#### EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

#### TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

#### **AUGUST 2, 2022**

PRESENT

Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina

Wilson, Minority Leader John Morrison, Councillors Angela Parkinson, Avant

Tsegai, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Tra

ALSO PRESENT Mayor Michael Walsh

Connor Martin, Chief of Staff

Laurence Burnsed, Director of Health and Social Services

Eileen Buckheit, Director of Development

Paul O'Sullivan, Grants Manager

Kevin Munson, Fire Chief

Richard Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel

**CALL TO ORDER** 

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. The Chair stated that this meeting was also available to the public through the "Teams" platform.

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 Awet Tsegai

seconded by Harry Amadasun to amend the agenda as follows:

under COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

- delete Item 10. A. entitled "The Pending Workers' Compensation Claim of former Board of Education Employee, Paris Walton", and;
- ➤ substitute in lieu thereof the following Item entitled "The Pending Superior Court Action known as Robert Scott Jones v Town of East Hartford (Docket No. LLI-CV22-6030274-S).

Motion carried 9/0.

# OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

Mayor Walsh commented on the following: (1) a Traffic Calming Committee will be formed through the Mayor's office; (2) National Night Out was held today at Gorman and Martin parks with K-9 demonstrations- approximately 200 people attended; (3) Parks & Recreation held a pool party attended by more than 100 people;(4) the primary election is next Tuesday, August 9th; (5) the town has partnered with the Justice Education Center to bring the "Inspire" Girls Summer Basketball program to East Hartford from August 15th thru August 19th for up to 100 participants; (6) the 35th annual Senior Picnic will be held at Pratt & Whitney's Athletic Field; (7) Robert Fitzgerald will be joining the Corporation Counsel's office on a temporary basis; (8) the last Sounds of Summer Outdoor Concert of the season will be held next Thursday, August 4th; (9) the EHPS Back to School Rally will be held on Wednesday, August 10th; and (10) the Social Services Department is now accepting applications for the Back-to-School Shoes and Coats for Kids Program.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

## July 12, 2022 Executive Session Re: Real Estate

MOTION

By Sebrina Wilson

seconded by Tom Rup

to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 Executive Session Re: Real

Estate.

Motion carried 9//0.

## July 12, 2022 Executive Session Re: Worker's Compensation

MOTION

By Sebrina Wilson

seconded by John Morrison

to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 Executive Session Re:

Worker's Compensation.

Motion carried 9/0

#### July 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

MOTION

By Sebrina Wilson

seconded by Awet Tsegai

to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried 9/0.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

# Ordinance 10-3(c) Disposition of Obsolete or Broken Town-Owned Equipment

The Chair stated that, since the town has privatized its trash collection, the Mayor intends to dispose of a front loader refuse vehicle which Public Works estimates its value at a minimum bid of \$125,000.00. Pursuant to §10-3 (c) of the Code of Ordinances, the Mayor

must notify the Council of his decision to dispose of such equipment. No action by the Council is necessary.

## Resignation: Boards and Commissions

Randolph Krause, Jr. is resigning from the Building Code Board of Appeals and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chair Kehoe thanked him for his service to the community.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Memorandum of Understanding between Connecticut's Local Health Departments re: Reciprocal Licensing of Itinerant Food Vendors

MOTION

By Don Bell

seconded by Angle Parkinson

that pursuant to §3.4 (c) of the East Hartford Town Charter, the Town Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding

between the Town of East Hartford and Other Connecticut local Health Departments and Districts for reciprocal licensing of itinerant Food Vendors as attached to a memo from Laurence Burnsed, Director of Health and Social Services to Michael P. Walsh, Mayor, dated July 21, 2022.

Motion carried 9/0.

Once fully executed, a copy of this agreement will follow these minutes.

## Approval of Silver Lane Redevelopment Plan

MOTION

By Angie Parkinson

seconded by Awet Tsegai

to approve the Silver Lane Redevelopment Plan, previously approved by the Redevelopment Agency after a public hearing on July 20, 2022 as provided in a memo from Eileen Buckheit to Mayor Michael P. Walsh in a memo dated July 21, 2022.

Motion carried 9/0.

## Bid Waiver re: Fire Department Repairs to Ladder 1 Truck

MOTION

By Awet Tsegai

seconded by Don Bell

pursuant to Section 10-7(c) of the Town of East Hartford Code of

Ordinances, the Town Council waives the bidding requirements of Section 10-7(a) of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances to authorize the Town to enter into a contract with Seagrave Fire Apparatus LLC for the repair of the aerial components of Ladder 1, in the amount of \$35,987.52.

Motion carried 9/0.

## Bid Waiver: Demolition of 1030 Tolland Street

MOTION

By Angie Parkinson seconded by Tom Rup

pursuant to Section 10-7(c) of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances, the Town Council waives the bidding requirements of Section 10-7(a) of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances to authorize the Town to enter into a contract with J and J Brothers, LLC for the demolition of 1030 Tolland Street, in the amount of 30,000.00, which is in the best interest of the Town as it will allow the Town to utilize a demolition contractor that has done previous work for the Town and will lead to an expedited demolition of a substantially fire damaged building that various owners through the years have failed to demolish pursuant to orders of the Town's Building Official.

Motion carried 9/0.

## Setting a Public Hearing Date of August 16, 2022 re: Bond Referenda

MOTION

By Don Bell

seconded by John Morrison to set a Public Hearing Date Of Tuesday August 16, 2022 @ 7p.m. in Council Chambers and via the Teams platform to hear public comment on the following proposed Bond Resolutions:

- Resolution Appropriating \$15,000,000 For Continued VIP Road Improvements, Engineering Road Improvements, Stormwater System and Sidewalk Repair and Authorizing The Issuance Of \$15,000,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose
- Resolution Appropriating \$3,000,000 For Acquisition of Fire Department Fleet Vehicles and Rescue Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,000,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose

Motion carried 9/0.

Appointments: Boards and Commissions

## Amendment to Inland Wetlands Appointment

MOTION

By Harry Amadasun seconded by Don Bell

to **amend** the motion previously adopted by this Town Council at its July 12, 2022 meeting, concerning appointments and re-appointments to various Boards and Commissions, to indicate the following:

Inland Wetlands Commission/Alternate
D - Gary Vollinger — 36 Brookfield Dr. - term to expire 12/23
Motion carried 9/0.

## East Hartford Housing Authority Board

MOTION

By Harry Amadasun

seconded by John Morrison

to **appointment** Debra Crockett-Hatzidakis as Tenant Commissioner to the East Hartford Housing Authority Board, term to run from August 1, 2022

through July 31, 2027. Motion carried 9/0.

## Amusement Permit Application: Harley Davidson Bike Night

MOTION

By Awet Tsegai

seconded by Angie Parkinson

to approve the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Hartford Harley Davidson Bike Night" as submitted by Scott Sansom, Chief of Police, scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm or shine with live entertainment and vendors at Hartford Harley Davidson, LLC, located 221 Governor Street, 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 9/0.

#### Refund of Taxes

MOTION

By Harry Amadasun

seconded by Angie Parkinson

to **approve** a total refund of taxes in the amount of \$18,978.95 pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2021-03-0051319	ANDERSON BILLY A	2020/1UJBJ0BK3L1J20202	-170.55
2021-03-0055390	CARIGNAN TONYA L	2013/1HGCR2F52DA114990	-78.78
2019-03-0056969	CLAUDIO MIGUEL A	2001/4T3ZF13C61U382906	-92.23
2021-03-0058858	DEBLOIS JOHN A	2012/4YMUL0815CV034428	-104.19
2020-03-0061138	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	2017/1FDXE4FS5HDC23179	-760.96
2020-03-0061140	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	2018/1FTEX1EP1JFA75348	-372.38

2021-03-0069938	LEWIN KEVIN A	1997/2HGEJ6679VH583022	-10.71
2020-04-0085598	MARTINEZ FELIX A	2009/JH4CU26629C018325	-32.31
2021-03-0072261	MCKELVEY WILMA V	2001/JHLRD18431C020948	-14.87
2021-03-0075053	NUNEZ LUIS G	2010/2C3CA5CV3AH125736	-44.48
2018-03-0078363	PORSCHE LEASING LTD	2018/WP1AA2A52JLB10926	-762.30
2021-03-0079085	RIVERA JANICE ROJAS-GUARDADO	2014/KMHDH4AE3EU201737	-219.60
2021-03-0080038	YENNY C	2003/1HGES16513L021422	-22.89
2021-03-0081275	SANTIAGO JOSE R	2013/1HGCR2F75DA005960	-78.56
2021-03-0082573	SMILEY LEONARD A STOP & SHOP	2002/1GYEK63N42R280220	-89.31
2021-02-0041499	SUPERMARKET CO	940 SILVER LN	-15,708.15
	TINSLEY WOODROW F		
2019-03-0086038	3RD TOMANY SHIRLEY M L/U	2010/1J4AA2D16AL203310	-217.35
2021-01-0014422	TOMANY KIMBERLY	72 BRANCH DR	-148.04
2021-03-0086707	WASHINGTON JAVIAN M	2011/5XYKUDA20BG179089	-51.29
		TOTAL	\$ (18,978.95)

# OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

<u>Don Bell</u> asked for an update on the Town's efforts regarding the Monkeypox issue. *Mayor Walsh indicated that he will confer with Lawrence Burnsed, Health Director for the update and get the information to the Councillors via email.* 

<u>Harry Amadasun</u> stated that the mosquito infestation numbers are significantly down due to the town's spraying the problem areas.

Travis Simpson thanked the Mayor for his detailed explanation of tonight's agenda items.

## COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

The pending Superior Court Action known as Robert Scott Jones v. Town of East Hartford (Docket No. LLI-CV22-6030274-S)

MOTION

By Sebrina Wilson seconded by Tom Rup

to accept the recommendation of the Assistant Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending Superior Court action known as Robert Scott Jones v. Town of East Hartford (Docket No. LLI-CV22-6030274-S) for a total sum of \$16,629.62.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Motion carried 9/0.

<u>Carlos Martinez Rivera</u>, 190 Burnside Avenue, thanked Mayor Walsh for his efforts to quiet down Burnside Avenue.

Mayor Walsh (1) introduced Colin Atwood, the new J! reporter assigned to East Hartford; and (2) reported that the town has 250 total miles of sidewalk, of which half will need to be repaired or replaced in the next 5 to 10 years.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION

By John Morrison seconded by Don Bell to adjourn (9:06p.m.) Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair wished all a good evening and announced that the next regular meeting of the Town Council would be August 16, 2022.

Attest

ACTING TOWN COUNCIL CLERK