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

<u>Steve Segarra.</u> 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.

<u>Sylvester Frazier</u>, 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.

- East Hartford Senior Center invites residents 55 and over to their Second Anniversary and Carnival on Wednesday, September 20 from 12-2 PM.
- East Hartford Senior Center invites all residents to a Pancake Breakfast & Bingo on Saturday, September 23 at 9 AM. Registration is required.
- Hartford Healthcare Cancer Institute's Mobile Mammography van is coming to Raymond Library Thursday September 14th. Appointments are required.
- The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) will hold a public information meeting on Monday August 21, 2023, concerning air quality monitoring projects to be conducted in Hartford and East Hartford.
- Goldstar and Terry Pools are closed as of August 13th. Drennan Pool is also closed. Lord Pool and Martin Pool will close for the season on August 20th.
- The Commission on Aging invite all East Hartford seniors and guests to the 36th Annual Senior Picnic at Goodwin University on September 12th at Noon. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Senior Center.
- The Historical Society of East Hartford invites residents to tour the Selden Brewer House, 165 Main Street. Tours are conducted on Saturdays from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.
- The Latin Festival at Alumni Park has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 23rd from Noon - 6 pm.
- Connecticut Department of Transportation has milled and paved Main Street from Pitkin Street to Sterling Road. Lane markings have been revised.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 1, 2023 Executive Session

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson

seconded by John Morrison

to **approve** the minutes of the August 1, 2023 Executive Session.

Motion carried 8/0

August 1, 2023 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson

seconded by John Morrison

to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried 8/0

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Town Building Renovations Bond Referendum

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").

The bonds, or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, Section 2. 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

state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, provisions of the purchase agreement shall be approved by the Mayor, the Treasurer, and the Director of Finance.

The Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance are authorized to make temporary Section 4. 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 5. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and any time after the date of passage of this resolution in the maximum amount of the Project with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Tax Exempt Obligations") authorized to be issued by the Town. The Tax-Exempt Obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Director of Finance or his designee is authorized to pay Project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of the Tax-Exempt Obligations.

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.

Section. 7. The Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any other agreements, instruments, documents, and certificates, including tax and investment agreements, for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution. The Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept any and all Federal and State loans and or grants-in-aid of any Project, to expend said funds in accordance with the terms hereof, and in connection therewith to contract in the name of the Town with engineers, contractors and others.

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

Explanatory Text Publication and Payment Thereof for Bond Referenda

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson

seconded by John Morrison

that the Town Clerk prepare for publication the explanatory text regarding the bond referendum and that those costs be paid for by the Town Clerk.

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	

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; the state Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and the University of Connecticut have approached the East Hartford Health Department about hosting two students for a grant-supported safe prescription initiative; and

WHEREAS; the focus of the grant program is to reduce the non-medical use of prescription drugs and prevent opioid overdoses in the community,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve the following item:

1. Pursuant to East Hartford Town Charter, Chapter III, Sec. 3.4(c) that Mayor, Michael P. Walsh, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any and all contracts, amendments, or necessary documents required to enter into an agreement with the University of Connecticut and/or the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to participate in the grant-supported safe prescription initiative. Such documents shall be in a form acceptable by the Corporation Counsel

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

<u>Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) Federal Fiscal Year</u> 2022 State Homeland Security Grant Program

MOTION By Angie Parkinson

seconded by John Morrison

to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of East Hartford may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Michael P. Walsh, as Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Hartford and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

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

US Department of Justice 2023 Justice Assistance Grant Program Application

MOTION By Harry Amadasun

seconded by Tom Rup

to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has made 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 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 as they pertain to this Justice Assistance Grant.

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

Bid Waiver: OpenGov Inc., Citizen Self Services Record Keeping Software Contract

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 **waive** 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 OpenGov Inc. for a period of one year in the amount not to exceed \$45,460.67. Said Contract is in the best interest of the Town as it will allow the Town to continue use of its present software for processing all permitting transactions and record keeping.

Motion carried 8/0

Amusement Permit Application: Dad Hero Community Day

MOTION By Harry Amadasun

seconded by Don Bell

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Dad Hero Community Day" as submitted by Scott Sansom, Chief of Police, scheduled for Saturday September 9, 2023 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Alumni Park, 1021 Main Street with set up to begin at 9:30 am, and **waive the associated permit fees** 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 8/0

Setting Public Hearing Date: Recommendations from Ordinance Committee

Process for Naming Town Buildings

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

<u>OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION</u>

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

The pending Superior Court Action known as Li Duo Zeng v Matthew Barrera, et al., Docket No. HHD-CV-22-6158016-S.

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson

seconded by Don Bell

to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending Superior Court Action known as Li Duo Zeng v Matthew Barrera, et al., Docket No. HHD-CV-22-6158016-S, for a total

sum of \$17,000.

Motion carried 8/0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By John Morrison

seconded by Don Bell

to adjourn (9:05 pm)

Motion carried

The Chair wished all a good evening and announced that the next regular meeting of the Town Council would be on September 5, 2023.

Attest		
	Jason Marshall	
	TOWN COUNCIL CLERK	