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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson, Minority Leader
Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Connor Martin, Angela Parkinson, Awet Tsegai
and John Morrison

PRESENT Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr. and Councillor Patricia Harmon
Via "TEAMS"

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. The Chair announced that tonight is a hybrid meeting – Councillors both physically present in Chambers and virtually attending through the Microsoft "Teams" platform. Since Town Hall is still closed to the public, residents may also attend the meeting through "Teams" as well. He then invited the Council to join him in the pledge of allegiance.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 18, 2020 Public Hearing/Proposed Bonds

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Connor Martin
to **approve** the minutes of the August 18, 2020 Public Hearing on the
Proposed Bonds.
Motion carried 9/0.

August 18, 2020 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by John Morrison
to **approve** the minutes of the August 18, 2020 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 9/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

On-Call Service Contracts: Section 10-6(a) of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances

Chair Kehoe reported that it is the requirement of Town Ordinance 10-6(a) that, within sixty days of the end of the fiscal year, the Finance Director shall report to the Town Council the amount expended by the town on each on-call service contract during that fiscal year. Below is the list of on-call service contracts for FY2020, which will be in force for a maximum of five years from the date of the Request for Proposal (RFP) Award or for a maximum dollar amount of \$150,000, whichever comes first.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Contract Start Date</u>	<u>\$ Paid FY 20</u>	<u>\$ Paid Life to Date</u>
<u>Surveying</u>			
Alfred Benesch & Co	May-20	\$0	\$0
BSC Group	May-20	0	0
CME Associates	May-20	2,860	2,860
Milone & MacBroom	May-20	0	0
WSP USA Inc	May-20	0	0
<u>Engineering</u>			
Milone & MacBroom	May-20	0	0
Weston & Sampson Engineers	May-20	0	0
Alfred Benesch & Co	May-20	0	0
BSC Group	May-20	0	0
CME Associates Inc	May-20	0	0
Anchor Engineering Services	May-20	0	0
WSP USA Inc	May-20	0	0
GEI Consultants Inc	May-20	0	0
<u>Planning</u>			
Planimetrics	Aug-19	7,920	7,920
<u>Electrical</u>			
Electrical Contractors Inc	Sep-18	9,786	17,606
<u>Appraisal</u>			
Wellspeak, Dugas & Kane	Sep-18	15,900	25,500
<u>Architectural</u>			
Christopher Williams Architects	Aug-19	67,815	67,815
JCJ Architects	Aug-19	0	0
Silver Petrucelli	Aug-19	0	0
Lothrop Architects	Aug-19	0	0
Clohessy, Harris & Kaiser LLC	Aug-19	0	0
Capital Studio Architects	Aug-19	0	0

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Safe Polls Grant

MOTION By Don Bell
 seconded by Esther Clarke
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS a once in a century pandemic has created an unprecedented strain on election systems across the country; and

WHEREAS the Office of the Secretary of the State is providing Safe Polls Grants to municipalities to be applied to the work of local election officials during the pandemic.

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 by the Office of the Secretary of the State as they pertain to this Safe Polls grant.

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

2020 Secure Polls Grant

MOTION By Don Bell
 seconded by Esther Clarke
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS the legitimacy of our electoral system is the bedrock upon which our government is accepted and established; and

WHEREAS to strengthen Connecticut's response to the cybersecurity threat posed to election systems, the Office of the Secretary of the State is partnering with local election officials by offering Secure Polls Grants; and

WHEREAS these grants are designed to support the work of local election officials to secure their election systems from cyber security threats and to improve the accuracy of the election rolls they maintain.

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 by the Office of the Secretary of the State as they pertain to this Secure Polls grant.

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

Department of Homeland Security: FY20 Emergency Management Performance Grant

MOTION By Connor Martin
 seconded by Awet Tsegai
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLVED that Town of East Hartford, Connecticut 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

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

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

Boundary Line Agreement re: 144 Roberts St, 95 Church St and 100 Olde Roberts St

150 Prospect Street

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OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Esther Clarke said she read a recent newspaper article on the possibility of a development at the Showcase Cinemas property and asked if there was more information that the Mayor could share with the Council. *Mayor Leclerc said that project is in the early stages of due diligence and that the Town's real estate consultant is working with the developer to get more finite details. Once those details become available and the project begins to develop, she will update the Council.*

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Mayor Leclerc commented on the following: (1) in observance of Labor Day, the transfer station will be closed on Saturday, September 5th and the collection of municipal waste and recycling, ordinarily scheduled for Monday, will be moved forward one day; (2) the staff at the Public Works Department continue their efforts on clean-up from Tropical Storm Isaias; (3) Linda Trzetzak, Finance Director and Kim Cummings, Assistant Finance Director have been working diligently with representatives from FEMA regarding COVID funds and the reimbursement of expenses for Tropical Storm Isaias; (4) the Senior Center project is on time and on budget; (5) Governor Lamont has extended the State of Emergency for Connecticut until February 9, 2021; (6) since there is a slight up-tick in the number of COVID positive cases, it is important for the public to maintain COVID awareness by maintaining social distancing, wearing face masks, not having large gathering, etc.; (7) the East Hartford Public Library will have an extremely limited re-opening of the library; (8) Town Hall remains closed but will be accessible by appointment only to the public; (9) the Mayor recognized Ken Sayers, I.T. Manager and Jessica Carrero, Mayor's Assistant for their hard work preparing on-line forms and the remote log-in to assist in the re-opening of Town Hall; (10) the Renters Rebate deadline is October 1st via telephone; (11) one of the last underground oil tanks is being removed from the Town Hall parking lot; (12) there will be another grant coming from the Secretary of the State's office to help defray the additional cost of processing the absentee ballots in the November election; and (13) the 2020 Census is coming to a close at the end of September, but it is still very important for all residents be counted.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Don Bell
 to **adjourn** (8:10 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be September 15th

Attest Angela M. Attenello
Angela M. Attenello
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK