EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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**SEPTEMBER 21, 2021** 

TOWN CLERK EAST HARTFORD

PRESENT in Chambers

Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Connor Martin, Angela

Parkinson, Awet Tsegai and John Morrison

PRESENT

Councillor Patricia Harmon

via Teams

## CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m. The Chair explained that, this was a "hybrid" meeting, which allows for participation in-person or virtually via the "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.

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

MOTION

By Sebrina Wilson

seconded by Esther Clarke

to **add**, under New Business, item 8. D. entitled "Recommendation from the Fees Committee: Salon Annual Licensing Fee and Salon Annual

Inspection Fee".

Motion carried 9/0.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

No one came forward.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### September 8, 2021 Regular Meeting

MOTION

By Sebrina Wilson

seconded by Awet Tsegai

to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried 9/0.

## September 13, 2021 Executive Session/Mallinckrodt Bankruptcy

MOTION

By Sebrina Wilson

seconded by John Morrison

to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Executive

Session/Mallinckrodt Bankruptcy.

Motion carried 9/0.

## September 13, 2021 Special Meeting/Showcase Cinema

MOTION

By Sebrina Wilson seconded by Don Bell

to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Special

Meeting/Showcase Cinema.

Motion carried 9/0.

# **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

## Resignation of Lionel Lessard from the Economic Development Commission

<u>Chair Kehoe</u> reported that Lionel Lessard was resigning from the Economic Development Commission due to professional and personal time constraints. The Chair thanked Mr. Lessard for his valuable service to the community.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## Closure of the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan with PCS Retirement

MOTION

By Connor Martin

seconded by Don Bell

to adopt the following resolution:

# Resolution To Authorize The Closure Of The 457 Deferred Compensation Plan With PCS Retirement

Whereas the Town of East Hartford (the "Town") has established and maintained an Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Plan, known as "Town of East Hartford 457 Plan" (the "Plan"); and

Whereas the plan has had a limited number of participants since its inception; and

Whereas the last participant in the Plan has requested and received a payout from the Plan; and

Whereas the Plan no longer has any participants, beneficiaries or assets; and

Whereas there are currently three (3) other 457 Plans available to Town employees; and

Whereas Town desires to update and terminate the Plan effective September 30, 2021.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Plan documents are hereby amended to the extent necessary to comply with the Internal Revenue Code as the same has been amended since the date of the most recent Plan Amendment; and

Be It Resolved that the Plan is hereby terminated, effective September 30, 2021; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor or Finance Director of the Town, on behalf of the Town, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all documents required to effectuate such termination of the Plan, and to take such actions as are necessary, appropriate or advisable to effectuate the foregoing resolution.

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

# Referral to the Personnel & Pensions Subcommittee: Recycling Inspector Job Description

MOTION

By Awet Tsegai

seconded by Connor Martin

to **refer** to the Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee the job description for a new position within the Public Works Department entitled "Recycling Inspector" with instructions to review this matter and report back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.

Motion carried 9/0.

# Outdoor Amusement Permit Application: Thunderbird American Indian Dance Troupe

MOTION

By Angie Parkinson

seconded by John Morrison

to approve the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Thunderbird American Indian Dance Troupe" submitted by Sarah Kline Morgan, Director, East Hartford Public Library, to conduct the Thunderbird American Indian Dance Troupe on the front lawn of the Raymond Library, 840 Main Street, on Saturday October 16, 2021 from 11AM to 1:30PM in celebration n of Indigenous People's Day – the rain date is Saturday October 23, 2021 with the 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.

Motion carried 9/0.

# Recommendation from the Fees Committee re: Salon Annual Licensing and Inspections Fees

MOTION

By Connor Martin

seconded by Awet Tsegai

that the Town Council **approve** the annual licensing fee for hair salons in East Hartford and the fee for the annual inspection of those salons as outlined in a memo dated August 12, 2021 from Laurence Burnsed, Director of Health and Social Services to Marcia Leclerc, Mayor as follows:

Annual License Fee/ Late Charges:
 Salons with 1 – 4 stations: \$100
 Salons with 5 – 9 stations: \$125

Salons with 10 or more stations: \$175

- Late fee:
  - 1. Within 30 days of expiration: \$ 50
  - 2. 31-60 days after expiration: \$100
  - 3. After 60 days non-renewable, revoke license, re-instatement fee: double license fee
- > Annual Inspection Fee \$125.00

Motion carried 9/0.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

## COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

East Hartford Founders, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Tax Appeal, Docket NO. CV-17-6037160-S, 20 Hartland Street, a/k/a 99 Founders Plaza

**MOTION** 

By Sebrina Wilson

seconded by Connor Martin

to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as East Hartford Founders, LLC et al v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. HHB-CV-17-6037160-S, involving real property located at 20 Hartland Street, from a fair market value of \$18,717,770.00 to the fair market value of \$15,000,000, which shall generate a reduction of \$122,444.80 in property taxes, for the Grand

List Year of 2016. Motion carried 9/0.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Mayor Leclerc commented on the following: (1) the Raymond Library is offering museum passes to residents; (2) The East Hartford Community Cultural Center will be reopening to small groups; (3) on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 10AM residential revaluation personnel will be in neighborhoods reviewing the description of property and buildings for valuation purposes; (4) SciFi will also be surveying local neighborhoods in preparation of the installation of a high speed fiber-optic network; (5) the Parks & Recreation Department is offering outdoor fitness classes at Great River Parks; and (6) the Planning & Zoning Commission has been reviewing the sale of recreational cannabis in East Hartford. The Town Council will need to identify spaces for public smoking of marijuana.

### <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

MOTION

By Esther Clarke seconded by Don Bell to **adjourn** (7:58p.m.). Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be October 5th.

Attest

Angela M. Attenello TOWN COUNCIL CLERK