

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JUNE 21, 2016

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Majority Leader Linda A. Russo, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I. Weinberg, Ram Aberasturia, Joseph R. Carlson and Michael G. Kurker

ABSENT Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr. and Councillor Patricia Harmon

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:55 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.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **amend** the agenda as follows:

Under New Business add item 8. F. "Appointments to the Patriotic Commission, the Inland Wetlands Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission".

Motion carried 7/0.

At the suggestion of the first speaker below, the Chair called for a moment of silence to honor the lives of the victims of the Orlando shooting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Rafael Zeligzon, 430 Burnside Avenue, addressed the Council on the questionable activities at the convenience store at 442 Burnside Avenue.

Susan Kniep, 44-46 and 50 Olde Roberts Street (1) suggested the Town Council call for an audit of the Inspections and Permits department; (2) agrees with a review of Boards and Commissions especially the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals; and (3) believes that executive session matters should be discussed openly – not behind closed doors.

Mayor Leclerc (1) has sent nearly 900 letters to residents who use the ADA system explaining their options; and (2) the town's tax bills were sent out today.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 7, 2016 Executive Session/Labor Contract Negotiations

MOTION By Linda Russo

seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the minutes of the June 7, 2016 Executive Session/Labor
Contract Negotiations.
Motion carried 7/0.

June 7, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the minutes of the June 7, 2016 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 7/0.

NEW BUSINESS

End of Fiscal Year 2015-20156

Preliminary Year-end Financial Results

Michael Walsh, Finance Director, reviewed the 2015-2016 fiscal year results with the Town Council. There was an uptick in Police Private Duty billing and a favorable increase in Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax collections. Due to minimum staffing requirements, absences due to injuries, military leave and open positions, the Fire Department is faced with a deficit of \$850,000 in their overtime account. Fund Balance should end at close to 8% of budget.

Interdepartmental Budget Transfers

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the interdepartmental transfers for fiscal year 2015-2016
consistent with the transfers listed in a memorandum from Finance Director
Michael Walsh to Mayor Marcia Leclerc dated June 10, 2016 totaling
\$765,000.00 in transfers with in the General Fund as follows:

General Fund To		
Account Number	Name	Amount
G1200-60110	Town Clerk - Permanent	2,000
G2100-60110	Mayor's Office - Permanent	30,000
G2200-60110	Corp. Counsel - Permanent	75,000
G2300-60110	Human Resources - Permanent	70,000
G2400-60110	Library - Permanent	50,000
G3800-63499	Employee Benefits - Reserve for Severance	100,000
G5317-60141	Fire Suppression - Overtime	438,000
	TOTAL	765,000

General Fund From		
Account Number	Name	Amount
G5203-60110	Police - Permanent	50,000
G6100-60110	Inspections - Permanent	60,000
G7100-60110	Public Works - Permanent	300,000
G9600-60110	Contingency - Permanent	355,000
	TOTAL	765,000

The funds being transferred are certified as available and unobligated.

Motion carried 7/0.

Supplemental Budget Appropriation & Fund Balance Transfer

MOTION By Linda Russo
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 FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

WHEREAS, the Town of East Hartford Fire Department overtime and related expenses are paid from the Town's General Fund, and

WHEREAS, higher overtime, predominately related to minimum staffing in the Fire contract were paid from the Fire Department budget, and

WHEREAS, 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 2015-16.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve this Supplemental Budget Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$412,000 from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of funding a fiscal year 2015-16 deficit as listed below and does hereby amend the current 2015-16 fiscal year Operating Budget to reflect the attached Supplemental Revenue Appropriation and Expenditure Appropriation.

G0320-55900	Fund Balance Appropriation	412,000
G5317-60141	Fire Suppression – Overtime	412,000

Funds certified as unobligated and available.

On call of the vote, motion carried 7/0.

Board of Education Capital Reserve Fund Transfer FY2015-2016

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 \$882,660 (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 at Early Childhood Learning Center at Hockanum School, Silver Lane School, Woodland School and O'Brien School 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 7/0.

CT Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Memorandum of Understanding

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the East Hartford Police Department with the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, which will allow for the Town of East Hartford's participation in the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

On call of the vote, motion carried 7/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$9,707.06
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 7/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2012-03-0055437	CAREY ALANNA R	2009/1B3LC56B39N509656	-409.60
2014-01-0012341	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES	1-3 ROSE ST	-2,599.35
2014-01-0003710	HSBC MORTGAGE C/O CORELOGIC	82 MICHAEL AVE	-5,253.52
2014-03-0075442	NISSAN MOTOR ACCEPTANCE CORP	2013/1N4AL3AP4DC919275	-45.82
2014-03-0075492	NISSAN MOTOR ACCEPTANCE CORP	2014/5N1AT2MV1EC751994	-181.60
2014-03-0075548	NISSAN MOTOR ACCEPTANCE CORP	2012/3N1AB6AP5CL628787	-283.23
2014-03-0075559	NISSAN MOTOR ACCEPTANCE CORP	2014/5N1AR2MM2EC669505	-360.08
2014-03-0077769	PETERSON D L TRUST	2010/2T1LE4EE6AC015877	-306.21
2014-03-0077800	PETERSON D L TRUST	2009/1FTYR10E19PA21860	-234.03
2014-03-0081560	RUSSELL GAYLE	2003/JH4DC54873S003409	-33.62
Total			-9707.06

Referral to Ordinance Committee – Review of Boards/Commissions

MOTION By Joe Carlson
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **refer** to the Ordinance Committee (1) a review of the possibility of
 combining and/or eliminating some of the town's Boards and
 Commissions; and (2) a review of the roles and responsibilities of the
 clerks and secretaries of the town's Boards and Commissions and to report
 back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.
 Motion carried 7/0.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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

- To the Patriotic Commission: Joshua Quintana; whose term shall
expire December 2017;
- To the Inland Wetlands Commission: Joshua Quintana, as an
alternate; whose term shall expire December 2019; and
- To the Planning & Zoning Commission; Henry Pawlowski, as an
alternate; whose term shall expire December 2019

Motion carried 7/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Esther Clarke inquired on what the state's additional budget cuts will be for East Hartford. *Mayor Leclerc has not heard anything yet.*

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Pending CHRO/Employment Claim: Police Officer Frank Iacono

No action taken.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Mayor Leclerc (1) reminded all about the Sounds of Summer concerts being held this year; (2) Parks and Recreation will hold a car show this weekend; (3) brush and grass clippings are now being accepted at the landfill; and (4) the "No Child Hungry" Program was kicked off today.

Mike Walsh introduced Trent Sullivan, the town's new Risk Manager, to the Council. Mr. Sullivan addressed the Council on his role as Risk Manager for the town.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **adjourn** (9:25 p.m.).
 Motion carried 7/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be July 12th.

Attest _____
 Angela M. Attenello
 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK