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EAST HARTFORD

MICROSOFT "TEAMS"

DECEMBER 21, 2020

SPECIAL MEETING/TAX DEFERMENT EXTENSION

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

ALSO Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor  
PRESENT Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Via Teams Linda Trzetzziak, Finance Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

Linda Trzetzziak explained that the town was only recently notified that the Governor issued an executive order allowing towns to extend the payment for taxes due on January 1, 2021 until April 1, 2021, provided that any late payments after that date would have interest charged retroactive to January 1, 2021. Taxpayers do not have to file any request for the extension although landlords will have to file a new application in order to qualify for such extension.

Unfortunately, the tax bills were already issued with the January 1, 2021 due date so if the Town Council acts on the resolution, the town will issue press releases and place prominent notices on the website in order to let the taxpayers know of this extension of time.

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by Awet Tsegai  
to **adopt** the following resolution:

**Whereas** in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Ned Lamont issued Executive Order 7S on April 1, 2020 (the "April 1, 2020 Executive Order"); and

**Whereas** paragraph 6 of the April 1, 2020 Executive Order, required the East Hartford Town Council (the "Town Council") to select at least one of two programs designed to provide support to those who have been economically impacted by the COVID 19 crisis; and

**Whereas** such programs are described in the April 1, 2020 Executive Order as the Deferment Program and the Low Interest Rate Program; and

**Whereas** after review of such programs, the ability of the Town to implement such programs, and with the goal of meeting the desired result of relief for taxpayers whose ability to pay taxes was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town Council on April 21, 2020 resolved:

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