

Town of East Haven

East Haven Town Council

Minutes

June 2, 2009

The East Haven Town Council held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT and transacted the following:

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call –

11 Present (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro)

4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)

Quorum Present

1. Presentation by Joe Centofanti, Auditor, of the firm of Kostin, Ruffkess, LLC.

Mr. Centofanti outlined a few pages from the audit document of importance. Page 4 is an executive summary which shows the changes from 07/08 to 08/09. This page reports the General Fund balance. He also reported a decrease to the Service fund due to workers comp and increased liabilities. The audit includes recommendation to the Board of Education's General Fund and their reconciliations. Chairman Thompson asked him to elaborate on the shortfall. Mr. Centofanti explained that The shortfall included revenue that did not exist such as, grants that were included in the 07/08 budget that were never applied for, a shortage of revenue due to the economy. However, Mr. Centofanti explained that at one point the short fall was 3.2 million until FY08/09 when the expenditures on the Town Side were under spent by \$956,000.00. Therefore having a short fall now of 2.5 million. Councilman Camera asked why the audit was not complete and there was such a delay. Mr. Centofanti explained that that main reason was because of finding out reconciliations were not completed on the Board of Education side and BOE grants. Councilman Riolino asked what fiscal year the revenue side was reported incorrectly. Centofanti reported it was in FY 2007/2008. He also reported that the audit would be complete and on time for this year as they have already started working on it.

2. John Loffredo updates to the Recycling Program.

Mr. Loffredo presented a recycling program to the Council. The program would include recycling machines that would be placed at the new Public Works building. When recyclables are brought there the resident would have the opportunity to choose the collect the monies or to donate it to the Town. Even if the resident collected the money the Town would still receive stipend for collecting. The estimated cost to the Town for this program is around \$900/month and the income to the town would be earmarked for the Board of Education the savings are \$79,500 in waste disposal costs.

3. Correspondence.

- a. A Letter was read into the record from Councilman McKay.

4. Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to approve Minutes from Regular Meeting, May 5, 2009, Seconded by Councilman Arpino.

No Further Comments.

Roll call Vote-

9 (9) in Favor (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro)

2 Absentions (Thompson, Massaro)

4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)

Motion Passed.

5. Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon the following tax refunds per the recommendation of the tax collector:

a. Washington Mutual

2210 Enterprise Dr

Florence SC 29501

For: Gregorio Rivera

2005-01-8708 E/S 12678 \$ 910.34

2006-01-8670 E/S 12641 \$1034.88

2007-01-8703 E/S 12642 \$1034.88

Assessor Corrections

TOTAL \$ 2980.10

Seconded by Councilman Riolino.

No Further Comments.

Roll Call Vote-

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)

4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)

Motion Passed.

6. Chairman Thompson motioned to table the following agenda item and to replace it with the item listed below. Councilwoman Donahue seconded.

Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon the following court assessment appeal and Overpayment per the recommendation of the Superior Court of New Haven, Seconded by Councilman Camera.

a. East Haven Assoc. LP AL

65 Messina Drive, East Haven, CT

ORIGINAL

Assessed Value

\$19,658,490.00

Fair Market Value

\$28,083,557.00

REDUCED

Assessed Value

\$14,805,000.00

Fair Market Value

\$21,150,000.00

Now Therefore, be it Resolved, the resulting overpayments of taxes levied on the subject property a) on the October 1, 2006 Grand List shall be refunded by the defendant to the plaintiff, East Haven Associates, L.P., within 30 days of the entry of judgment hereunder by check payable to Pullman & Comley, LLC, Trustees and b) on the October 1, 2007 Grand List will be credited against any tax due for the October 1, 2007 and October 1, 2008 Grand Lists.

Attorney Cirillo advised the Council that this item was the result of an appeal in Superior Court.

No Further Comments.

Roll Call Vote-

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)

4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)
Motion Passed.

7. Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon the following tax abatement per the recommendation of the tax collector:
 - a. East Haven, Town of- Property Location: 171 Meadow Street
H0166020
2007-01-4906 \$1911.41
Property quit-claimed to East Haven Land Trust
Total Due \$1911.41

Seconded by Councilwoman Donahue.
No Further Comments.

Roll Call Vote-

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)
4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)
Motion Passed.

8. Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to grant permission to “Braking the Cycle”, a guided three day bicycle ride through Town on September 12, 2009 to benefit HIV/AIDS services.

Seconded by Councilman Camera.
No Further Comments.

Roll Call Vote-

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)
4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)
Motion Passed.

9. Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance authorizing the following Fire Department transfer recommended by the Board of Finance: *To Account 01-334-0190, Overtime Wages From Account 01-334-0110, Regular Salaries, \$70,000.00*”.

Seconded by Councilwoman Massaro.
No Further Comments.

Roll Call Vote-

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)
4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)
Motion Passed.

10. Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance approving the Suspense List for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 at the request of the Tax Department. The amount, \$207,430.03 is as follows:

2006 Personal Property Grand List	\$429.82
2006 Motor vehicle Grand List	\$174,942.04
2006 Supplemental Motor Vehicle	\$31,726.61
2007 Personal Property Grand List	\$276.26
2007 Motor Vehicle Grand List	\$55.30”

Seconded by Councilwoman Badamo.
No Further Comments.

Roll Call Vote-

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)
4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)
Motion Passed.

11. Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon the recommendation of the Mayor, and pursuant to Chapter III, Section 8, of the East Haven Town Charter, the firm of Kostin, Ruffkess, LLC is hereby designed to audit the books and accounts of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 in accordance with the proposal for Auditing Services as submitted in response to the Request for Qualification.

Seconded by Councilman Arpino.
No Further Comments.

Roll Call Vote-

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)
4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)
Motion Passed.

12. Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon a Resolution entitled "A Resolution Authorizing the Town of East Haven to enter into a multi-year agreement with Trash Masters".

Seconded by Councilman Arpino.

Mr. Mauro reported this contract is a three year contract.

No Further Comments.

Roll Call Vote-

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)
4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)
Motion Passed.

13. Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon a Resolution entitled "A Resolution authorizing the "grandfathering" of Larry Doyle, Director of Human Services as outlined in supervisors Union Local 818.

Seconded by Councilman Camera.

Mr. Hongo and Larry Doyle address the council. Mr. Hongo reported that this resolution would not mean that he is in a Union Employee, although he would be afforded the same benefits of the Town Hall Non-Union Employees.

No Further Comments.

Roll Call Vote-

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)
4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)
Motion Passed.

14. Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon amending an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Making Appropriations Aggregating \$6,285,000 For Various School Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$6,285,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet

Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”
Seconded by Councilwoman Massaro.

Mr. Mauro stated that the results of the bids for the roofs and panel came in a lot lower than ever anticipated. These bids were all received and the contract can be awarded soon as to begin construction over the summer. Councilman Riolino asked if the School year would be disrupted and if the grant amounts would be lower and Mr. Mauro stated that the work would be completed before school began. The grant amounts would also all be reimbursable at the same rate even if the actual project amount is different.

No Further Comments.

Roll Call Vote–

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)

4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)

Motion Passed.

15. Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon setting a public hearing for “An Ordinance allowing the Transfer for the Board of Education from unused Board of Education Capital Funds for Improvements to Track & High School.” To take place on June 9, 2009 at 7:00 at the East Haven Senior Center 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT.

Seconded by Councilman Arpino.

Roll Call Vote–

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)

4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)

Motion Passed.

Chairman Thompson Motioned at 8: 30 to take a 10 Minute Break. Seconded by Councilwoman Massaro. All in Favor. Meeting reconvened at 8:40.

16. Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon setting a public hearing for “An Ordinance for the Following Police Department Transfer to pay for Overtime Wages and Shift Differential:” To take place on June 9, 2009 at 7:00 at the East Haven Senior Center 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT.

Seconded by Councilwoman Donahue.

Roll Call Vote–

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)

4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)

Motion Passed.

17. Chairman Thompson motioned to amend the agenda to have this item read as a Resolution and not Ordinance since this amount of the transfer does not require a public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Cofrancesco. All in Favor.

Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon a Resolution entitled “A Resolution allowing the transfer for Building Maintenance to pay for gas usage for this FY:”

To:	01-229-0203 Natural Gas	40,000.00
From:	01-885-0689 Contingency	40,000.00

Seconded by Councilwoman Donahue.

Roll Call Vote–

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)
4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)
Motion Passed.

18. Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon setting a public hearing for “An Ordinance Making Appropriations For Various Public Improvements Aggregating \$6,660,909 For The 2009-2010 Capital Budget And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$ 2,699,500 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Certain Appropriations In The 2009-2010 Capital Budget And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.” To take place on June 9, 2009 at 7:00 at the East Haven Senior Center 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT.

Seconded by Councilwoman Donahue.

Roll Call Vote–

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)
4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)
Motion Passed.

19. Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon setting a public hearing for “An Ordinance Concerning The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town Of East Haven” To take place on June 9, 2009 at 7:00 at the East Haven Senior Center 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT.

Seconded by Councilman Arpino.

Roll Call Vote–

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)
4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)
Motion Passed.

20. Chairman Thompson motioned to amend the following agenda item due to the item not needing a public hearing. Councilwoman Donahue seconded. All in Favor.
Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon a Resolution Entitled “A Resolution allowing a bid waiver for NexGen to provide service for the Police Radios”.

Seconded by Councilman Arpino.

Roll Call Vote–

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)
4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)
Motion Passed.

21. Chairman Thompson motioned to amend the following agenda item due to the item not needed a public hearing. Councilwoman Donahue seconded. All in Favor.
Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to consider and act upon a Resolution Entitled “A Resolution allowing a bid waiver for Motorola to provide service for the Police Computers”.

Seconded by Councilwoman Badamo.

Roll Call Vote–

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)
4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo); Motion Passed.

22. Chairman Thompson motioned to amend the following agenda item due to the item not needed a public hearing. Councilwoman Donahue seconded. All in Favor.
Vice-Chairman DePalma motioned to allow the Mayor to rescind a unilateral withdraw letter to CRRA in order for an extension to the agreement with SWEROC which affords no tipping fees and the option to opt out of the contract”.

Seconded by Councilman Arpino.

Mr. Hongo reported that about a year ago the Council authorized t mayor to opt out of SWEROC so that the Town can exercise it options with recyclables. Since the there are no alternate options and CRRA along with SWEROC needs the Town’s for their program requirements and want the town to opt back in.

Roll Call Vote–

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)

4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)

Motion Passed.

23. To consider the re-appointment of Michelle Duprey to serve on the Greater New Haven Transit District for a term effective June 1, 2009-May 31, 2013.

Seconded by Councilman Arpino.

Roll Call Vote–

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)

4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)

Motion Passed.

24. To consider and act upon setting a public hearing to act upon an Ordinance entitled “An Anti-Blight Initiative”. To take place on July 7, 2009 at 7:00 at the East Haven Senior Center 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT

Seconded by Councilman Arpino.

Roll Call Vote–

All in Favor - (Camera, Arpino, Donahue, Depalma, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino, D. Badamo, Anania, Massaro, Thompson, Massaro)

4 Absent (McKay, Parlato, Toothe, J. Badamo)

Motion Passed.

25. Vice Chairman DePalma made a motion that this Council enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the proposed purchase of a parcel of real estate by the Town of East Haven, because publicity regarding the purchase would cause a likelihood of increased price; and that the Town Council be joined in executive by the Town Attorney, the Deputy Director of Administration and Management, The Assistant Director, and the Chief and Assistant Chief of the East Haven Fire Department.” Seconded by Councilman Riolino.

Roll Call Vote: All in Favor

Entered into Executive Session at 8:57pm

Executive Session concluded at 9:24 pm

Vice Chairman Depalma moved that the following resolution be adopted:

“Be It Resolved that Mayor April Capone Almon is hereby authorized to begin negotiations and execute a written offer for the Town’s Purchase of a parcel of Real Estate as discussed in Executive

Session, provided that said written offer if accepted, shall be contingent upon the further approval of this council.

Seconded by Councilman Riolino. All in Favor. Motion Passes.

Councilman motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:25.
Seconded by Councilwoman Badamo, All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Berg, Council Clerk