



EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina
in Chambers 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

Chair Kehoe 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

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 6th 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.

ADJOURNMENT

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