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AUGUST 15, 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 7:32 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

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, is not in support of the bid waiver on tonight's agenda and suggested that the Town Council call a public hearing to explain to the residents why this bid waiver is necessary.

Mayor Leclerc commented on the following: (1) on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> the town of East Hartford will partner with ShopRite of East Hartford to implement the "Wrap" program – a recycling initiative where residents will be able to recycle plastic wrap (such as grocery bags, bread bags, zip-top bags, newspaper delivery bags, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap, etc.) that is not allowed in curbside recycling bins, but can be brought to recycling bins at ShopRite; (2) gave the Council a brief update on the Silver Lane Advisory Committee; (3) the Outlet Shoppes agreement with United Technologies Corporation is slowly progressing; (4) Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> is the Mayor's Clean-up Day; (5) Burger King on Silver Lane is going through a façade renovation; (6) the Dollar General store on Silver Lane has begun construction; (7) the Hess gas station on the corner of Main Street and Silver Lane will begin their renovations; (8) the proposed Dunkin Donuts on the corner of Main Street and Pitkin Street should start construction this Fall; (9) two East Hartford firefighters have been deployed – Nicholas Calsetta and Darrel Hanrahan. We wish them a safe assignment; and (10) recognized Trish Buchanan who started the Believe 208 Run for the Brave and Finest.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### August 1, 2017 Executive Session

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **approve** the minutes of the August 1, 2017 Executive Session.  
Motion carried 8/0.

August 1, 2017 Public Hearing

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **approve** the minutes of the August 1, 2017 Public Hearing.  
Motion carried 8/0.

August 1, 2017 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Pat Harmon  
to **approve** the minutes of the August 1, 2017 Regular Meeting.  
Motion carried 8/0.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Esther Clarke  
to take item 8.D. under New Business out of order to accommodate those present.  
Motion carried 8/0.

Outdoor Amusement Permit Application: Believe 208 Run for the Brave and Finest

MOTION By Marc Weinberg  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Believe 208 Run for the Brave and Finest", submitted by Kathryn Kleis, Race Director, to hold a 5K run on Sunday, September 24, 2017 from 8:00AM 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 facing all first responders.  
Motion carried 8/0.

*At this point, the Council returned to the order of the agenda.*

Bid Waiver: College Design District Overlay Zone

Prior to the action taken below, Scott Chadwick, Corporation Counsel, and Jeffrey Cormier, Town Planner addressed the Council on the proposed bid waiver for legal services on the new College Design District zone.

Attorney Chadwick explained that the Town has been working on this issue for the past two years and is now at the point where the specific retention of Attorney Dwight Merriam of Robinson and Cole LLP is necessary. Additionally, it will be necessary to utilize the expertise of Patrick Pinnell, a Planner/Architect, who will be retained by Robinson and Cole LLP. Mr. Cormier summarized the need and the favorable impact the College Design District Zone will have on the Town.

**MOTION** By Linda Russo  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
that pursuant to Section 10-7(c) of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances, the Town Council **waive** the bidding requirements as set forth in Section 10-7(b) for legal and planning services associated with the review and redesign of the current college design district overlay zone in the Goodwin College area, as it is in the best interests of the town.  
Motion carried 7/1. **Nay:** Kurker

Referral to Ordinance Committee and Fees Committee re: Approval and Regulation of Permits for Bingo, Raffles and Drawings

**MOTION** By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Linda Russo  
to **refer** to the Ordinance Committee the drafting of a new ordinance for the regulation of permits for bingo, raffles and drawings that was under the purview of the State of Connecticut as Public Act No. 17-231 but will become the responsibility of municipalities throughout the state effective January 1, 2018, with instructions to draft the new legislation and return to the Town Council with its recommendations.  
Motion carried 8/0.

**MOTION** By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Marc Weinberg  
to **refer** to the Fees Committee the setting of fees for the new ordinance which will regulate permits for bingo, raffles and drawings that was under the purview of the State of Connecticut as Public Act No. 17-231 but will become the responsibility of municipalities throughout the state effective January 1, 2018, with instructions to review the matter and return to the Town Council with its recommendations.  
Motion carried 8/0.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

**MOTION** By Joe Carlson  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
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.

On call of the vote, motion carried 8/0.

Pat Harmon inquired on (1) the repair of Brewer Street from Main to Forbes; (2) the new flag that that is being flown in front of the new Fire Station; and (3) a house at the corner of Brewer and Forest Street has various equipment and machinery in the backyard. *The Mayor indicated that (1) funds have been received and the repairs should start soon; (2) the flag is to honor those firefighters who have been deployed; and (3) will look into the issue of machinery, etc. in the backyard of the house.*

Robert Briggs v Town of East Hartford

Attest Angela M. Attenello  
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