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MICROSOFT "TEAMS"  
TAX POLICY COMMITTEE

TOWN CLERK  
EAST HARTFORD

NOVEMBER 24, 2020

PRESENT Angie Parkinson, Chair; Councillors Don Bell and Pat Harmon

ALSO Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor

PRESENT Linda Trzetzak, Finance Director  
Eileen Buckheit, Development Director  
Craig Stevenson, Chair, Economic Development Commission  
Rich Kehoe, Chair, Town Council  
Esther Clarke, Minority Leader, Town Council

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parkinson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 27, 2020

MOTION By Pat Harmon  
seconded by Don Bell  
to **approve** the minutes of the October 27, 2020 Tax Policy Committee meeting.  
Motion carried 3/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

OLD BUSINESS

Economic Development Incentives Guidelines

Chair Parkinson provided an overview of what progress was made at the last meeting and explained what she thought this meeting could accomplish.

- We want to be predictable
- We want to be flexible
- Town Council approved blueprint for discretionary incentives
- We need to go beyond tax measures

The Administration gave a brief explanation of the City and Town Development Act:

- Council has a year to extend (5 years) and can extend to other parts of town
- Eileen Buckheit suggested that the Committee formally recommend
- Mayor indicated that we should proceed with caution as other businesses may be able to use bonding. Councillor Bell thought that a possible solution could be to limit to Council approval
- Craig says we're not automatically applying incentives by extending

There was a long discussion on the incentives guidelines, with a focus on the policy document. It was agreed that language on diversity in hiring and a reporting requirement should be added to the policy.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Pat Harmon  
seconded by Don Bell  
to **adjourn** (7:30 p.m.).  
Motion carried 3/0.

cc: Town Council  
Mayor Leclerc  
Linda Trzetzziak, Finance Director  
Eileen Buckheit, Development Director  
Craig Stevenson, EDC Chair  
Rich Kehoe, Chair, Town Council  
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