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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN CLERK  
EAST HARTFORD

JUNE 16, 2020

ATTENDING Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina  
VIA TEAMS Wilson, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Connor Martin, Angela  
Parkinson, Awet Tsegai, Patricia Harmon and John Morrison

### CALL TO ORDER

The Chair explained that the Council is meeting via the Microsoft Teams platform in order to comply with Governor Lamont's public health emergency executive order for social distancing. The Chair stated that residents may call in to access this meeting and announced the phone number and the conference ID number. Chair Kehoe then led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

No residents called in to speak on agenda items. Mayor Leclerc said she would save her comments until the end of the meeting.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### June 2, 2020 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Don Bell  
to **approve** the minutes of the June 2, 2020 Regular meeting.  
Motion carried 9/0.

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

#### East Hartford Golf Club: Golf Course Update/Fee Increases

Ryan Phelps, Vice President of Operations for Billy Casper Golf – the managers of the East Hartford Golf Club, delivered their annual update on the golf course. The 2019-2020 season has been the best year in revenues since BCG took over management of the golf course – November 2013 – showing a net loss of \$30,000 compared to last year's net loss of \$278,000. Mr. Phelps reviewed some of the changes his team have made to the policies and regulations of the Golf Club in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic. The proposed rate increase, which hopefully will be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, is comparable to the rates charged at courses that BCG considers competition to the EH Golf Club: primarily

Goodwin Park and Keney Park – both in Hartford – and Topstone in South Windsor. The proposed new rates are minimal increases of \$1- \$3.

<u>New Rates</u>		
<u>Weekday Rates</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
9 Holes Walk	\$17	\$20
18 Holes Walk	\$23	\$26
9 Holes Walk - SR	\$13	\$17
18 Holes Walk - SR	\$17	\$22
Junior	\$10	\$15
9 Holes Walk - TWI	\$15	\$18
18 Holes Walk -TWI	\$19	\$23
 <u>Weekend Rates</u>		
9 Holes Walk	\$23	\$26
18 Holes Walk	\$31	\$33
Junior	\$15	\$20
9 Holes Walk - TWI	\$20	\$21
18 Holes Walk -TWI	\$27	\$29
 <u>Cart Fees</u>		
	<u>18 Holes</u>	<u>9 Holes</u>
	\$15	\$11

#### Report by Chief of Police Scott Sansom: Policing in East Hartford

Chair Kehoe addressed the residents on the sentiments of the Town Council and the Mayor the last couple of weeks on police accountability and racial divide in this country and, especially, in East Hartford. He stated that the Council will call a meeting in the next few weeks that would be an open forum where citizens would voice their thoughts and feelings about the role of the police in the community.

Scott Sansom, Chief of Police, gave the Council a brief overview of how the police in East Hartford interact with the community. Chief Sansom relayed the changes that were recently signed into law as a direct result of George Floyd's death. On the federal level, President Trump signed an order banning choke holds, requiring more de-escalation training and the addition of using a type of social work response instead of a police response. On the state level, Governor Lamont has made several changes to the State Police, similar to those made at the federal level. Locally, the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, called for a moratorium on the 1033 program – the purchasing of military equipment. The EHPD did not participate heavily in this program. More importantly, the Police Officers Standing & Training (POST) Council has made a change to the use of force policy. Most of the new guidelines for use of force are already in practice at the EHPD, i.e., de-escalation tactics, prohibition of chokeholds, listing the department's lethal weapons, etc. A significant change in POST's Use of Force policy is the report from a police officer of the use of excessive force by another police officer. The Chief said that while this is part of the EHPD's current policy, he is having his accreditation team review the language to ensure it complies with POST. Since CALEA accredited, the EHPD complies with all POST policies.





**WHEREAS** as a result of the aforementioned, it is necessary for the Town of East Hartford to set aside additional budget contributions to fund a projected General Fund deficit in fiscal year 2019-20.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve this Supplemental Budget Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,300,000 from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of funding a fiscal year 2019-20 deficit as listed below and does hereby amend the current 2019-20 fiscal year Operating Budget to reflect the attached Supplemental Revenue Appropriation and Expenditure Appropriation.

G0320-55900	Fund Balance Appropriation	1,300,000
G5317-60141	Fire Suppression – Overtime	1,300,000

Funds certified as unobligated and available.

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

#### Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund Transfer FY2019-2020

**MOTION** By Conner Martin  
seconded by Esther Clarke  
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 \$1,327,362 or such lesser amounts as deposited based on the proceeds as forwarded by the Board of Education from the Board of Education's Capital Reserve Account for the purposes of funding capital improvements and other general improvement projects which are all consistent with the projects contained in the district's approved Capital Improvement Plan.  
Motion carried 9/0.

#### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 46<sup>th</sup> Program Year

**MOTION** By Don Bell  
seconded by Angie Parkinson  
to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** The Town of East Hartford is entitled to Forty-sixth Program Year funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in the amount of \$578,772; and

**WHEREAS** receipt of this entitlement grant is contingent upon the submission of a Forty-sixth 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 4, 2019 and one Public Hearing held on April 27, 2020.

**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-sixth 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 46th 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 9/0.

**TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
46<sup>th</sup> YEAR ACTION PLAN  
September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021**

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

***CRT - East Hartford Community Shelter***

**\$35,191**

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.***

**\$21,000**

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 to support staffing 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 70.208(a)(2)(i)(A).

***Senior Support Services***

**\$4,000**

Funding for the delivery of programming 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***

**\$5,000**

Funding for staffing to deliver programming that enhances academic performances and improve social skills. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(e), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(B).

***YWCA East Hartford Early Learning Center***

**\$5,837**

Funding to subsidize staffing costs for quality early childhood education for low and moderate income 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***

**\$11,990**

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***

**\$160,000**

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).

***Parks Improvements***

**\$200,000**

Funding for improvements to parks in low to moderate income areas. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(c), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)(i).

***East Hartford YMCA***

**\$10,000**

Funding for the physical improvements to the playground area at the Lois Nolan Larson YMCA Community Center. Eligible activity under 24 CFR 570.201(c), meets HUD national objective criteria under 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)(i).

**ADMINISTRATION**

***Program Administration***

**\$115,754**

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

***TOTAL***

**\$578,772**

**Recommendation from Tax Policy Committee re: Assignment of Subsequent Tax Liens**

**MOTION**

By Angie Parkinson  
seconded by John Morrison  
that the Town Council **authorize** the Administration to assign the subsequent tax liens of 59 properties totaling \$450,749.09, as stated on lists produced by Finance Director Linda Trzetzak and attached to a memorandum dated March 27, 2020 from Mayor Marcia Leclerc to Town Council Chair Richard Kehoe, to the vendors who currently hold the prior year tax liens on these properties; and further that the Town Council **authorize** the Administration to assign any future tax liens to the vendors who currently hold the prior year tax lien on those properties.  
Motion carried 9/0.

**Refund of Taxes**

**MOTION**

By Awet Tsegai  
seconded by Connor Martin  
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$90,889.94  
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.  
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	L/F Paid	Over Paid
2002-03-69913	COLLIER DENISE	1994/1NXAE09B3RZ197922	403.16	-80.33	-132.4
2003-03-69873	COLLIER DENISE	1994/1NXAE09B3RZ197922	303.89	-61.49	-106.07
2017-03-0060965	DUNN ARLENE L	2007/2HGFA55557H715002	0	0	-229.05
2017-03-0060966	DUNN ARLENE L	2014/2HKRM4H58EH676533	-16.02		-534.16
2018-01-0000558	51 APPLGATE PARTNERS LLC	51 APPLGATE LN	0	0	-67,518.39
2018-01-0002178	CORELOGIC	1177 SILVER LN	0	0	-2,853.05
2018-01-0005558	GAMER ROBERT	122 MAIN ST		0	-54.52
2018-03-0051693	ARI FLEET LT LTD	2016/NM0LS7E76G1281843		0	-226.66
2018-03-0060606	DUNN ARLENE L	2007/JNKBV61E47M722368	-5.93	0	-197.55
2018-03-0060607	DUNN ARLENE L	2014/2HKRM4H58EH676533	-18.46		-492.3
2018-03-0067089	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	2017/KNDJN2A20H7470307	0	0	-280.93
2018-03-0068364	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA	2017/JF2SJAECXHH412892	0	0	-729.46
2018-03-0068366	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA	2017/JF2GPABC0HH274045	0	0	-347.4
2018-03-0075288	NGUYEN WILLIAM	2014/5UXKR0C58E0K46399			-890.22
2018-03-0075455	NISSAN INFINITI	2016/5N1AZ2MH7GN127973	0	0	-56.34
2018-03-0075475	NISSAN INFINITI	2017/3N1AB7AP1HY347666	0	0	-363.96
2018-03-0075631	NISSAN INFINITI	2016/KNMAT2MV7GP629334	0	0	-268.2
2018-03-0075638	NISSAN INFINITI	2016/KNMAT2MV5GP650604	0	0	-536.4
2018-03-0077588	PEREZ MYRNA	2012/1N4AL2AP7CN453550	-10.57		-234.9
2018-03-0082923	SHAN SIMEI	2011/4JGBF7BE3BA629768	-11.77		-261.45
2018-03-0087606	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WAUENAF47JA230120	0	0	-589.94
2018-03-0087607	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1BNAFY9J2202719	0	0	-757.94
2018-03-0087608	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WAUENAF47JA222518	0	0	-589.94
2018-03-0087609	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WAUB8GFF2J1081193	0	0	-550.58
2018-03-0087610	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WAUCNCF5XJA128824	0	0	-790.64
2018-03-0087611	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1BNAFYXJ2215155	0	0	-650.02
2018-03-0087616	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1CNAFY7J2185794	0	0	-800.1
2018-03-0087622	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WAUTNAF58JA115459	0	0	-702.86
2018-03-0087623	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1BNAFY9J2203336	0	0	-757.94
2018-03-0087625	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1LAAF7XJD048047	0	0	-974.38
2018-03-0087630	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1BNAFY3J2202599	0	0	-650.02



2018-03-0087632	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WAUENAF4XJA204062	0	0	-687.86
2018-04-0089004	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WAUENCF5XJA126841	0	0	-615.51
2018-04-0089005	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1BNAFY0J2225547	0	0	-542.11
2018-04-0089006	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1BNAFY7J2225609	0	0	-542.11
2018-04-0089008	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1CNAFY6J2240154	0	0	-800.1
2018-04-0089009	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1BNAFY4J2233439	0	0	-650.02
2018-04-0089010	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1A4AFY7J2228850	0	0	-855.22
2018-04-0089011	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WAUENCF55JA134085	0	0	-615.51
2018-04-0089016	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1BNAFY4J2144129	0	0	-542.11
SUBTOTAL			-769.8	141.82	-89978.32
TOTAL					90,889.94

#### Outdoor Amusement Permit Application: Family Drive-in Movie Night

MOTION By Awet Tsegai  
seconded by Don Bell  
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Family Drive-in Movie Night", submitted by Tyron Harris, Vice President, BSL Educational Foundation Inc. to conduct a family drive in movie night at the Showcase Cinemas Lot, 936 Silver Lane, East Hartford on the following Saturdays: July 25, 2020 and August, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 beginning at sunset between the hours of 7pm - 9:30pm and/or 8pm to 10:30pm; 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 permit fee under the provisions of town Ordinance section 5-6(a) due to the town of East Hartford as this is a not-for-profit charity which focuses on providing scholarships to college-ready students, youth development programs and training & development.  
Motion carried 9/0.

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

The Councillors did not have any questions.

At this point, Mayor Leclerc presented the Council with her update on the following issues: (1) recognized Superintendent of Schools Nate Quesnel, all Teachers, Administrative Staff and the East Hartford Board of Education members for giving the East Hartford High School's Class of 2020 a wonderful graduation, despite the restrictions due to Covid-19; (2) applications for several back to school programs, sponsored by the town's Social Services Department, are on-line at the town's website; (3) FoodShare has extended their stay at Rentschler Field until July 31<sup>st</sup>; (4) the town's re-opening will be slow and measured and probably won't be fully opened until Labor Day weekend; (5) AARP will hold a curbside, drive-through event for seniors who need to have their taxes filed; (6) the Sounds of Summer Concert series has been suspended due to Covid-19; (7) the Parks & Recreation Department has developed guidelines for their summer camp and pool programs: pools will be opened to the general public on July 6<sup>th</sup>, but no swim lessons for children; no pre-school or special needs camps this summer; (8) the Farmers' Market will open on Friday

July 10<sup>th</sup> until October 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm on the lawn of the Raymond Library; (9) the Census Day of Action is tomorrow June 17<sup>th</sup>; (10) East Hartford Youth Services is holding a virtual movie screening of a film titled "Angst"; (11) the East Hartford Public Library is sponsoring summer programming which includes Teen Tuesdays, arts and crafts and more; (12) the new bulky waste permits go in effect July 1<sup>st</sup>; (13) phase II of the Governor's reopen Connecticut plan goes into effect tomorrow; (14) Covid-19's test population is on the rise in East Hartford and throughout the state of Connecticut; 125 East Hartford residents have been hospitalized and 89 deaths have occurred; (15) one response to the RFQ for the development of the former Showcase Cinema property has been received from a seasoned Rhode Island developer; (16) the reopening of the town from the pandemic is on-going; the different subcommittees of the Recovery Team are also planning for the possibility of a flare-up in the Fall; (17) the Senior Center renovations are on time and on budget; (18) the road repair program has begun in the Cambridge Drive area; funds have been allocated to repair/repave Westerly Terrace Extension, Kennedy Road area, Salem Road and Mallard Drive; and (19) new steps have been poured at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center.

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Connor Martin wished Awet Tsegai a Happy Birthday.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION        By Esther Clarke  
                  seconded by Don Bell  
                  to **adjourn** (11:28 p.m.).  
                  Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Attest



Angela M. Attenello  
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK