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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

OCTOBER 1, 2019

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

ABSENT Councillor Joseph R. Carlson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:46 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

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 17, 2019 Executive Session

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Pat Harmon
to **approve** the minutes of the September 17, 2019 Executive Session.
Motion carried 8/0.

January 2, 2019 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Caroline Torres
to **approve** the minutes of the September 17, 2019 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 8/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Presentation by Interval House re: Domestic Violence Response and Services

Mayor Leclerc introduced Mary-Jane Foster, Executive Director of Interval House, who presented a brief overview of what services Interval House provides for victims of

domestic violence. Ms. Foster stated that the town announced today its strengthened partnership with Interval House – the largest domestic violence agency in the State of Connecticut serving the greater Hartford region. A representative of Interval House will now be stationed at the East Hartford Police Department to streamline domestic incident screenings and offer on-site training to local police officers and first responders. Contact information for Interval House is their hot line # (860) 527-0550 or their website address which is intervalhousect.org.

NEW BUSINESS

Setting a Public Hearing Date of Tuesday, October 15th @ 7:15 p.m. in Council Chambers: Revisions to Chapter 13 of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances, Section 13-1 entitled "ATV Operation on Public and Private Property"

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Esther Clarke
 to **set** a public hearing date of Tuesday, October 15th @ 7:15 p.m. in Council Chambers to hear public comment on revisions to Chapter 13 of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances, Section 13-1 entitled "ATV Operation on Public and Private Property".
 Motion carried 8/0.

Outdoor Amusement Permit Application: "Japan Week: Lion Dancing"

MOTION By Shelby Brown
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Japan Week: Lion Dancing" as submitted by Sarah Kline Morgan, Library Director, East Hartford Public Library to conduct an event that will feature a dance performance of Shishimai (lion dance) on Saturday, October 12th at the East Hartford Public Library, 840 Main Street, from 12:30pm to 2:00pm; 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 8/0.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **approve** the following appointments:
 Planning and Zoning Commission –
 Sidney C. Soderholm, 46 Pezzente Lane; term to expire December 2019

 Board of Assessment Appeals –
 John P. Murphy, 205 Westerly Terrace; term to expire December 2020
 Motion carried 8/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Linda Russo
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$59,405.96
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 8/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	L/F Paid	Over Paid
2018-03-0050820	ALEXIS CHRISTINA P	2008/2LMDU88CX8BJ02449	0	0	-24.75
2018-03-0051487	ANTHONY JEFFRY P	2014/3TMMU4FN5EM066483	0	0	-64.58
2018-03-0052453	BALCH CAROLYN D	1996/1G4AG55M4T6431219	0	0	-5.62
2013-01-0011011	BAYSHORE MASTER LLC-	5 SHAWNEE RD	0	0	-956.29
2014-01-0011011	COLONIAL RIVERMEAD	5 SHAWNEE RD	-473.00	-24.00	-700.74
2015-01-0011011	BAYSHORE MASTER LLC-	5 SHAWNEE RD	-346.87	-24.00	-700.74
2016-01-0011011	COLONIAL RIVERMEAD	5 SHAWNEE RD	-194.60	-24.00	-617.78
2017-01-0011011	BAYSHORE MASTER LLC-	5 SHAWNEE RD	-84.48	-24.00	-625.78
2018-03-0052939	COLONIAL RIVERMEAD	5 SHAWNEE RD	-84.48	-24.00	-625.78
2018-03-0053934	BECKLES MINNIE	2010/2T2BK1BA7AC071259	0	0	-39.00
	BOSTICK PATRICIA G	2007/1HGCM65547A027572	0	0	-18.13
2018-03-0055079	CABRERA EMANUEL	2001/1HGC65511A092359	0	0	-8.55
2017-03-0055418	CAGE KEYIA D	2007/5NPEU46FX7H204766	0	0	-38.80
2018-03-0055121	CAGE KEYIA D	2007/5NPEU46FX7H204766	-3.83	0	-127.8
2018-03-0055352	CANNON SHAMIA N	2004/2HKYF18584H588309	0	0	-47.02
2018-03-0055372	CAPASSO OLGA B	2010/3LNLH2GC7AR634392	0	0	-36.99
2018-03-0056552	CHOQUETTE PAULA	2014/55LR1WA19EN000669	0	0	-6.75
2017-03-0057360	COLEMAN MARKEL K	2008/1HGCP36878A002164	0	0	-316.45
2017-01-0004817	CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED	79 BROOKFIELD DR	0	0	-2,310.32
2017-01-0009078	REFUNDS	350 PARK AVE REAR	0	0	-3,983.19
2018-03-0058019	CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED	350 PARK AVE REAR	0	0	-3,983.19
	REFUNDS	350 PARK AVE REAR	0	0	-3,983.19
	CRAWFORD GEORGE D	2004/4T1BF32K14U077641	0	0	-36.45
2018-02-0040608	ELITE CONSTRUCTION	111 PRESTIGE PARK RD	0	0	-36,084.80
	RENTALS LLC	111 PRESTIGE PARK RD	0	0	-36,084.80
2018-03-0062564	FLORES SHANDA M	2003/1D4GP243X3B174096	0	0	-8.19
2017-04-0083149	GENOVESE MELISSA A	2002/2B4GP44342R759553	0	0	-32.23
2018-03-0063796	GENOVESE MELISSA A	2002/2B4GP44342R759553	0	0	-53.55
2018-03-0063829	GERSTENLAUER BARBARA	2002/1B3ES56C52D619818	0	0	-6.48
2018-03-0063841	GERYK ADAM	2016/3C6TRVAG1GE119938	0	0	-27.00
2018-03-0064635	GRAHAM LESTER F JR	2009/2D8HN54X89R641202	0	0	-38.38
2018-03-0065179	GUZZARDI PAUL	2012/YV1622FS2C2112116	0	0	-5.00
2018-03-0065180	GUZZARDI PAUL	2008/3VWJZ71K28M080233	0	0	-20.88

2017-03-0066363	HENDRICKSON LISA	2008/JTDKB20UX87734116	0	0	-82.75
2018-03-0067868	JOBES ELIZABETH S	2000/1G4HP54K7Y4273170	0	0	-20.11
2018-03-0073374	KUSI GEORGINA	2010/WWVWJM7AN7AE129529	0	0	-29.29
2018-03-0069881	LAREDO CONSTRUCTION	2001/1FMRE11221HB32173	0	0	-41.94
2018-01-0008390	LEUDUC ELEANOR	2 CHICKASAW DR	0	0	-157.64
2018-03-0070990	LOPEZ AUSBERTO	2004/4S3BH675747628222	0	0	-10.89
2018-03-0071855	MARCH GARY T	1970/LL23C0R180363	0	0	-3.73
2018-03-0071856	MARCH GARY T	1999/1B7GG22X8XS169665	0	0	-22.41
2018-03-0071879	MARENA INDUSTRIES INC	2002/3VWSK69M52M156236	0	0	-14.48
2018-03-0072372	MASON KERICK K	2005/1HGCM72755A001829	0	0	-120.69
2018-03-0073006	MCMAHON NANCY R	2009/KMH DU46D09U662573	0	0	-11.25
2018-03-0058566	MERCEDES-BENZ FIN. SERVICES	2016/WDDJK7DA2GF039311	0	0	-670.6
2018-03-0074945	NEARY KIMBERLY A	2004/1N4BA41EX4C869769	0	0	-17.86
2018-03-0074950	NEDZWECKAS ALICIA M	2000/1GKDT13W7Y2140923	0	0	-38.83
2018-01-0007391	NEXT GENERATION SERVICES	27 CUMMINGS ST	0	0	-4,791.66
2018-03-0075668	NKETSIAH SOPHIA	2012/3N1AB6AP0CL638305	0	0	-34.20
2018-03-0077369	PENA GILBERTO L	2001/1N4DL01D61C240296	0	0	-6.61
2018-03-0078109	PINE LAKE LEASING	1995/1GCGK24K9SE216001	0	0	-1,139.85
2018-03-0079284	REEVES DONNA P	2006/JF1SG63606H753843	0	0	-159.75
2018-03-0081994	SANGUINO-OLIVA RONNY	2006/5NPEU46C56H152127	0	0	-9.09
2018-03-0082099	SANTANA VERONICE N	2012/1HGCP2F6XCA097501	0	0	-26.73
2018-03-0082778	SERBEGIS TOLIS OR SERBEGIS CYNTHIA	2000/WP0CA2992YS650813	0	0	-243.00
2018-03-0083023	SHELTON TAMMY L	2007/1FAHP27107G140582	0	0	-27.31
2018-03-0084550	SUMISLASKI DONALD J	2011/KM8JUCAC2BU206611	0	0	-59.20
2018-03-0084578	SUNWRIGHTS LLC	2005/1GCGG25V751116663	0	0	-54.00
2018-03-0086220	TULLY PATRICIA A OR TULLY GERALD E	2013/1N4AA5AP0DC833866	0	0	-28.93
2017-03-0088446	VW CREDIT TAX DEPARTMENT	2018/WA1BNAFY1J2021579	0	0	-955.98
2017-03-0088448	VW CREDIT TAX DEPARTMENT	2018/WAUTNAF58JA012817	0	0	-909.44
2018-03-0087645	VW CREDIT TAX DEPARTMENT	2016/WWGEF9BP1GD003376	0	0	-755.56
2018-03-0087648	VW CREDIT TAX DEPARTMENT	2016/WWWLF7AU2GW149345	0	0	-821.16
	SUBTOTAL		-1102.78	-96.00	-58207.18
	TOTAL				\$(59,405.96)

Referral to Ordinance Committee: Fire-related Ordinances

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Esther Clarke
 to **refer** to the Ordinance Committee a review of the fire-related ordinances contained in Chapter 11 of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances, so as to improve and update existing language to reflect current preferred practices and to report back to the Town Council with its recommendations, if any.
 Motion carried 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Esther Clarke asked if any progress has been made on the Founders Plaza garage. *Mayor Leclerc said that it is still in the planning stages.*

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Town of East Hartford v Iglesia Fuente De Salvacion Misionera, Inc., et al, Docket No. HHD-CV-17-6076907-S, involving 302-304 Tolland Street and 306 Tolland Street; and

Town of East Hartford v Iglesia Fuente De Salvacion Misionera, Inc., East Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV-17-6076227-S, involving 302-304 Tolland St and 306 Tolland Street

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to resolve the pending Superior Court actions known as Town of East Hartford v. Iglesia Fuente De Salvacion Misionera, Inc., Docket Nos. CV-17-6076907-S (tax foreclosure) and CV-17-6076227-S (enforcement action) involving real property located at 302-304 Tolland Street and 306 Tolland Street, in the following manner:

1. Allow the Plaintiff, only, to utilize the subject properties for religious activities as a church and associated parish house, provided the Plaintiff immediately brings said properties into compliance with the State Building Code by addressing the minimum life safety requirements for the operation of a church, as a place of assembly, as determined by the Director of Inspections and Permits; and
2. Upon completion of the improvements required by Paragraph 1, and given the Plaintiff's use of the subject properties for religious activities as a church, the Town will forego collection of: (a) any allegedly past due taxes; and (b) any future taxes so long as the Plaintiff owns the subject properties and continually puts it to said use.

The settlement of the pending actions shall be memorialized in a stipulation, to be prepared and finalized by the Corporation Counsel, which shall address all of the issues necessary to completely resolve the pending actions to the satisfaction of the Director of Inspections and Permits and Director of Finance.

Motion carried 8/0.

United Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney D v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. HHB-CV-17-6037148-S, HHB-CV-17-6037146-S, HHB-CV-18-6044670-S, HHB-CV-19-6052267-S, involving 400 Main Street and 1 Pent Road.

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

seconded by Linda Russo

to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeals known as United Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Division v Town of East Hartford, Docket Nos. CV-17-6037148-S, CV-17-6037146-S, CV-18-6044670-S, CV-19-6052267-S, involving real property located at 400 Main Street and 1 Pent Road in the following manner:

a. 400 Main Street

1. For the Grand List Year of 2016: by reducing the fair market value of \$176,927,386 to the fair market value of \$161,427,386, which shall generate a reduction of \$510,492.50 in property taxes;
2. For the Grand List Year of 2017: by reducing the fair market value of \$256,778,176 to the fair market value of \$241,278,176, which shall generate a reduction of \$517,111.00 in property taxes; and
3. For the Grand List Years of 2018, 2019 and 2020: by reducing the fair market value of \$258,467,386 to the fair market value of \$242,967,386, which shall generate a reduction of \$532,843.50 in property taxes for the Grand List Year of 2018.

The resultant tax overpayment of \$1,560,447.00 shall be repaid by means of fourteen (14) equal credits against future consecutive installments commencing with the bill of July 1, 2020.

b. #1 Pent Road

In contemplation of a sale of a portion of #1 Pent Road, for the Grand List Years 2019 and 2020: the remaining portion of #1 Pent Road, more specifically approximately 40 acres of vacant or undeveloped land that is not subject to the aforesaid sale, by reducing the fair market value of said remaining portion of land to a fair market value of \$1,000,000.

Motion carried 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Mayor Leclerc commented on the following: (1) tomorrow the American Job Center will open in the American Eagle Building on Main Street; (2) on Saturday, October 5th, the Historical Society of East Hartford will unveil the 1877 map of the original city of Hartford; (3) the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new commercial/mixed use Goodwin College building at the corner of Main and Ensign Streets will take place at Noon on Thursday October 10th; (4) both the Hartford Marathon and Fall Fest will be held on Saturday October 12th; and (5) the Boo Bash will be held this year on Sunday October 27th.

Marc Weinberg wished those of the Jewish faith a happy Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Mayor Leclerc announced that Finance Director Mike Walsh has accepted a position with the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. The Assistant Finance Director, Linda Trzetzak has agreed to step into the position of Finance Director for the next two years.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **adjourn** (8:50 p.m.).
 Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be October 15th.

Attest Angela M. Attenello
Angela M. Attenello
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK