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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TOWN CLERK  
EAST HARTFORD

NOVEMBER 1, 2017

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Majority Leader Linda A. Russo, Minority Leader  
Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I. Weinberg, Ram Aberasturia, Patricia  
Harmon and Michael G. Kurker

ABSENT Councillor Joseph R. Carlson

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:35 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.

The Chair called for a moment of silence to honor the life of Richard "Dick" Torpey, a lifelong resident of East Hartford, who served the town in many different capacities: as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, as a teacher in the East Hartford School system for 35 years, and as a Selectman. He will be missed.

### RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

#### Councillor Michael Kurker

MOTION By Esther Clarke  
seconded by Linda Russo  
to **adopt** the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL KURKER**

*Whereas Michael "Mike" Kurker is a lifelong East Hartford resident; and*

*Whereas Mike graduated from East Hartford High School in 2008, earning a spot in the Top Twenty, graduating 8<sup>th</sup> in a class of 456 students; and*

*Whereas Mike received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Syracuse University and his Master of Science degree from the University of Texas at Austin; and*

*Whereas Mike served as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals; and*

*Whereas Mike Kurker was elected to the East Hartford Town Council in November of 2015, being one of the youngest Councillors elected in recent years; and*

*Whereas he served on the Town Council's Personnel & Pensions Subcommittee, Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee and the Budget Committee; and*

*Whereas he also served as the Town Council's liaison to the Board of Education and the Public Building Commission; and*

*Whereas Mike's service on these committees and on the Council has been marked by an enthusiasm emphasized by his desire to help make his community a better place; and*

*Whereas Mike is now leaving the town of East Hartford for a new domicile out of the State of Connecticut.*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the East Hartford Town Council hereby recognizes the compassion, integrity and enthusiasm of Mike Kurker and wishes him success in his new quest to embrace the life changes that he is choosing to make.

On call of the vote, motion carried 7/0.

Mayor Leclerc presented Councillor Kurker with her own Proclamation and wished him well in the days ahead. She thanked him for his service to the town.

The Councillors each added their personal well-wishes for Councillor Kurker's future endeavors. Godspeed, Mike.

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

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) wished Mike Kurker good luck; (2) strongly suggested that the MDC post the salaries, pensions and benefits for their employees to their website for greater transparency; (3) asked the Council confirm that the easements requested by SiFi Networks will not negatively impact any East Hartford resident; and (4) believes that the Council should review the membership requirements for the town's Boards and Commissions, especially the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mrs. Kniep stressed the need for the reform of the town's ethics laws.

Anita Morrison, 34 Jonathan Lane, offered Councillor Kurker all the best in his future and thanked him for his accomplishments during his time on the Council.

Mayor Leclerc (1) showed a video of the transformation of the house at 9-11 Moore Avenue – which the town foreclosed on – when Habitat for Humanity re-built the structure on this property; (2) thanked the Councillors who attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Outlet Shoppes at Rentschler Field on October 26<sup>th</sup> for their support; and (3) the Boo Bash, one of many Parks and Recreation Department's programs – was very successful – nearly 400 were in attendance.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### October 17, 2017 Executive Session

MOTION      By Linda Russo  
                  seconded by Marc Weinberg  
                  to **approve** the minutes of the October 17, 2017 Executive Session.  
                  Motion carried 6/0. **Abstain:** Aberasturia

##### October 17, 2017 Regular Meeting

MOTION      By Linda Russo  
                  seconded by Pat Harmon

to **approve** the minutes of the October 17, 2017 Regular Meeting.  
Motion carried 6/0. **Abstain:** Aberasturia

## COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

### Presentation by the MDC: Integrated Plan/Financial Update

Joseph Laliberte, Civil Engineer with CDM Smith, a Consulting Engineering firm for the MDC, led a PowerPoint presentation for the Council explaining the MDC Integrated Plan for the Clean Water Project, which is required to be updated every 5 years. Robert Constable, Director of Finance for The Metropolitan District, presented the financial impact of the Integrated Plan to MDC customers. The goal of the Integrated Plan is to more efficiently repair and upgrade the older pipes and infrastructure and stretch out the payments to reduce the impact on ratepayers.

Chair Kehoe suggested that the MDC should consider posting employee salaries and pensions/benefits to their website for greater transparency.

## NEW BUSINESS

### SiFi Networks: Public Way License and Smart City Agreements

Mayor Leclerc stated that entering into this agreement with SiFi Networks will make East Hartford the first gigabyte Community in the State of Connecticut. The Mayor then introduced Elliot Ginsberg, President and Chief Executive Officer of Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, who greatly supports the SiFi Networks project for East Hartford as a strong incentive for new businesses. Elin Katz, Consumer Counsel with the State of Connecticut and Bill Vallee, State Broadband Policy Coordinator, also spoke in favor of this venture.

MOTION        By Ram Aberasturia  
                     seconded by Linda Russo  
                     to **adopt** the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE PUBLIC WAY LICENSE AGREEMENT AND SMART CITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD AND SIFI NETWORKS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of East Hartford recently approved an authorizing resolution allowing the Mayor of the Town of East Hartford to sign a Development Agreement with SiFi Networks for the completion of a 100% fiber broadband network; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to allow SiFi Networks access to town right of ways, a Public Way License Agreement between the Town of East Hartford and SiFi Networks needs to be approved; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for SiFi Networks to begin the next step toward their construction goal, the Town of East Hartford also needs to enter into a Smart City Agreement which will allow the Town including the Board of Education to systematically move to the SiFi Network fiber platform with the goal of procuring higher speed, redundancy, and reliability at the same cost.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor of the Town of East Hartford is authorized to enter into a Public Way License Agreement and Smart City Agreement, and related documents with SiFi Networks or their affiliates for the purpose of designing, developing, constructing, and maintaining a fiber to the premise (FTTP) network in East Hartford with such document changes as the Mayor may deem in the best interest of the

Town, provided the cost for connecting the initial demand points shall not exceed \$257,000 and the annual increase shall be as set out in Section 2.4.

The terms, conditions and other details of the agreements have been provided to the Town Council and have been mutually determined between the company and the Mayor, whose signatures will indicate approval of specific terms and conditions. The agreements shall not become effective, and the Mayor shall not execute such agreements, until after such agreements have been approved pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

On call of the vote, motion carried 7/0.

*A copy of the public way license agreement and smart city agreement follows these minutes.*

#### Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions

MOTION      By Mike Kurker  
                  seconded by Pat Harmon  
                  to **approve** the appointment of Stephen Roczynski, 25 Cree Road, as an  
                  alternate to the Planning & Zoning Commission; whose term shall expire  
                  December 2017.  
                  Motion carried 7/0.

MOTION      By Ram Aberasturia  
                  seconded by  
                  to **approve** the following appointments:

- To the Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities:  
Vanessa Jenkins, 26 Suffolk Drive; whose term shall expire  
December 2017
- To the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts: Lisa Gold, 31 High  
Street, #11205, whose term shall expire December 2019

Motion carried 7/0.

MOTION      By Marc Weinberg  
                  seconded by  
                  to **approve** the following appointments:

- To the Historic District Commission:
  - Josh Quintana, Full Member, 22 Milwood Road; whose term  
shall expire December 2021
  - Micah London, Alternate, 162 Arbutus Street; whose term  
shall expire December 2018
  - Gary LeBeau, Alternate, 19 Garvan Street; whose term shall  
expire December 2018
- To the Commission on Aging: Maria Potvin, 38 Matthew Road;  
whose term shall expire December 2019.

Motion carried 7/0.

## Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg  
seconded by Linda Russo  
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$4,886.00  
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.  
Motion carried 7/0.

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.</u>	<u>Over Paid</u>
2016-03-0051764	ARI FLEET LT OR	2010/NM0KS9AN5AT031906	-182.72
2016-03-0051796	ARI FLEET LT OR	2012/5TFNX4CN1CX014579	-221.02
2016-03-0051802	ARI FLEET LT OR	2011/3N1BC1CP5BL451576	-114.24
2016-03-0069001	AYQUOI MARY	2002/3VWSK69MX2M103662	-5.63
2016-01-0007043	CHASE BANK ATTN: TAX RECOVERY	189 OCONNELL DR	-2074.67
2016-03-0058462	CRUZ ISMAEL	1999/JT2BG22K9X0284391	-52.54
2014-03-0059079	DAVILA LUIS	2012/3VW4A7AT7CM621816	-175.82
2015-03-0061999	FINAN MICHAEL J	2015/1N4AL3APXFN339150	-237.91
2016-03-0063876	GARRITY DAVID	2004/1GNEK13Z44R101082	-95.78
2016-03-0066473	HERRERA-HILARES ERIK B	2013/16VVX1018D3A86833	-8.67
2016-03-0068850	KADAM ASIFBHAI K	2000/1N4DL01AXYC167515	-9.82
2016-03-0069567	KNIGHT CAROLYN M	2000/1FMDU85PXYZC29640	-22.24
2016-03-0073364	MCFINI CATHERINE B	2007/4T1BE46K77U669794	-90.00
2016-03-0074107	MIGHTY CURTIS H	2005/1FMZU73E55UA51727	-21.22
2016-03-0074358	MORALEZ YOLANDA	2011/JHLRE4H49BC022770	-51.26
2016-03-0077659	PATEL LAXMI	2011/4T4BF3EK1BR106473	-39.17
2016-03-0078965	PORSCHE LEASING LTD	2013/WP1AB2A28DLA82069	-939.84
2016-03-0078966	PORSCHE LEASING LTD	2015/WP0AC2A95FS183977	-399.58
2016-03-0080846	RIVERS CHRISTOPHER L	2003/2T1CF28P03C608443	-99.87
2016-03-0086731	TRAN HUY D	2005/1FTSE34L25HB27759	-44.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ (4,886.00)</b>

## OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Esther Clarke inquired on the progress of the renovations to the Senior Center. *Mayor Leclerc indicated that there is a possibility that the town will purchase the structure that was Blessed Sacrament Church and relocate the Senior Center to that building.*

Ram Aberasturia explained that he was absent from the October 17, 2017 Town Council meeting because his wife, Erin, had given birth to their 3<sup>rd</sup> child, a son – Colson Roberto – on that date at 7:31 p.m. Mother and child are doing fine. Councillor Aberasturia also expressed his sadness on the passing of Vice Chair Bill Horan – “a great guy who will be truly missed”.

#### COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

##### Personal Injury Claim of Esthurlyn Gaisie, PPA Jerry Gaisie

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                     seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
                     to **accept** Corporation Counsel’s recommendation to fully and  
                     finally settle the personal injury claim brought by Esthurlyn Gaisie,  
                     ppa Jerry Gaisie, for the total sum of \$6,500.00.  
                     Motion carried 7/0.

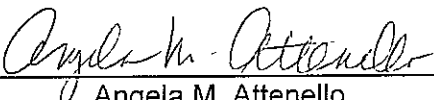
#### OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Rafael Zeligzon, 430 Burnside Avenue, was sorry to hear of Councillor Bill Horan’s passing. He addressed the Council on the issues at the convenience store at 442 Burnside Avenue and 262 Tolland Street.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION        By Mike Kurker  
                     seconded by Esther Clarke  
                     to **adjourn** (10:45 p.m.).  
                     Motion carried 7/0.

The Chair announced that the next regular meeting of the Town Council would be held on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Attest   
                     Angela M. Attenello  
                     TOWN COUNCIL CLERK