

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

NOVEMBER 5, 2014

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Majority Leader Barbara-Ann Rossi, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I. Weinberg, Linda A. Russo, Ram Aberasturia, Patricia Harmon and Anita D. Morrison

ABSENT Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr.

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 congratulated the winners of the recent local and state elections and thanked the East Hartford residents who exercised their right to vote and those who worked at the polls.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Leclerc (1) attended the inaugural event at CIBA, where 48 students were inducted into the class of 2016; (2) leaf collection is underway; (3) Town Hall will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day and on November 27th in observance of Thanksgiving; (4) the transfer station is closed when Town Hall is closed; (5) the Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a girls' basketball clinic hosted by Kara Wolters for grades 3 through 8; (6) this year's Boo-bash was a success, attracting more than 300 children; (7) Access Health will have a space in the town's library to help the residents who do not have health insurance; (8) the town's winter basketball program will be underway shortly; (9) thanked Mr. LaLiberte for his dedication and service to East Hartford ; and (1) congratulated all who won in yesterday's elections.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 21, 2014 Executive Session

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the minutes of the October 21, 2014 Executive Session.
Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain**: Russo

October 21, 2014 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Pat Harmon
to **approve** the minutes of the October 21, 2014 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Russo

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Responses to Questions Asked of Administration – October 21st Meeting

Chair Kehoe reviewed the list of town-owned vehicles driven and taken home by employees which was provided by Tim Bockus, Public Works Director.

Resignation of Ed LaLiberte from the Commission on Aging

The Council recognized the efforts of Mr. LaLiberte in his service to the town of East Hartford through the Commission on Aging.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendations from Fees Committee re: Lease Renewals

ERASE

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Barbara Rossi
to **recommend** that the Town Council approve a 3-year lease for
ERASE (East of the River Action for Substance-Abuse Elimination)
for 1,343.5 SF located at the former McCartin School, beginning on
August 18, 2014 through August 17, 2017 as follows:

08/18/14 – 08/17/15	\$3.79/SF	\$5,091.08 annually
08/18/15 – 08/17/16	\$3.99/SF	\$5,360.57 annually
08/18/16 – 08/17/17	\$4.19/SF	\$5,629.27 annually

and reimburse the Town of East Hartford for a portion of the cost of utilities based on the amount of leased space.

Motion carried 8/0.

YMCA Day Care Center

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **recommend** that the Town Council approve a 3-year lease for
the YMCA Day Care Center of 5,144 SF located at the former
McCartin School beginning August 18, 2014 through August 17,
2017 as follows:

08/18/14 – 08/17/15 \$2.87 SF \$14,763.68 annually

08/18/15 – 08/17/16	\$3.07 SF	\$15,792.08 annually
08/18/16 – 08/17/17	\$3.27 SF	\$16,820.88 annually

and to reimburse the Town of East Hartford for a portion of utilities based on the amount of leased space.
Motion carried 8/0.

Friends of Center Cemetery

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **recommend** that the Town Council approve the renewal of the lease for the Friends of Center Cemetery, Inc. for 763 SF located at the former McCartin School beginning August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2017 for \$1.00 per year with no charge for utility consumption.
 Motion carried 8/0.

Parking Lot: St. Isaac Jogues Church

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **recommend** that the Town Council approve the renewal of the lease between St. Isaac Jogues Church and the Town of East Hartford for a parcel of land (.6488 acres) on the corner of Community Street and Home Terrace used as a paved parking lot, for a term of one year, expiring August 31, 2015, for the amount of \$1.00.
 Motion carried 8/0.

2014 Homeland Security Grant Program

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Anita Morrison
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that the Town of East Hartford may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, including the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate for the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Hartford and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

On call of the vote, motion carried 8/0.

Outdoor Amusement Permit Application: Holiday Fest 2014

MOTION

By Linda Russo
seconded by Marc Weinberg
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled Holiday Fest 2014, as submitted by Patricia Sirois, Event Chairperson for the East Hartford Beautification Commission, to conduct the Annual Holiday Fest, starting on Friday, December 5th through Monday, December 8th with activities as follows:

- Tree-lighting ceremony with music and singing to be held on the lawn of the Town Green on Friday, December 5th, between the hours of 6:30PM and 7:30PM; and
- Miscellaneous activities including an outdoor petting zoo, horse drawn wagon and a snowman building contest to be held on the Town Green on Sunday, December 7th, between the hours of 12:00PM and 3:00PM; and
- Tree of Lights ceremony with music to be held on the lawn of the Town Hall on Monday, December 8th, between the hours of 6:00PM and 6:30PM

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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Pat Harmon (1) asked that, in addition to the list of town-owned vehicles taken home by employees that was provided at this meeting, the Mayor provide a list of all town-owned vehicles. (1) *The Mayor agreed.* (2) reported that street lights are not working in the Prestige Park Circle area and asked if the Mayor could have Tim Bockus look into this. (2) *Mayor Leclerc agreed to bring this to the attention of Tim Bockus.*

Anita Morrison asked if there could be an update on the solar farm at the transfer station. *Mayor Leclerc stated that, so far, the town has received DEEP approval; construction has not started but will share more information once it is available.*

Esther Clarke inquired on the proposed kiosk at the Town Green, specifically if the notices on the kiosk will be visible to pedestrians and drivers. *Mayor Leclerc stated that it will be readily visible to both drivers and pedestrians.*

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Pat Harmon
 to **adjourn** (8:15 p.m.).
 Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be on November 18th.

Attest _____
 Angela M. Attenello
 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK