

## EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

### COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM

August 15, 2023

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Don Bell, Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson, Minority Leader John Morrison, Councilors Angie Parkinson, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup and Harry Amadasun, Jr.

ABSENT Councilor Awet Tsegai

ALSO Mayor Michael P. Walsh  
PRESENT Laurence Burnsed, Director of Health and Social Services  
Paul O'Sullivan, Grants Administrator  
Ken Sayers, Director of Information Technology  
Cephus Nolen, Director of Youth Services  
Tyron Harris, Director of Human Resources (via Teams)  
Theodore Fravel, Director of Parks and Recreation (via Teams)  
Jay Silver, Assistant Fire Chief (via Teams)

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. 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

#### RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Segarra, 132 Appletree Drive, spoke on behalf of East Hartford's American Legion baseball program in support of the naming of McAuliffe Park Field #4 for Richard Beaulieu.

Sylvester Frazier, 86 Olmsted Street, also is in favor of naming Field #4 for Mr. Beaulieu to recognize his dedication to East Hartford's youth.

#### Mayor Walsh

- wished all a good evening
- A single bid has come in on the Church Corners Inn redevelopment project and a dialogue has begun with the developer, Parker Benjamin, Inc. The Mayor feels that the bid is qualified and is encouraged based on the bidder's previous work on similar projects.
- The relocation of Silver Lane Plaza tenants continues to progress.



MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Tom Rup

to waive the reading of Sections 2 through 7.

Motion carried 8/0

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Tom Rup

to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,200,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, RECONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPPING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWN BUILDINGS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD:

Section 1. The Town of East Hartford, Connecticut (the "Town") authorizes the issuance of \$6,200,000 bonds of the Town, the proceeds of which are to be used for one or more of the following: the planning, design, acquisition, reconstruction, and equipping of improvements to Town Buildings, including, but not limited to, the Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse and the Public Works Facility, and for administrative, legal and financing costs related thereto (the "Project").

Section 2. The bonds, or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the end of the tenth year after their date. Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the Project, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, legal and financing costs of issuing said bonds. The bonds shall be in the denominations of \$1,000, or any whole multiple in excess thereof, be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the Mayor and the Treasurer, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford, Connecticut. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying, registrar and transfer agent and paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including approval of the rate or rates of interest, shall be determined by the Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended from time to time (the "Connecticut General Statutes").

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Mayor, the Treasurer, and the Director of Finance in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of

Section 4. The Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Mayor and the Treasurer, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance, be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford, Connecticut, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing, and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 6. The Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") and to provide notices to the MSRB of certain events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this resolution. Any agreements or representations to provide information to MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified, and approved.

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

**MOTION** By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by John Morrison

Motion carried 8/0

Placement on the Ballot

MOTION        By Sebrina Wilson  
                     seconded by Don Bell

to approve the following:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,200,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, RECONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPPING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWN BUILDINGS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”, adopted by the Town Council on August 15, 2023, be submitted to the Town electors for approval or disapproval at a referendum in conjunction with the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (E.T.), and that the warning of said referendum shall state the question to be voted upon as follows:

“Shall the resolution entitled ‘RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,200,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, RECONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPPING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWN BUILDINGS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE’, adopted by the Town Council on August 15, 2023, be approved?”

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

“Shall the \$6,200,000 bond authorization for the planning, design, construction and reconstruction, and equipping of improvements to Town Buildings be approved?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

The warning shall also state that the full text of the aforesaid resolutions is on file, open to public inspection, in the office of the Town Clerk, that the vote on the aforesaid bond resolutions is taken under the authority of Chapter 6, Section 10 of the Charter of the Town of East Hartford, and Chapter 152 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and that absentee ballots will be available in accordance with law in the office of the Town Clerk.

Motion carried 8/0

Memorandum of Understanding with CT Judicial Branch re: State of Connecticut Youth Services Prevention Grant

MOTION        By Don Bell  
                     seconded by John Morrison

to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the Town of East Hartford (Youth Task Force) has been identified in Public Act 23-204, to be a recipient of a \$73,800 per year grant from the State of Connecticut for the provision of preventive youth services for fiscal year 2024; and

**WHEREAS** as a condition of the grant, the Town is required to provide documentation that details a plan for spending, monitoring, and reporting on these funds in a manner that is consistent with the intent of the Public Act,

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED;** that Michael P. Walsh, 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 by the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Office of the Chief Court Administrator as they pertain to this Youth Services Prevention grant.

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

Hartford Judicial District Local Interagency Services Team (LIST) Grant

MOTION        By Angie Parkinson  
                     seconded by John Morrison

to **adopt** the following resolution:

**WHEREAS;** the Town of East Hartford Youth Services Department serves as the administrator of the Hartford Judicial District Local Interagency Services Team (LIST); and

**WHEREAS;** the Hartford LIST is a collaboration among area youth service bureaus, the Connecticut Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division and the Connecticut Department of Children & Families; and

**WHEREAS;** the purpose of the LIST is coordinate local stakeholders in raising awareness about the needs of children and youth involved in the juvenile justice system, as well as planning, evaluating, and supporting juvenile justice services in each juvenile court catchment area,

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED;** that Michael P. Walsh, 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 by the Connecticut Youth Services Association as they pertain to this LIST grant.

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

Agreement with State of CT and the University of Connecticut re: Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drug (SPF Rx) Initiative

MOTION        By Harry Amadasun  
                     seconded by John Morrison

to **adopt** the following resolution:



**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, the motion carried 8/0

**MOTION** By Angie Parkinson  
seconded by Tom Rup

Motion carried 8/0

MOTION By Harry Amadasun  
seconded by Don Bell

Motion carried 8/0

**MOTION** By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by John Morrison



to set a public hearing date of September 5, 2023 @ 7:15 pm in the Community Cultural Center Auditorium as well as via the Teams platform to hear public comment on the new Naming of Town Facilities Ordinance and to amend to add a new section 1-17 to Town Ordinances with language that is consistent with the draft dated August 6, 2023 as recommended at the August 9, 2023 Ordinance Committee meeting.

Motion carried 8/0

#### Establishment of Tree Board

MOTION      By Sebrina Wilson  
                         seconded by John Morrison

to set a public hearing date of September 5, 2023 @ 7:15 pm in the Community Cultural Center Auditorium as well as via the Teams platform to hear public comment on the establishment of a Tree Board and revisions to Section 2-106 of the Code of Ordinances with language that is consistent with the draft dated August 9, 2023 as recommended at the August 9, 2023 Ordinance Committee meeting.

Motion carried 8/0

#### Naming of McAuliffe Park Field #4 for Richard Beaulieu

MOTION      By Don Bell  
                         seconded by Tom Rup

to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Richard Beaulieu served as a dedicated member of the East Hartford Parks and Recreation Staff for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Beaulieu started the East Hartford Men's Softball League in 1982, serving as an administrator and providing endless amounts of service to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Beaulieu has been recognized by the Connecticut Recreation and Park Association with its "ABCD" award in 2015 for his efforts going 'Above and Beyond the Call of Duty'; and

**WHEREAS**, the naming of a field at McAuliffe Park is an appropriate recognition for such a distinguished person;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of East Hartford hereby names Field #4 at McAuliffe Park as Richard Beaulieu Field in recognition of his longstanding commitment to his community of East Hartford and the promotion of sporting opportunity for East Hartford residents.

On call of the vote, motion carried 8/0

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Motion carried 8/0

Motion carried

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Jason Marshall  
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK