

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DECEMBER 9, 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 and Anita D. Morrison

ABSENT Councillor Patricia Harmon

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:40 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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Leclerc commented on the following: (1) the new LED street lights have been installed on several streets in town; (2) the leaf collection program is on its second sweep of the town; (3) the pump station is at level 7; (4) bagged leaves will be collected until Friday, December 12th; (5) the transfer station will accept bagged leaves on Saturday December 13th; (6) the Beautification Commission's winter event will conclude Friday December 12th; (7) the Parks and Recreation Department's winter program was distributed through the town's school system; (8) Sandra DiCicco, the town's Children's Librarian, was selected to participate in the 2017 Nutmeg Award Committee; (9) stated that a citizen called to thank the paramedics for saving his life the Wednesday before Thanksgiving; and (10) the "Stuff the Cruiser" program by the EHPD yielded 137 turkeys for needy families.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 18, 2014 Executive Session

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the minutes of the November 18, 2014 Executive Session.
Motion carried 8/0.

November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by Linda Russo
to **approve** the minutes of the November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 8/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

East Hartford High Hornets: Note of Appreciation

Chair Kehoe announced that representatives from EHHS had stopped by Town Hall and Riverside Healthcare Center to distribute “thank you” notes to those who service the town of East Hartford. The Chair noted that this is typical of the quality of the kids who are part of the EHHS community.

Town and Board of Education 2015-2016 Budget Format

The Chair read from the following memo:

DATE: November 20, 2014
TO: Marcia Leclerc, Mayor
FROM: Rich Kehoe
RE: 2015-2016 Budget Format

As you know, the Ordinance Committee has been working with the Town and the Board of Education to devise a new format for the presentation of their budgets and embedding that format into the Code of Ordinances.

For this year, I think it best to have the Town and Board present their 2015-2016 budgets in that new format **before** enacting it into an ordinance – sort of giving it a ‘test drive’ – and continuing the process with the Ordinance Committee after budget is over (April).

Let me know if you have any questions or need clarification. Thanks for your cooperation. We have made great progress together.

NEW BUSINESS

Town of East Hartford and CSEA Local No. 2001 Tentative Agreement:

Approval of Agreement

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
seconded by
to **approve** a new collective bargaining agreement between the Town of East Hartford and CSEA, Local 2001, SEIU, CTW, CLC effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017, which was ratified by the union membership on November 25, 2014, and includes the following new and/or revised job descriptions and position salary upgrades:

1. Network Services Manager – Information Technology Department
2. Programmer/ Systems Analyst – Information Technology Department
3. Administrative Secretary III – Police Department
4. Records Clerk – Police Department

Motion carried 8/0.

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

Fund Balance Transfer Resolution

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
 seconded by Anita Morrison
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND FUND BALANCE TRANSFER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 TO FUND THE CONTRACT SETTLEMENT FOR THE CSEA CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Town of East Hartford and representatives of the CSEA Union have successfully negotiated a successor labor agreement between the two parties, and

WHEREAS, with respect to the wage portion of the award, the Town must fund a general wage increase of 2% per year for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015, and

WHEREAS, the Town set aside a portion of the funds needed in the operating budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and needs to draw the remaining funds to settle this contract from Fund Balance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve this Supplemental Budget Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$101,759 from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance and to reflect the addition of the attached Supplemental Revenue Appropriation and Expenditure Appropriation.

G0320-55900	Fund Balance Appropriation	101,759
G9600-60201	Contingency – Reserve for Negotiations	101,759

Funds certified as unobligated and available.

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

Budget Transfer of Funds

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
 seconded by Anita Morrison
 to **approve** the transfer of funds to settle the new collective bargaining agreement between the town of East Hartford and CSEA Local 2001 as follows:

FROM		
Account Number	Name	Amount
G9600-60201	CONTINGENCY - RESERVE FOR CONTRACT NEG.	228,578
G9600-63492	CONTINGENCY	34,000
	TOTAL	<u>262,578</u>
TO		
Account Number	Name	Amount
G1100 60110	TOWN COUNCIL PERM SERV	2,961
G1200 60110	TOWN CLERK PERM SERV	8,517
G2100-60110	MAYOR'S OFFICE PERM SERV	2,915
G2600 60110	YOUTH SERV PERM SERV	9,657
G2950 60110	GRANT ADMIN PERM SERV	6,515

G3200-60110	ACCTS AND CONTROLS PERM SERV	9,544
G3300-60110	DATA PROCESSING PERM SERV	18,820
G3400 60110	PURCHASING PERM SERV	4,019
G3600-60110	ASSESSOR PERM SERV	12,841
G3700-60110	REVENUE/COLLECT PERM SERV	13,126
G4100-60110	DEV ADMIN PERM SERV	8,222
G5203 60110	POLICE ADMIN PERM SERV	33,936
G5316 60110	FIRE ADMIN PERM SERV	5,267
G5319 60110	FIRE MARSHALL PERM SERV	2,451
G5324 60110	EMER MNGT PERM SERV	3,859
G6100 60110	INSPECTIONS PERM SERV	33,156
G7100 60110	PUB WORKS ADMIN PERM	8,190
G7200 60110	ENGINEERING PERM SERV	24,522
G7800-60110	BLDG. MAINT. PERM SERV	16,308
G8100 60110	PARK ADMIN PERM SERV	12,496
G9300 60110	ENVIRON PERM SERV	7,535
G9400-60110	SOCIAL SVS PERM SERV	10,255
G9430 60110	SENIOR SERV PERM SERV	7,466
TOTAL		<u>\$ 262,578</u>

The funds being transferred are certified as available and unobligated.

Motion carried 8/0.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfield Assessment Program

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made funds available for the assessment of environmentally-compromised properties, known as Brownfields; and

WHEREAS, these assessments are a necessary step in the remediation and redevelopment of these properties; and

WHEREAS, cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties protects the environment, reduces blight and takes development pressure off greenspaces and working lands.

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 EPA as they pertain to this Brownfields Assessment grant.

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

State of Connecticut DEEP Division of Urban Forestry: America the Beautiful Grant

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has made funding available under the America the Beautiful (ATB) Urban Forestry Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, ATB Grants may be used to support urban forestry activities sponsored by municipalities for a wide range of activities; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to strategically plant trees on Main Street to support and enhance the Downtown District.

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 under the America the Beautiful Urban Forestry Grant Program.

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

Department of Homeland Security: Emergency Management Performance Grant

MOTION By Bill Horan
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Town of East Hartford, Connecticut 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, Connecticut, 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.

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

Referral to Personnel and Pensions Subcommittee re: Chief Medical Officer Revised Job Description

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Barbara Rossi
 to **refer** the revised job description of Chief Medical Officer to the Personnel and Pensions subcommittee with instructions to review the updates proposed to the job description and report back to the Town Council with its recommendation, if any.
 Motion carried 8/0.

Referral to Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: Traffic Signal Easement at the intersection of Route 5 and 740 Main Street

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Barbara Rossi
 to **refer** the proposed easement for traffic signal equipment as requested by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation and outlined on a map compiled by CME Associates, Inc. dated August 2014, to the Real Estate Acquisition and Disposition Committee with instructions to review the matter and report back to the Town Council with its recommendation, if any.
 Motion carried 8/0.

Appointment of Jannette Rosa to Fine Arts Commission

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Anita Morrison
 to **approve** the appointment of Jannette Rosa, 1882 Main Street, to the Fine Arts Commission, whose term shall expire December 2019.
 Motion carried 8/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Anita Morrison thanked all those involved in the “Stuff the Cruiser” program for providing much needed help to families in need.

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

New England Garden Center LLC v Town of East Hartford

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
 seconded by Linda Russo
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as New England Garden Center v Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-12-6015713S, regarding real property located at 1375 Silver Lane, by exempting as farm land 1.5 acres effective the 2012 Grand List for a change of \$1,583.29 for two years.
 Motion carried 8/0.

United Technologies Corporation v Town of East Hartford

MOTION By Barbara Rossi
 seconded by Anita Morrison
 to **accept** the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending assessment (tax) appeal known as United Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Division v Town of East Hartford, Docket No.

HHB-CV-12-6015707S, regarding personal property located at 400 Main Street in the following manner:

1. The Town of East Hartford will reduce the present true and actual value of the personal property located at 400 Main Street for the Grand List of October 1, 2011 by removing therefrom property exempt pursuant to C.G.S. §12-412(76) as follows:

<u>Previous Exempt Property</u>	<u>Revised Exempt Property</u>	<u>Revised Net Assessment</u>
(\$139,594,880)	(\$148,320,915)	\$23,731,775

2. The Town of East Hartford will reduce the present true and actual value of the personal property located at 400 Main Street for the Grand List of October 1, 2012 by removing therefrom property exempt pursuant to C.G.S. §12-412(76) as follows:

<u>Previous Exempt Property</u>	<u>Revised Exempt Property</u>	<u>Revised Net Assessment</u>
(\$152,104,040)	(\$161,266,626)	\$23,570,384

3. The Town of East Hartford will reduce the present true and actual value of the personal property located at 400 Main Street for the Grand List of October 1, 2013 by removing therefrom property exempt pursuant to C.G.S. §12-412(76) as follows:

<u>Previous Exempt Property</u>	<u>Revised Exempt Property</u>	<u>Revised Net Assessment</u>
(\$170,411,640)	(\$177,493,433)	\$30,096,057

Motion carried 8/0.

Omar Tibby v Town of East Hartford, et al

No action taken.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Mayor Leclerc wished the Council and all East Hartford residents a happy and healthy Holiday Season.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
seconded by Bill Horan
to **adjourn** (8:50 p.m.).
Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be January 6, 2015.

Attest _____
Angela M. Attenello
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK