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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TOWN CLERK EAST HARTFORD

MAY 21, 2019

PRESENT

Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Linda A. Russo, Majority Leader Ram

Aberasturia, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke (left at 8:05 p.m.), Councillors Marc Weinberg, Shelby J. Brown, Patricia Harmon and

Caroline Torres

ABSENT

Councillor Joseph R. Carlson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:32 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

Recognition of Janet Penney, Clerk for the Pension & Retiree Benefits Board

MOTION

By Esther Clarke

seconded by Marc Weinberg to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, Jan Penney is a longtime resident of the Town of East Hartford; and

Whereas, Jan sought to serve her community through employment with the Town in 1979; and

Whereas, she worked in the Health Department before transferring to the Finance Department where she retired in 2009; and

Whereas, Jan was asked by then Finance Director Barbara Avard to clerk for the East Hartford Pension and Retiree Benefits Board 'for a short time' in 1994; and

Whereas, 'a short time' resulted in 24 1/2 years, ending with her last meeting on May 22, 2019; and

Whereas, over her years of service, Jan worked with seven Finance Directors and five Pension and Retiree Benefits Board Chairs; and

Whereas, Jan has served the people of East Hartford with distinction and the highest degree of professionalism and respect.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East Hartford Town Council, along with Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc, hereby thanks Jan Penney for her decades of selfless service to the people of East Hartford, extends its heartfelt appreciation for Jan's high quality work and wishes Jan many happy years in the next phase of her life.

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

The Mayor joined with the Council in recognizing the dedication of Mrs. Penney to the town of East Hartford and its residents. Mrs. Penney thanked the Council and the Mayor for the resolution and said it was truly a pleasure to work for the town and the Retirement Board.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Larry Dorman, a spokesperson for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSME) Union, Council 4, spoke on behalf of the members of Local 1174, which is the union that represents 58 employees from the Parks & Recreation, Public Works, Sanitation and Mechanics Departments. Mr. Dorman stated that earlier in the year, the town approached the union to discuss subcontracting municipal waste collection. The union made it clear to the town that they are opposed to outsourcing sanitation work that is performed by members of Local 1174.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 7, 2019 Executive Session

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia seconded by Linda Russo

to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 Executive Session.

Motion carried 8/0.

May 7, 2019 Public Hearing

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

seconded by Pat Harmon

to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 Public Hearing.

Motion carried 8/0.

May 7, 2019 Regular Meeting

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

seconded by Caroline Torres

to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried 8/0.

At this point, Minority Leader Esther Clarke left the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

BCG - Update on the East Hartford Golf Club

The following representatives from Billy Casper Golf, managers of the town's golf course, presented the update to the Councillors: Ryan Phelps, Vice President of Operations for the Northeast Region, Greg Sindar, Senior Director of Sales and Marketing for the Northeast Region and Kyle Caron, the new General Manager of the East Hartford Golf Club. Mr. Caron gave the Council a brief summary of his work history.

Mr. Sindar indicated that 2018 was the wettest year on record – reducing the number of playable days on the course, which translates into reduced revenues for the year.

The course has undergone many updates: (1) new drainage on #7 tee box; (2) paving cart path on #3; (3) drainage work near the #12 and #13 tees; (4) painting and general upkeep; and (5) the purchase of 58 new golf carts with rain covers.

The clubhouse updates are: (1) the bar is under new management with Matt Corey; (2) new patio furniture and décor; (3) the new name is "One Wood Pub" with a new menu.

Other news to report is the last equipment lease payment of \$145,000 will be made June 2019 which is a huge accomplishment for the golf club and will reduce future budget deficits. Also, the Men's Club and Ladies League have recorded their highest membership numbers in several years.

NEW BUSINESS

Outdoor Amusement Permit Applications:

French Social Circle Picnic

MOTION

By Linda Russo

seconded by Marc Weinberg

to 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 1, 2019 from 12PM to 8PM at the French Social Circle, 373 Main Street, provided that a copy of the liquor permit be provided prior to 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 7/0.

National Night Out

MOTION

By Shelby Brown

seconded by Marc Weinberg

to approve the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "National Night Out" submitted by Officer Theodore Branon, Community Service Officer, East Hartford Police Department, to conduct an open-house community building campaign that promotes police and community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 from 5PM to 8PM on the front lawn and front parking lot of the Public Safety Complex, 31 School Street with a K-9 demonstration, specialized units, music, a bounce house and dunk tank, tours of the department and food and refreshments; 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 7/0.

Annual Fall Fest

MOTION

By Marc Weinberg seconded by Pat Harmon

to approve the outdoor amusement permit application submitted by Jonathan Cooper, Recreation Supervisor, for the East Hartford Parks & Recreation Department, to conduct the Annual Fall Fest on the Town Green on Saturday October 12, 2019 from 11AM to 3PM - the set-up starts at 8AM (rain date Sunday, October 13th); with music during the same hours, featuring pony rides, a petting farm, inflatables, children's activities. arts & crafts, pumpkin painting, contests, civic group booths, commercial vendors and food vendors; 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 7/0.

28th Annual Aselton Memorial Snow Dash 5K

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia seconded by Pat Harmon

to approve the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "28th Annual Officer Brian Aselton Memorial Snow Dash 5K", submitted by Jonathan Cooper, Recreation Supervisor for the East Hartford Parks & Recreation Department and by the East Hartford Police Department to conduct a 5K road race (Snow Dash), to be held in the vicinity of the Langford School - 61 Alps Drive - on Sunday, January 5, 2020 between the hours of 11:00AM and approximately 3:00PM, with the use of public streets occurring between the hours of 1:30PM and approximately 2:15PM, 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 7/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION

By Marc Weinberg seconded by Caroline Torres to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$130,814.52

pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Motion carried 7/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2017-01-0001942	ADJABENG LINDA	45 PARKWOOD DR	-1000.00
2017-02-0040414	AEF REALTY LLC	333 EAST RIVER DR	-271.43
2017-04-0080517	BAEZ JERICKA T	2006/KMHDN46D26U219852	-88.23
2017-03-0052703	BANDY DONALD R	2013/3C6TR5DT3DG543145	-422.35
2017-04-0080644	BEACHAM JAZMIN B	2014/2GKFLXEK5E6375017	-136.50
2017-04-0080878	BOUDREAU RODERICK J	2004/KMHWF25S04A033462	-57.05
2016-03-0054377	BREEDLOVE KATRICE R	2001/1N4DL01A71C123493	-86.54
2016-04-0081039	BREEDLOVE KATRICE R	2002/1HGCG66812A034309	-97.59
2017-03-0054451	BREEDLOVE KATRICE R	2002/1HGCG66812A034309	-67.71
2017-04-0087313	BURGOR HOPE	1999/1J4FY19SXXP448366	-54.00
2017-03-0055239	BUTH SONG	2016/2T1BURHE5GC531485	-67.10
2017-03-0056826	CHHIM MARIA V	2002/JHLRD78492C031344	-118.08
2017-03-0056863	CHITWOOD JOSEPH S COCA COLA BSNA ATTN: PROP. TAX	2000/1J4FF48S7YL187988	-28.26
2017-02-0043660	BLDG 3	451 MAIN ST	-116722.27
2017-03-0057921	CONTRERAS MIRIAM	2009/4S4WX92D194403898	-23.98
2017-03-0087804	CRUZ ANNA P	2004/3N1AB51D64L478447	-40.86
2017-03-0058627	CRUZ RAMON L	2000/1GCCT19W7Y8120845	-98.23
2016-09-0060647	DRISCOLL WILLIAM J	2012/4T1BF1FK5CU058636	-70.85
2017-03-0060898	DUKES WEST P	2007/1J8FF47W17D382383	-64.35
2017-03-0060906	DULKA STEPHANIE C	2009/2HGFA16569H345902	-30.55
2016-04-0082768	ELLINGTON JORDANNE X	2014/5XXGM4A74EG301303	-191.94
2017-03-0061703	ELLINGTON JORDANNE X	2014/5XXGM4A74EG301303	-412.25
2017-03-0062132	FAIR ARTHUR P	2013/JTHCE1BL6D5006503	-376.15
2017-03-0062133	FAIR ARTHUR P	2012/19UUA8F7XCA007426	-246.83
2017-03-0062217	FARMER STEVEN L	2001/2HKRL18571H575995	-49.23
2017-03-0062833	FLEMING KEVIN C	2012/2GKFLTEK8C6345516	-222.73
2017-03-0064353	GILLETTE SCOTT R	2006/1HGCM56746A155271	-24.66
2017-03-0064368	GILMORE STEVEN M	2015/3C6UR5PJ6FG614338	-38.24
2017-03-0064787	GONZALEZ RONALD	2001/1G6KS54Y71U124070	-19.80
2017-03-0064928	GORDON PHILIP H	2000/1HGCG669XYA113172	-86.26

2017-03-0065565	GUZMAN EVELYN J	2006/2CNDL63F066158975	-14.85
2017-03-0066116	HAYES MARK C	2004/1HGCM66524A017472	-34.33
2017-03-0066283	HENRIQUEZ-SCHMUTZ HERNAN D	2008/JTDKB20U387698723	-23.62
2017-01-0001626	HOME LOAN SERVICES	141 LONG HILL ST	-3080.03
2017-03-0067094	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2015/5J6RM4H59FL121839	-104.44
2017-03-0067497	HUTCHINS GRACELYN J	2007/1HGCM66567A102030	-128.34
2017-03-0067535	HUYNH LISA	2017/5XYZTDLB8HG437897	-10.18
2017-03-0068138	JARA MIGUEL A	2008/4T1BE46K98U756131	-28.89
2017-03-0068228	JEMISON TYRON W	2005/1N4BL11D65C345617	-144.43
2017-04-0084183	JEWELL CHANELL T	2003/JHMCM56303C007404	-108.17
2017-04-0084189	JIMENEZ FORTUNATO T	2006/1FMYU93146KA33527	-18.90
2017-03-0068690	JORDAN DYLAN	2004/1HGCM665X4A103600	-16.78
2017-04-0084410	KELLEY DOROTHY A	2000/1HGCG1653YA022860	-97.83
2017-04-0084437	KERSHAW NORMAN G	2014/1FMCU9J93EUB33477	-229.41
2017-03-0069742	KOWALSKY ROBERT R	2015/1HD1GZM1XFC324036	-154.80
2017-03-0070119	LAM LUIS H	2013/1HGCR2F34DA189043	-241.83
2017-03-0070562	LAWRENCE PAMELA G	2017/1C4RJFJGXHC602613	-71.32
2017-03-0070848	LEGASSIE CHRISTOPHER N	2013/5NPEC4AB9DH615532	-86.71
2017-01-0008287	LEVESQUE AUBREY	174 WAKEFIELD CIR	-1357.60
2017-03-0072494	MARRERO ANTONIO	2008/JKAZX4J108A072947	-12.01
2017-03-0073154	MAZEK JOLANTA	2006/4S4BT63C465102482	-102.33
2016-03-0073567	MCPHERSON-PHILLIPS CARLE	2005/JF1SG63685H751644	-115.84
2017-03-0074824	MORALES-VILLA JONATHAN	2005/JF1GD296X5G508910	-113.44
2017-03-0076195	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2015/JN8AF5MV7FT557909	-189.13
2017-03-0076715	OLIVERAS ANGEL L	2011/JTHBK1EG7B2417829	-81.41
2017-03-0077308	OWUSU-SEKYERE PRISCILLA	2008/JTMBD33V585169225	-49.32
2017-03-0079016	PORTIS DERICK	2006/WDBRF92H76F766096	-34.20
2017-03-0079059	POUNCEY JOSEPH F	2006/2A4GM684X6R682858	-6.75
2017-03-0079635	RAMOS ARLEEN	2010/4T3BK3BB0AU026422	-23.85
2017-03-0079849	RAZACK SHAZAMODEEN	2013/19VDE1F73DE005308	-51.70
2017-04-0086850	READER MELISSA	2003/JA3AH86F53U124221	-152.46
2017-03-0080274	RICE LAURE L	1998/1FAFP57U5WA257000	-49.95
2017-01-0011648	RITA LISA	39 PITKIN ST	-55.00
2017-03-0090194	RUST LYNDIA	2005/1G1ZT54855F248060	-56.25
2017-03-0082152	RUEMMELE MADELINE	2000/4JGAB54E6YA172004	-27.36
2017-03-0082825	SANTANA-GREEN ANGEL L	1999/4F4ZR17X9XTM44385	-26.01

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2017-03-0083296	SCHWAB DONALD A	2007/1G6KD57957U171508	-91.48
2017-03-0083734	SHEEHAN VINCENT J	2004/1D7HG48N54S688695	-119.20
2017-03-0083815	SHERIDAN RUTH A	2000/JT2BG22K7Y0512289	-80.50
2017-03-0084159	SINSIGALLI SALVATORE	2004/19UUA66234A052301	-22.27
2017-04-0088001	SORIANO-JUANES VICTOR M	2004/JNKCV54E44M300350	-210.03
2017-03-0084755	SOUSA MICHAEL	2001/1B7GG2AN31S180824	-36.09
2017-03-0085193	STONE JAMES P	2006/JTMBD31V066011045	-16.87
2017-03-0085354	SUNDARA THONG S	2016/1N4AL3AP4GN329666	-201.33
2017-03-0085355	SUNDARA THONG S	2014/JN1BV7AR7EM680823	-231.39
2017-03-0085819	TEXIDOR LUIS A	2006/5N1AR18W06C684723	-30.42
2017-03-0086589	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	2015/2T1BURHE7FC243031	-282.46
2017-04-0088452	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	2018/4T1B11HK2JU021861	-126.27
2017-04-0088488	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	2018/2T1BURHEXJC107596	-25.38
2017-03-0087037	TU HO C	2005/2D4GP44L35R498801	-15.52
2017-01-0014719	TYRSECK PHILOMENA	71 CRESTWOOD TR	-321.30
2017-03-0087906	VCFS AUTO LEASING CO	2016/YV1612TK5G1399924	-522.55
2017-03-0088027	VELAZQUEZ ENRIQUE	2009/1FMCU03709KB27547	-115.47
2017-03-0088265	VILLEGAS AWILDA	2004/2HKYF18654H502043	-13.50
2016-03-0088405	WAGNER TIMOTHY C	2013/JTHBK1GG9D2060783	-32.00
2016-09-0088405	WAGNER TIMOTHY C	2013/JTHBK1GG9D2060783	-7.00
		TOTAL	\$130,814.52

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 45th Program Year Action Plan

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

seconded by Caroline Torres to adopt the following resolution:

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

WHEREAS, upon notification of the Town's allocation for the 45th Program Year (2019-2020), the amount of each proposed activity's budget will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match the allocation amounts; and

WHEREAS, receipt of this entitlement grant is contingent upon the submission of a Forty-fifth 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 one Public Hearing held on November 8, 2018 and at two Public Hearings held on March 18, 2019.

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-fifth 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 45th 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 7/0.

TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM 45TH YEAR ACTION PLAN - ESTIMATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 - AUGUST 31, 2020

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).

InterCommunity, Inc.

\$ 5,000

Funding for the delivery of services to East Hartford young adult residents recovering from mental health and/or substance abuse issues. 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.

\$21.035

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.

\$ 5,000

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).

Senior Support Services

\$4,000

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

\$3,000

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).

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 24CFR 570.208(a)(3).

Streetscape

\$90,000

Funding for physical improvements in the Central Business District and along major arteries, in low to moderate income areas, including, but not limited to, bus shelters, trash receptacles, sidewalk replacement, and benches. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 270.201(c), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)(i).

Senior Center Generator

\$61,255

Funding for an emergency generator at East Hartford's Senior Center. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(c), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(A).

Administration

Program Administration

\$111,163

Oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.206.

TOTAL

\$555,818

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Beby, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6037841-S, assessment (tax) appeal, involving real property located at 775 Silver Lane

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

seconded by Linda Russo

to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as Beby, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6037841-S, involving real property located at 775 Silver Lane, from the previous fair market value of \$1,802,880 to the new fair market value of \$1,557,500, which shall generate a reduction of

\$8,081.77 in property taxes for the Grand List Year of 2016.

Motion carried 7/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Ram Aberasturia announced that the East Hartford Hornets are playing the Windsor Warriors on Wednesday, May 22nd and urged all residents to attend the game. Go Hornets!

Marc Weinberg wished Linda Russo a Happy Birthday on May 26th.

Mayor Lecters commented on the following: (1) EHHS will host the State Tennis Championships on Friday, May 24th utilizing their newly refurbished tennis courts; (2) the Mayor's Clean-up Day was a huge success; (3) Lunch with the Mayor is May 23rd; (4) the town's Road Improvement Program will begin this June; (5) due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday May 27th, recycling and trash collection will be delayed one day; (6) the Veterans Commission will host programs on Thursday May 23rd and Sunday May 26th to honor veterans - those who have given the ultimate

sacrifice for our freedom; (7) Parks & Recreation will host a Trails Day on Sunday June 2nd; (8) the Sounds of Summer concert series begins on June 25th at Great River Park on Thursdays; (9) today was Sandwich with a Cop; (10) the EHPD will hold a public community forum on Tuesday June 4th at Raymond Library; (11) Community Service Officer Ted Branon has been named the 2019 Officer of the Year; (12) the town's new Firefighters will graduate on Thursday May 23rd in a ceremony in Enfield; and (13) Keith Chapman, the Interim Public Works Director, has resigned his employment with the town effective Friday May 24th.

Ram Aberasturia thanked the Mayor, and the Town Council, for their efforts in restoring the High School's tennis courts.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

By Caroline Torres seconded by Linda Russo to **adjourn** (8:50 p.m.). Motion carried 7/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be June 4th.

Angela M. Attenello

TOWN COUNCIL CLERK