

Robert J. Bell

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Councillors Connor Martin, Angela Parkinson, Awet Tsegai, and John Morrison

PRESENT Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke and Via "TEAMS" Councillor Patricia Harmon

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Chair announced the phone number and conference ID number to access this meeting through the Microsoft "Teams" platform. He then asked the Council to join him in the pledge of allegiance.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Leclerc stated that the Center for Tech and Civic Life COVID-19 Response Grant, funded by Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg, has a minimum grant amount of \$5,000.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 26, 2020 Public Forum/Conversation on Racism

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Don Bell
to **approve** the minutes of the August 26, 2020 Public Forum.
Motion carried 9/0.

September 1, 2020 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Don Bell
to **approve** the minutes of the September 1, 2020 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 9/0.

OLD BUSINESS

Referral to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee: Boundary Line Agreement: 144 Roberts St, 95 Church St and 100 Olde Roberts St

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
seconded by John Morrison

to set a public hearing date for the Boundary Line Agreement for the property at 144 Roberts Street – which the Greater Hartford Transit District might purchase – and the town-owned property at 95 Church Street and 100 Olde Roberts Street, for 7:15pm on Tuesday October 6th.
Motion carried 9/0.

NEW BUSINESS

2020-2021 School Readiness Grant

MOTION By Don Bell
 seconded by Awet Tsegai
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Department of Education is authorized to extend financial assistance, through the School Readiness Grant Program, to Priority Communities for the development of a network of school readiness programs that provide open access for children to quality programs that promote the health and safety of children and prepare them for formal schooling; and

WHEREAS the Town of East Hartford and East Hartford Public Schools desire to make and execute an application for funding in the amount of \$2,885,178 with the State of Connecticut to support School Readiness programs for East Hartford children.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council that Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is hereby authorized to execute such application and, upon approval of said application, to enter into and execute a funding agreement and any amendments and other documents as may be required by the State of Connecticut for the School Readiness Program.

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

Center for Tech and Civic Life COVID-19 Response Grant

MOTION By Connor Martin
 seconded by Don Bell
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS a once-in-a-century pandemic has created an unprecedented strain on municipal election systems; and

WHEREAS the Town of East Hartford is committed to conducting safe elections that are accessible for all; and

WHEREAS the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) is offering COVID-19 Response Grants to local election offices to help ensure they have the critical resources they need to safely serve every voter in 2020.

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 Center for Tech and Civic Life as they pertain to this COVID-19 Response Grant program.

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

At this point, Mayor Leclerc addressed the Council on the different grants recently received which will help defer costs incurred to hold safe, COVID-compliant voting sessions. The Mayor also explained that, due to the additional requirements from the

Secretary of the State's office concerning COVID, the Town Clerk and the Registrars of Voters will be hiring additional staff to assist with the distribution, processing and counting absentee ballots. The Mayor stated that the town will also receive \$36,000 from the Secretary of the State's office for the extra costs associated with the upcoming election. She believes that these grants should be sufficient to cover the additional costs on Election Day.

Outdoor Amusement Permit Application: Strength in Numbers

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
seconded by Connor Martin
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Strength in Numbers" submitted by Alex Clark, to conduct a powerful educational experience aimed to uplift all those affected by COVID-19 on Saturday, September 26, 2020, McAuliffe Park Field, beginning at 8:00AM through 2:00PM – with music played by a DJ and tables for black-owned businesses to display their products between those same hours; 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 that pursuant to Section 5-6(a) of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances, the Town Council **waive** the associated permit fee due to the town since this event offers a safe space for teachers, families and most importantly, students.
Motion carried 9/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Connor Martin
seconded by Don Bell
to **approve** a total refund of taxes in the amount of \$20,582.23 in accordance with §12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	Over Paid
2017-03-0061977	ROBINSON ROBBIE	2002/1G2NW52E22M581575	-26.29	-92.25
2018-01-0006599	LERETA LLC CENTRALIZED	82 HOCKANUM DR	0	-2,236.47
2018-03-0050225	ACAR LEASING LTD	2017/1GKKNWLS7HZ140603	0	-168.16
2018-03-0058332	CUERVO-GRANADA LUZ M	2005/JTDBR32EX52056175		-85.54
2018-03-0061597	ROBINSON ROBBIE	2002/1G2NW52E22M581575	-9.26	-88.2
2018-03-0071732	MALLOOF JEANNE	2005/KMHWF25S65A185389	0	-29.97

2018-03-0078535	PRIEST LLEWELYN E 3RD	2006/1G8AJ55F26Z157331		-98.49
2018-03-0078703	QUALITY CAR CARE	2012/3C7WMDLXCG326627		-74.38
2018-03-0078704	QUALITY CAR CARE	2015/3C7WRLAL4FG584761		-443.96
2018-03-0079492	REYES KEVIN L	2017/3C4PDDBG9HT577726	0	-287.55
2018-03-0087668	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	2017/WAUANAF49HN007465	0	-70.48
2018-03-0087673	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	2016/WVGBV7AX5GW592299	0	-93.1
2018-04-0081243	CAPELES-LOPEZ JESUS A	2008/2HNYD28358H503073	-17.94	-398.7
2018-04-0089012	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1BNAFY7J2132749	0	-542.11
2018-04-0089013	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1BNAFY7J2058703	0	-542.11
2018-04-0089014	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1BNAFY7J2075937	0	-542.11
2018-04-0089015	VW CREDIT INC	2018/WA1BNAFY5J2148965	0	-542.11
2018-04-0089017	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WA1LAAF75KD003504	0	-716.44
2018-04-0089018	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WA1AAAF78KD002144	0	-703.48
2018-04-0089019	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WAUL2AF20KN037719	0	-577.98
2018-04-0089020	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WAUL2AF20KN020032	0	-577.98
2018-04-0089021	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WAUL2AF27KN037779	0	-577.98
2018-04-0089022	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WAUL2AF25KN020480	0	-577.98
2018-04-0089023	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WA1LAAF74KD015983	0	-429.52
2018-04-0089024	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WAUENAF45KA006751	0	-202
2018-04-0089025	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WAU8DAF81KN009030	0	-667.8
2018-04-0089026	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WAUENAF44KA025002	0	-202.01
2018-04-0089027	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WAUL2AF24KN056130	0	-289.84
2018-04-0089028	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WA1BNAFY5K2026690	0	-231.17
2018-04-0089029	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WA1BVAF16KD020775	0	-354.56
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2018-04-0089031	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WAUL2AF22KN055543	0	-289.84
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2018-04-0089040	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WA1BNAFY2K2026145	0	-231.17
2018-04-0089041	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WA1BNAFY7K2049887	0	-114.89
2018-04-0089042	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WAUBEGFF5K1017935	0	-84.96
2018-04-0089043	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WA1BNAFY1K2015492	0	-229.77
2018-04-0089044	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WAUENAF45KN008914	0	-100.4

2018-04-0089045	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WA1LHAF7XKD029978	0	-142.61
2018-04-0089046	VW CREDIT INC	2019/WA1BNAFY9K2054394	0	-114.89
2019-01-0000250	PETROLITO LUCIA	224 HIGH ST	0	-2347.24
2019-03-0053223	BELL RONDOLYNN D	2013/5UXWX9C5XD0D06891	0	-100
2019-03-0054491	BROCHU DANIELLE N	2012/KMHCT5AE8CU016984	0	-148.81
2019-03-0055836	LETTIERI SHARON	1991/1GCDT19Z7M2105404	0	-9.36
2019-03-0057029	CLOUTIER DONALD M	2008/JN8AS58V18W140325	0	-27.22
2019-03-0070003	LAGUERAS MARY	2001/1GMDX03E61D116944	0	-36.22
2019-03-0070307	LASEK ZENON	2005/2HGES26715H565359	0	-55.93
2019-03-0071878	MACHADO MIGUEL E	2000/1G1JF524XY7291733	0	-15.97
2019-03-0072811	MASON HATTIE E	2000/YV1LW61J9Y2658996	0	-12.1
2019-03-0073546	MEDEIROS ROBIN	2010/JM1BL1H61A1212979	0	-148.81
2019-03-0075899	RUBERA KATHY	2017/1N4AA6AP3HC431996	0	-582.76
2019-03-0076038	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2018/5N1AT2MV3JC770105	0	-388.09
2019-03-0076315	NUNES CLAUDIA M	2007/JH2PC40037M009461	0	-124.83
2019-03-0078399	PETITHOMME YVES M	2012/1N4AA5AP3CC834525	0	-71.1
2019-03-0078657	PINCKNEY KENNETH	2018/ML32F3FJXJHF13676	0	-54.04
2019-03-0078738	PITTMAN DARLENE Y	2009/KMHDU46D09U805750	0	-9.05
2019-03-0081324	RODRIGUEZ RAY F	2010/WDDHF8HB2AA253117	0	-403.13
2019-03-0084395	SMITH-BROWN MARCIA P	1998/1HGGC3152WA013017	0	-22.5
		SUBTOTAL	-53.49	-20528.74
		TOTAL		20,582.23

None

Pending Workers' Compensation Claim: Hardie Burgin

to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle all outstanding Workers' Compensation claims of former Town employee, Hardie Burgin, for a total sum of \$10,000.00.
Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Mayor Leclerc addressed the Council on the following issues: (1) the town has received a direct funding grant from the state's Department of Public Health in the amount of \$341,000 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; (2) there is a slight up-tick in the number of positive COVID cases in East Hartford, but they seem confined to two distinct situations where groups were gathering; (3) Holiday Fest has been cancelled this year due to the pandemic; (4) \$36,000 of direct funding from the Secretary of the State's office is coming to the town to help defer the extra costs at this year's election; (5) a West Hartford firetruck is on loan to the town while Ladder 1 is undergoing repairs; (6) Parks & Recreation Department has some virtual programs, including dance, martial arts, etc., which will be available for the residents; and (7) the Toronto FC, a Major League Soccer Team, will be playing at Rentschler Field but it is closed to the public.

Connor Martin wished Sebrina Wilson a Happy Belated Birthday.

Don Bell reminded all of the next public forum on racism, which will be Tuesday September 22nd, where the Mayor and Town Council will seek public input on a list of topics to be explored in an effort to eliminate the sources of systemic racism. He encouraged residents to virtually attend the forum to share their ideas.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Don Bell
 seconded by John Morrison
 to **adjourn** (8:25 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be October 6, 2020.

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