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SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

PRESENT

Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Linda A. Russo, Majority Leader Ram Aberasturia, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc Weinberg, Joseph R. Carlson, Shelby J. Brown, Patricia Harmon and Caroline Torres

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. The Chair explained that the reason the Council is meeting on a Monday evening – instead of a Tuesday evening – is in consideration of Yom Kippur, which will start tomorrow evening at sundown. 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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, stated that there is a lot of funding to do in the "Fiscally Responsible Funding of Long-term Liabilities" ordinance and it falls upon the East Hartford taxpayers; and (2) asked that the Town Council establish a subcommittee of the Town Council which will review the employee contracts currently in force and to determine how to proceed in a fiscally responsible manner.

<u>Don Currey</u>, 14 Martin Circle, Town Treasurer, again praised the Council for establishing annual requirements for funding long-term liabilities for future Councils by the passage of the "Fiscally Responsible Funding of Long-term Liabilities" ordinance:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia seconded by Pat Harmon

to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting:

Motion carried 9/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Working Cities Initiative: "East Hartford CONNects" Grand Opening September 26th

<u>Chair Kehoe</u> explained that the town was a recipient of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's Working Cities Challenge Grant. The grant is designed to bring about lasting change in a specific area of town – for East Hartford it is the Silver Lane School area. The

coordinating organization is called "East Hartford CONNects". At the grand opening on Wednesday Sept 26th between 6PM and 7PM at Silver Lane School, representatives from EH CONNects will provide Silver Lane neighborhood residents with employment opportunities and access to job training and skill development.

Resignations from Various Boards and Commission

<u>Chair Kehoe</u> announced the following resignations: from the Beautification Commission – Elizabeth Russell and Patricia Byrnes; from the Commission on Aging – Joanna Fulk; from the Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities – Nanette Fabian and Henry Pawlowski; from the Historic District Commission – Micah London; and from the Redevelopment Agency – Robin Pearson. He thanked all for their service to the community.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

Assistance to Firefighters Grant

MOTION

By Shelby Brown

seconded by Marc Weinberg to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Federal Fire Protection and Control Act of 1974 established a competitive financial assistance program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) entitled "Assistance to Firefighters Grant" program; and

WHEREAS the East Hartford Fire Department has submitted and been awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase personal protective equipment cleaning and drying equipment; and

WHEREAS the grant was awarded in the amount of \$59,437.00.

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 FEMA as they pertain to this Assistance to Firefighters Grant program grant.

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

Recommendation from Ordinance Committee re: "Fiscally Responsible Funding of Long Term Liabilities" Ordinance

MOTION

By Linda Russo

seconded by Esther Clarke

to amend the East Hartford Code of Ordinances by repealing Sections 10-41, 10-42, 10-43 and 10-52 and to substitute in lieu thereof the new ordinance entitled "Fiscally Responsible Funding of Long-term Liabilities" consistent with The draft dated August 28, 2018, as unanimously approved by the Ordinance committee.

Motion carried 9/0.

Recommendations from the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee:

State Land along Governor Street and the Governor/Main Street Intersection

MOTION

By Joe Carlson

seconded by Caroline Torres

to recommend that the East Hartford Town Council (1) accept from the State of Connecticut the rights, easements and rights-of-way on, over and under the parcels of property abutting Governor Street described in the quit-claim deed for file #42-299-001A from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation dated December 11, 2017, for the state-mandated release fee; and (2) to waive the acquisition requirements set forth in §10-18(b) of the Town Ordinances, such waiver being in the Town's best interests since the rights, easements and rights-of-way being conveyed are necessary for the Town-owned portion of Governor Street to continue to be utilized as a Town Road.

Motion carried 9/0.

A copy of the quit claim deed follows these minutes.

Acquisition of 41-43 Village Street

MOTION

By Joe Carlson

seconded by Caroline Torres

to recommend that the East Hartford Town Council (1) approve the acquisition of the property known as 41-43 Village Street for the sum of \$80,000, a valuation consistent with the Town's appraised assessment value of the property, and (2) waive the survey requirement for the property, such waiver being in the best interests of the Town since the Town already has general surveys of the levee system and such survey is not needed for the future use of the property which will be integrated into the levee system.

Motion carried 9/0.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

MOTION

By Marc Weinberg seconded by Ram Aberasturia to approve the following appointments:

- > To the Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities, the appointment of Marie Beaulier, 13 Franklin Street, whose term shall expire December 2019.
- ➤ To the Beautification Commission, the appointment of Cynthia Woodman, 61 Dartmouth Drive, whose term shall expire December 2019.

Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

<u>Linda Russo</u> requested a written update on the status of the property at 1252-1256 Main Street.

<u>Esther Clarke</u> noted the discrepancy between the Town Charter and the State Statutes regarding the town's acquisition of property with Town Council approval.

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Assessment Appeal: Zelda Enterprise, LLC Docket No. HHB-CV-17-6037707-S, re: 11 Nelson Street and 17 Nelson Street

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

seconded by Marc Weinberg

to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as Zelda Enterprise, LLC v Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-17-6037707-S, involving real property located at 11 Nelson Street and 17 Nelson Street, from a total fair market value of \$733,757.00 to a total fair market value of \$635,000.00, which shall generate a reduction of \$3,252.10 in property taxes for the Grand List

Year of 2016. Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

<u>Susan Kniep</u>, 50 Olde Roberts Street, asked if the town has any contracts with the unions that stipulates to the amount of money that will deposited on an annual basis into reserve funds. Chair Kehoe answered that there is no such agreement, except for the pension plan.

Mayor Leclerc (1) thanked those individuals who have served or have recently been appointed to a Commission; (2) the Finance Director has posted the town's accounts payables, employee wages and overtime to the town's website; (3) "Big MO" will be held in East Hartford this year at the new American Eagle Federal Credit Union facility on September 26th; (4) the town's Health Department and Senior Services will hold several Flu Clinics at the Public Safety Complex; (5) the MDC will hold their bi-annual Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday October 6th from 8AM to 1PM at 65 Pitkin Street; (6) the East Hartford Police Department announced that Lieutenant Ricardo Soto has been promoted to Deputy Chief and that Christopher Davis, formerly of the Manchester Police Department, has been hired as a Deputy Chief; and (7) Parks & Recreation Department will hold their annual Fall Fest on Saturday October 13th.

<u>Rich Kehoe</u> reminded all of the "Believe 208 Run for the Finest and Bravest" to be held on Sunday, September 30th starting at 8AM.

<u>Marc Weinberg</u> wished all those of the Jewish faith a good Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement and a good Sukkot, the feast of Tabernacles.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

MOTION

By Esther Clarke

seconded by Linda Russo to adjourn (8:35 p.m.). Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be *Tuesday*, October 2nd.

Attest__

Angela M. Attenello

TOWN COUNCIL CLERK

Return to: Town of East Hartford Town Hall 740 Main Street East Hertford, Connecticut 06108

OUTT-CLAIM DEED

STATUTORY FORM

The State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, James Redeker, Commissioner, under authority granted by Section 13a-80 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as revised, acting herein by Terrence J. Obey, Director of Rights of Way, Bureau of Engineering and Construction, Department of Transportation, duly authorized, with the advice and consent of the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut, and the State Properties Review Board, for good and valuable consideration conveys for highway purposes, to the Town of East Hartford, a Municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut and having its territorial limits within the County of Hartford and State of Connecticut, with QUIT-CLAIM COVENANTS,

Those certain easements, situated in the Town of Bast Hartford, County of Hartford and State of Connecticut, as acquired in the following instruments:

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material and, a certain full and perpetual defined easement for highway purposes, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from John R. Chapman and Donna O'Brien Chapman, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated May 10, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2899 at Page 003 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual defined easement for highway purposes and a certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Luis Pasion and Rosa Pasion, as evidenced by a Certificate of Condemnation filed on January 29, 2008 and recorded in Volume 2984 at Page 168 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the support of the highway, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from 115 Governor Street, LLC, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated July 24, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2925 at Page 332 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Michael Barone, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated August 7, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2931 at Page 246 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual defined easement for highway purposes and a certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the support of the highway, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Danny Gamble, as evidenced by a Certificate of Condemnation filed on October 15, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2954 at Page 109 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual defined easement for highway purposes, a certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material, and a certain full and perpetual defined sight line easement, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Luis Rico and Ana F. Rico, as contained in an Basement Instrument dated May 24, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2902 at Page 218 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Cathleen W. Henderson-Ingram, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated December 3, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2969 at Page 161 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material and an easement to construct concrete sidewalk, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from John V. McNeill, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated November 8, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2962 at Page 166 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material and an easement to construct concrete sidewalk, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Dawn L. Morgan, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated January 22, 2008 and recorded in Volume 2982 at Page 130 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the support of the highway and a defined sight line easement, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Betzaida Soto, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated May 30, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2904 at Page 224 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material and a defined sight line easement, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Elizabeth Perez and Teodore Jara, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated May 21, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2901 at Page 223 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Urban Suburban Affordables Inc., as evidenced by a Certificate of Condemnation filed on May 4, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2897 at Page 047 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Michele Gorski, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated March 23, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2881 at Page 144 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material under, over and across portions of land, acquired from George Dubey, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated February 27, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2872 at Page 131 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Richard M. Jacques and Helene R. Jaques, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated March 1, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2873 at Page 308 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Rubicon Properties 2, LLC, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated September 23, 2008 and recorded in Volume 3044 at Page 331 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Damaris Cardona and Domingo Cardona, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated March 27, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2882 at Page 196 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material under, over and across portions of land, acquired from George O. Lazane and Gloria A. Lazure, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated February 27, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2872 at Page 260 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Catalina Lopez-Hehm and Kenneth L. Hehn, Jr., as contained in an Basement Instrument dated March 20, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2880 at Page 216 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Mary E. Kowalski, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated March 7, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2876 at Page 077 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual defined easement for highway purposes and a certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the support of the highway, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Franklin Rodriquez, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated November 5, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2961 at Page 182 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Carlos M. Bernardo, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated March 27, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2882 at Page 195 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Baldino Schiavone and Elvira Schiavone, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated February 27, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2871 at Page 347 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual defined easement for highway purposes and a certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the support of the highway, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Judith R. Corado and Nancy J. Querido, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated June 19, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2913 at Page 156 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual defined easement for highway purposes and a certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the support of the highway, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Myles O. McGee, aka Myles McGee, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated September 13, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2945 at Page 169 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the support of the highway, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Keith E. Busiere, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated February 26, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2871 at Page 229 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the support of the highway, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Phoutone Vongkeomany and Orathai Vongkeomany, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated February 24, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2871 at Page 228 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the support, of the highway, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Vitas Saimininkas and Aldona Saimininkas, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated September 21, 2007 and recorded in Volume 2947 at Page 154 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway, and remove, use or retain excavated material under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Seth D. Paine, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated April 4, 2008 and recorded in Volume 3002 at Page 007 of the East Hartford Land Records.

A certain full and perpetual defined easement for highway purposes and a certain full and perpetual easement to slope for the safety of the highway and remove, use or retain excavated material, under, over and across portions of land, acquired from Manuel A. Sousa and Natalia F. Sousa, as contained in an Easement Instrument dated October 28, 2008 and recorded in Volume 3054 at Page 001 of the East Hartford Land Records.

The above-described easements are assigned subject to such rights and easements as may appear of record and to any state of facts which an inspection of the premises may show.

The above-described easements are assigned subject to any and all provisions of any ordinance, municipal regulation, or public or private law.

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| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, acting herein by Terrence J. Obey, Director of Rights of Way, Bureau of Engineering and Construction, duly authorized, has caused its scal to be hereto affixed and this Instrument to be executed in its behalf this # day of | |
| Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Willess Jandon Ruland | State of Connecticut Department of Transportation James Redeker Commissioner By (L.S.) |
| Witness Orokap Roger | Terrence J. Obey Director of Rights of Way Bureau of Engineering and Construction Department of Transportation Duly Authorized |
| STATE OF CONNECTICUT) ss: Ne | wington |
| COUNTY OF HARTFORD) | |
| The foregoing Instrument was acknowledged before me this 11 day of Occessor A.D. 2017, by Terrence J. Obey, Director of Rights of Way, Bureau of Engineering and Construction, Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut. | |
| My Commission Expires 16/84 2021 Notary Public | |
| This conveyance is made with the advice and consent of the undersigned in conformity with Section 13a-80 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as revised. | |
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| S | tate Properties Review Board |
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| APPROVED AS TO FORM George Jepsen, Attorney General Joseph Rubin Associate Attorney General Duly Authorized Date: 1/19/18 | EDWIN S. GREENBERG CHAIRMAN |
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