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Minutes

The East Haven Town Council held its Regularly Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. located at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT in order to transact the following:

Call to order.

Roll call.

Item #1

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve the minutes.

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Item #2

Correspondence

None

Item #3

Subcommittee Reports:

- a. Education, Library and School Building
- b. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare
- c. Finance
- d. Public Services, Parks, and Recreation
- e. Urban Renewal/Housing
- f. Blight

Chairman Deko appointed the following Council Members to the subcommittees:

Ashley Lesco- Education, School Building and Library

Beth Capotorto- Finance and Urban Renewal/ Housing

Ann Pennington- Education, School Building and Library, Blight

Joe Santino- Administrative Services, Public Services and Park and Rec, Public Health, Safety and Welfare

Karen Martin - Public Health, Safety and Welfare, Blight

Marianne Cesare- Finance

Paul Thompson - Blight

Mike Ginnetti- Public Services, and Park and Rec

Sue Stacey- Education, School Building and Library, Urban Renewal/Housing

Tina Hedley- Public Services, Park and Rec

Al Vollono- Blight
Guy Bimonte - Public Health, Safety and Welfare
Joe Kikosicki - Administrative Services, Finance.

Councilman Thompson indicated that he spoke with the Blight Inspector and he will be sending a report every month prior to the meeting.

Item #4

Vice Chairman Pacelli read the following to consider and act upon a Resolution Waiving the Town Charter's Bidding Requirement in connection with the purchase of a vehicle to be assigned to the Building Official and to be purchased from the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services-Procurement Division of Rolling Stock.

Jim Keeley Finance Director addressed the waiving of the bidding process for the purchase of this vehicle from the Procurement Division at the State of Connecticut. The vehicle is \$130.00 over the amount to purchase without bidding. This vehicle is \$8105, the Kelley Blue book indicated it's valued between \$10,000 - \$14,000.

Councilman Santino stated that we have done business with the State prior and always have been successful.

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the following motion

A Resolution Waiving the Town Charter's Competitive Bidding Requirements in Connection with the Acquisition of a 2017 Chevrolet Equinox from the State of CT DAS State Surplus Program

WHEREAS, the East Haven Building Official requires a reliable motor vehicle to perform daily duties as it relates to the East Haven Building Department;

WHEREAS, this vehicle is surplus by the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (DAS) who is responsible for surplusage the state's fleet when they reach a given age and mileage;

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut offers these vehicles for interagency transfer first and if no state agencies want the vehicle, they then offer them to municipalities at a price 20% of NADA value and, if they don't sell them, DAS then auctions them to the general public;

AND WHEREAS, this vehicle can be purchased for \$8,105.00 which is less than \$200.00 over the Town's bid threshold;

AND WHEREAS, the formal, competitive bidding process would delay the speedy and efficient purchase of this vehicle and place in jeopardy the Town's ability to obtain it;

AND WHEREAS, Chapter 6, Section 4(C) of the East Haven Town Charter provides that contracts for certain goods and services exceeding the bid cap shall be by competitive bidding;

AND WHEREAS, the Town Charter's bidding requirements may be waived by two-thirds of the members present and voting;

AND WHEREAS, the Finance Director recommends that the Council waive the competitive bidding requirement to allow this purchase

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that any competitive bidding requirements associated with the purchase of the subject vehicle only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this bid waiver shall expire on February 28th 2024.
Councilwoman Pennington second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Item #5

Vice Chairman Pacelli read the following to consider and Act Upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund for the following in the amount of:

Refund: \$4,206.23 / 2022-02-0040482 Due to an overpayment.

Tax Payor: East Haven Builders Supply

Attorney Luzzi indicated that this was an overpayment and any amount of \$2,500 has to come before the council.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve the tax refund.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Item #6

Vice Chairman Pacelli read the following to consider and act upon a Resolution Waiving the Town Charter's Competitive Bidding Requirements in connection with the East Haven Fire Department Spare (reserve) Rescue Truck.

Chairman Deko recognized Fire Chief Marcarelli who explained that the current rescue truck has 90,000 miles on it with engine and drivetrain issues. The truck body is over 50 years old and has out lived its use. The department has been looking for a reasonably priced use truck for some time. This truck has a 1998 chassis and a 1999 body, they were asking \$29,000 and we are paying \$26,000.

Councilman Santino asked if we would have to invest a little to make it workable.

Chief Marcarelli indicate improvements to the equipment and paint the truck to match the fleet.

Chairman Deko asked how much would a new rescue truck cost.

Chief Marcarelli indicated \$350,000.

Councilman Bimonte asked if the old and current truck worth anything?

Chief Marcarelli indicated it is not. The funds to purchase this new used truck are generated from the paramedic program with no impact to the budget.

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the following motion:

A Resolution Waiving the Town Charter's Competitive Bidding Requirements in Connection with the Acquisition of a 1998-99 Ford F-350 Wheeled Coach Paramedic Rescue Truck.

WHEREAS, the East Haven Fire Department requires a reliable reserve status Paramedic Rescue Truck;

WHEREAS, there have been supply chain issues regarding manufactured ambulance bodies and chassis and fire department leadership has located a used replacement for Rescue 7, the body of which is nearing 50 years old and is no longer serviceable on a regular basis; we will be acquiring this from a private fire district where it saw very limited use at a negotiated price of \$26,000;

WHEREAS, the subject vendor is a private fire district in the northwest corner of Connecticut and is a 501c3;

AND WHEREAS, the formal, competitive bidding process would delay the speedy and efficient update of the reserve rescue truck;

AND WHEREAS, Chapter 6, Section 4(C) of the East Haven Town Charter provides that contracts for certain goods and services exceeding the bid cap shall be by competitive bidding;

AND WHEREAS, the Town Charter's bidding requirements may be waived by two-thirds of the members present and voting;

AND WHEREAS, the Finance Director recommends that the Council waive the competitive bidding requirement to allow this purchase

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that any competitive bidding requirements associated with the updating of the Town's phone systems

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this bid waiver shall expire on February 28th 2024;

Councilman Santino second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Item #7

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the following to consider and act upon the appointment of Wendy Bellmore to fill the unexpired term of Marissa Bateman to the East Shore Health District Board to expire January 31, 2024.

Chairman Deko explained that due to the resignation of one of the members we need to appoint a new member, Wendy Bellmore, who is more than qualified and will be an asset to the board.

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Item #8

Vice Chairman Pacelli read the following to consider and act upon a Resolution Endorsing the request for official Greenway Designation from the Connecticut Greenway Committee for the Farm River corridor.

Town Attorney Luzzi explained that this resolution for open space is to help the town with federal and state funding with the cleaning out of Farm River, open space, and to encourage outdoor activities in those areas.

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the following motion:

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RECOGNIZING THE FARM RIVER
GREENWAY**

WHEREAS, the Town of East Haven recognizes the benefits and prioritizes the protection of open space as part of its land use planning efforts, and also recognizes that these natural areas represent a major positive factor for the character and quality of life in Town, and has consistently opted to further protect these natural habitat areas as a benefit for its residents; and

WHEREAS, The Town of East Haven has affirmed these benefits and values of open space in its adopted Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), as recently as 2019, by stating that it will "protect the remaining significant natural areas, by utilizing a full range of tools available to the Town. and

WHEREAS, this same POCD further affirms the protection of open space and creation of linkages to maximize the visual and environmental protections along the Farm River; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut offers official recognition of greenways as a "corridor of open space and can provide official designation for a greenway in a municipality if the area may protect natural resources, preserve scenic landscapes or offer opportunities for recreation or non-motorized transportation, or may connect existing protected areas and provide access to the outdoors, or may be located along a defining natural feature, such as a waterway, including unused rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, The Town of East Haven owns several parcels of land along the Farm River, including valuable riparian habitat, and that stretch across and connect several street crossings in a residential neighborhood, and that the Town desires to protect these open space areas and encourage outdoor recreation opportunities for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Town of East Haven will further endorse protection of the Farm River Corridor and its natural resource areas, as a municipal greenway explicitly during the next review and revisions to the POCD; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Haven confirms the value of receiving an official Greenway designation from the Greenways Committee of the State of Connecticut as a step towards further protection of the Farm River corridor and possible receipt of additional resources and tools for protection via adoption of this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Carfora and the Town Council Members of the

Town of East Haven endorse the request for official Greenway Designation from the Connecticut Greenways Committee for the Farm River Corridor in the proximity of North High Street and connected residential neighborhoods.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved

Item #9

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to add to the agenda for approval by the Town Council the appointment made by Mayor Joseph A. Carfora for Raymond Pompano as a member of the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority.

Councilwoman Santino second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Item added.

Councilwoman Lesco moved to approve the appointment of Raymond Pompano to Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority for a term to end December 31, 2025.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to adjourn.
Councilman Santino second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Meeting adjourned at 7:53p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Town Council Clerk