

EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019

Stacy Gravano, CTC
TOWN CLERK

The East Haven Town Council held a special meeting Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512.

Chairman Ken McKay calls the meeting to order at 7:00PM.
He asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Item #1

Roll Call-9 present- 6 absent (Santino, Deko, Esposito, Badamo, Butler III and Anania).
A quorum is present.

Item #2

Approval of minutes from the March 5, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Louis Pacelli makes a motion.
Councilwoman Loria Jaffe seconds the motion.
Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain.

Item #3

Approval of minutes from the March 28, 2019 Special Meeting.

Councilman Louis Pacelli makes a motion.
Councilwoman Judy Sittnick seconds the motion.
Voice vote: 8 in favor-none oppose-1 abstention (Palladino). Motion carries.

Item #4

Correspondence-

- Memo from Purchasing Agent Margaret Raccio indicating she is scheduled to attend the Budget Meeting on 4/10/19 but she has a prior family commitment and is unable to attend. She asks Finance Director Paul Rizza to present her budget which has stayed the same as the previous year.
- Letter from Ric Raffone of 10 Branhaven Drive East Haven proposing that the Town ban smoking, including vaping, at all Town parks and beaches. He

mentions the Pit, the splash pad, the town green, little league fields, etc. having a constant presence of residual smoke. He indicates he is concerned for the youth and young adults getting second hand smoke. His attempt is not to offend smokers but to enhance the quality of life for all East Haven residents. He says that certainly areas near these venues can be set aside for smokers perhaps in parking lots of other designated places.

- Chairman Ken McKay says he had spoken with Ric Raffone and asked him to draft a letter to the Council with his concerns. He says he thinks it is a good idea; the smoking is not good especially for young children. He says they are looking to change the laws for vaping to age 21. He is going to research the topic and bring it up at the next administrative services. He says maybe the Town Attorney can draft a resolution for the next meeting.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino mentions downtown in the City of Burbank California has no smoking in their entire down town area. There is a \$75 fine for smoking. He would think if they can do it for their entire downtown area they would be able to do it with parks in town no problem.
- Councilman Louis Pacelli says he thinks it is a good idea.

Item #5

Subcommittee Reports:

- a. Subcommittee on Education, Library, and School Building; **no report**
(Robert Parente, Lou Pacelli, Linda Hennessey)
- b. Subcommittee on Public Safety, Health, & Welfare;
(*"BIG"* Steve Tracey, Rich Anania, Joe Santino)
 - Councilman Nicholas Palladino says with regard to public safety, the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief have new vehicles and neither one is marked with the town logo. The charter indicates that all town vehicles have to be marked with the exception of emergency vehicles that are working undercover. He adds that it is the same case for the Police Chief and Deputy Chief and they are not doing detective work. They need to either be marked or parked.
 - Town Attorney Joseph Zullo asks what section of the charter it is, Councilman Palladino says he doesn't know it off hand but it is under vehicles. Attorney Zullo says he will look into it.
- c. Subcommittee on Finance;
(Judy Sittnick, Joseph Badamo, Joseph Carfora)
 - Councilwoman Judy Sittnick says they turned the budget back over to the Mayor, which the Council has now.

d. Subcommittee on Public Services, Parks, & Recreation;

(Robert Parente, Joseph Deko, Lori Jaffe)

- Councilman Robert Parente reports that the asphalt plants opened up last Monday and they are in full force addressing potholes. He indicates that East Haven ranks among the top 10 for road conditions among 169 municipalities.
- Councilman Louis Pacelli asks if they have a schedule out for street sweeping.
- Councilman Robert Parente says they started sweeping last week in the main traffic areas and their next focus will be the parade routes for the little league teams. They will have a list coming out shortly and the sweeper is in perfect condition after going in for extensive repairs last winter.
- Councilman Palladino mentions the vac truck being for sale, is there a plan for our catch basins?
- Councilman Robert Parente says they did go out to bid and have been using the services from the company chosen. They plan to do some catch basin replacements, which he thinks should be done every few years. They will have to call this company in for more servicing or look into a new vehicle in the capital budget.
- Councilman Palladino asks if there are regulations on how often they have to be cleaned.
- Councilman Robert Parente says there isn't a regulation but they have 2400 catch basins in town so they do need to be done often because 50% of them flow constantly because of inclines or if they are below sea level during high tides.
- Vice Chairwoman Linda Hennessey brings up a safety concern on the corner of Coe Ave and Silver Sands Rd where a vehicle for sale is parked up on a rock area and when you are turning right there, cars are in your blind spot. She has seen three people almost get into an accident and she herself experienced it.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino adds that they are also in violation under zoning because they have two unregistered vehicles on the property. He left a message for the Zoning Officer he doesn't know if he got the message or not yet.
- Chairman Ken Mckay says he will go talk with the Zoning Officer tomorrow regarding this.

e. Subcommittee on Urban Renewal/Housing; **no report**

(Richard Anania, Henry Butler, III, Joseph Deko)

f. Temporary Subcommittee on Community Group Stipends; **no report**

(Kenneth Mckay, Nick Palladino, Robert Parente)

Item #6

To consider and act upon a Fair Housing Resolution for the Town of East Haven.

Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion.

Councilman Louis Pacelli seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #7

To consider and act upon a Resolution adopting and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., to sign a Fair Housing Policy Statement and Fair Housing Resolution affirming the Town's fair housing policies.

A Resolution adopting and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., to sign a Fair Housing Policy Statement and Fair Housing Resolution affirming the Town's fair housing policies.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council adopts and Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. is authorized to execute a Fair Housing Policy Statement and Fair Housing Resolution on behalf of the Town of East Haven and the East Haven Town Council.

This resolution shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion.

Councilwoman Loria Jaffe seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #8

To consider and act upon a Resolution adopting and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., to sign a Statement of Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council adopts and Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. is authorized to execute a Statement of Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 on behalf of the Town of East Haven and the East Haven Town Council.

This resolution shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Councilwoman Loria Jaffe makes a motion.
Councilman Louis Pacelli seconds the motion.

No public comment.
No Council comment.
Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #9

To consider and act upon a Resolution adopting and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., to sign an affirmative action policy statement.

A Resolution adopting and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., to sign an affirmative action policy statement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council adopts and Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. is authorized to execute an affirmative action policy statement on behalf of the Town of East Haven and the East Haven Town Council.

This resolution shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion.
Councilman Big Steve Tracey seconds the motion.

No public comment.
No Council comment.
Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #10

To consider and act upon a Resolution adopting and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., to sign an ADA Notice of "Municipal Grievance Procedure" and associated documents.

A Resolution adopting and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., to sign an ADA Notice of "Municipal Grievance Procedure" and associated documents

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council adopts and Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. is authorized to execute a "Municipal Grievance Procedure" notice and associated documents in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act on behalf of the Town of East Haven and the East Haven Town Council.

This resolution shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Councilman Louis Pacelli makes a motion.

Councilwoman Loria Jaffe seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #11

To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$1,672.96 to Toyota Lease Trust as follows:

A Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$1,672.96 to Toyota Lease Trust

WHEREAS, C.G.S. Section 12-129 provides that a local board of selectmen, or its equivalent, may, upon recommendation and certification of the Tax Collector, issue a refund for tax overpayments;

AND, WHEREAS, the following entity or person has requested a refund for the following overpayment:

Toyota Lease Trust
20 Commerce Way, Suite 800
Woburn, MA 01801

Acct./List: 2017-03-0071741
Reason: Bill was adjusted
Amount: \$656.46

Acct./List: 2017-04-84343
Reason: Bill was adjusted - missing vehicle credit
Amount: \$1,016.50

TOTAL: **\$1,672.96**

AND, WHEREAS, the Tax Collector, via backup paperwork submitted to this Council, has recommended and certified the accuracy of this refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said refund is approved and the tax collector is authorized to effectuate said refund.

This resolution shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion.

Councilman Louis Pacelli seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #12

To consider and act upon a Resolution ratifying and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. and/or his Designee to sign a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of East Haven and the East Haven Town Hall Employees Union, Local 1303-159, Council #4, AFSCME - AFL CIO.

NOTE: To be considered in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. 1-210(b)(9) – "Records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining."

A Resolution ratifying and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. and/or his Designee to sign a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of East Haven and the East Haven Town Hall Employees Union, Local 1303-159, Council #4, AFSCME - AFL CIO

WHEREAS, the Town of East Haven ("Town") and the East Haven Town Hall Employees Union, Local 1303-159, Council #4, AFSCME - AFL CIO ("Union") are parties to a collective bargaining agreement which expired on June 30, 2018;

AND WHEREAS, said collective bargaining agreement has expired and the Town and Union have completed negotiating a new collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Union running from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby ratifies the aforementioned and newly-negotiated collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Union running from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. and/or his Designee is authorized to execute the same and any and all documents necessary to give effect to the same.

Councilman Louis Pacelli makes a motion.

Councilman Big Steve Tracey seconds the motion.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion to enter into executive session and include the Town Attorney, Sal Brancati and Joseph Coppola.

Councilwoman Loria Jaffe seconds the motion.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Executive session begins at 7:25PM

Councilman Louis Pacelli makes a motion to end executive session.

Councilman Joseph Carfora seconds the motion.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Executive session ends at 7:36PM.

Roll call vote on item #12- all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #13

To consider and act upon a Resolution, pursuant to Chapter III, Section 8, of the East Haven Town Charter, adopting the recommendation of the Mayor to appoint the firm of "PKF O'Connor Davies" to audit the books and accounts of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Town Attorney Joseph Zullo explains that this item was put onto the agenda at administrative services in the event that the Finance Director had the documentation ready for this meeting. The documentation is not finalized and will be brought up at next month's meeting.

Chairman Ken McKay removes this item from the agenda.

Item #14

Adjournment of Regular Meeting.

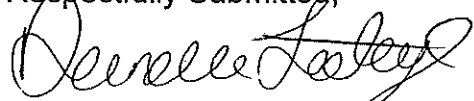
Councilman Louis Pacelli makes a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Big Steve Tracey seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:37PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council