

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr., Majority Leader Barbara-Ann Rossi, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I. Weinberg, Linda A. Russo, Ram Aberasturia, Patricia Harmon and Anita D. Morrison

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. 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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Since Mayor Leclerc was not in attendance at tonight's meeting, Chair Kehoe reported on the following for her:

Update on the Park Avenue Graffiti

As of Tuesday, September 15th Park Ave graffiti has been coming down slowly but surely. The businesses are in all different stages of recovery. Some have repainted, some have attempted removal (on brick unsuccessfully) and others have bought the supplies but have not had time to repaint. Deputy Chief Hawkins, Sgt. Mike DeMaine and Chief Samson have all met with all the owners and patrol has made an arrest of one tagger. Also the building with the graffiti (graffiti years old) off the highway ramp at the light (Rt.2) owned by Schwartz and listed by Agnelli Real Estate has been painted over by owner.

Horizon Update

The Horizon Project completed the formal Land Review Process and was unanimously passed to proceed to the Planning and Zoning meeting for site plan review at the September 23, 2015 meeting.

The Shoppes at Rentschler Field continues to move along in the approval process. Our expectation is that it will be voted on by the Site Plan Review Committee next Tuesday, September 22nd, to move forward to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration. The Commission is scheduled to meet the following day, Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:30 pm.

Their engineer is working through amendments to the site plan to respond to comments made by the Engineering Department. Although, we do not expect to have the traffic comments from the State by the time of a potential approval, it will not necessarily affect any timing on the application.

East Hartford Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The Town of East Hartford has scheduled another Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the East Hartford

Public Safety Complex, located at 31 School St. This event is being sponsored by the East Hartford Police, Fire, and Health Departments. The program offers citizens the opportunity to safely discard unwanted, unused prescription drugs that have accumulated in their households.

Residents are advised that the collection program is limited to prescription medications, pills, capsules and caplets. Items which cannot be collected include: I.V. bags, epi-pens, patches, gels, medications in tubes, liquids, and sharps (anything with a needle or lance).

"These events dramatically reduce the risk of prescription drug diversion and abuse, sickness and hospitalizations attributable to inappropriate or outdated medication consumption and environmental damage including groundwater contamination and non-point watercourse pollution," Mayor Marcia Leclerc said. "Medication disposal is a major public health and safety concern."

Raymond Library Grand Opening

The Raymond Library Ribbon Cutting will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2016. Plan to join us at 11:30 AM for festivities on the lawn, followed by an Official Ribbon Cutting with Mayor Marcia Leclerc, Governor Dannel Malloy, members of our State Delegation, Town Council, Board of Education, Building Commission Members and town staff, residents and donors at 12:30 PM.

Additionally, Chair Kehoe announced that, due to a joint task force comprised of the East Hartford Police Department and a number of state agencies – including the Labor Department – several massage “spas” located in East Hartford were shut down due to non-compliance with state labor laws.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 1, 2015 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
 seconded by Pat Harmon
 to **approve** the minutes of the September 16, 2015 Regular Meeting.
 Motion carried 9/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Resignation of Mary Ann Lee from the Commission on Aging

Chair Kehoe announced Ms. Lee's resignation from the Commission on Aging and thanked her for her service to the community.

NEW BUSINESS

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

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **approve** the 2016-2019 collective bargaining agreement
 between the East Hartford Board of Education and the East

Hartford Education Association which was ratified by the Union on August 31, 2015 and approved by the Board of Education on September 8, 2015.
Motion carried 6/3. **Nays:** Clarke, Harmon, Morrison

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Barbara Rossi
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$ 1,683.77
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2014-03-0050371	ADOMAAH YAA	1998/JN1CA21D4WT517447	-9.08
2014-03-0055887	CASABLANCA ZORAIDA	1999/1GMDU06E6XD167650	-11.56
2014-03-0056437	CHARON KATHLEEN L C/O WILLIAM CHARON	1999/KMHJF25F2XU832675	-6.01
2013-03-0056391	CHASE AUTO FINANCE CORP	2011/JM1BL1UG6B1442601	-178.34
2014-03-0057829	CORONA AURA	2000/JHLRD1866YC055110	-50.26
2014-03-0062915	FRANCO ANDRES	2005/JTKDE177450030999	-36.23
2014-03-0068415	KAMINSKI PATRICIA A	2004/2HGES26754H592949	-35.9
2014-03-0069175	KOLOSKI THOMAS R	1999/2FTZA5447XBA73308	-18.9
2014-03-0071083	LOPEZ MARYANN	2001/2T1BR12EX1C458732	-20.91
2014-03-0072583	MAUTINO AIDA V	1996/1G2NE52M6TM572549	-48.34
2014-03-0073274	MELLO LAURA M	1992/2FTDF15Y1NCA50927	-40.91
2014-03-0076673	PACHECO ANGEL M	1998/1B4HS28Y9WF142577	-14.77
2013-03-0078787	QUILES JESSICA	2000/JT8BF21G4Y5078931	-39.18
2014-03-0079053	RAMOS MARIA E	2000/1J4GW48N9YC409851	-22.52
2014-02-0040517	RUSSELL & DAWSON LLC	1111 MAIN ST	-252.88
2014-03-0082258	SAPIA HELEN M	1998/1FAFP13P8WW192266	-42.24
2013-03-0084074	ST ONGE RONALD OR	1995/1MELM50UXSA649561	-11.31
2014-03-0087333	VINCENZO JOHN EST OF	2003/1G4HR54K03U171003	-28.8
2014-03-0087441	VOLLINGER DANIEL JOHN	2001/YV1RS53D812046415	-24.44

2014-03-0088236	WHITE RECARDO D	2003/WAULT68EX3A351100	-17.52
2014-03-0088465	WILLIAMS DEIRDRE D	2003/JN8AZ08WX3W211246	-39.11
2013-04-0088763	WILLIAMS LEONARD A JR	2005/4T1BK36B55U012590	-233.99
2014-03-0088524	WILLIAMS LEONARD A JR	2005/4T1BK36B55U012590	-181.38
2014-03-0088548	WILLIAMS ORRETT G	2007/1N4AL21E17C206749	-299.47
2014-03-0088584	WILLIAMS VERONICA A	1995/2MELM75W3SX615328	-19.72
TOTAL			-1,683.77

Appointment of Elaine Dube to the Pension & Retiree Benefits Board

MOTION By Anita Morrison
seconded by Esther Clarke
to **approve** the appointment of Elaine Dube, 80 Salem Road,
to the Pension & Retiree Benefits Board, whose term shall
expire December 2017.
Motion carried 9/0.

Setting a Public Hearing Date of October 6th @ 7PM re: §6-5 Swine/Poultry and §8-61 to 8-79, Sexually Oriented Businesses

MOTION By Bill Horan
seconded by Anita Morrison
to **set** a public hearing date of Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 7PM in Council
Chambers to hear public comment on proposed revisions to the East
Hartford Code of Ordinances in §6-5, 6-8 and 6-10 regarding the
keeping of Swine and Poultry and in §8-61 to 8-79 regarding sexually oriented
businesses.
Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Pat Harmon reported that the sight line from Moore Avenue/Bidwell Street onto Burnside Avenue
is obscured by high bushes and shrubs, and asked if the town could look into this as it poses a
safety concern.

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Scott McKenna v Peter Condio

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Linda Russo
to **accept** Corporation Counsel's recommendation to fully
and finally settle the pending superior court action known as
Scott McKenna v Peter Condio, Docket No. CV-14-6055205-S,
for the total sum of \$125,000.00.
Motion carried 9/0.

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Esther Clarke
to **amend** the agenda by adding the following item:
"Resolution Honoring Barbara-Ann Rossi"
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain:** Rossi

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Esther Clarke
to **adopt** the following resolution:

Resolution Honoring Barbara-Ann Rossi

Whereas, Barbara-Ann Rossi moved from the Borough of Naugatuck to the town of East Hartford and very quickly became active in community affairs; and

Whereas, Barbara's passion for public service and doing what is best for the future of the residents of the town of East Hartford led her to run for elective office; and

Whereas, on November 2007, Barbara was elected to the Town Council; and

Whereas, she served on the Economic Development Commission and the Retirees' Pension and Benefits Commission as a Town Council representative; and

Whereas, she also served on the Town Council's Budget and Investigations and Audit Subcommittees; and

Whereas, Barbara's leadership skills were recognized as she was elected Town Council Majority Leader in 2011; and

Whereas, Barbara's service on the Council has been marked by a spirit of cooperation and bipartisanship; and

Whereas, Barbara is leaving the town of East Hartford for retirement in Florida.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East Hartford Town Council, along with Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc, hereby recognizes the great work and determined dedication of Barbara-Ann Rossi and wishes her all the best times in retirement and be it further resolved that the East Hartford Town Council will miss you and hopes that you will stay in touch.

Motion carried 8/0. Abstain: Rossi

The entire Council, while sad that Councillor Rossi is leaving, wished her well in her retirement years in Florida. God-speed, Barbara.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Susan Kniep commented on the need for additional public information regarding individual salaries that are affected by proposed union contracts.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Barbara Rossi
 to **adjourn** (9:53 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

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

Attest _____
 Angela M. Attenello
 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK