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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

NOVEMBER 26, 2019

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Connor Martin, Angela Parkinson, Awet Tsegai, Patricia Harmon and John Morrison

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:46p.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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Genaro Gonzalez, 4 Pearl Street, Manchester and Francisco Rivera, 10 Beech Street, East Hartford, addressed the Council on what they perceive to be questionable actions of a few East Hartford Police Officers.

Patricia Sirois, 45 Jefferson Lane, Chair of the East Hartford Beautification Commission, reminded all of the upcoming Holiday Fest. Ms. Sirois stated that some events will have collection containers for donations to the town's Food Bank.

Mayor Leclerc (1) distributed the Annual Report for FY2019; (2) reported that the town is receiving \$637,780 of the VW settlement which will be used to purchase 4 diesel-powered refuse collection trucks along with a town match of \$425,220; and (3) today was the contractor walk-through for bids for the Wickham Library and Senior Center renovation projects. There was an enormous response to both projects by potential bidders.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 29, 2019 Executive Session

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Connor Martin
to **approve** the minutes of the October 29, 2019 Executive Session.
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain**: Harmon

October 29, 2019 Public Hearing

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by John Morrison
to **approve** the minutes of the October 29, 2019 Public Hearing.
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain**: Harmon

October 29, 2019 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
 seconded by Esther Clarke
 to **approve** the minutes of the October 29, 2019 Regular Session.
 Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain:** Harmon

November 12, 2019 Organizational Meeting

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
 seconded by Pat Harmon
 to **approve** the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Organizational Meeting.
 Motion carried 9/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Resignations from Boards and Commissions

Chair Kehoe announced that the new members of the Town Council have resigned from various Boards and Commissions as follows:

Awet Tsegai from the Veterans Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals; Connor Martin from the Zoning Board of Appeals; Angie Parkinson from the Planning & Zoning Commission; and both Don Bell and John Morrison from the Inland Wetlands/Environmental Commission.

Committee Assignments 2019-2021

Chair Kehoe announced the following assignments:

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

2019-2021

Economic Development – Voting Members

Angie Parkinson
Pat Harmon

Public Building Commission – Voting Members

Rich Kehoe
John Morrison

Education, Board of (Liaisons)

Rich Kehoe
John Morrison

Riverfront Recapture (Liaison)
Sebrina Wilson

Pension & Retiree Benefit Board – Voting Member

Connor Martin

M.D.C. (Liaison)
Awet Tsegai

Housing Authority (Liaisons)

Connor Martin
Esther Clarke

Personnel & Pensions

Awet Tsegai, Temp Chair
Connor Martin
John Morrison

Fees Committee

Connor Martin, Temp Chair
Awet Tsegai
Pat Harmon

Investigation & Audit Com.

Awet Tsegai, Temp Chair
Sebrina Wilson
Esther Clarke

Ordinance Committee

Rich Kehoe, Temp Chair
Sebrina Wilson
Esther Clarke

Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition

Angie Parkinson, Temp Chair
Awet Tsegai
John Morrison

Budget Committee

Don Bell, Temp Chair
Sebrina Wilson
John Morrison

Tax Policy Committee

Angie Parkinson, Temp Chair
Don Bell
Pat Harmon

Town Owned Property Other Than RE

Awet Tsegai, Temp Chair
Rich Kehoe
Pat Harmon

Community Engagement

Don Bell, Temp Chair
Angie Parkinson

NEW BUSINESS**Tentative Agreement between the Town of East Hartford and the East Hartford Supervisors' Union, Local 818, AFSCME, Council 4:****Approval of Contract**

MOTION By Don Bell
seconded by Angie Parkinson
to **approve** the successor collective bargaining agreement between the Town of East Hartford and the East Hartford Supervisors' Union, Local 818, AFSCME, Council 4 as presented and attached to a memo dated November 18, 2019 from Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc to Council Chair Ricard F. Kehoe, and as ratified by the bargaining unit members on November 12, 2019.
Motion carried 9/0.

Once fully executed, a copy of this contract will follow these minutes.

Contingency Transfer

MOTION By Don Bell
seconded by Pat Harmon
to **approve** a contingency fund transfer to cover the costs related to the settlement of the East Hartford Supervisors' Union, Local 818 contract through June 30, 2020 as follows:

FROM

Account Number	Name	Amount
G9600-60201	Contingency Reserve-Contract Negotiations	\$ 14,450

TO

Account Number	Name	Amount
G2400-60110	Permanent Services – Library	\$ 500
G2950-60110	Permanent Services – Grants Administration	500
G3200-60110	Permanent Services – Accounts and Control	500
G3300-60110	Permanent Services – Information Technology	500
G3600-60110	Permanent Services – Assessor	550
G3700-60110	Permanent Services – Tax Office	500
G5203-60110	Permanent Services – Police Administration	400
G5400-60110	Permanent Services – Communications	1,500
G7100-60110	Permanent Services – Public Works Administration	500
G7200-60110	Permanent Services – Engineering	500
G7300-60110	Permanent Services – Public Works Highway Services	2,500
G7400-60110	Permanent Services – Public Works Waste Services	500
G7700-60110	Permanent Services – Public Works Fleet	500
G7800-60110	Permanent Services – Public Works Building Maintenance	1,000
G8100-60110	Permanent Services – Parks Administration	500
G8200-60110	Permanent Services – Parks Maintenance	1,500
G9200-60110	Permanent Services – Nursing Services	500
G9300-60110	Permanent Services – Environmental Control	500
G9400-60110	Permanent Services – Social Services	500
G9430-60110	Permanent Services – Senior Services	500
	TOTAL	\$ 14,450

The funds being transferred are certified as available and unobligated.

Motion carried 9/0.

Recommendation from the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: 23 Cambridge Drive

MOTION

By Angie Parkinson
seconded by Esther Clarke
that the Town Council **waive** (1) the requirements of Town Ordinances §10-18 (b) with respect to obtaining a survey of the property known as 23 Cambridge Drive (the "Property"); and (2) a Phase 1 Environmental Report on the Property, such waivers being in the best interests of the Town, given the fact that there is a subdivision plan filed in the Town Clerk's Office which includes the Property, and the Town has sufficient environmental background information on the Property given its recent acquisition of abutting property; and approve the acquisition of the Property for the sum of \$119,000, a value consistent with the Town's appraised value for the Property, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the September 24, 2019 Purchase and Sale Agreement between Mary-Lynne Raymond, Executrix of the Estate of Joseph David Raymond, and the Town of East Hartford.
Motion carried 9/0.

Referral to Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: Brookside Lane

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
 seconded by Esther Clarke
 to refer to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee the
 possible acceptance of Brookside Lane as a Town road, with instructions
 to review the issue and report back to the Town Council with its
 recommendations, if any.
 Motion carried 9/0.

2019 Homeland Security Grant Program

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
 seconded by Esther Clarke
 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, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Marcia A. Leclerc, as 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 9/0.

Dial-A-Ride Operating System Grant

MOTION By Connor Martin
 seconded by Pat Harmon
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Greater Hartford Transit District has made available Operating Assistance Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and;

WHEREAS: these funds can be used to pay a portion of the cost of operating the Dial-A-Ride system providing transportation to elderly and disabled citizens,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED; that Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc is authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of this corporation, any and all contracts or amendments thereof with the Greater Hartford Transit District in relation to a \$13,870.00 grant to the Town of East Hartford to be used to support costs associated with the operation of the Dial-A-Ride Program.

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

DOT Click it or Ticket Grant Program

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
 seconded by Esther Clarke
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety Office of the state Department of Transportation (DOT) annually provides funding for the "Click-It or Ticket" seat belt enforcement program and;

WHEREAS, the "Click-It or Ticket" enforcement campaign is a key tool in public awareness and enforcement of safety belt use;

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 Transportation as they pertain to this "Click-It or Ticket" program.

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

Outdoor Amusement Permit Application: Holiday Fest 2019

MOTION

By Angie Parkinson
seconded by Pat Harmon

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application entitled "Holiday Fest 2019", as submitted by Patricia Sirois, Event Chair for the East Hartford Beautification Commission, to conduct the annual winter holiday festival, starting on Friday, December 6th through Monday, December 9th with activities as follows:

- Tree-lighting ceremony with music and a Carol sing with Santa to be held on the lawn of the Town Green on Friday, December 6th, between the hours of 6:30PM and 7:30PM;
- Miscellaneous activities including horse drawn wagon and a snowman building contest to be held on the Town Green on Sunday, December 8th, between the hours of 1:00PM and 3:30PM; and
- Tree of Lights ceremony with a Carol sing to be held on the small green in front of 886 Main Street – Hartford East Apartments – on Monday, December 9th, between the hours of 5:30PM and 6:00PM

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 9/0.

2020 Town Council Meeting Schedule

MOTION

By Don Bell
seconded by John Morrison

to **adopt** the 2020 Town Council's regular meeting schedule as follows:

ALL REGULAR MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Please note the start time for all regular Town Council meetings is 7:30PM.

January 7	July 14
January 21	August 4
February 4	August 18
February 18	September 1
March 3	September 15
March 17	October 6
April 7	October 20
April 21	November 4 (Wednesday)
May 5	November 17
May 19	December 15
June 2	
June 16	

Motion carried 9/0.

2020-2021 Budget Workshops Schedule

MOTION By Don Bell
 seconded by Pat Harmon
 to **adopt** the 2020-2021 Budget Workshops schedule as follows:

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Monday, February 24, 2020

Mayor's Summary of Budget

6:30 p.m.

Police Department

Chief Sansom

Police Administration
 Operations
 Criminal Investigation
 Police Capital Improvements

Public Safety Complex

Chief Sansom

Public Safety Communications

Fire Department

Chief Oates

Administration
 Suppression
 Fire Training
 Fire Marshal
 Apparatus Maintenance

Alarm Maintenance
Emergency Medical Service
Emergency Management
Fire Capital Improvements

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Inspections and Permits

Administration

Gregg Grew

6:30 p.m.

Board of Education

Superintendent of Schools
Information Technology

Nathan Quesnel
Roberta Pratt

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Town Treasurer
Town Council
Town Clerk
Registrars of Voters
Selectmen
Probate Court
Corporation Counsel

Lee Griffin
Rich Kehoe
Robert Pasek
Mary Mourey & Steve Watkins

Scott Chadwick
Scott Chadwick

8:30 a.m.

Finance

Administration
Accounts and Control
Purchasing
Assessor
Revenue and Collections
Employee Benefits
Risk Management
Debt Services
Contingency
Capital Improvements
Revenues

Linda Trzetzak

Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

Summary

Project Narratives
Finance
Public Library
Other Departments

Boards and Commissions

Beautification Commission	Veterans Commission
Inland/ Wetlands/Environment Commission	Board of Assessment Appeals
Personnel Board of Appeals	Historic District Commission
Emergency Medical Services	Commission on Culture & Fine Arts
Zoning Board of Appeals	Public Building Commission
Board of Ethics	Pension & Retiree Benefit Board
Commission on Aging	The Hockanum River Commission
Commission on Services for Persons w/Disabilities	

Lunch Break

12:30 p.m.

Executive

Office of the Mayor
Human Resources
Public Library
Youth Services

Marcia Leclerc
Santiago Malave
Sarah Morgan
Cephus Nolen

Development

Administration
Redevelopment Agency
Economic Development Commission
Planning & Zoning Commission
Grants Administration

Eileen Buckheit

Monday, March 2, 2020

Public Works

Administration
Engineering
Highway Services
Flood Protection
Waste Services
Fleet Services
Building Maintenance
Metropolitan District Commission
Park Maintenance
Public Works Capital Improvements
Library

Tom Baptist

6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation

Administration
Other Facilities
Senior Services
Park Special Program
Parks & Recreation Capital Improvements
Services for Seniors

Ted Fravel

Health and Social Services

Administration
Community Health & Nursing Services
Environmental Control
Social Services

Jim Cordier

Regular Meeting	Tuesday, March 3, 2020	7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing – Budget	Wednesday, March 4, 2020	7:00 p.m.
Special Meeting – Budget	Tuesday, March 10, 2020	7:00 p.m.

Motion carried 9/0.

Appointments to the Historic District Commission

MOTION

By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Connor Martin
to **approve** the following appointments to the Historic District Commission:

1. Steven Strange – full member, 40 Maplewood Avenue; whose term shall expire December 2022;
2. David N. Case – alternate, 59 Milwood Road; whose term shall expire December 2023; and

3. Henry Pawlowski, Jr. —alternate, 48 Oxford Drive; whose term shall expire December 2022.

Motion carried 9/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Connor Martin
seconded by Don Bell
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$6,842.25
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	Over Paid
2018-03-0050413	ADEMI DORINA	2006/1N4AL11D26N330369		-19.84
2018-03-0050689	ALBERT LEO J	1997/JNKCA21D0VT514202		-14.98
2016-03-0051323	ANDERSON DOROTHY	1950/98R464640		-53.41
2017-03-0052678	BAMFO VICTORIA	2014/JTJBK1BA7E2460988		-252.86
2018-03-0053556	BLADE THOMAS	2005/1HGCM72515A025107		-68.17
2018-03-0056614	CICHOWICZ DELORES D	2013/3N1AB7AP6DL718537		-55.89
2017-03-0057059	CLARKE AALIYAH L	2012/JH4CU2F62CC028019		-64.34
2017-03-0077285	CRUZ ENID	2014/2T1BURHEXEC071060		-58.90
2018-03-0061288	EGAZARIAN HARRY A C/O MARGARET MCGOWAN	2008/JTHBJ46G582169074		-224.14
2018-03-0050222	GMC FINANCIAL ACAR LEASING LTC	2016/1GNKVHKD9GJ185637		-522.55
2017-03-0065631	HAAN AUTO TRUST	2014/5TDDKRFH2ES029615		-497.03
2018-03-0066754	HOPE MARK R	2002/2B3HD46R92H110100		-31.14
2018-03-0067180	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING	2016/5NPDH4AE0GH769364		-126.94
2018-03-0067227	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING	2016/5XYZUDLB9GG330482		-595.36
2018-03-0067301	ILYES ISTVAN	2011/5KTBS1818BF591839		-27.25
2018-03-0067302	ILYES ISTVAN	2016/1FT7W2B61GEB10000		-31.25
2018-03-0068307	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK	2016/SAJWA6FU8G8K33514		-617.76
2018-03-0068348	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK	2016/JM3KE4BY1G0629272		-449.47
2018-01-0007984	KURTH ZUBRETSKY JEAN KV MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION & RESTORATION	40 WOOD DR		-54.02
2018-03-0069441		2011/1FTNE2EWXBDA92567		-286.65
2018-02-0041160	MITSUBISHI HEAVY IND AMERICA	323 PITKIN ST		-1,150.90

2018-03-0077388	PENDUM VISHNUMURTHY	2011/2HGFA1F5XBH302394		-212.94
2015-04-0090311	RAMOS TAISSA	2013/1N4AL3AP7DC169838	-62.84	-349.13
2018-03-0080651	RODRIGUEZ GIANCARLO	1999/JHMC5549XC009854		-76.86
2018-03-0080689	RODRIGUEZ JOSE A	2008/2HGF12828H523009		-69.61
2018-03-0085818	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	2017/5TFCZ5AN7HX065800		-80.28
2018-03-0086173	TRUONG PHONG	2007/1HGCM56337A139884		-47.70
2018-03-0087247	VELEZ ORLANDO	1999/1HGC5541XA073210		-53.77
2018-03-0087681	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	2016/MVGBV7AX7GW548496		-371.89
2018-03-0087893	WALTER LOIS G	2008/JTEBU11F78K052453		-295.66
2018-03-0088861	WOLFGANG-PINTO ERIK J	2006/5FNYF28496B005888		-18.72
		SUBTOTAL	-62.84	-6779.41
		TOTAL		\$(6,842.25)

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Rescission of Motion at the October 29, 2019 Town Council Meeting for the Pending Property Damage Claim Of The Town (Brick Wall Damaged By Motor Vehicle Accident) Against Providence Mutual:

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by John Morrison
to **rescind** the motion made at the October 29th meeting as follows:

to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending property damage claim of the Town (brick wall damaged by motor vehicle accident) against Providence Mutual for a total sum of \$19,200.00.

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

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by Pat Harmon
to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally settle the pending property damage claim of the Town (brick wall damaged by motor vehicle accident) against Providence Mutual for a total sum of \$14,743.60.
Motion carried 9/0.

Pending Federal Court action known as Ramos, Administrator of the Estate of Jose Maldonado v. Town of East Hartford, et al., Docket No. 3:16-CV-00166 (VLB)

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
 seconded by Esther Clarke
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally
 settle the pending Federal Court action known as Wilson Ramos,
 Administrator of the Estate of Jose Maldonado, and Individually, v. Town of
 East Hartford et al Docket No 3:16-CV-00166 (VLB), for a total sum of
 \$2,250,000.00.
 Motion carried 9/0.

Pending Superior Court action known as Marisol Galarza v. Town of East Hartford, et al., Docket No. HHD-CV-18-6097198-S

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
 seconded by Connor Martin
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and
 finally settle the pending Superior Court action known as Marisol Galarza v
 Town of East Hartford, et al Docket No. HHD-CV-18-6097198-S for a total
 sum of \$7,730.31.
 Motion carried 9/0.

Pending Superior Court action known as Colleen Maniscalco v. Town of East Hartford, et al., Docket No. HHD-CV-18-6098685-S.

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
 seconded by Connor Martin
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to fully and finally
 settle the pending Superior Court action known as Colleen Maniscalco v.
 Town of East Hartford, et al Docket No. HHD-CV-18-6098685-S for a total
 sum of \$125,000.00.
 Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be December 17th.

Attest Angela M. Attenello
Angela M. Attenello
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK