2014-01-0015921		58-60 KING CT	0	-69.67
2014-01-0015922		59 KING CT	0	-291.51
2014-01-0015923		61-63 KING CT	0	-69.67
2014-01-0015924		62-64 KING CT	0	-109.3
2014-01-0015925		65-67 KING CT	0	-92.38
2014-01-0015926		66-68 KING CT	0	-69.67
2014-01-0015927		69-71 KING CT	0	-47.76
2014-01-0015928		70-72 KING CT	0	-84.6
2014-01-0015929		73 KING CT	0	-254.39
2014-01-0015930		75-77 KING CT	0	-63.34
2014-01-0015931		76-78 KING CT	0	-55.54

2014-01-0015932		79-81 KING CT	0	-33.95
2014-03-0065092	GUIA J CARMEN	1997/1GNM19W2VB188445	0	-53.75
2014-04-0083635	GUTIERREZ SANTIAGO C	2011/1GKKVSED0BJ267433	0	-562.52
2012-02-0040904	JEFFERSON RADIOLOGY	323 PITKIN ST	0	-352.08
2013-02-0040904		323 PITKIN ST	0	-335.04
2014-02-0040904		323 PITKIN ST	0	-86.66
2014-03-0089581	KAYS TRUCKING INC	1986/YS2RM1157G1105440	0	-206.92
2014-03-0070386	LEEMAN GREGORY B	1999/JN1CA21A1XT109043	0	-77.09
2014-03-0071213	LOZADA MARIA V	2010/1N4AL2AP6AN493826	0	-66.76
2014-03-0073701	MILLER DEAN A	2007/1HGCM55397A208904	0	-9.04
2014-03-0075436	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2011/5N1AR1NB1BC616118	0	-521.43
2014-03-0075464		2012/1N6AD0EV6CC421086	0	-568.22
2014-03-0075471		2013/3N1CN7APXDL869803	0	-191.01
2014-03-0075514		2011/JN8AS5MV3BW309807	0	-370.79
2014-03-0075546		2012/JN8AS5MV5CW373462	0	-136.2
2014-03-0081633	RYDER TRUCK RENTAL	2009/5PVNV8JT594S51469	0	-510.02
2014-03-0081636		2009/1FVACXDT99DAM8523	0	-831.82
2014-03-0081661		2010/5PVNJ8JR0A4S50329	0	-216.88
2014-03-0083733	SMITH-NELSON ROBERLIE J	1998/1G3GR62C4W4117242	0	-45.86
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			<b>-64.04</b>	<b>-9,731.70</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>-9,795.74</b>

#### Outdoor Amusement Permit Applications:

#### Sounds of Summer Concert Series – Town Green

**MOTION** By Joe Carlson  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application, entitled  
“Sounds of Summer Concert Series – Town Green” submitted by  
Kristine Vincent, Recreation Supervisor, for the East Hartford Parks  
and Recreation Department to conduct a series of summer evening  
concerts, where food will be available, at the Town Green from 6PM to  
8PM on the following Thursdays in 2016:

July 7<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, and August 4<sup>th</sup>

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.

## Sounds of Summer Concert Series – Great River Park

MOTION By Joe Carlson  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application, entitled  
“Sounds of Summer Concert Series – Great River Park” submitted by  
Kristine Vincent, Recreation Supervisor, for the East Hartford Parks &  
Recreation Department to conduct a series of summer evening concerts at  
the Amphitheater located in Great River Park from 6PM to 8PM on the  
following Thursdays in 2016:

June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>

and, pursuant to §14-7(b) and §14-10(13) of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances, **authorize** the applicant to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages in connection with these four events; 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.

### Motor Vehicle Mill Rate

**MOTION** By Linda Russo  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
that notwithstanding the Town Council's action regarding the town of East Hartford's 2016-2017 fiscal year budget on March 8, 2016, the Motor Vehicle Mill Rate shall be consistent with the provisions of section 12-71e of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes as amended from time to time, and that the revenues set forth in said budget be adjusted to reflect the anticipated receipt of motor vehicle tax revenue from the State and revenue raised through taxing motor vehicles at the mill rate required by the provisions of section 12-71e of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes as amended from time to time.  
Motion carried 8/0.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

## OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Susan Kniep spoke to (1) road repairs; (2) union contracts should not be approved unless there are employee concessions; (3) CDBG monies should be used to rehab the existing senior center;

(4) the Council should issue a resolution to revise the collective bargaining process and binding arbitration; (5) ethics laws should be reviewed; and (6) Zoning Board of Appeals law suit.

Rafael Zeligzon, 430 Burnside Avenue, inquired on what the town is doing to prevent illegal activity at the convenience store that is located at 442 Burnside Avenue.

Ram Aberasturia (1) noted that the EHHS Volleyball Team is #1 in the state and #85 in the country; and (2) wished his daughter Averie a Happy Birthday.

Marc Weinberg recognized the Mayor's birthday on May 13<sup>th</sup> and Councillor Linda Russo's birthday on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By Esther Clarke  
                  seconded by Bill Horan  
                  to **adjourn** (9:38 p.m.).  
                  Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela M. Attenello  
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK