

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER  
EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

PRESENT Richard F. Kehoe, Donald Bell, Jr., Harry Amadasun, Angela Parkinson, Awet Tsegai, Sebrina Wilson, John Morrison, Tom Rup and Travis Simpson

Mayor: Connor Martin

CALL TO ORDER

In accordance with Section 3.2(a) of the Town Charter, Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He announced the exit locations in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §29-381, after which the Council joined him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor stated that he was sworn in as Mayor earlier in the day by Robert Pasek, Town Clerk. He then called upon Robert Pasek, Town Clerk to administer the Oath of Office to the following elected officials:

TOWN COUNCIL

Harry Amadasun, Jr.  
Don Bell  
Richard Kehoe  
John Morrison  
Angie Parkinson  
Tom Rup  
Travis J. Simpson  
Awet Tsegai  
Sebrina Wilson

TOWN TREASURER

John P. Murphy, Jr.

BOARD OF EDUCATION (sworn in earlier this evening)

Rebecca Betancourt  
Joelle A. Murchison  
Marilyn Pet  
Chris Tierinni  
Patrick Biggins  
Jaclyn A. Clarke  
Matthew Lauf

SELECTMEN

Charles Botts, III (not present)  
Robert Rosa (not present)  
Pasquale J. Salemi

CONSTABLES

Charles Clarke  
Joshua Quintana (not present)  
Daron Ross  
Carl Smith  
Susan Tukey (not present)  
Tia L. Woods

Mayor Martin noted that unfortunately the Board of Education called a meeting for 7 p.m. tonight so the Board members who were elected on November 7<sup>th</sup> were sworn in separately at 6 p.m. He then recognized Awet Tsegai for purposes of initiating the motion to nominate the Council Chair.

NOMINATION OF COUNCIL CHAIR/DEPUTY MAYOR

MOTION                   By Awet Tsegai  
                                  seconded by Sebrina Wilson

                                  to **nominate** Richard F. Kehoe as Chair of the Town Council

                                  Motion carried 9/0

The Mayor then yielded the floor and Rich Kehoe presided over the meeting as Chair.

NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIR

MOTION                   By Sebrina Wilson  
                                  seconded by John Morrison

                                  to **nominate** Donald Bell, Jr., as Vice Chair of the Town Council.

                                  Motion carried 9/0

NOMINATION OF COUNCIL CLERK

MOTION                   By Harry Amadasun  
                                  seconded by John Morrison

                                  to **nominate** Jason Marshall as Council Clerk.

                                  Motion carried 9/0

RESOLUTION RELATING TO TIME, PLACE AND PROCEDURE FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

MOTION                   By Angie Parkinson  
                                  seconded by John Morrison

to **adopt** the following resolution:

**Whereas**, Section 3.3(a) of the Town Charter of the Town of East Hartford requires that a resolution be adopted at this meeting governing the time and place of regularly scheduled meetings, and provide for the calling of Special Meetings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the East Hartford Town Council meets regularly on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m., and at such other times as the Council shall designate, in the Council Chamber in the Town Hall of the said Town of East Hartford and at such other places as the Council shall designate.

Also, according to Section 3.3(a) of the Town Charter, that the Chair shall have the power to call a Special Meeting of the Council at any time and shall call such meeting whenever requested by one-third or more of the Councillors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That Robert's Rules of Order shall govern parliamentary procedure at all Town Council meetings, with the exception that (1) the Chair shall not be required to restate the motion of any Council member unless requested by another Councillor, or when in the discretion of the Chair, such restatement is necessary to avoid any confusion as to the motion; and (2) where such rules are in conflict with the provisions of the State Statutes, the Town Charter, or Town Ordinances.

On call of the vote, motion carried 9/0

SELECTION OF MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

Chair Kehoe announced that Sebrina Wilson will serve as the Majority Leader and John Morrison will serve as the Minority Leader. Chair Kehoe announced that the next regular Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21st.

Each Councillor thanked their families and the residents of East Hartford for their support through the election process.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By John Morrison  
                  seconded by Don Bell

to **adjourn** (7:36 pm)

Motion carried 9/0

Attest

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Jason Marshall  
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK