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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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JUNE 18, 2019

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Linda A. Russo, Majority Leader Ram Aberasturia, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc Weinberg and Patricia Harmon

ABSENT Councillors Joseph R. Carlson, Shelby J. Brown and Caroline Torres

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:37p.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

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) commented on the number of Democratic Councillors who are not seeking reelection in November; (2) the supplemental budget transfer of approximately \$2M to balance the FY19 budget; and (3) asked that the town post the employee salaries and pensions being paid to reflect the step increases and salary increases.

Mayor Leclerc: (1) the EHPD received their CALEA certification on June 5th; (2) Ice Cream with a Cop will be Wednesday, June 19th from Noon to 2PM at the Dairy Queen on Main Street; (3) there are several events sponsored by the Library, including Caribbean Heritage month, Stem Camp for Children, and much more for all age groups.; (4) Tuesday August 6th from 5PM to 8PM is National Night Out which will be held on the front lawn of the Public Safety Complex; (5) the renovations to the Wickham Library and the new Senior Center are underway with final plans being reviewed; (6) the CRDA has written the RFP for the demolition of the Showcase Cinemas; (7) State Representative Jeff Currey asked that the town fly the LGBTQ flag in the front of Town Hall; (8) Mayor Leclerc stated that if any East Hartford resident has a suggestion or idea for something, she urged them to step forward; and (9) MDC bills the East Hartford Fire Department \$110,000 annually for the town's fire hydrants; the bill received this year for the hydrants was \$135,000.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 4, 2019 Executive Session

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Linda Russo

to **approve** the minutes of the June 4, 2019 Executive Session.
Motion carried 6/0.

June 4, 2019 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Pat Harmon
 to **approve** the minutes of the June 4, 2019 Regular Meeting.
 Motion carried 6/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Resignation of Susan Skowronek from the Planning and Zoning Commission

The Chair announced the resignation of Susan Skowronek from the town's Planning & Zoning Commission where she was designated as an Alternate. He thanked her for her service to the town.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to take item 8.G. 1&2 under New Business, entitled "Island Time in East Hartford" and "RiMaConn Relay" out of order to accommodate those present.
 Motion carried 6/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Island Time in East Hartford

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Pat Harmon
 to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Island Time in East Hartford" as submitted by Sarah Kline Morgan, Library Director of the East Hartford Public Library, to conduct an event that will feature dance and music in honor of Caribbean Heritage month on Saturday, June 29th at the East Hartford Public Library located at 840 Main St, from 1PM to 4:30PM; 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.
 Motion carried 6/0.

RiMaConn Relay

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Linda Russo

General Fund From Account Number	Name	Amount
G5203-60110	Police - Permanent Services	300,000
G8100-60110	Parks and Rec. - Permanent Services	61,000
	TOTAL	361,000

The funds being transferred are certified as available and unobligated.

Motion carried 6/0.

Supplemental Budget Appropriation and Fund Balance Transfer

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

RESOLUTION CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND FUND BALANCE TRANSFER TO FUND A YEAR-END DEFICIT IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

WHEREAS, the Town of East Hartford has experienced higher than budgeted costs in the Information Technology line for unplanned software and infrastructure needs, in the Assessor's Department for legal costs to defend the Pratt revaluation lawsuit, in the Fire Department Overtime, Holiday, and Permanent Services accounts as a result of vacancies, minimum staffing provisions in the collectively bargained labor agreement, and pending retirements, and in a variety of Public Works accounts for tank removal, overtime, utility costs, rising vehicle maintenance, higher refuse disposal fees due to a MIRA mid-year turbine breakdown, as well as funding for unbudgeted capital projects at the Community Cultural Center and Second North School, and

WHEREAS, these expenses have been or will be paid from the Town's General Fund by June 30, 2019, and

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 2018-19.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve this Supplemental Budget Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,200,000 from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of funding a fiscal year 2018-19 deficit as listed below and does hereby amend the current 2018-19 fiscal year Operating Budget to reflect the attached Supplemental Revenue Appropriation and Expenditure Appropriation.

G0320-55900	Fund Balance Appropriation	2,200,000
G3300-64500	IT – Capital Equipment	200,000
G3600-63138	Assessor – Contract Services	100,000
G3800-63499	Employee Benefits – Severance	50,000
G5317-60141	Fire Suppression – Overtime	775,000
G7200-63175	Public Works – Engineering - Prof. Services	100,000
G7300-60141	Public Works – Highway Overtime	210,000
G7400-63410	Public Works – Waste – Tipping Fees	50,000
G7700-60110	Public Works – Fleet – Permanent Services	366,000
G7800-65252	Public Works – Buildings – Electricity	75,000
G7800-65254	Public Works – Buildings – Water	40,000
G7807-63489	Public Works – Second North School Roof	76,000
G7807-69273	Public Works – EHCCC – HVAC	158,000

Funds certified as unobligated and available.

On call of the vote, motion carried 6/0.

Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund Transfer FY2018-2019

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 that in accordance with Article 7 §10-38 of the Town of East Hartford
 Code of Ordinances, the Town Council **approve** the Board of Educations'
 request to expend \$906,914 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 6/0.

Approval of Sale of Individual Tax Liens

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **approve** the sale of tax liens as listed on the report attached to a
 memorandum dated June 11, 2019 from Finance Director Michael Walsh
 to Mayor Marcia Leclerc which lists and enumerates 42 properties,
 along with the amount of the tax lien for each property and the high bid for
 each property, resulting from the request for proposal relevant to the tax
 lien sale and to **award** the high bid for the 42 properties which collectively totals
 \$620,876.46 as follows:

➤ FIG Capital Investments – 37 bids totaling	\$539,135.10
➤ RTLF-CT, LLC – 3 bids totaling	\$ 50,486.05
➤ 60 Wooster, LLC – 1 bid totaling	\$ 50,000.00
➤ M. Cruickshank Co, LLC – 1 bid totaling	\$ 25,467.94

Motion carried 6/0.

Referral to Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: 78 North Meadow Lane

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **refer** to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee the
 possible acquisition of 78 North Meadow Lane with instructions to discuss
 the issue and report back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if
 any.
 Motion carried 6/0.

Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions

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

- Veterans Commission:
Tia Woods, 4 Simmons Road term to expire December 2019
- Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities:
Veronica Rosario, 210 Plain Drive term to expire December 2019

Motion carried 6/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Pat Harmon
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$ 14,566.09
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 6/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2017-03-0050233	ACAR LEASING LTD	2016/1G11B5SA1GF125865	-253.93
2017-01-0016070	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES CENTRALIZED REFUNDS	478 BURNSIDE AVE	-11,874.50
2017-03-0067005	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2016/19UDE2F3XGA015532	-239.44
2017-03-0068900	JULMISSE PIERRE A	2006/3VWRG71K96M752133	-20.83
2017-04-0085956	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2015/1N4AL3AP2FN900537	-34.78
2019-99-001449	SYKES COLLETTE	PARKING TICKET	-45.00
2017-03-0088531	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	2015/1VWAT7A32FC010238	-291.24
2017-01-0005143	WELLS FARGO MORTGAGE	33 MELTON DR	-1,796.37
	TOTAL		-\$14,556.09

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Esther Clarke informed the Council that she recently received an invoice from MDC in the amount of \$2.50, which is a new fee that will be billed monthly for the inspection of her back flow pump at her home once every five years.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **adjourn** (9:24 p.m.).
 Motion carried 6/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be July 16th.

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