

*Robert J. Russo*

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TOWN CLERK  
EAST HARTFORD

JUNE 19, 2018

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

ABSENT Councillor Shelby J. Brown

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 recognize the life of Bernard "Bernie" Kehoe, a former Town Councillor and the Chair's father. Bernie was elected to the Council in 1953 and served until 1962, when he became the town's first I.T. Director, a job he held for 25 years until his retirement in 1987. An integral part of the growth of East Hartford, he served on the Planning, Ordinance and Development Commissions, experiencing significant changes to the landscape of East Hartford. An active member of the Democratic Party, he was involved in town politics for 65 years, gaining deep respect from people on "both sides of the aisle". Bernie was also a charter member of the East Hartford Lions Club, a charter member of the Knights of Columbus, a loving husband to Dolores and father to Pamela, Richard, Timothy and Christopher. He will be sorely missed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Leclerc (1) on behalf of the town expressed her sincere condolences to Chair Kehoe on the passing of his father; (2) the Farmers' Market will begin its 26<sup>th</sup> year on July 6<sup>th</sup> on the front lawn of the Raymond Library; (3) the concerts in Great River Park begin July 5<sup>th</sup>; (4) introduced Keith Chapman, the interim Public Works Director (see below); (5) the permits for the town's transfer station must be renewed on July 1<sup>st</sup>; (6) the town's pools open tomorrow, June 20<sup>th</sup>; (7) there will be a Summer Splash party on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at Terry Pool from 1pm to 4pm; (8) this month there will be "Ice Cream with a Cop" on Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> at Dairy Queen from 12pm to 2pm; (9) the tax bills were mailed out yesterday and are due July 1<sup>st</sup>, but payable by August 1<sup>st</sup>; (10) congratulated all of East Hartford's graduates at every level of their educational career; and (11) the Fire Departments promotional ceremony was held today in Council Chambers – 4 firefighters were advancements and a new Assistant Chief was appointed.

Keith Chapman, the newly appointed interim Public Works Director, gave a brief summary of his 40-year career as a municipal employee – mainly in the public works department – for various towns in Connecticut.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### June 5, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
                 seconded by Marc Weinberg  
                 to **approve** the minutes of the June 5, 2018 Regular Meeting.  
                 Motion carried 8/0.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

### 2018 Proposed Bond Referenda: \$15M Road Program and \$2M Town Hall Improvements

Mayor Leclerc introduced Gregg Verallis, Facilities Manager, who summarized the items that would be repaired under the \$2M Town Hall Improvements bond: (1) roof replacement; (2) masonry repairs; (3) HVAC replacement; (4) electrical system upgrade; (5) solar panels; (6) state-mandated elevator upgrade; (7) cupola renovation; and (8) front exterior renovation (front steps included). Also included in the cost estimates is the fee to retain an architect.

Jeff LeBeau, Town Engineer, and Keith Chapman, Interim Public Works Director, spoke to the Council on the five areas that would be covered under the proposed \$15M bond: (1) Cambridge Drive area; (2) Forest Street; (3) Goodwin Street; (4) McKee Street & Remington Road; and (5) Mohawk Drive Area. The Cambridge Drive area is designated for the 2019 construction year; the other 4 are designated under the 2020 construction year.

## NEW BUSINESS

### End of Fiscal Year 2017-2018:

#### Preliminary Year-end Financial Results

Michael Walsh, Finance Director, reviewed the 2017-2018 fiscal year results with the Town Council. He stated that it was a very good close to the year, considering the state's budgetary issues. Of the 122 revenue accounts in the town budget, 5 showed increased revenues: Inspections & Permits, Fire Marshall, Tax Collections, Conveyance Tax, and Police Private Duty. As a percentage of budget, Fund Balance at the end of the year is at 12%.

MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
                 seconded by Marc Weinberg  
                 to **approve** the interdepartmental transfers for fiscal year 2017-2018  
                 consistent with the transfers listed in a memorandum from Finance Director  
                 Michael Walsh to Mayor Marcia Leclerc dated June 19, 2018 totaling  
                 \$1,007,000.00 in transfers within the General Fund as follows:

The Town of East Hartford  
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018  
Year-End Budget Transfers

19-Jun-18

| General Fund To<br>Account Number   | Name                                      | Amount    |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| G2200-63230                         | Corp. Counsel – Legal                     | 135,000   |
| G5317-60141                         | Fire - Overtime                           | 250,000   |
| G7200-63175                         | Public Works – Prof. Engineering Services | 150,000   |
| G8100-67300                         | Parks – Golf Course Subsidy               | 10,000    |
| G9700-63258                         | Capital Improvement – Debt Service        | 1,000     |
| C1410-52000                         | Town – Capital Reserve                    | 461,000   |
|                                     | TOTAL                                     | 1,007,000 |
| General Fund From<br>Account Number | Name                                      | Amount    |
| G1300-60135                         | Registrar of Voters – Election Officials  | 5,000     |
| G2100-60110                         | Mayor's Office – Permanent Services       | 25,000    |
| G2300-63129                         | Human Resources – Consultant              | 35,000    |
| G2400-60121                         | Library – Temp. Services                  | 40,000    |
| G2600-63129                         | Youth Services – Consultants              | 5,000     |
| G6100-60141                         | Inspections and Permits – Overtime        | 10,000    |
| G9200-60123                         | Nursing – Part-time Wages                 | 5,000     |
| G9400-63402                         | Social Services – Emergency Relief        | 5,000     |
| G3800-63499                         | Employee Benefits – Severance             | 225,000   |
| G5203-60141                         | Police – Overtime                         | 288,000   |
| G9600-60201                         | Contingency – Reserve for Negotiations    | 364,000   |
|                                     | TOTAL                                     | 1,007,000 |

The funds being transferred are certified as available and unobligated.

Motion carried 8/0.

Approval of Sale of Individual Tax Liens

MOTION By Joe Carlson  
seconded by Linda Russo  
to **approve** the sale of tax liens as listed on the report attached to a memorandum dated June 8, 2018 from Finance Director Michael Walsh to Mayor Marcia Leclerc which lists and enumerates 38 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

- FIG Capital Investments – 30 bids totaling \$657,130.63
- TLOA of CT, LLC – 8 bids totaling \$120,387.78

Motion carried 8/0.

Recommendation from Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee: 1238 Silver Lane

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to recommend that the Town **not** accept the gift of the property known as 1238 Silver Lane from the Lange Trust (established under the Last Will & Testament of Merwin J. Yanner), given the restrictions on the future use of the property and the cost to repair or demolish the existing residence on the property.  
Motion carried 8/0.

Referral to Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: 111 Ellington Road

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Joe Carlson  
to **refer** to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee the  
possible acquisition of a 4.48 acre parcel of land known as 111 Ellington  
Road, with instructions to investigate the matter and report back to the  
Town Council with its recommendation if any.  
Motion carried 8/0.

Referral to Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: Easement Agreement  
with 13-17 Village Street, LLC – Access to Town Levee

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **refer** to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee the consideration of entering into an Easement Agreement with 13-17 Village Street LLC, which would allow the town access across a parking lot at the rear of 13-17 Village Street for repairs to the levee, with instructions to investigate the matter and report back to the Town Council with its recommendation if any.  
Motion carried 8/0.

Referral to Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: 41-43Village Street

MOTION      By Linda Russo  
                     seconded by Marc Weinberg

to **refer** to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee the possible acquisition of 41-43 Village Street, which would allow the town more permanent and economical repairs to the levee, with instructions to investigate the matter and report back to the Town Council with its recommendation if any.  
Motion carried 8/0.

#### Refund of Taxes

**MOTION** By Marc Weinberg  
seconded by Linda Russo  
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$26,814.09  
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.  
Motion carried 8/0.

| Bill            | Name                        | Prop Loc/Vehicle Info. | Int<br>Paid  | Over Paid        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| 2016-03-0087617 | ALLY FINANCIAL LOUISVILLE   | 2014/1GCNKPEH3EZ151618 |              | -221.28          |
| 2016-03-0087625 | ALLY FINANCIAL LOUISVILLE   | 2014/1C6RR7FT9ES147783 |              | -364.13          |
| 2016-09-0087625 | ALLY FINANCIAL LOUISVILLE   | 2014/1C6RR7FT9ES147783 |              | -79.65           |
| 2016-03-0052349 | AYOUB MEGHAN L              | 2013/5NPDH4AE5DH282446 |              | -113.26          |
| 2016-03-0053617 | BILODEAU MARC A             | 2015/1FTEX1EPXFFC81551 |              | -329.60          |
| 2016-01-0002332 | CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES      | 23 HERITAGE LN         |              | -4,396.83        |
| 2016-01-0006244 | CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES      | 33 GAIL RD             |              | -2,390.85        |
| 2016-01-0006885 | CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES      | 1775 MAIN ST           |              | -3,539.34        |
| 2016-01-0011268 | CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES      | 235 EAST RIVER DR 904  |              | -6,784.14        |
| 2016-01-0014065 | CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES      | 263 TIMBER TR          |              | -4,804.04        |
| 2016-04-0082063 | DAILEY SKYLEN S             | 2007/5GZCZ63487S865848 |              | -12.09           |
| 2015-01-0004759 | DEVIVO JOSEPH S             | 171 ROXBURY RD         |              | -2,181.79        |
| 2016-04-0082800 | ENTERPRISE FM TRUST         | 2017/1FMCU9GD2HUC11991 |              | -428.22          |
| 2015-04-0083593 | GARCIA KRISTINA M           | 2003/2HNYD188X3H522667 | \$17.10      | -71.23           |
| 2015-03-0066919 | HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST | 2013/KNDPBCA26D7407019 |              | -439.56          |
| 2016-03-0072191 | MALINOWSKI LUKASZ           | 2004/YS3ED49A843012357 |              | -74.11           |
| 2015-03-0075149 | NISSAN INFINITI LT          | 2013/1N4AL3AP4DN506499 |              | -158.77          |
| 2016-03-0088958 | WHITE LAURA A               | 2015/5J8TB4H54FL012062 |              | -275.55          |
| 2016-09-0088958 | WHITE LAURA A               | 2015/5J8TB4H54FL012062 |              | -132.55          |
|                 | <b>SUBTOTAL</b>             |                        | <b>17.10</b> | <b>26,796.99</b> |
|                 | <b>TOTAL</b>                |                        |              | <b>26,814.09</b> |

#### Appointments to Various Boards/Commissions

**MOTION** By Esther Clarke  
seconded by Pat Harmon  
to **approve** the following appointments:



O'Neil, its Recreation Supervisor, to conduct a car show for viewing with awards and musical entertainment at Sunset Ridge School, 450 Forbes Street, on Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to approx. 5PM – music from 1PM to 5PM – with a rain date of Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> utilizing the same times for the car show and music; 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 8/0.

## Annual Fall Fest

MOTION By Marc Weinberg  
seconded by Linda Russo  
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 13, 2018 from 11AM to 3PM (rain date Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>) with music during the same hours, featuring musical entertainment, 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 8/0.

## Mike DelGuidice & Big Shot: The Ultimate Billy Joel Experience

MOTION · By Linda Russo  
seconded by Pat Harmon  
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Mike DelGuidice & Big Shot: The Ultimate Billy Joel Experience", as submitted by Rachel Gaudette, Advancement Executive Assistant for Goodwin College Foundation, Inc., to conduct a concert to benefit student scholarships to take place on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 5PM to 10Pm at Goodwin College Green, One Riverside Drive, with food trucks and a liquor vendor; 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 8/0.

### Head of the Riverfront Regatta – Rescission of Previous Motion

MOTION By Joe Carlson  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **rescind** the following motion presented and approved at the April 17,  
2018 Town Council meeting:

that the Town Council 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 on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 6AM to 5PM, with a flood and rain date of Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>; 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.

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

Head of the Riverfront Regatta – revised application

MOTION      By Joe Carlson  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
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 on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 6AM to 5PM, with a flood and rain date of Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>; 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 8/0.

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Aselton Memorial Snow Dash 5K

MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled “27<sup>th</sup> 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 6, 2019 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 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Pat Harmon reported that an accident on Brewer Street across from Hamilton Road caused extensive damage to a bench at the bus stop. She believes it should be cleaned up before someone gets hurt. *Mayor Leclerc said she would look into it.*



Linda Russo inquired on recent construction activity at 333 East River Drive. *The Mayor stated that American Eagle Federal Credit Union is reconfiguring the land to accommodate new entrance and exit locations and different uses of the land.*

Ram Aberasturia reported that residents on Brook Street (connects Old Main to King Street) have told him of speeding on a regular basis and asked if it would be possible to have a traffic study or to assign additional officers at this location. *The Mayor will look into it.*

Caroline Torres said that there is speeding on Old Main Street as well. *The Mayor agreed that speeding in East Hartford - and throughout the state of Connecticut - is a problem and that the EHPD does the best they can.*

Esther Clarke was told that the Mayor is driving a black car and not the white Ford Explorer that she normally drives. *The Mayor indicated that the Explorer is undergoing minor repairs and will be returned to her soon.*

Joe Carlson asked if the 7-11 on the corner of Brewer and Main Street, which had recently been closed and boarded up, has re-opened. *The Mayor stated that she had contacted the owners after it had closed very suddenly and was told by the owners that the building had already been rented.*

#### COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

None

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By Esther Clarke  
                  seconded by Linda Russo  
                  to **adjourn** (9:25 p.m.).  
                  Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be July 10<sup>th</sup>.

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