

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

NOVEMBER 18, 2014

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr., 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

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.

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

CT Veterans Day Parade Student Essay Winners

Both David Harper, who took 1st place in the contest, and Brett Schofield, who was a runner-up, read their winning essays to the Council. Both boys personalized their speeches by recounting what family members, who were veterans, went through during their tour of duty.

Connecticut Boxing Hall of Fame Class of 2014: Paul Cichon

Vice Chair Horan introduced Paul Cichon, a Parks and Recreation employee for over 28 years, was recently inducted into the CT Boxing Hall of Fame. Mr. Cichon is director of boxing for the Manchester Ring of Champions Society and is a veteran boxing trainer for more than 16 years.

Youth Services Program "Charter Oak Club" New Members

Cephus Nolen, Youth Services Director, announced the two newest members of the club: Ken Sullivan, an EHPD Resource Officer, who performed the Heimlich maneuver on an individual which saved his life, and Erin Nurse, an 8th grader who witnessed Officer Sullivan's efforts and called the Youth Services' office to inquire on the condition of the individual whose life was saved.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Donald Currey, 14 Martin Circle, Chair of the Democratic Town Committee, commented on the great job that the Registrars of Voters performed this past Election Day. Mr. Currey suggested a salary increase for the Registrars and the Deputy Registrars.

Pat Sirois, Chair of the Beautification Commission, reminded all about the upcoming Holiday Fest and presented the Council with this year's brochure and buttons. All proceeds from the sale of buttons will be donated to the town's Food Banks.

Mayor Leclerc spoke on the following: (1) recently hosted a tour of the town's energy efficient and environmental projects with the Commissioner of the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; (2) Wednesday November 19th is job shadow day, sponsored by the Rotary Club, and 20 EHHS students will participate; (3) Public Works is striving to expand and improve the town's recycling program; (4) the Counselors of Real Estate arrived Sunday to look at the Plan of Conservation and Development and arrive at suggestions for that plan; (5) the town's Social Services Department will hold a toy drive on December 1st; (6) the EHPD is continuing their convenience store compliance program in conjunction with the Health Department; and (7) commented on the wonderful job the Registrars performed on Election Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 5, 2014 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
 seconded by Anita Morrison
 to **approve** the minutes of the November 5, 2014 Regular Meeting.
 Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain**: Horan

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Report from the East Hartford Registrars of Voter and Town Clerk: 2014 Elections

Judi Shanahan, Democratic Registrar, Mary Mourey, Republican Registrar, and Robert Pasek, Town Clerk, reviewed with the Council the process on Election Day for tabulating votes and commented on the impact that Election Day Registration (EDR) has on their office. Guided by state statute, the Registrars are suggesting two new scanners and additional memory cards. Also, the Registrars are asking for full-time staffing in their office.

Mr. Pasek stated that the Town Clerk's office processed 387 absentee ballots and 233 Election Day registration and voting ballots.

Responses to Questions Asked of Administration – November 5th Meeting

Town-owned Vehicles

It was noted that the Mayor provided a list of all town-owned vehicles, along with the list of town-owned vehicles that are taken home by employees.

Streetlights on Prestige Park Circle

It was noted that the streetlights on Prestige Park Circle are working; the lights on the buildings, which are privately owned, are not and they are the owner's responsibility to maintain.

NEW BUSINESS

CT Brownfields Grant Funding Agreement

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Barbara Rossi
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) Section 32-763, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of East Hartford make an application to the State for \$175,000 in order to undertake the 590 Burnside Avenue – Brownfield Assessment and to execute an assistance agreement.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL; that it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by C.G.S. Sec. 32-763; that the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of East Hartford in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 is hereby approved and that Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of East Hartford.

On call of the vote, motion carried 9/0.

Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update 2014-2019

MOTION By Bill Horan
 seconded by Barbara Rossi
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the East Hartford Town Council recognizes the threats that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town of East Hartford; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Hartford in collaboration with the Capitol Region Council of Governments (“CRCOG”) has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan known as the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update (the “Plan”) in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has identified mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from the impacts of future natural hazards and disasters that affect the Town of East Hartford and the region; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG held public and committee meetings between March 15, 2012 and October 2, 2013, regarding the development and review of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency/ Department of Homeland Security has approved the Plan, on condition of local adoption, enabling the Town of East Hartford to apply for Hazard Mitigation grant funding; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the East Hartford Town Council demonstrates its commitment to achieving the hazard mitigation goals outlined in the Town of East Hartford’s section of the Plan ;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Hartford Town Council hereby adopts the Plan.

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 Plan, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such Plan.

On call of the vote, motion carried 9/0.

East Hartford High School Athletic Field Personal Services Agreement

Prior to the motion below, Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services for the East Hartford Public Schools, and Al Costa, Facilities Manager for the East Hartford Public Schools, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Council which highlighted the proposed change of the athletic field at the East Hartford High School from natural to synthetic grass.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
 seconded by Barbara Rossi
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Connecticut Bond Commission has approved grant funding in the amount of \$1.5 million for the purchase and installation of an artificial turf athletic field at East Hartford High School; and

WHEREAS these funds are to be administered by the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED; that Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is authorized to make application to, and execute and approve on behalf of this corporation, any and all documents, contracts, and amendments as may be required by the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection as they pertain to this Personal Services Agreement.

AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that Marcia A. Leclerc is currently serving as Mayor of the Town of East Hartford and has held this position since January 10, 2011 and whose current term will end on November 9, 2015. As the Mayor, Marcia A. Leclerc serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of East Hartford, and on November 18, 2014, had both the authority and the office to sign on behalf of the Town of East Hartford, a personal services agreement for financial assistance to purchase and install an artificial turf field at East Hartford High School.

On call of the vote, motion carried 9/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Anita Morrison
 to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$19,472.81
 pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
 Motion carried 9/0.

| Bill | Name | Prop Loc/Vehicle Info. | Over Paid |
|-----------------|---|------------------------|-----------|
| 2013-03-0050199 | ACEVEDO YASMIN A CMN | 2000/1GMDX03E1YD212538 | -25.2 |
| 2012-01-0000243 | EMPIRE, VI MICHAEL D. REINDER, ESQ. GREEN LAW, PC | 29 WADSWORTH ST | -570.82 |

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| 2013-03-0051407 | APONTE ROBERTO | 2004/40LFB10144P106851 | -22.43 |
| 2013-03-0051432 | APPRAM MURIEL EWUSIE | 2002/KMHWF35H32A512174 | -55.3 |
| 2013-03-0051615 | ARI FLEET LT | 2012/WBAXH5C56CDW10944 | -107.86 |
| 2012-04-0081098 | FORD CREDIT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX | 2012/1FAHP3F26CL240512 | -303.79 |
| 2013-03-0055060 | CABELAS INS | 2011/1GC0KVC8BF199766 | -553.89 |
| 2011-02-0042669 | CLEAR WIRELESS LLC | 284 PRESTIGE PARK RD | -5,348.76 |
| 2012-02-0042669 | CLEAR WIRELESS LLC | 284 PRESTIGE PARK RD | -6,036.26 |
| 2013-03-0057597 | COOLEY WILLIAM G | 1992/1J4FJ58S8NL117528 | -97.16 |
| 2013-03-0057598 | COOLEY WILLIAM G | 1997/1GNDT13W5VK165950 | -86.26 |
| 2013-03-0057997 | COUTURE ELIZABETH H OR | 1999/1FTZR15X4XTA15120 | -48.72 |
| 2013-03-0058627 | MERCEDES-BENZ FINANCIAL LEASE TAX SUPPORT | 2011/4JGBB8GB3BA707501 | -878.81 |
| 2013-03-0061161 | ENTERPRISE FM TRUST | 2012/1G1ZA5E08CF322504 | -206.18 |
| 2013-03-0061184 | ENTERPRISE FM TRUST | 2013/1FTNE1EW0DDB05372 | -406.83 |
| 2013-03-0061859 | BMW FINANCIAL SERVICES ATTN: TAX | 2011/WBAPK5C53BA659679 | -138.52 |
| 2013-03-0062762 | FRANCIS JOHN | 1997/1HD1FCR16VY617684 | -74.05 |
| 2013-03-0063592 | GELCO CORPORATION | 2009/1FAHP34N39W199535 | -132.53 |
| 2013-03-0063594 | GELCO CORPORATION | 2000/1FTNE24L7YHB78234 | -107.23 |
| 2012-03-0063965 | GOLDFARB JAMES A | 2000/4T1BF28B0YU005904 | -6.18 |
| 2013-03-0066102 | HERRERA JUAN J | 1999/1N4DL01D6XC142460 | -27.24 |
| 2013-03-0069493 | LAGAKOS ILIAS I | 2000/1G3NK12T9YC324166 | -31.46 |
| 2013-03-0073622 | MILES LUCIA T OR | 1996/JH4DC4441TS001274 | -88.3 |
| 2013-03-0073760 | MILLINGS DONOVAN | 1999/1J4GW68NXXC532357 | -75.59 |
| 2013-03-0074613 | MULERO IRIS N | 1999/1HGCG5547XA090044 | -45.49 |
| 2013-03-0074868 | NARDELLA ELIZABETH A | 1999/JHMC6678XC026840 | -12.31 |
| 2013-03-0075367 | NISSAN INFINITI LT | 2012/JN1CV6AR0CM682067 | -172.35 |
| 2013-03-0075463 | NISSAN INFINITI LT | 2011/3N1AB6AP6BL663028 | -246.44 |
| 2013-03-0075973 | OLIVA MARION D | 1998/1FAFP57U3WA245234 | -14.17 |
| 2013-03-0075974 | OLIVA MARION D | 1968/8T02C197387 | -3.77 |
| 2013-03-0076295 | ORTIZ JUSTO OR | 2006/1N4BL11E56C146584 | -309.11 |
| 2013-03-0076945 | PARLIN THERON R OR | 2013/5XXGN4A74DG140849 | -59.26 |
| 2013-03-0079984 | RIVERA DINA | 1997/JT2AC52L7V0209946 | -32.05 |
| 2013-03-0080778 | RODRIGUEZ RICARDO | 2005/5TDZA23C65S348461 | -227.79 |
| 2013-03-0080779 | RODRIGUEZ RICARDO | 2008/1HGCS22858A017650 | -242.68 |

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| 2013-03-0080780 | RODRIGUEZ RICARDO | 2009/4YMUL08199V027491 | -9.08 |
| 2013-03-0082808 | SHAFFER BARBARA J | 1998/YS3DD58B0W2012101 | -40.41 |
| 2013-03-0085833 | TOYOTA FINANCIAL SERVICES | 2011/JTHBK1EG0B2434505 | -526.18 |
| 2013-03-0085856 | ATTN: PRODUCT OPERATIONS | 2011/4T1BF3EKXBU664736 | -411.1 |
| 2013-03-0085857 | WF-21 | 2011/2T2BK1BA1BC110722 | -281.48 |
| 2012-03-0085903 | TRINDADE HELIO D JR | 2007/JH2SC48057M500368 | -14.31 |
| 2013-03-0086139 | TURKOWSKI PAUL W | 1995/4T1GK12WXSU070900 | -61.01 |
| 2013-02-0042652 | US BANK NA | VARIOUS | -461.72 |
| 2012-03-0086980 | VENTURA DOLLYNETTE | 2004/5TDZA22C54S136540 | -28.24 |
| 2012-03-0087700 | WAUGH ABRAM J | 2003/JM1BJ225330159707 | -31.98 |
| 2013-03-0088082 | WHEELS LT | 2012/1C6RD7FP5CS201577 | -394.06 |
| 2013-03-0088308 | WILLIAMS ANTHONY KARLTON | 2002/JNKCP11A62T512402 | -101.92 |
| 2013-03-0088334 | WILLIAMS CHERYL | 2005/1HGCM665X5A016801 | -34.73 |
| 2013-03-0088934 | YAZICI MURAT | 2009/WBANU53569C122644 | -199.71 |
| 2012-03-0088900 | ZAKRZEWSKI RICHARD M OR | 1999/2P4GP25R5XR340091 | -82.09 |
| | TOTAL | | -19,472.81 |

2015 Town Council Meetings Schedule

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Linda Russo
to **adopt** the 2015 Town Council meeting schedule as follows:

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| January 6 | July 14 |
| January 20 | August 4 |
| February 3 | August 18 |
| February 17 | September 1 |
| March 3 | September 16 (Wednesday) |
| March 17 | October 6 |
| April 7 | October 20 |
| April 21 | November 9 – Organizational Meeting (Monday) |
| May 5 | November 17 |
| May 19 | December 8 |
| June 2 | |
| June 16 | |

Motion carried 9/0.

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Linda Russo
to **adopt** the 2015-2016 Town Council Budget Workshops Schedule as follows:

Monday, February 23, 2015

6:30 p.m.

6:45 p.m.

- Police Administration
- Operations
- Criminal Investigation
- Police Capital Improvements

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

Mike Walsh

Debt Services
Contingency
Capital Improvements
Revenues

Summary

Project Narratives
Finance
Public Works
Parks and Recreation
Fire Department
Police Department
Public Library
Other Departments

Boards and Commissions

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| Beautification Commission | Patriotic Commission |
| Inland/ Wetlands/Environment Commission | Board of Assessment Appeals |
| Personnel Board of Appeals | Human Rights Commission |
| Historic District Commission | Emergency Medical Commission |
| Library Commission | Zoning Board of Appeals |
| Public Building Commission | Fine Arts Commission |
| Retirement Board | Commission on Aging |
| Commission on Services for Persons w/Disabilities | The Hockanum River Commission |
| Veterans' Affairs Commission | |
| Board of Ethics | |

Lunch Break

12:30 p.m.

Executive

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| Office of the Mayor | Marcia Leclerc |
| Channel 5 | Irene Cone |
| Corporation Counsel | Scott Chadwick |
| Human Resources | Santiago Malave |
| Public Library | Susan Hansen |
| Youth Services | Cephus Nolen |

Development

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| Administration | Eileen Buckheit |
| Redevelopment Agency | |
| Economic Development Commission | |
| Planning & Zoning Commission | |
| Grants Administration | |

Monday, March 2, 2015

Public Works

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| Administration | Tim Bockus |
| Engineering | |
| Highway Services | |
| Waste Services | |
| Fleet Services | |
| Building Maintenance | |
| Metropolitan District Commission | |
| Public Works Capital Improvements | |
| Public Safety Complex Maintenance | |

6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation

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| Administration | Ted Fravel |
| Maintenance | |
| Other Facilities | |

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **adjourn** (10:28 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be December 9th.

Attest _____
 Angela M. Attenello
 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK