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#### EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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#### TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

# TOWN CLERK EAST HARTFURD

#### **AUGUST 1, 2017**

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, 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

ABSENT Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr.

#### 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.

# OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Mayor Leclerc</u> (1) attended National Night Out today at the Public Safety Complex; (2) the Distracted Driving campaign will start tomorrow; (3) the Plan 9 campaign – which is preparedness training for emergencies – has started at Elms Village, Rochambeau and Hutt Heights; (4) business visitations are successful; and (5) the Mayor urged all to visit the town's website which contains the most current information on various programs for the residents of East Hartford.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### July 11, 2017 Executive Session

MOTION By Linda Russo

seconded by Ram Aberasturia

to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 Executive Session.

Motion carried 8/0.

#### July 11, 2017 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Linda Russo

seconded by Pat Harmon

to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried 8/0.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

#### Resignation of Paul Barry from Veterans' Affairs Commission and Patriotic Commission

Chair Kehoe announced the resignation of Paul Barry from both the Veterans' Affairs Commission and Patriotic Commission. He thanked Mr. Barry for his service to the community and wished him well in his future endeavors.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Recommendation from Ordinance Committee re: Section 10-4a "Vendor Services on Town-owned Property" and Section 10-19 "Sale or Lease of Town-owned Property"

MOTION By Joe Carlson

seconded by Esther Clarke

to **amend** the East Hartford Code of Ordinances by adding a new Section 10-4a in Chapter 10, entitled "Vendor Services on Town-owned Property",

such draft dated June 18, 2017 - as amended.

Motion carried 8/0.

MOTION

By Joe Carlson

seconded by Esther Clarke

to **amend** the East Hartford Code of Ordinances by substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 10-19 in Chapter 10, entitled "Sale or Lease of Town-owned Property" such draft dated May 30, 2017 – as amended.

Motion carried 8/0.

# Recommendation from Fees Committee re: Inspections 7 Permits Department Fee Changes

MOTION

By Marc Weinberg

seconded by Ram Aberasturia

to approve the changes requested by the Inspections & Permits Department as outlined in a memo dated June 13, 2017 from Greg Grew, Director of Inspections & Permits to Mayor Marcia Leclerc, and as amended by the Fees Committee at their July 11, 2017 meeting as follows:

> New Fee for Zoning Compliance Letters:

Residential: \$25.00

Commercial: \$50.00 (applies to 3-family plus & commercial

properties)

- > Fee for Cancellation of Permit and Refund of Permit Fee
  - 1. Fee will be \$400 for cancellation and in no event will the cancellation fee be greater than the value of the permit.
  - 2. There will be no reimbursement for permits over 90 days old
  - 3. For any permits over \$400, personnel costs will be subtracted before reimbursement

Motion carried 8/0.

# Outdoor Amusement Permit Application for Out of the Darkness Walk

#### Out of the Darkness Walk

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia seconded by Linda Russo

to approve the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Out of the Darkness Walk" submitted by Heather White, Area Director for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Northern CT Chapter, to conduct a charity walk on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 7AM to 1PM at Great River Park with refreshments, food and music to be provided from 8:30AM to 11AM, 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 §5-6(a) as this is a not-for-profit organization which hopes to bring attention to the issue of suicide prevention.

Motion carried 8/0.

# OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Mike Kurker has received questions on the town's meal program and asked for some background on that program. *Mayor Leclerc directed Councillor Kurker to the town's website.* 

Esther Clarke is interested in knowing how successful the meal program is and how many children are benefiting from this program. *Mayor Leclerc indicated that it is very well received.* 

Pat Harmon asked for an update on the recent shooting in Mayberry Village. *Mayor Leclerc indicated that she cannot discuss details since this is an ongoing investigation, but did say that it was not a random act.* 

#### COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Pending Superior Court action: Joan Zaugg v Jacqueline Veilleux, et al

MOTION

By Linda Russo

seconded by Ram Aberasturia

to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending state court action known as Joan Zaugg v Jacqueline Veilleux and Town of East Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV-15-6061692S, for the total

sum of \$16,500.00. Motion carried 8/0.

# Workers' Compensation Stipulation to Date: Raymond Jones

MOTION

By Linda Russo

seconded by Ram Aberasturia

to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to accept the stipulation to date in the amount of \$3,868.16 in the pending workers' compensation claim of Board of Education employee, Raymond Jones.

Motion carried 8/0.

# OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

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

<u>Tom Chodorowski</u> and <u>Bob McKone</u>, both Wethersfield residents, own several properties in Mayberry Village. They are concerned about the recent questionable activity in the neighborhood and believe a stronger police presence is needed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION

By Esther Clarke

seconded by Linda Russo to **adjourn** (8:25 p.m.). Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Attest <u>Ample h Attenulo</u> Angela M. Attenello

TOWN COUNCIL CLERK