

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

ALSO Mayor Michael Walsh

PRESENT 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

TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD
2022 AUG -8 AM 9:50

Richard F. Kehoe

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

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:

1. 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
2. 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

