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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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AUGUST 7, 2018

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:30p.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

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) suggested that there be more frequent meetings with the East Hartford Housing Authority; (2) believes that the liaison reports should be part of the Town Council agenda – under Communications – and, therefore, part of the minutes; and (3) questioned if the contract with the attorney for the East Hartford Housing Authority has been renewed.

Mayor Leclerc (1) addressed the Council on the history of the Brewer Street road repair; (2) today is "National Night Out" at the Public Safety Complex; (3) the EHPD's Citizens Academy will begin September 5<sup>th</sup> and run for eight weeks; (4) August 1<sup>st</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup> is the "U-drive U-text U-Pay" program; (5) the last summer concert will be this Thursday from 6PM to 8PM in Great River Park; (6) the "Harry Potter and the Magic Escape Room" at Raymond Library has received statewide recognition; (7) the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Senior Picnic will be Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>; (8) Parks & Recreation will hold its last Splash Party of the season on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at Lord Pool from 1PM to 4PM; and (8) the town received a premium payment of \$48,000 back from CIRMA and thanked the town's new Risk Manager, Christine Sasen, for her efforts as well as the employees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 10, 2018 Executive Session

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **approve** the minutes of the July 10, 2018 Executive Session.  
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain:** Harmon

July 10, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **approve** the minutes of the July 10, 2018 Regular Meeting.  
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain:** Harmon

*To accommodate those present, the following motion was made.*

MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
                  seconded by Linda Russo  
                  to take item 8. D. 2. under New Business out of order.  
                  Motion carried 9/0.

#### Believe 208 Run for the Finest and Bravest

MOTION      By Marc Weinberg  
                  seconded by Linda Russo  
                  to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Believe 208 Run for the Finest and Bravest", submitted by Kathryn Kleis, Race Director for CABLE, INC., to hold a 5K run in memory of East Hartford Police Officer Paul Buchanan on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 9:30AM beginning at the Knights of Columbus, 1831 Main Street, East Hartford and into South Windsor, northbound on Main Street and return southbound on Main Street, with music and food at the event; 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 due to the town under the provisions of §5-6 (a) of the Code of Ordinances as this event is to increase awareness of the challenges that face all first responders.  
                  Motion carried 9/0.

*The Council now returned to the order of the agenda.*

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

##### Update from the East Hartford Housing Authority (EHHA): Veterans Terrace Project

Deb Bouchard, EHHA Executive Director, introduced Helen Muniz, Development Officer for Carabetta Corporation, and Carson Collier, Architect with Quisenberry Arcari & Malik, who are part of the development team that is in charge of the redevelopment of Veterans Terrace (VT).

Ms. Muniz addressed the Council on the redevelopment plan for VT. She indicated that the best way to fund this project is through the use of low-income housing tax credits – a program administered by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The project is a total of 150 units, which will be constructed in 3 phases:

- Phase I – 45 units: application submitted April 27, 2018
- Phase II – 54 units: application to be submitted October 31, 2018
- Phase III – 51 units (VT Extension): application to be submitted October 31, 2019

Given this timeline, Ms. Muniz estimated a total completion date for VT in 2021.

Mr. Collier briefly reviewed the blueprints and renderings with the Council. He indicated that the current site will be demolished. The interior design of the units will be an open-floor plan, with private stair entries (no common corridors) for each unit. Mr. Collier also spoke to the many accessibility needs required by state building codes, such as larger bathrooms and turning radiuses, which are all part of this redevelopment project. Additionally, a new community center will be built in VT Extension.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Recommendation from Budget Committee re: Information Technology Director

MOTION        By Joe Carlson  
                  seconded by Marc Weinberg  
                  to **adopt** the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO WORK WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO HIRE AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR TO MANAGE A TOWNWIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS the Town and Board of Education individually operate Information Technology Departments that provide town-wide network connectivity, computer application support, end-user training, troubleshooting, hardware and software support, including telephones, for the Police Department, Fire Department, schools, and all other town departments; and

WHEREAS the science of Information Technology has become increasingly complex while constantly evolving, resulting in a desire to create a unified leadership position so that a proper emphasis on the strategic deployment of technology assets and staff to protect critical infrastructure while shepherding the town's entrance into new, evolving technology is achieved.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to work with the Superintendent of Schools toward the goal of creating an Information Technology Director position to oversee all Information Technology functions.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the details of the position shall be mutually determined between the Mayor and Superintendent of Schools and that the Town shall budget an annual payment to be made to the Board of Education to offset half the cost of this new position employed by the Board.

On call of the vote, motion carried 9/0.

### Contingency Transfer: Statewide Primary

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                  seconded by Esther Clarke  
                  to **approve** the contingency fund transfer of \$33,484 to cover the costs incurred by holding a Democrat and Republican Statewide Primary for various elective offices in East Hartford on August 14, 2018 as follows:

From G9600-63492	Contingency Reserve	\$33,484
To G1300-60135	Registrar of Voters – Election Officials	\$23,575
To G1300-62360	Registrar of Voters – Election Day Expenses	\$9,909

Motion carried 9/0.

## Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has funding available to the Town of East Hartford under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program; and

WHEREAS these funds may be used to improve or enhance Law Enforcement Programs with no cash match required by the Town of East Hartford.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED That Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is authorized to make application to, and execute and approve on behalf of this corporation, any and all documents, contracts, and amendments as may be required as they pertain to this Justice Assistance Grant.

On call of the vote. motion carried 9/0

## Sunset Movie Screening of Leap

MOTION By Shelby Brown  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Sunset Movie Screening of Leap" submitted by Josh Urrutia, Director of Events, for Riverfront Recapture to conduct a movie screening in Great River Park from 8PM to 11PM on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>; 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 permit fee and any associated town expenses for this event pursuant to the resolution passed by the Town Council on June 3, 2014.  
Motion carried 9/0.

## Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg  
seconded by Linda Russo  
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$11,330.14  
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.  
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	Over Paid
2017-03-0050392	ADAMOVICH VERONICA	2006/3FAHP07Z16R140768	0.00	-34.65
2016-01-0000312	ALBRO ROBERTS ST	330 ROBERTS ST	0.00	-4,937.44
2017-03-0051585	ANTWI PAUL	2008/1N4AL21E78N450136	0.00	-115.56
2015-04-0080426	ARGENTA MARISSA M	2007/2HGFA55537H702216	-48.88	-259
2016-03-0051681	ARGENTA MARISSA M	2007/2HGFA55537H702216	-32.74	-150.32
2016-09-0051681	ARGENTA MARISSA M	2007/2HGFA55537H702216	-2.00	-43.4
2014-03-0051533	ARGENTA MARISSA M	2007/2HGFA55537H702216	-134.02	-371.02
2016-09-0078911	BABIEC SHIRLEY	2005/KM8SC73D65U932206	0.00	-34.08

2017-03-0078935	BABIEC SHIRLEY	2005/KM8SC73D65U932206	0.00	-159.3
2017-03-0053668	BILODEAU RAYMOND	2002/4T1BF28B32U261106	0.00	-36.76
2017-03-0053799	BLANCO FLOORING LLC	2002/1FTSS34L12HB45237	0.00	-22.45
2017-03-0055946	CARRASCO PABLO	1989/JM2UF414XK0789670	0.00	-6.39
2017-03-0057440	COLLINS RUSSELL S	2016/5NPDH4AE9GH654200	0.00	-98.41
2016-03-0057314	COLON ANGELA M	2000/2HKRL185XYH526557	0.00	-46.3
2016-03-0057315	COLON ANGELA M	1999/2T1BR18E1XC228769	0.00	-9.97
2016-01-0008212	CORELOGIC TAX SERV	53 KENCove DR	0.00	-2,725.37
2017-03-0059012	DALESSANDRO JENNIFE	2006/1YVHP80C065M64452	0.00	-289.28
2016-09-0060266	DISCHERT SUSAN M	2006/2B3KA43R66H314457	0.00	-38.03
2017-03-0060385	DISCHERT SUSAN M	2006/2B3KA43R66H314457	0.00	-157.5
2016-03-0061676	EMR TRANSPORT LLC	2002/1FUJBBG42LK42576	0.00	-101.82
2016-09-0061676	EMR TRANSPORT LLC	2002/1FUJBBG42LK42576	0.00	-22.27
2016-09-0062402	FIGUEROA MOISES	2000/1FTSS34S5YHA74186	0.00	-32.07
2016-09-0062403	FIGUEROA MOISES	2006/19UUA66296A000593	0.00	-47.65
2016-09-0062404	FIGUEROA MOISES	2007/1FMEU75E67UA72486	0.00	-57.55
2017-03-0062514	FIGUEROA MOISES	2006/19UUA66296A000593	0.00	-200.7
2017-03-0062515	FIGUEROA MOISES	2007/1FMEU75E67UA72486	0.00	-298.35
2017-03-0062516	FIGUEROA MOISES	2000/1FTSS34S5YHA74186	0.00	-116.55
2017-03-0062913	FLORES MIGUEL A	2001/JM1BJ222X10436548	0.00	-13.99
2016-04-0083309	GIARENAKIS SAVAS G	2013/1G1YR2DW6D5108966	0.00	-37.9
2017-03-0069461	KING JADE T	2000/1NXBR12E2YZ319333	0.00	-7.75
2017-03-0070507	LAVIGNE JEAN M	2004/YV1RS61T042411061	0.00	-19.08
2017-03-0071552	LOPEZ MARILUZ	2004/2HNYD18294H537593	0.00	-54.09
2017-03-0076461	NYARKO KINGSFORD A	2006/5NPEU46F86H094962	0.00	-30.46
2016-03-0080788	RIVERA STEPHEN S	2011/1N4AA5AP0BC807006	-17.16	-286.08
2017-03-0081803	RONGALA SRINIVASARA	2006/4T1BE32K96U141530	0.00	-29.47
2016-03-0085149	SUAREZ VICTOR JR	2010/2HGFA1F55AH303936		-47.2
2016-09-0085149	SUAREZ VICTOR JR	2010/2HGFA1F55AH303936	0.00	-10.32
2017-03-0086879	TRAN LOC V	2001/JTEGD21A810013579	0.00	-63.67
2016-03-0088972	WHITE RANDISHA S	2005/KMHWF35H55A143564	0.00	-68.22
2016-09-0088972	WHITE RANDISHA S	2005/KMHWF35H55A143564	0.00	-14.92
		<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>-234.80</b>	<b>-11095.34</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-11330.14</b>

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

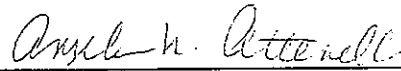
Marc Weinberg wished a belated Happy Birthday to the Council Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Attest



Angela M. Attenello  
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK