

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS/MICROSOFT "TEAMS"

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina
In Chambers Wilson, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Connor Martin, Angela
Parkinson and Awet Tsegai

PRESENT Councillors Patricia Harmon and John Morrison
Via Teams

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:35p.m. He stated that the Council was meeting on a Wednesday rather than on a Tuesday in recognition of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. The Chair also explained that this was a "hybrid" meeting, which allows for participation in-person or virtually via the Microsoft "Teams" platform. He then announced the exit locations in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §29-381, after which the Council joined him in the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Kendall Jeanne Hayes

PROCLAMATION

Be it hereby known to all that the East Hartford Town Council, along with Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc, hereby offer their congratulations to

*KENDALL JEANNE HAYES
Recipient of the
GREATER HARTFORD CHAPTER OF THE NAACP
ELLA LITTLE CROMWELL SCHOLARSHIP*

On behalf of the citizens of the Town of East Hartford, we hereby recognize the hard work, creativity and dedication of Kendall Hayes. Combining interests in the arts and entrepreneurship, she has excelled in the Girl Scouts of America, launched KFIYAH Designs and a recognized dancer. Just some of her many awards and recognitions are the Teen Mini Mogul Award in 2018, semifinalist in the World of Money Entrepreneur Competition in 2019, and 3rd place winner in the High School section of the Beta Sigma Lambda Educational Foundations' Black History Oratorical Contest. This scholarship is another recognition of Kendall's amazing talents and energy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hand and cause the seal of the Town of East Hartford to be affixed this eighth day of September, Two-Thousand and Twenty-one.

The Town Council, along with Mayor Leclerc, congratulated Ms. Hayes on her tremendous accomplishments and see only the best for her in the future.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Carlos Martinez-Rivera, 190 Burnside Avenue, believes the noise ordinance needs to be revamped to include noise that is not amplified. He specifically noted an area near his residence on Burnside Avenue.

Noella Lynch, 5 Jefferson Lane, commented on the following: (1) responded to a letter she received from the town regarding trimming the overgrown weeds on the tree belt in front of her house when the grass seeds the town planted yielded only weeds; (2) had questions on the reconstruction of Brewer Street; (3) expressed concern with speeding on Brewer Street; (4) trucks using Jefferson Lane as a cut through; and (5) the Jefferson Lane street sign should be more visible to Brewer Street drivers heading toward Main Street.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 17, 2021 Public Hearing/Connecticut City and Towns Development Act

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
 seconded by Angie Parkinson
 to **approve** the minutes of the August 17, 2021 Public Hearing/Connecticut
 City and Towns Development Act.
 Motion carried 9/0.

August 17 2021 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
 seconded by Awet Tsegai
 to **approve** the minutes of the August 17, 2021 Regular Meeting.
 Motion carried 9/0.

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Connor Martin
 to take item 8.E.2 entitled "Believe 208 Run for the Finest and Bravest"
 under New Business, out of order.
 Motion carried 9/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Believe 208 Run for the Finest and Bravest

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
 seconded by Don Bell
 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 26, 2021 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 this 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

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

Chair Kehoe reported that in accordance with Town Ordinance 10-6(a), it is required 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 FY2021, 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.

Vendor Name	Contract Start Date	\$ Paid FY 21	\$ Paid Life to Date
Surveying			
Alfred Benesch & Co	May-20	\$4,000	\$4,000
BSC Group	May-20	4,512	4,512
CME Associates	May-20	0	2,860
Milone & MacBroom	May-20	0	0
WSP USA Inc	May-20	0	0
Engineering			
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	8,854	8,854
GEI Consultants Inc	May-20	0	0
Planning			
Planimetrics	Aug-19	56,430	64,350

Electrical Contractors Inc	Sep-18	16,317	33,924
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Wellspeak, Dugas & Kane	Sep-18	200	25,700
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Christopher Williams Architects	Aug-19	18,500	86,315
JCJ Architects	Aug-19	0	0
Silver Petrucelli	Aug-19	7,500	7,500
Lothrop Architects	Aug-19	0	0
Clohessy, Harris & Kaiser LLC	Aug-19	0	0
Capital Studio Architects	Aug-19	0	0

John Lawlor, Public Works Director, along with Anthony Garro, from Beta, the town's Asset Management consulting firm, provided the Council with a PowerPoint presentation of the Public Works Department's road restoration project and asset management program. (copy included in the Council Clerk's meeting file and office file) Discussion followed the presentation. The benefits of pavement management are many. However, since the roadways are considered the town's largest valued asset, protecting this investment is by far one of the most important factors in this project. The ultimate goal of this long-term road reconstruction program is to repave every road in East Hartford.

Due to technical problems, this item will be rescheduled to a future Town Council meeting.

Collective Bargaining Agreement: East Hartford Board of Education and East Hartford Education Association

MOTION By Don Bell
seconded by Angie Parkinson
to **approve** the 2022-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the
East Hartford Board of Education and the East Hartford Education
Association – ratified by the Union on August 6, 2021 and approved by the
Board of Education on August 23, 2021 – as attached to a letter dated
August 24, 2021 from Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
for East Hartford Public Schools to Robert Pasek, Town Clerk.
Motion carried 9/0.

September 8, 2021

Approval of Sale of Individual Tax Liens

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
 seconded by Awet Tsegai
 to **approve** the sale of tax liens as listed on the report attached to a memorandum dated August 30, 2021 from Finance Director Linda Trzetzziak to Mayor Marcia Leclerc which lists and enumerates 24 properties, along with the amount of the tax lien for each property and the high bid for each property, resulting from the request for proposal relevant to the tax lien sale and to **award** the high bid for the 24 properties, collectively totaling \$483,467.28 (that includes a \$43,442.42 premium) as follows:

- Tower Capital Management LLC – 8 bids totaling \$145,616.33
- TLOA Servicing LLC – 5 bids totaling \$ 83,449.66
- RTLF-CT LLC – 11 bids totaling \$ 254,401.29

Motion carried 9/0.

Police Coronavirus Relief Funds

MOTION By Connor Martin
 seconded by Angie Parkinson
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS the state Office of Policy and Management has made Police Coronavirus Relief Funds available to the Town; and

WHEREAS the purpose of these funds is to address crime challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and to facilitate the Police Department's participation in task forces and other coordinated efforts in our region to respond to pandemic-related public health and public safety needs.

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 state Office of Policy and Management as they pertain to this Coronavirus Relief Funds grant.

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

Youth Services Prevention Grant

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

WHEREAS the Town of East Hartford (Youth Task Force) has been identified in Public Act 19-117, to be a recipient of a \$75,000 per year grant from the State of Connecticut for the provision of preventive youth services for fiscal years 2022 and 2023; 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 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

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

Hartford Steel Symphony Concert

Annual Fall Fest

Referral to the Personnel & Pensions Subcommittee: IT Manager

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Reappointments to Various Boards and Commissions

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Awet Tsegai
to **approve** the appointments of the following individuals to the town's
Boards and Commissions:

Beautification Commission

Cynthia Woodman	61 Dartmouth Dr	12/22
Dolores Kehoe	190 Andover Rd	12/23
Julie Robinson	1266 Forbes St	12/23
Patricia Sirois	45 Jefferson Ln	12/23

Board of Assessment Appeals

John Murphy	78 Cambridge Dr	12/23
Hassan Robinson	1266 Forbes St	12/23

Commission on Aging

Gary James Kelly	28 Wentworth Dr	12/23
Cheryl Kennedy Gagne	68 Silver Ln, Unit 52	12/22
Eugenia Perry	68 Silver Ln, Unit 40	12/23

Commission on Culture and Fine Arts

Lisa Gold	23 Prasser Dr	12/24
Gloria Visgillo Lupi	106 Sherwood Dr	12/24
Rosamond White	93 Sandra Dr	12/24

Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities

Sunlida Caminero	107 Cambridge Dr	12/21
Vanessa Jenkins	26 Suffolk Dr	12/21
Veronica Rosario	31 High St #11108	12/21

Economic Development

Joelle Murchison	230 Timber Tr	12/22
Veronica Rosario	31 high St #11108	12/22

In-Land Wetlands Commission

Daniel O'Dea	137 Madison St	12/23
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Personnel Appeals Board

Shaun Jones	37 Kenyon Pl	12/23
Godfred T. Amsah	97 Pendleton Dr	12/23
Rosamond White (Alternate)	93 Sandra Dr	12/22

Planning and Zoning Commission

Sidney Soderholm	46 Pezzente Ln	12/25
Henry Pawlowski	48 Oxford Dr	12/25

Motion carried 9/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Connor Martin
seconded by Angie Parkinson
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$ 23,361.70

pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	Over Paid
2019-01-0000015	21 GEORGE PROSPECT EH APARTMENTS LLC	133 PROSPECT ST	0	-500.00
2019-03-0050136	ACAR LEASING LTD	2017/3GTU2NEC1HG512370	0	-486.76
2019-03-0050159	ACAR LEASING LTD	2016/KL7CJPSB8GB711300	0	-372.60
2019-03-0050172	ACAR LEASING LTD	2018/1GNEVGKW0JJ104153	0	-155.70
2019-03-0050186	ACAR LEASING LTD	2018/1GCVKREC0JZ242520	0	-311.86
2020-03-0050139	ACAR LEASING LTD	2018/1GCGTCEN4J1208258	0	-241.52
2020-03-0051365	ANDREWS MARK D	2004/47CTBAM224J111690	0	-42.16
2019-03-0052834	BARRETT KAREN J	1972/1X27D2W161853	0	-22.50
2020-03-0052691	BARRETT KAREN J	1972/1X27D2W161853	0	-22.50
2019-03-0052998	BAZZANO MICHAEL S	2010/WDYPE8CC3A5497249	0	-105.52
2019-03-0053163	BELANGER LINDA A BMV FINANCIAL SERVICES	2001/1NXBR12E81Z471137	0	-14.85
2019-03-0062416	ATTN TAX	2017/WBA8E5G54HNU42102	0	-55.36
2019-03-0054422	BRIDGE ENERGY SERVICES	2016/1FM5K8GT7GGC79863	0	-462.38
2020-03-0056420	CICHON MARK T	2008/JN8AS58V48W107576	0	-39.15
2019-03-0079226	CHAPMAN GARY L JR	2003/1GCHK29U33E294676		-17.91
2019-04-0081413	COITEUX DEBRA	2019/SHHFK7H92KU224101	0	-556.11
2020-03-0056902	COLLINS WILLIAM P	2015/2G61M5S39F9122645	0	-544.00
2020-03-0057104	CONGDON HARRY C	2001/1G1NE52J216153397	0	-51.61
2020-03-0058679	DAVILA BETHZAIDA	2009/19UUA96569A006268		-87.34
2020-03-0059381	DIAZ BERRIOS FERMIN	2007/1N4AL21E67C115959	0	-124.65
2019-03-0060761	DUNN KELLY A	2006/JNKCV51F46M607310	-8.45	-140.85
2017-04-0082560	EASTMOND TARIMA C	2003/1N4AL11D83C133486	0	-42.90
2020-03-0088122	EBAI DICKSON A	2017/JF2SJAEC3HH452506	0	-602.56
2019-03-0061666	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	2014/2FMDK4GC0EBB01138	0	-384.30
2019-03-0061668	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	2011/2FMDK4JC3BBA88714	0	-315.000
2019-03-0061670	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	2016/1FTEX1E84GFB29243	0	-833.40
2019-03-0061671	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	2016/1FM5K8D85GGC41533	0	-770.86
2019-03-0061675	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	2017/1FM5K8D85HGB75739	0	-846.46
2019-03-0061676	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	2017/5UXKR0C37H0V81561	0	-1,164.16
2019-03-0061682	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	2012/1FTEX1EM1CFB36383	0	-491.40
2020-03-0062595	FRANKSON ERROL D	2006/2HNYD18986H510062	0	-172.35
2019-03-0063436	FUQUA DALILA	2012/1C3CCBAB3CN166640	0	-45.67
2020-03-0062798	FUQUA DALILA	2009/JNKCV61F09M053340	0	-37.35

2019-03-0063560	GAITHER TORI M GONZALEZ-MORALES	2010/JN1AJ0HR7AM750772	0	-205.82
2019-03-0064661	DANIELA GONZALEZ-MORALES	2013/2T3DFREVXDW084838	0	-243.45
2019-03-0064662	DANIELA GONZALEZ-MORALES	2004/2HKYF18524H534231	0	-170.00
2019-03-0064663	DANIELA	2015/1GAZG1FF3F1108693	0	-273.55
2020-03-0064037	GOORAHOO JANET Z	2002/1FAFP42XX2F210571	0	-22.05
2019-03-0065396	GUTHRIE ROBIN J	2011/JTDKN3DU7B1474193	0	-43.96
2019-04-0083161	HALLQUIST MATTHEW D	2017/4S3GTAD68H3735734	0	-93.24
2019-03-0065654	HAMPTON VICTORIA A	2016/2HKRM4H54GH617580	0	-94.19
2020-03-0065906	HODELIN LAVONN P	2008/JN8AS58V28W412168	0	-13.05
2019-01-0009378	HOME LOAN SERV	37 BARBONSEL RD	0	-3,169.17
2019-04-0083476	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2017/1HGCR2F52HA101095	0	-96.66
2020-03-0066127	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2017/1HGCR2F30HA233156	0	-225.45
2020-03-0066173	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2018/1HGCV2F34JA029106	0	-338.40
2020-03-0066183	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2018/1HGCV1F36JA262107	0	-245.70
2020-03-0067670	JONES EBONI S	2014/1N4AL3AP0EC189009	0	-121.77
2019-04-0083878	JORDAN DONNYE N	2016/2C3CDZAG3GH289399	0	-567.45
2020-03-0068283	KELSO WALTER T	2008/3N1BC13E78L401141	0	-26.77
2020-03-0072655	MENSAH ALEXANDER	2010/4T1BF3EK4AU560354	0	-36.45
2019-03-0074875	MORIN PHILIP J	2011/1N4AL2AP4BC134004	0	-61.42
2019-04-0085206	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2017/JN8AT2MV8HW258440	0	-127.26
2020-03-0074658	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2017/1N4AA6AP3HC431996	0	-407.70
2013-03-0076069	ONEAL JAMES PATRICK	1998/1B7GG22XXWS653710	0	-158.98
2020-03-0076298	PATEL CHAITALI J	2006/2D4GP44LX6R874962	0	-37.30
2019-01-0007160	PENNY MAC	20 RUSTIC LN	0	-3,271.01
2020-03-0078570	REYES MINERVA RIVERA-MARRERO	2008/1HGCS22868A009511	0	-83.52
2019-03-0080743	CYNTHIA Y	2008/1J8FF48W78D744118	0	-64.80
2019-03-0081564	ROMAN ALBERTO L	2001/1FTRX18L61NB09073	-13.89	-154.35
2018-04-0087465	ROMERO ROSARIO A	2016/JF1GJAK61GH015269	-22.60	-188.37
2019-03-0081664	ROMERO ROSARIO A	2011/2CTFLREC5B6400384	0	-57.18
2020-03-0088110	ROPER LINDA W	2001/JHLRD18461S024742	0	-45.00
2019-04-0086799	SIMMONS MICHAEL P	2003/YV1VS27533F984429	0	-414.70
2019-03-0075804	SHAUGNESSY SABINA	2005/2T1BR32E85C363801	0	-154.00
2019-03-0085122	STREET BARBARA M	2014/5XXGM4A73EG263692	0	-307.06
2019-03-0086423	TOYOTA MTR CREDIT CRP	2017/5TFDY5F12HX629317	0	-279.00

2019-03-0087303	VALDES DAISY	2013/1N4AL3AP6DN406517	0	-147.96
2019-01-0014611	VAZQUEZ LUIS	64 HOLLAND LN	0	-752.50
2019-03-0088583	WALSH MERFEIA ADELLA A	2015/5J6RM4H56FL028700	-34.72	-514.36
2020-03-0086666	WARD PHILLIP J	2003/1FAFP36363W310623	0	-6.70
SUBTOTAL			-79.66	-23282.04
TOTAL				\$(23,361.70)

Referral to the Real Estate Acquisition and Disposition Committee re: Acquisition of Applegate Lane

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
seconded by Awet Tsegai
to **refer** to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee the town's acquisition of Applegate Lane for the purposes of making it a public road that would access the former Showcase Cinemas site, with instructions to investigate the issue and report back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.
Motion carried 9/0.

Filming Location Agreement: East Hartford Community Cultural Center

MOTION By Connor Martin
seconded by Angie Parkinson
that the Town Council, acting as a Committee of the Whole for the Fees Committee, **authorizes** the use of portions of the East Hartford Community Cultural Center by a video production company, for a five-day period, expected to be in late September, 2021, together with the use of various props and stage and audio visual equipment, for a flat fee of no less than \$6,500, and the use of portions of the East Hartford Community Cultural Center for such additional days or portions thereof beyond such five days, at a rate of \$450 for each portion of an additional day, up to six hours of use. The portion of the Community Cultural Center to be used by such production company shall be subject to mutual agreement of the Town and the production company. The agreement documenting use of the Community Cultural Center shall include indemnification of the Town for any liability as a result of production company's actions or inactions and such other provisions as the Corporation Counsel's Office deems appropriate; such authorization to end October 31, 2021.
Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Awet Tsegai inquired on the demolition of 12 Bodwell Road. Mayor Leclerc indicated that the house at 12 Bodwell, along with several others, is going out for bid.

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Rachel Hernandez, 86 William Street, made the Council aware of the noise generated by businesses in her neighborhood. Ms. Hernandez also had concerns about the school system.

Bridgitte Prince, 41 Bodwell Road, inquired on the proposed sale of the Showcase Cinema site as well as the Tesla Corporation relocating to East Hartford.

Mayor Leclerc commented on the following: (1) the police funds for the grant will flow through EH Connects; (2) there will be a press conference on September 21st regarding the SciFi project for 2022 which will be the installation of the 10gig open access fiber system- which increases high speed connectivity; (3) Trunk or Treat will be held again this year on Halloween October 31 at the Pratt & Whitney runway; (4) four new East Hartford police officers were sworn in today; (5) the Library is offering several Fall programs for residents; (6) the assessment mailer has been mailed to each homeowner for review to insure the information the town has for the revaluation is correct; (7) UniteCT will be coming to East Hartford to help with rental and utility costs to those negatively affected by the pandemic; (8) the Ahl Art Collection is expanding in the Library; (9) the Health Department is helping to enforce the mask mandate at local businesses; and (10) the Senior Center ribbon cutting for the Councillors is Wednesday Sept 15th @ 11AM.

The Councillors wished Sebrina Wilson a Happy Birthday!!

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Don Bell
 to **adjourn** (11:16 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be September 21st.

Attest



Angela M. Attenello
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK