

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM

September 19, 2023

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Don Bell, Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson (via Teams), Minority Leader John Morrison, Councilors Angie Parkinson, Travis Simpson, Thomas Rup, Awet Tsegai and Harry Amadasun, Jr.

ABSENT

ALSO Mayor Michael P. Walsh
PRESENT Melissa McCaw, Chief Administrative Officer and Finance Director
Laurence Burnsed, Director of Health and Social Services
Amanda Garrity, Deputy Director of Health and Social Services
Mary Jane Foster, President and CEO of Interval House

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:58 pm. The Chair stated that this meeting was also available to the public through the “Teams” platform.

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.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION By Don Bell
seconded by John Morrison

to **add item 8G** “Bid Waiver re: Purchase of COVID-19 vaccines from FFF Enterprises by the Health and Social Services Department to the agenda.

Motion carried 9/0

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 5, 2023 Executive Session

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Travis Simpson

to **approve** the minutes of the September 5, 2023 Executive Session.

Motion carried 9/0

September 5, 2023 Public Hearing

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
 seconded by John Morrison

to **approve** the minutes of the September 5, 2023 Public Hearing.

Motion carried 9/0

September 5, 2023 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
 seconded by John Morrison

to **approve** the minutes of the September 5, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried 9/0

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Interval House Update on Domestic Violence Prevention and Services

Mary Jane Foster, President and CEO of Interval House provided a background of Interval House, Connecticut's largest domestic violence victim service agency. Ms. Foster expressed her gratitude for the Town's support of Interval House through ARPA Funding, the CARES Act and CDBG funds so they may continue their work in the community.

Ms. Foster spoke to the value of the organization's relationship with the East Hartford Police Department where an Interval House employee is assigned to assist police officers in responding to domestic violence incidents. An information and crisis hotline is available as a resource for the public. In FY2022, the organization served 487 victims in East Hartford and 540 this past year.

Ms. Foster shared that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and provided information on two upcoming events. On October 7th, a walk at Dunkin' Park will be held in memory of Jennifer Farber Dulos and on October 25th a free breakfast at the Riverview in Simsbury will be served to recognize the healthcare partners who assist with the safety of clients.

Ms. Foster encouraged all in attendance to serve as advocates and share information regarding the services available through the organization.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Application to Hartford Foundation for Public Giving re: Basic Human Needs Fund Grant

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
 seconded by Tom Rup

Proposed revision of Job Description, Pay Grade increase and Change in Title for Administrative Clerk III- Quartermaster (Police Department)

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
 seconded by Tom Rup

to **refer** to the Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee the proposed revision of job description and pay grade increase for Administrative Clerk III in the Police Department and proposed revision of job description, pay grade increase and change in title for Administrative Clerk III- Quartermaster in the Police Department as provided in a memo from Mayor Michael P. Walsh to Rich Kehoe, Town Council Chair dated September 8th, 2023 with instructions to review the positions and report back to the full Council with its recommendations, if any.

Motion carried 9/0

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Harry Amadasun
 seconded by Don Bell

to **approve** a total refund of taxes in the amount of \$13,852.30 pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Bill	Name/ Check Payable to:	Address	City/State/Zip	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	Over Paid
2021-03-0050144	ACAR LEASING LTD	PO BOX 1990	FORT WORTH, TX 76101	2018/1GCVKREC7J2206548		-867.02
2022-03-0050151	ACAR LEASING LTD	PO BOX 1990	FORT WORTH, TX 76101	2018/1GCVKREC7J2206548		-772.56
2022-03-0050377	ADDY JACOB L	1220 BURNSIDE AVE APT A	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-1593	2010/STDKK4CC2A5332200		-9.77
2021-03-0052950	BECKMAN TONEKA N	96 ALLENDALE RD	HARTFORD, CT 06106-3501	2015/5J8TB4H38FLO29798		-426.52
2022-03-0053131	BELCHAK MICHAEL E CLARKE JUDITH	164 CAMBRIDGE DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-2605	2015/4N11C2529F0143556		-18.80
2022-02-0040227	BENEDICTA ANNAN	929 BURNISDE AVE	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	929 BURNISDE AVE		-79.98
2022-03-0054166	BOYKINS-SCRUGGS VALERIE	240 ELLINGTON RD	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-1106	2017/JAAR4AW8H2024746		-19.54
2022-03-0055031	BUSH TRUCK LEASING INC	80 PARK DR	WILMINGTON, OH 45177	2020/4UZAC3EAXLCU2424		-67.59
2022-03-0055912	CASEY NICOLE S	9 BEAUMONT ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-2306	2005/3FAFP37N15R101764		-12.14
2021-03-0057025	COMEAX SHANDA N	11 MIDDLEFIELD ST	MANCHESTER, CT 06040	2014/5GAKVCKD7EJ327753		-495.00
2019-01-0001595	CORELOGIC REFUNDS DEPT	3001 HACKBERRY RD	IRVING, TX 75063	9 CHESSLEE RD		-74.88
2020-01-0001603	CORELOGIC REFUNDS DEPT	3001 HACKBERRY RD	IRVING, TX 75063	9 CHESSLEE RD		-74.02
2021-03-0058846	DEANGULO LUCY A	298 SCHOOL ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-1848	2006/2HGGF126X6H538627		-113.61
2022-03-0059436	DELGADO CHRISTOPHER L	237 HIGHLAND VIEW DR	SOUTH WINDHAM, CT 06266-1114	2013/JA32W8FV6DU005287		-246.54
2022-03-0059746	DIAZ ALBERTO L	49 KING ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	2017/ZACCJB8B5HPF46416		-109.62
2022-03-0059942	DIAZ-ROBLERO VIRGLIO N	22 MURRAY ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-1637	2008/1HGPC25818A125065		-148.99
2022-03-0060615	DUFF CLIFFORD E	27 RACEBROOK DR A	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	1998/1C3EJ56H8WN184181		-78.38
2022-01-004886	FISHER KATHLEEN K AND WEISBAUM N	6 NORTH DR	NIANTIC, CT 06357	257 KING ST		-3,196.05
2021-03-0063935	GONZALES-EASON MADONNA	49 SCOTT ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-2650	2011/1J4RR4GG7BC713495		-113.58
2022-03-0065788	HARC INC	900 ASYLUM AVE	HARTFORD, CT 06105	2011/2CNALBEC686425738		-493.07
2022-03-0065790	HARC INC.	900 ASYLUM AVE	HARTFORD, CT 06105	2017/1FDEE3F52HDC22296		-602.14
2021-03-0066712	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	3161 MICHELSON DR STE #1900	IRVINE, CA 92612	2019/5NPEK4AF7KH744064		-297.50
2021-03-0067452	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	3161 MICHELSON DR STE #1900	IRVINE, CA 92612	2021/5NPEK4IC3MH109576		-755.02
2022-03-0067771	ISLAM SHARA M	140 CHIPPER DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-2779	2016/555WF4K80GU102844		-160.84
2022-03-0068713	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA	PO BOX 901098	FORT WORTH, TX 76101-2098	2020/JF2SKAUC7LH487380		-432.25
2022-03-0071034	LOMBARDO MARILYN	339 FORBES ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-1309	2009/453BL616597231700		-11.13
2022-03-0071396	LUCERO LINARES CRISTIAN A	117 TOLLAND ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-3438	2013/1HGC2F540A169944		-50.74
2021-02-0041030	MALTA HOUSE OF CARE INC	136 FARMINGTON AVE	HARTFORD, CT 06105	19 WOODLAND ST SUITE 21		-211.36
2022-03-0071998	MANZANARES-LOPEZ JOSE A	99 BURNSIDE AVE APT 11	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-3417	2005/4F2C296145KM51788		-15.45
2022-03-0072237	MARTIN JOY A	97 LEVERICH DR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-1432	2016/1FTEW1EG3GF829597		-57.46
2021-03-0071643	MARTINEZ-RECINOS ARTURO	112 OLMSTED ST APT #1W	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	2005/KM8SC73D25U004697		-13.32
2022-03-0072526	MASON LEONARDO R	19 LINDEN ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-4028	2004/1GNFK16Z84J154964		-45.47
2021-04-0084905	NISSAN INFINITI LT LLC	PO BOX 650214	DALLAS, TX 75265-9523	2022/1N4BL4CV7NN349543		-100.79
2022-03-0075614	NISSAN INFINITI LT LLC	PO BOX 650214	DALLAS, TX 75265-9523	2020/1N1B1JCW5LW643900		-96.76
2022-03-0075650	NISSAN INFINITI LT LLC	PO BOX 650214	DALLAS, TX 75265-9523	2022/5N1DR3AC6NC231486		-204.88
2022-03-0075673	NISSAN INFINITI LT LLC	PO BOX 650214	DALLAS, TX 75265-9523	2020/1N1B1JCW9LW364014		-96.76
2022-03-0075723	NISSAN INFINITI LT LLC	PO BOX 650214	DALLAS, TX 75265-9523	2020/KNMAT2MVXLP539332		-237.55
2022-03-0077069	PANDHARE VIBHOR	849 WEST ORANGE AVE APT 4022	SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080	2008/1HGPC36878A049565		-78.65
2021-03-0078219	RAMOS-HENRIQUEZ MARCOS A	BLISS ST 61	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	2008/18HG58268C204614		-78.91
2022-03-0080800	RODRIGUEZ JAMES P	178 MAIN ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-3234	2018/1C6RR7FG05218060		-30.00
2022-03-0081106	ROHNER KRISTINE L	39 ELEANOR RD	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-2021	2014/4T1BK1EBXEU083399		-29.93
2022-03-0082000	SALMON CARMELLA E	16 FOLEY CIR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-1524	2015/19XFB2F58FE262805		-159.71
2021-03-0082645	SMITH EDNA Y	140 SILVER LN APT B7	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06118-1020	2008/1THBJ46G8X2272541		-16.79
2021-03-0083493	SULCA LUIS A	88 GREEN MANOR AVE	WINDSOR, CT 06095-3503	2010/2T3BF4DV2AW062128		-127.18
2019-03-0085634	TEFFT LOUIS W	320 DIANE DR	SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074	2005/1FAHP60A35Y106810	-41.09	-342.45
2019-03-0085635	TEFFT LOUIS W	320 DIANE DR	SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074	2005/2D4FV48V15H570453	-12.85	-107.10
2020-03-0083856	TEFFT LOUIS W	320 DIANE DR	SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074	2005/1FAHP60A35Y106810	-108.36	-314.10
2021-03-0084691	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	3200 WEST RAY ROAD	CHANDLER, AZ 85226	2020/JM3KFBDM5L0845051		-521.81
2022-03-0086096	TRIEU PHUONG T	17 STILL LN	WEST HARTFORD, CT 06117-1214	2001/4N2ZN17T31D824760		-16.23
2021-03-0085433	VALENTINE SAMUEL E	46 STANLEY ST 3FL	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-1661	2010/453BMB6C4A3238152		-161.98
2021-03-0085795	VCFS AUTO LEASING CO	PO BOX 91300	MOBILE, AL 36691	2019/LVY102RKS8B215030		-463.04
2022-03-0087430	VERA JOSEFINA	116 WOODLAWN CIR	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-2868	1996/1J4FJ68S3TL247154		-6.50
2022-03-0087503	VILLANUEVA REINALDO	15648 SW 49TH AVENUE RD	OCALA, FL 34473-8003	2012/1N4BL2EP9C154782		-15.97
2022-03-0087735	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	1401 FRANKLIN BLVD	LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048-4460	2020/3VY2B7AX2LM043958		-155.82
2022-03-0088078	WATTSVER LIGHTING PRODUCTS INC	22 THOMAS ST	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-2012	2017/ITMRJREV1H0080037		-94.86
2022-03-0089272	ZAMAN AKHTAR	1327 BURNSIDE AVE APT B2	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	2016/STDZK3DC2G5741099		-147.02
2022-03-0089447	ZUNIGA VIVEROS DANILO A	72 CHAPEL ST FL3	EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	2000/1J4FF48S0YL167565		-14.87
SUBTOTAL					(162.30)	(13,690.00)
TOTAL						\$ (13,852.30)

Motion carried 9/0

Bid Waiver re: Purchase of COVID-19 vaccines from FFF Enterprises by Health and Social Services Department

MOTION

By Harry Amadasun
seconded by Don Bell

pursuant to Section 10-7(c) of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances, the Town Council waive the bidding procedures required by Section 10-7(a) and further authorize the Town to purchase approximately 300 COVID-19 vaccines from FFF Enterprises at a purchase price not to exceed \$36,909.00 and enter into a letter of commitment with Moderna US, Inc., and further authorize Mayor Michael P. Walsh to make, execute and approve on behalf of the Town, any and all contracts or amendments necessary to consummate this transaction as such waiver is in the best interest of the Town as it will allow the Department of Health and Human

Services to administer to the public COVID-19 vaccines during town influenza clinics and office visits this fall.

Motion carried 9/0

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Councillor Tsegai proposed that the Administration consider adding timed light fixtures to basketball courts in town similar those at the tennis courts at the high school.

Councillor Tsegai also requested an update on the Roberts Street light fixtures. *The Mayor stated that poles are in and connections are complete, but the town is still waiting for Eversource to connect the lights to the power lines.*

Councillor Amadasun asked what is the best course of action for residents to voice their concerns regarding blight or similar issues. *The Mayor provided a list of resources available for residents which include the “My East Hartford” phone app; the ability to enter a Q-Alert through the Town Website; or to contact the Town through the bilingual Quality of Life Hotline (860-291-7QOL).*

Councillor Parkinson asked for an update on bus shelter installations on Main Street. *The Mayor stated that money is allocated for the project and will provide an update.*

Councillor Tsegai asked if current staffing for blight enforcement is sufficient. *The mayor stated that the town is adequately staffed with two full time blight enforcement officers as part of the Quality of Life team. The town is still short staffed in the Engineering and Inspections and Permits departments.*

Councillor Bell shared that a resident has recommended that a southbound left turn lane installed at intersection on Main Street to turn onto Maple Street. *A new traffic light at Maple and Main Street southbound has been ordered and it has been requested that the fixture include a left turn signal. ConnDOT is in charge as Main Street is a state route.*

Councillor Simpson expressed that a similar traffic issue exists on Main Street traveling northbound on Main Street for cars making the left turn onto Broad Street.

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

The pending Superior Court action known as ALLISON, IAN v. TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD, Docket No: HHD-CV22-6151552-S

MOTION By Don Bell
 seconded by Travis Simpson

to accept the recommendation of Assistant Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending Superior Court action known as Allison, Ian V. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV22-6151552-S, for a total sum of Thirteen-Thousand Four Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$13,400.00).

Motion carried 9/0

The pending Law Enforcement Liability Claim known as LAURENCE WASHINGTON V. EAST HARTFORD, No. 3:16-vc-01316(SRU)

MOTION By Don Bell
seconded by Travis Simpson

to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending Federal Court action known as Laurence Washington v. East Hartford, Docket No. 3:16-vc-01316(SRU), for a total sum of \$150,000.00.

Motion carried 9/0

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Gary Roy, 61 Matthew Road,

- shared that the event hosted this past weekend by the WWII Legacy Foundation was a success.
- suggested that the Town talk to the owner of the blighted property before issuing an order to correct the problem so the Town can fully understand any extenuating circumstances.
- expressed appreciation for the Town's upkeep of the WWI Doughboy statue located in front of Raymond Library.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By John Morrison
seconded by Don Bell

to adjourn (9:27 pm)

Motion carried 9/0

The Chair wished all a good evening and announced that the next regular meeting of the Town Council would be on October 3, 2023.

Attest _____
Jason Marshall
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK