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JUNE 6, 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 7:38 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 Salvatore "Jerry" Ingallinera, a longtime resident of East Hartford, who served as a Chair of the East Hartford Board of Education during the time when schools were being closed – a difficult time in the district's history. Mr. Ingallinera remained active in town politics after his service to the Board of Education, including involvement in several community and religious organizations. He will be missed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) suggested that the Town Council schedule a meeting with the Board of Education to discuss how to improve students' test scores; (2) asked that the Town Council hold meetings with the Board of Education quarterly; and (3) applauded Mayor Leclerc for her efforts in transparency by posting employee salaries and benefits to the town's website.

Mayor Leclerc commented on (1) the ribbon cutting at United Technologies Research Center was held on Friday June 2nd; (2) the Hartford-East Hartford Coalition's application for the creation of an Innovation Zone was awarded a \$2M grant; (3) the road improvement program has begun; (4) the Department of Public Works Week was a success; and (5) a new Dispatch Supervisor – a veteran retired police officer from Vernon– has been hired by the EHPD.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 16, 2017 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Pat Harmon
to **approve** the minutes of the May 16, 2017 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 9/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Neglected Cemeteries Funding

MOTION By Joe Carlson
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS the state Office of Policy and Management (OPM) makes funds available to municipalities under the Neglected Cemeteries Program; and

WHEREAS the purpose of this program is to provide grants to clear weeds, briars and bushes; to mow cemetery lawn areas; to repair fences and walls; to straighten memorial stones and perform other activities to keep neglected cemeteries in an orderly and decent condition.

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 state Office of Policy and Management as they pertain to this Neglected Cemeteries Grant Program.

On call of the vote, motion carried 9/0.

Hockanum School Flooring Abatement Project

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ADD A PROJECT TO THE TOWN'S 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, TO AUTHORIZE AN APPROPRIATION, TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION, TO SEND THE PROJECT TO THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE, AND TO FUND THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE PROJECT COST

WHEREAS, the Town of East Hartford Board of Education has identified that a flooring abatement project at the Hockanum School is a priority of the school district and qualified for State School Construction reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the abatement including design and construction is anticipated to total \$330,000 with the State reimbursing 76.43% or \$252,219 leaving the School District to pay 23.57% or \$77,781.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve the following items:

1. The addition by resolution to the Town's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan, the Hockanum School Flooring Abatement Project in the amount of \$330,000,
2. The appropriation of \$330,000 to fund the Hockanum School Flooring Abatement Project into the Board of Education's Capital Reserve Account,
3. The authorization of the East Hartford Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the Hockanum School Flooring Abatement Project,
4. That the Town's Public Building Commission is hereby charged with the oversight and approval of the Hockanum School Flooring Abatement Project,
5. That, in accordance with Article 7 §10-38 of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances, the approval of the Board of Education's request to expend \$80,000 from the Board of Education's

6. That the Town of East Hartford hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Hockanum School Flooring Abatement Project.

Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund Transfer FY2016-2017

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Linda Russo
that in accordance with Article 7 Section 10-38 of the Town of East
Hartford Code of Ordinances, the Town Council **approve** the Board of
Education's request to expend \$892,664 (or such lesser amounts as
deposited based on the proceeds as forwarded by the Board of Education)
from the Board of Education Capital Reserve Account for the purposes
of funding capital improvements at ECLC Hockanum School flooring
abatement project, replace a chiller at CIBA, remove thirteen underground
storage tanks district-wide as required by CT Department of Energy &
Environmental Protection, and for various other general improvement
projects which are all consistent with the projects contained in the district's
approved Capital Improvement Plan.
Motion carried 9/0.

Pension Arbitration Award – Town of East Hartford and Local 1548 International Association of Firefighters

No action taken.

A copy of the arbitration award and revised pension contract will follow these minutes.

Suspense List:

2013 Grand List – Personal Property and Motor Vehicle

2014 & 2015 Grand Lists – Personal Property

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **transfer** the uncollected personal property and motor vehicle – including
motor vehicle supplemental – taxes on the 2013, 2014 & 2015 Grand Lists
as referenced in a memo dated May 25, 2017 from Iris Laurenza, Collector
of Revenue, to Marcia Leclerc, Mayor to the suspense rate book in the
total amount of \$1,057,032.57 as follows:

Personal Property	Grand List Year 2013	\$180,230.19
	Grand List Years 2014 & 2015	\$458,401.90

Motor Vehicle	Grand List Year 2013	\$418,400.48
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Motion carried 9/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Linda Russo
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$22,946.56
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Int Paid	L/F Paid	Over Paid
2015-03-0050503	AGUAS MARIO G			-17.65
2015-03-0086830	ALLY BANK LOUISVILLE PPC			-108.12
2015-03-0086842	ALLY BANK LOUISVILLE PPC			-677.55
2015-03-0086848	ALLY BANK LOUISVILLE PPC			-284.16
2015-03-0086866	ALLY BANK LOUISVILLE PPC			-545.01
2015-03-0086870	ALLY BANK LOUISVILLE PPC			-290.82
2015-03-0051663	AUTOMOTIVE RENTALS INC.			-28.56
2015-03-0051675	AUTOMOTIVE RENTALS INC.			-40.96
2015-03-0051723	AUTOMOTIVE RENTALS INC.			-40.96
2015-03-0052173	AYALA SONIA I			-50.87
2015-01-0000723	B T D REALTY CO			-359.79
2015-03-0052233	BADIO CLIFFORD			-43.47
2015-03-0052577	BARNETT JODI L		5	-27.79
2015-01-0012170	BARTLETT PETER W			-1739.24
2014-03-0053670	BOCCACIO MARY AM	-36.98		-154.38
2015-03-0054416	BROMFIELD DOROTHY C		5	-59.72
2015-03-0054470	BROWN AUDREY A			-51.76
2015-01-0011282	CORELOGIC ATTN: REFUNDS			-1826.38
2005-03-0092161	CRAFT GREG			-93.57
2015-01-0003403	CT BAR FOUNDATION ATTY DAVID CLEMENS			-60.89
2015-01-0003695	DELVAGLIO TRACIE A			-457.16
2015-03-0060662	EAN HOLDINGS LLC CAMRAC LLC			-128.66
2015-03-0060665	DBA ENTERPRISE RENT A CAR			-30.38
2015-03-0060666				-103.31
2015-03-0060668				-38.42
2015-03-0060678				-85.96
2015-03-0060681				-113.64
2015-03-0060682				-257.26
2015-03-0060686				-186.78
2015-03-0060693				-246.68
2015-03-0060697				-138.61
2015-03-0060700				-226.60
2015-03-0060711				-39.48

2015-03-0060716		-164.80
2015-03-0060718		-42.62
2015-03-0060748		-328.60
2015-03-0060760		-77.30
2015-03-0060768		-96.00
2015-03-0060772		-39.48
2015-03-0060778		-113.64
2015-03-0060779		-51.28
2015-03-0060784		-140.22
2015-03-0060785		-64.12
2015-03-0060786		-39.48
2015-03-0060788		-51.20
2015-03-0060794		-110.30
2015-03-0060803		-61.10
2015-03-0060811		-128.40
2015-03-0060820		-128.40
2015-03-0060830		-43.22
2015-03-0060831		-38.42
2015-03-0060832		-56.46
2015-03-0060833		-236.70
2015-03-0060846		-150.86
2015-03-0060852		-85.76
2015-03-0060855		-93.68
2015-03-0060862		-89.17
2015-03-0060877		-85.48
2015-03-0060882		-51.28
2015-03-0060896		-35.90
2015-03-0060902		-158.43
2015-03-0060903		-30.38
2015-03-0060904		-61.12
2015-03-0060910		-138.61
2015-03-0060913		-47.72
2015-03-0060929		-52.28
2015-03-0061321	ENTERPRISE F M TRUST	-388.69
2015-03-0061424	ESPANA JACQUELINE	-101.86
2015-03-0061466	ESSIEN ESSIEN E	-60.64
2015-02-0042240	FAITH ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC	-190.70
2015-03-0090020	FONSECA EDGAR M	-97.68
2015-03-0055108	FORD CREDIT PERSONAL PROP. TAX	-651.94
2014-03-0062755	FORT TEKENYA G	-72.79 -293.38
2015-03-0063212	GARDNER DOZIER M	-149.55
2015-01-0001317	GELLER ELIZABETH & CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL	-200.69

2015-04-0083774	GOMEZ RAQUEL M	-33.85
2015-03-0064616	GRIFFIN PATRICK F JR	-178.38
2015-03-0064675	GROTE ROBERT H JR	-187.64
2015-03-0066650	HUAPAYA NOEMI	-109.15
2015-02-0040986	LACEY GARY	-6.31
2014-03-0072065	MARTIN ANTHONY J 2ND	-63.66
2015-03-0072107	MARTINEZ-OSORIO ANIBAL	-78.88
2015-03-0072215	MATEO ROBERT A	-13.93
2015-01-0007298	MORSE GREGORY H EST OF C/O DEBORAH MORSE	-2021.28
2015-03-0074929	NGUYEN HUE D	-185.01
2014-03-0075412	NISSAN INFINITI LT	-471.21
2015-03-0075286	NISSAN INFINITI LT	-358.75
2015-03-0076099	ORTIZ AIDALIZ M	-8.41
2015-03-0076664	PARADIS PERCY J	-149.07
2015-03-0076787	PARKER X-RAY SOLUTION SERVICE INCORPORAT	-707.08
2015-03-0077551	PERRY PHILLIP 3RD	-35.63
2015-02-0041338	PRIME MATERIALS RECOVERY INC	-296.19
2015-03-0081568	RYDER TRUCK RENTAL LT	-330.41
2015-03-0081579	RYDER TRUCK RENTAL LT	-330.41
2015-03-0081581	RYDER TRUCK RENTAL LT	-2063.50
2015-03-0083565	SMITH LINDSEY S	-117.32
2015-03-0084030	STAR STAINLESS SCREW CO.	-5.00
2015-02-0042582	STODDARD MICHAEL	-211.42
2015-01-0000723	TECTA AMERICA NEW ENGLAND LLC	-359.79
2015-03-0085004	TERRIEN MARK A	-61.75
2015-04-0090510	TORIA TRUCK RENTAL AND LEASING INC	-335.96
2015-04-0090516	UNITED STEEL INC	-59.76
2015-03-0087641	WAITE ELIZABETH D	-201.65
2015-03-0088287	WIESNER BETTY EST OF POWELL LYNN EXECUTOR	-73.26
	\$(109.77)	\$ (22,836.79)
	TOTAL	\$ (22,946.56)

Outdoor Amusement Permit Applications:

Concert of Praise

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Linda Russo
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled, "Concert of Praise", submitted by Madeline Nieves, Secretary for The Pentecostals of Greater Hartford, to conduct a free outdoor music event for town residents to be held on the East Hartford Town Green Gazebo on Sunday, June 25th from 10AM to 3PM, with music and food vendors during the same hours; 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 permitting fee under the provisions of Town Ordinance Section 5-6 (c) as the applicant is a church.
Motion carried 9/0.

Riverfront Fireworks

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Riverfront Fireworks", submitted by Joshua Urrutia, Director of Events, for Riverfront Recapture, to conduct an outdoor concert, with a fireworks display at Great River Park on Saturday, July 8, 2017, beginning with the concert at 7PM to the conclusion of the fireworks display which is scheduled for 9PM to 9:30PM with a rain date of Sunday, July 9, 2017 with the same hours as that of the July 8th 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; and to **waive** both the permit fee and any associated town expenses for this event pursuant to the resolution passed by the Town Council on June 3, 2014.
Motion carried 9/0.

National Night Out

MOTION By Bill Horan
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "National Night Out" submitted by Officer Theodore Branon, Community Service Officer for the East Hartford Police Department to conduct an open house community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships to take place on Tuesday, August 1st from 5PM to 8PM on the front lawn and front parking lot of the East Hartford Police Department at 31 School Street with K-9 demonstrations, displays of specialized units (SWAT and Marine), music, a bounce house and dunk tank, as well as hot dogs and

hamburgers and tours of the Department; 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.

Head of the Riverfront Regatta

MOTION

By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Ram Aberasturia

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application, entitled "Head of the Riverfront Regatta" submitted by Joshua Urrutia, Director of Events for Riverfront Recapture to conduct a rowing regatta on the Connecticut River beginning at the Charter Oak Landing in Hartford on Sunday, October 1, 2017 from 6AM to 5PM, with a flood and rain date of Sunday, November 5, 2017; 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 permit fee and any associated town expenses for this event pursuant to the resolution passed by the Town Council on June 3, 2014.

Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Ram Aberasturia congratulated the East Hartford High School Boys' Volleyball Team for winning the state semi-finals.

Mike Kurker has received calls regarding (1) speeding cars on Wood Drive and asked the Mayor if she could look into this. *Mayor Leclerc said she'd relay this issue to the Police Department.* (2) many residents asking for a grocery store at School Street Square. *Mayor Leclerc indicated that this is an on-going issue. The owner of the property is aware that the exterior of the building is lacking and could detract from potential renters.*

Bill Horan congratulated Matthew Martucci for being named East Hartford's District Teacher of the Year.

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Joshua Ortiz v Town of East Hartford

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the
pending state court action known as Joshua Ortiz, ppa, et al v Town of
East Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV-14-6055398-S, for a total sum of
\$10,000.00.
Motion carried 9/0.

Magdaly Ortiz v Town of East Hartford

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the
 pending state court action known as Magdaly Ortiz v Town of East
 Hartford, et al, Docket No. HHD-CV-16-60673331-S, for a total sum of
 \$18,500.00.
 Motion carried 9/0.

Kim Aligata v Town of East Hartford

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the
 pending state court action known as Kim Aligata v Town of East
 Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV-15-6061553-S, for a total sum of
 \$40,000.00.
 Motion carried 6/3. **Nays:** Clarke, Harmon, Kurker

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **adjourn** (9:30 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next regular meeting of the Town Council would be June 20th, but there will probably be a special informational meeting on June 19th with Congressman John Larson regarding the transportation project for the I-91 and I-84 interchange.

Attest Angela M. Attenello
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 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK