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# TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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AUGUST 7, 2018

### PUBLIC HEARING/PROPOSED BONDS:

## TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS and ROAD REPAIR PROGRAM

PRESENT

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

Chair Kehoe called the public hearing to order at 7:07 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 following is a copy of a legal notice published in the EH Gazette on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> and in the Journal Inquirer on Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The Town Council of the Town of East Hartford will meet in Council Chambers, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the following proposed bond resolutions:

Resolution Appropriating \$4,500,000 for the Planning, Design, Replacement, Construction and Reconstruction of Improvements to the Town Hall and Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,500,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose

Resolution Appropriating \$15,000,000 for the Planning, Design, Construction and Reconstruction of Town Roads and Parking Lots 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

Copies of said resolutions are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk and the Town Council.

Angela Attenello
Town Council Clerk

Chair Kehoe summarized the background information on each resolution.

Road Repair Program: the proposed \$15M will continue the town's progress in repaving and repairing the roads – all of the arterial roads have been addressed as necessary and the side streets are now being worked on.

Town Hall Improvement Project: there are a number of improvements due for Town Hall – the major proponents being the replacement of the entire HVAC system, the renovation of the front exterior and the replacement of the roof and repair of the cupola.

The following citizens came forward:

Michael Seidman, 118 Jefferson Lane, (1) had questions regarding the cost estimates on the Town Hall improvements; (2) asked what the savings would be after the installation of the solar panels; (3) inquired if the entire list of renovations for Town Hall had to be done all at once; (4) questioned if the placement on the ballot would show as one bond question (combination of Town Hall Improvements & Road Repair) or two separate questions; and (5) believes that Brewer Street should be top priority when it comes to road repair.

<u>Susan Kniep</u>, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) has heard from several senior citizens who are having difficulty paying their taxes and are not in favor of increasing taxes due to the cost of the bond issue; and (2) stated that the road program should be audited by an auditor to ensure that money has been spent appropriately.

MOTION

By Esther Clarke seconded by Linda Russo to adjourn (7:29 p.m.).

Motion carried 9/0.

Attest

Ańgela M. Attenello Town Council Clerk