

**EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016**

The East Haven Town Council held special meeting Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512.

- Chairman Fred Parlato calls the meeting to order at 7:00PM.
- He asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.
- He mentions that Councilman Parente had a medical problem today and is in the hospital undergoing some tests. He has been in contact with Town Hall and they will let the Council know any updates.

Item #1

Roll Call -14 present - 1 absent (Parente).
A quorum is present.

Item #2

Approval of minutes from the February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Richard Anania seconds the motion.

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

Item #3

Approval of minutes from the February 2, 2016 Public Hearing.

Councilman Ken Mckay makes a motion.

Councilwoman Letizia Lettieri-Morales seconds the motion.

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

Item #4

No correspondence.

Item #5

Subcommittee Reports-

- Public Safety-no report
- Board of Education-no report
- Parks/Rec-they have not met but will be meeting next week.
- Finance-Councilman William Richardson says they meet tonight starting their budget meetings; they will begin with the Board of Education budget.
- Urban Renewal-no report

- Councilman Santino asks if anyone has followed up on the ethics committee, they haven't had any meetings and had stuff on the agenda.
- Attorney Zullo says the replacement appointment will come on the April agenda; there is a public notice to advertise for applications or resumes which will come on the April agenda so they can meet right after that.

Item #6

To consider and act upon a Resolution approving and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. to sign a "Virta Tactical Simulator Licensee Agreement" with the City of Milford, Connecticut.

A Resolution approving and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. to sign a "Virta Tactical Simulator Licensee Agreement" with the City of Milford, Connecticut.

WHEREAS, the City of Milford owns a Virta Tactical Simulator System ("VTSS") located in the Milford Police Training Facility Department which, from time to time, the City of Milford makes available for use by other law enforcement agencies;

AND WHEREAS, the East Haven Police Department desires to lease and use the "VTSS" owned by the City of Milford for training purposes, as it is cost-prohibitive to purchase such a system for East Haven;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a "Virta Tactical Simulator License Agreement" with the City of Milford is hereby approved;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., or his designee, is authorized to sign the aforementioned agreement and any and all paperwork necessary to give effect to said agreement.

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

Councilman McKay makes a motion.

Councilman Vincent Spaduzzi seconds the motion.

- Chairman Parlato addresses the representatives from the Police Department and asks them to share with the Council exactly what this is and why it is needed.
- Deputy Chief Ed Lennon explains that this is an addition to what they already do for their fire arms training. It has become difficult for them to do tactical training due to them trying to get range time as well as skyrocketing costs. They have to do it for their qualifications required by law as well as the DOJ agreement. This will give them another tool to do it because it is a safe place to do it and it will save them a ton of money from not having to buy ammunition all of the time. It gives them all types of scenarios that are contemporary 2016 policing that they would never be able to replicate here.

Council comment:

- Councilman Nicholas Palladino asks if they are ever going to use the pistol range downstairs or has that been taken completely off the market?
- Deputy Chief Lennon says they are in the process of trying to resolve all of the issues with it. About a week ago they had an air balancing test done on it. There are some others things they need to do with it. He just got a number for a firm that specializes in it to be able to tell them anything else that has to be done with it. The air balancing test showed how much air movement was going in and out and it is great, it is moving air at a rate almost the same as certain hospital facilities.
- Councilman Richardson says they are going to rent space, so how much is it going to cost us?
- Deputy Chief Lennon says this is something Milford did in 2011/2012, up until recently they weren't offered this. There is an initial fee of \$10,000 which they have in their training budget and then it is \$2,130.00 annually.
- Councilman Richardson asks how many hours they can use it.
- Deputy Chief says it is open 24/7, first come first serve. It is all indoors and the only time they say no is if someone else is using it and asked to before they did.
- Councilman McKay asks if this is like a virtual reality thing where people jump out and those types of simulators. Or is it different with classroom type situations?
- Deputy Chief Lennon says it does move, it is an octagon shape and you are surrounded everywhere except in a small area where you walk into it. There are multiple screens; it's like nothing they have ever seen before. They showed them

some real serious type of calls such as an active shooter situation in a movie theatre. He was amazed; it reacts to you so if you don't do what you should be doing it will create an even worse situation for you.

- Councilman Mckay asks if it is going to compliment the new taser equipment they have.
- In addition to just having fire arm it also includes tasers and OC spray.
- Councilman Santino says getting back to the range, is it something they put into the budget this year so there is money to do whatever is needed to be done.
- Deputy Chief Lennon says he doesn't know exactly what the numbers are; the Chief is at the Board of Finance now with it. It is included in their building maintenance budget. They don't have any capital plans for it because it may be something simple. After doing the air balance test they are thinking it may not be anything terrible, but they need the expert to tell.
- Councilman Anania says the cost for the training, is it going to come out of the DOJ line item or will it come out of their budget?
- Deputy Chief Lennon says they were able to get the \$10,000 for this year from savings within the Department, they will pay for the \$10,000 from their training budget and going forward the \$2,130.00 will come out of the regular training budget.
- Councilman Robert Sand says when he first read the agreement he was trying to visualize what this was, was it a trailer or something we were leasing and it was being brought to East Haven and now it appears it is us going to Milford where they have a structure/building.
- Deputy Chief Lennon says they converted one of their old schools into a Police Training Academy where a lot of their recruits have gone and it turns out better than sending them to the State Academy. One of the classrooms has been converted into this simulator; he was shocked by how much they put into it.
- Councilman Sand says the agreement is annual; it's the first \$10,000 and then the yearly maintenance payment which is \$2,130.00. That is terminated only by them sending a letter cancelling out of that, is there something in the Department that says they need to do this for 5 years or are they just looking at it from year to year?
- Deputy Chief Lennon says they are looking at it from year to year, they will be doing this in lieu of some of their firearm training, the \$2,130 they are spending they would have had to purchase other firearm type training. They think long term it will be something beneficial for them.
- Chairman Parlato asks if the use of this will be incorporated in their normal training schedule, they won't be involved in any extra overtime? The whole Department will do this on a scheduled basis for training?
- Deputy Chief Lennon says yes, it will be the same as they do now.

No public comment.

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

Item #7

To consider and act upon a Resolution setting a public hearing date and time to discuss an "Ordinance approving a transfer of \$60,000.00 for Public Services" as follows:

Public Services

To:

01-224-0190	Overtime	\$60,000.00
TOTAL		\$60,000.00

From:

01-224-0110	Regular Salaries	\$60,000.00
TOTAL		\$60,000.00

Reason: Funds needed to offset overtime shortage.

The public hearing shall take place on April 5, 2016 at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilman Palladino makes a motion.

Councilwoman Lettieri-Morales 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 setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16 of the East Haven Code regarding Peddlars, Solicitors, and Itinerant Vendors." The Public Hearing shall take place on April 5, 2016, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilman Mckay makes a motion.

Councilman Anania seconds the motion.

- Town Attorney Joseph Zullo explains that the Council has a copy of the full amended Ordinance in their packet tonight and as with all of the union contracts there are bold/underlined portions or the ones in blue are the additions. The Police Department pointed out that there were parts of this Ordinance which addressed people who are on the side of the road selling flowers or food carts or the people going door to door selling goods like vacuums. But they didn't have a part that addressed people that sold services such as home remodeling services; people who don't sell actual goods but go door to door selling services. They wanted to make some technical changes to it to bring those people under this; it is for the people's safety to make sure they have had background checks, fingerprints, etc. before going door to door. So that is really the only technical revision they are adding.
- Councilman Santino says especially now with the solar panels.
- Attorney Zullo says that is the biggest thing they have now as far as people going door to door aside from religious or political causes; it's the people selling solar panels or home repairs.

No public comment.

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

Item #9

To consider and act upon a Resolution setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss "An Ordinance adopting the Town and Board of Education Budgets and fixing the tax rate in mills for the 2016-2017 fiscal year of the Town of East Haven." - Board of Education Side of the Budget. The Public Hearing shall take place on April 19, 2016, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilman Mckay makes a motion.

Councilman Richardson 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 setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss "An Ordinance adopting the Town and Board of Education Budgets and fixing the tax rate in mills for the 2016-2017 fiscal year of the Town of East Haven." - Town

Side of the Budget. The Public Hearing shall take place on April 20, 2016, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilman Palladino makes a motion.

Councilman Anania seconds the motion.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilman Richardson says one of them is April 19th and one is April 20th.
- Attorney Zullo states that the Charter requires them to hold at least two public hearings on the budget so the way it has always been done is to hold one public hearing and dedicate it to the Board of Education side of the budget and then they hold a second public hearing and dedicate it to the Town side of the budget. They are worded very similarly, they both concern the same Ordinance but the difference is the subject matter they are hearing at it.

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

Item #11

To consider and act upon a Resolution setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss "An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Conveyance of a Portion of 280 Proto Drive to Anthony Augliera Moving and Storage." The Public Hearing shall take place on April 5, 2016, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilman Palladino makes a motion.

Councilwoman Linda Hennessey seconds the motion.

- Sal Brancati- Director of Administration & Management- Mr. Brancati addresses the Council and explains that they are looking to move Augliera Moving and Storage from West Haven to East Haven. They currently have four locations in West Haven, about 10 acres of land in four different locations. Their goal is to have one campus with one or two buildings to house all of their storage equipment. The main part of their business, which many people may not be aware of, they are not just a moving and storage company, they put up the staging for all of the plays on Broadway as the main part of their business. They assemble the stage for the plays in New York and when they play is over or a new one comes up they assemble it again in their warehouse and bring it back to

New York. Disney for instance, you can't save anything from there they have to destroy and dispose of it. Their intent is to create a campus here moving all four locations to one. It ended up being about 110-120,000 sq. ft. which is the reason for transferring the property. They need to build an additional 70,000 sq. ft. onto the property there now. There is 45,000 sq. ft. on the site now. They will add 70,000sq.ft; 20,000 sq. ft. which would be done now and as they phase out the leases on the properties in West Haven they will begin constructing the other 50,000 sq. ft. to have a campus of about 120,000 sq. ft. total. In addition, for personal property they have 100 trailers which will all be housed on this property; they will see the site plan at the public hearing. There would be about 15 tractors housed there as well as 6 box trucks. They estimate the net increase in revenue to the Town to be about \$62,000/year upon completion. There are about 35-50 employees which will spend time in East Haven when the move comes. They are very enthusiastic about coming here, they have made them feel as welcome as possible, they have commented on several occasions that East Haven appears to be the best Town to do business in. The property location is 158 Commerce Street.

Council comment:

- Chairman Parlato says if anyone has any question on this, the property being transferred is Town owned property, it is landlocked. It looks like a good situation for the Town of East Haven but they will decide that at the public hearing.
- Councilman Richardson asks a general question, do all of the businesses own their own property or is it Town property?
- Chairman Parlato says this is a piece of property that is on Proto Drive which is an undeveloped Street that used to be Uriah Ave that went all the way into New Haven but this piece of property is known as 158 Commerce Street, the property in the rear is landlocked. The Town owns it, it is not wetlands and they are not infringing on anything.
- Councilman Richardson says his question was the rest of the property owners in the Industrial Park, do they own their property?
- Chairman Parlato says yes, they own the property that faces Commerce Street.
- Councilman Santino says he goes down the Industrial Park regularly, about a year ago there was nothing but for sale signs. He commends Sal and says he did a great job, there is maybe 1 for sale sign now, and all the buildings are full. He says he is doing a good job so whatever he is doing, keep doing it.

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

Item #12

To consider and act upon a Resolution Appointing Michael Parlato to the Housing Authority.

Councilman Mckay makes a motion.

Councilman Richardson seconds the motion.

Council comment:

- Chairman Parlato says Michael Parlato is his grandson; he is a senior at the University of New Haven with a major in economics. His resume is on file and in the Council packets. He is 21 years old and they need some new blood, if anyone has anyone who wants to join them they need some people to take over.
- Councilman Palladino says he doesn't know his grandson, he is probably a great guy but he thinks it is a conflict because he is the Chairman of the Town Council and his grandson is applying. He knows it happens but he wants to be honest that he thinks it's a conflict when they start putting their relatives on the boards and commissions.
- Chairman Parlato says he is abstaining from voting. The policy is that a resume be submitted, he doesn't think anyone should be penalized for being a relative. He thinks everyone in East Haven is associated one way or another. He thinks he is an excellent example of what they need in East Haven and he is glad he is joining. He has no problem, democracy will apply they can vote anyway they wish.

No public comment.

Roll call vote: 11 in favor- 2 oppose (Palladino and Lettieri-Morales) –none abstain.

Item #13

Brief Review of 2016-2017 Budget Subcommittee Meeting Schedule.

- Attorney Zullo explains that the clerk worked with Paul Rizza and Jan at the Senior Center to get this schedule, it is legitimately the only schedule that works. It is all the same budget workshops they are used to with two public hearings at the end followed by budget adoption on the 26th which leaves them with an extra day. He notes they should mark their calendars for March 28th which is the Mayor's State of the Town/Budget Address which is a Special Meeting of the Town Council at the High School.

- Chairman Parlato asks if they will be getting paper budgets, Attorney Zullo says yes.

Item #14

Brief discussion of intent to advertise Town Council board and commission vacancies to be filled at the April 5, 2016 regular meeting.

LEGAL NOTICE EAST HAVEN LEGISLATIVE TOWN COUNCIL

Pursuant to Section I(2) of the East Haven Town Council Standing Rules, notice is hereby given that the Town Council intends to fill the following board and commission vacancies at its upcoming regular meeting on April 5, 2016:

Commission	Term
Americans with Disabilities Act Commission	Indefinite
Board of Assessment Appeals (Alternate)	2-1-14 to 1-31-17
Ethics, Board of	2-1-15 to 1-31-18
Old Cemetery Board	2-1-15 to 1-31-18
Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate (2 Vacancies- Partial Term)	2-1-14 to 1-31-17
Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate (1 Vacancy - Partial Term)	2-1-15 to 1-31-18

Anyone interested in serving on said commissions should submit a resume, no later than March 25, 2016, to the "East Haven Town Council - Administrative Services Committee" by mailing or delivering said resume to:

East Haven Town Council - Admin. Services Committee
East Haven Town Hall - Mayor's Office Suite
250 Main Street
East Haven, CT 06512

All resumes should include applicants residential address, phone number, e-mail (if available), and relevant qualifications.

- Attorney Zullo says as they know the new policy under the revised standing rules is to advertise whenever possible for vacancies in appointments subject to Council approval. There is a short list of appointments, one being the Ethics board that was referred to earlier. There is notice going in the Courier this week, they will come to administrative services at the end of March and will be on the April agenda for their review assuming resumes are submitted.

- Chairman Parlato says if they know anyone who is interested they should submit something for review at the administrative meeting.
- Councilman Anania asks in the event that nobody responds to the advertisement, how does that work?
- Chairman Parlato says in the past the Democrats and Republicans have their administrative meeting and come to a meeting of the minds as to who is qualified; they are looking for people who want to be on these boards because they often have the problem of people not showing up to the meetings. When they don't have a quorum the commissions don't meet and nothing gets done. If there is a qualified person on either side of the aisle who has the qualifications, he is more than happy to accept them.
- Councilman Anania says so if nobody applies for it, it is up to the Council to come up with names and discuss it?
- Chairman Parlato says he thinks the smart way to do it would be if they choose someone they should notify them to find out if they would be willing to serve and submit a resume so they would have all that information when they have their meeting.
- Councilman Henry Butler III asks how many people are on the Ethics board now.
- Attorney Zullo says it is a three person board there are two people on right now. He says to answer Councilman Anania's question, that is what Section 17 of the standing rules says, if they don't have any resumes by default people can still be nominated by motion and vote at administrative services like the rest of them.

Item #15

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

Councilman Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Palladino seconds the motion.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Chairman Parlato says he thinks it is self-explanatory they do this every year.
- Councilman Richardson says this is just a reenactment of something they already have. Chairman Parlato says yes.

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

Item #16

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.

Councilman Richardson makes a motion.

Councilman Palladino seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

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

Item #17

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.

Councilman Mckay makes a motion.

Councilman Palladino seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

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

Item #18

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

Councilman Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Butler III seconds the motion.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilman Anania asks if this is already in place.
- Chairman Parlato says it is a renewal, by law they have to renew it every year.

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

Item #19

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.

Councilman Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Mckay seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

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

Item #20

Adjournment of Special Meeting.

Councilman Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Spaduzzi seconds the motion.

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

Meeting is adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council