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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TOWN CLERK  
EAST HARTFORD

JUNE 4, 2019

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Linda A. Russo, Majority Leader Ram Aberasturia, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, 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 7:31 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

Michael Walsh, Finance Director, addressed the Council on behalf of Mayor Leclerc: (1) the town will start the reconstruction of Brewer Street and all residents are invited to attend the informational meeting on Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Welling Conference Room; (2) June is Dog License Renewal month; (3) the EHPD is working on its accreditation from CALEA with a public information session at the Raymond Library today June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7PM; (4) the Special Olympics Torch run will be Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> @ approximately 12:24PM; (5) Ice Cream with a Cop will take place on Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Dairy Queen, 435 Main Street from Noon to 2PM; (6) EHPD's Youth Basketball Program is coming back for another season – the first game will be Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30AM; (7) the town's five outdoor pools are scheduled to open on Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> @ 1PM; (8) the Library will participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Connecticut Open House Day on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>; and (9) the Library invites all residents to participate in their annual summer reading program which begins on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 21, 2019 Executive Session

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Caroline Torres  
to **approve** the minutes of the May 21, 2019 Executive Session.  
Motion carried 8/0.

May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Pat Harmon

to **approve** the minutes of the May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting.  
Motion carried 8/0.

## NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation from Personnel & Pensions Subcommittee:

Library Specialist

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Caroline Torres  
to **approve** the following recommendations from the Personnel & Pensions Committee made at their meeting held on May 29, 2019: (1) not refill the vacant non-union Library Specialist position in the Circulation/Cataloging Division; (2) approve the upgrade of the non-union Library Specialist job description from a grade 2 to a grade 4; and (3) promote two employees in the Library to the Library Specialist job classification, such job description is outlined and attached to an email dated May 30, 2019 from Santiago Malave, Human Resources Director to Mayor Marcia Leclerc.  
Motion carried 8/0.

Food Bank Coordinator

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **approve** the upgrade of the job description entitled "Food Bank  
Coordinator/Social Service Clerk" from a grade 3 to a grade 5, as outlined  
and attached to an email from Santiago Malave, Human Resources  
Director to Mayor Marcia Leclerc dated May 30, 2019 and as  
unanimously approved at the Personnel & Pensions Committee meeting  
held May 29, 2019.  
Motion carried 8/0.

## GIS Analyst

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **approve** the new job description entitled "GIS Analyst" in the Information Technology Department, as outlined and attached to an email from Santiago Malave, Human Resources Director to Mayor Marcia Leclerc dated May 30, 2019 and as unanimously approved at the Personnel & Pensions Committee meeting held May 29, 2019.  
Motion carried 8/0.

## 2019-2020 Neighborhood Assistance Act

MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
                 seconded by Caroline Torres  
                 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, twenty-nine proposals have been received from area agencies, listed on the 2019 State of Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Proposal Summaries sheet as attached, and have requested to be included in the 2019 State of Connecticut tax credit program through the Town of East Hartford, and;

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing to present these applications was held on May 22, 2019, 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 2019 Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program.

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

## Suspense List: Grand List Year 2015 – Personal Property and Motor Vehicle

MOTION      By Shelby Brown  
                 seconded by Linda Russo  
                 to **transfer** the uncollected personal property and motor vehicle – including motor vehicle supplemental – taxes on the 2015 Grand List as referenced in a memo dated May 28, 2019 from Iris Laurenza, Collector of Revenue, to Marcia Leclerc, Mayor to the suspense rate book in the total amount of \$413,834.47 as follows:

Personal Property	Grand List Year 2015	\$ 83,898.72
Motor Vehicle	Grand List Year 2015	\$329,935.75

Motion carried 8/0.

## Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions

MOTION      By Marc Weinberg  
                 seconded by Linda Russo  
                 to **approve** the following appointments:

- Redevelopment Agency:  
Ellen McCreery, 39 Greene Terrace      term to expire December 2023
- Public Building Commission:  
Henry Pawlowski, Jr. 48 Oxford Drive      term to expire December 2023

Motion carried 8/0.

Bid Waiver: East Hartford Fire Department EMS Training

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                  seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
                  to **waive** the bidding requirements in accordance with Section 10-7(c) of  
                  the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances and permit the East  
                  Hartford Fire Department to utilize the Harford Hospital Center for  
                  Education, Simulation and Innovation (CESI) as a training location for the  
                  Fire Department's emergency medical staff, as outlined in a memo from  
                  Fire Chief John Oates to Mayor Marcia Leclerc dated May 30, 2019 as it  
                  is in the best interests of the town.

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                  seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
                  to **amend** the motion as follows:  
                  "...and permit the East Hartford Fire Department to utilize the Harford  
                  Hospital Center for Education, Simulation and Innovation (CESI) as a  
                  training location for the Fire Department's emergency medical staff, up to a  
                  period of 3 years, as outlined in a memo...".  
                  Motion carried 8/0.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Costa East, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. HHB-CV-17-6038268-S, re: real  
property located at 1008-1010 Main Street and 1016 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 Costa East, LLC v. Town of  
                  East Hartford, Docket No. HHB-CV-17-6038268-S, re: real property  
                  located at 1008-1010 Main Street and 1016 Main Street, from the fair  
                  market value of \$1,283,040 to the fair market value of \$840,000, which  
                  shall generate a reduction of \$15,139.02 in property taxes, for the Grand  
                  List Year of 2016.  
                  Motion carried 8/0.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Caroline Torres  
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the  
pending assessment (tax) appeal known as Jakiram, LLC v. Town of East  
Hartford, Docket No. HHB-CV-17-6037708-S, re: real property located at  
160 Governor Street and 182 Governor Street from the fair market value of  
\$872,230 to the fair market value of \$650,000, which shall generate a  
reduction of \$7,691.55 in property taxes, for the Grand List Year of 2016.  
Motion carried 8/0.

Ram Aberasturia wished his son, Maseo, a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

MOTION By Esther Clarke  
seconded by Linda Russo  
to **adjourn** (8:16 p.m.).  
Motion carried 8/0.

Attest

Attest Richard F. Kehoe  
Richard F. Kehoe  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAIR