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TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

The East Haven Town Council held a Special Meeting May 21, 2020, for an ordinance as introduced at a public hearing on May 19, 2020 and May 20, 2020, was enacted, which ordinance was approved by the Mayor on May 22, 2020

Chairman Deko called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Chairman Deko made the following statement:

I just want to make a statement before we move on. Welcome everyone to the special meeting of the East Haven Town Council for May 21, 2020 for adoption of the 2020-2021 budget. As I have stated in the past, I commend the administration and my colleagues on the council for participating in the budget process. We have had workshops and staff meetings since the beginning of May, and have worked on a bi-partisan level to do what's best for the taxpayers of East Haven. We knew when we were sworn into our roles, that we would have to make very tough decisions, and this is the prime example of a hard decision. As you know, we ALL inherited a mess by the prior administration and have been left to clean it up. I commend the mayor and his administration for cutting over 5 million dollars out of this budget while not cutting services for the town. The hardest thing to do is raise taxes, but as this budget process proved, we have no choice but to. Although it pains us greatly to even think about, it is inevitable. Now add in a global pandemic. We have completely changed the way we operate, we have transitioned into virtual meetings which have all gone smoothly (once we figured out how zoom works) and we chose not to follow executive orders issued by the governor to forgo the budget process to prove to the taxpayers that we truly believe in transparency and have as many eyes on the budget as possible. Never in the last 2 budgets that I have worked on as a council member, was I called into the "mayor's office" to go over the budget at a staff meeting to give suggestions and ideas for the "new budget." I thank Mayor Carfora for inviting all of us in for those staff meetings.

Thank you to those members on the council who provided suggestions for amendments, which will be voted on tonight by roll call. As a reminder, there is no further discussion on the budget, and tonight will be for voting only.

Chairman Deko requested a roll call.
Roll call-15 Present (A Quorum Present)

Staff Present: Mayor Joseph A Carfora, Stacy Gravino Town clerk, James Keelley Interim Finance Director, Matthew Marcarelli Fire Chief, Charles Licata Assistant Fire Chief, Edward Lennon Police Chief, Patrick Tracey Deputy Police Chief, PJ Norwood FD Training Officer, Lt. Emmerman PD, and Town Attorney Michael Luzzi.

Vice Chairman Pacelli read the following item:

Item #1

ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TOWN AND BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET AND FIXING THE TAX RATE IN MILLS FOR THE 2020 - 2021 FISCAL YEAR OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAVEN

Chairman Deko addressed every line item to be changed with a voice vote:

To Amend the Following Appropriation Line Items:

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| A. | To decrease Account #01-120-0693 Website Management by
Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions. | \$8,000 |
| B. | To decrease Account #01-221-0190 Building Dept. OT by
Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions. | \$ 200 |
| C. | To decrease Account #01-224-0530 Public Works Fuel by
Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions. | \$ 4,500 |
| D. | To decrease Account #01-224-0190 PW – OT by
Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions. | \$ 5,000 |
| E. | To decrease Account #01-224-0578 PW Med Supplies by
Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions. | \$ 250 |
| F. | To decrease Account #01-224-0665 PW Rental Equipment by
Voice Vote-12 in Favor. 3 opposed (Deko, Lesco, Pompano) No Abstentions. | \$ 1,000 |
| G. | To decrease Account #01-229-0190 Bldg Maint OT by
Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions. | \$ 4,000 |
| H. | To decrease Account #01-332-0530 PD Fuel by
Voice Vote-13 in Favor. 2 opposed (Hennessey and Parlato.) No abstentions. | \$ 4,000 |
| I. | To decrease Account #01-334-0530 FD Fuel by | \$ 2,300 |

	Voice Vote-12 in Favor. 3 opposed (Hennessey, Maltese, Parlato.) No abstentions.	
J.	To decrease Account #01-334-0657 FD Data Processing Software by Voice Vote-12 in Favor. 3 opposed (Butler and Santino) No abstentions.	\$ 1,250
K.	To decrease Account #01-336-0410 Dispatch – Office and Computer by Voice Vote-14 in Favor. 1 opposed (Maltese) No abstentions.	\$ 2,500
L.	To decrease Account #01-338-0800 EOC – Operating Expenses by Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions.	\$ 20,000
M.	To decrease Account #01-661-0807 Foxon Rec Umpires by Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions.	\$ 8,000
N.	To decrease Account #01-661-0818 American Legion Baseball by 4,000 Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions.	\$
O.	To decrease Account #01-661-0812 Mom. Rec by Voice Vote-14 in Favor. 1 opposed (Maltese) No abstentions.	\$ 9,000
P.	To decrease Account #01-665-0190 Sr. Center OT by Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions.	\$ 1,500
Q.	To increase Account #01-101-0115 Council Clerk – Pay Increase by Voice Vote-12 in Favor. 3 opposed (Hennessey, Ranfone, Parlato.) No abstentions.	\$ 500
R.	To increase Account #01-109-0657 Town Clerk Data Proc. Prog. by Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions.	\$ 5,000
S.	To increase Account #01-104-0657 Data Processing by Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions.	\$ 1,317
T.	To increase Account #01-661-0116 Seasonal Wages (beach) by Voice Vote-13 in Favor. 2 opposed (Hennessey and Parlato.) No abstentions.	\$ 10,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$93,514,037

To Amend the Following Revenue Line Items:

A.	To decrease Account #01-01-1100 Current Real Estate Taxes	\$ 50,750
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Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

- B. To decrease Account #01-01-1150 Current MV & Property Taxes \$ 7,112
Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
- C. To decrease Account #01-01-1151 Current Supplemental MV Taxes \$ 821
Voice Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

All Amendments Approved

Councilwoman Parlato indicated that the following changes were not included as follows:

The following were voted down:

1. 01-106-350 suggested reduction \$250
Voice vote-1 In Favor(Parlato) 14 Opposed. No abstentions.
2. 01-107-505 suggested reduction \$250
Voice vote-1 In Favor(Parlato) 14 Opposed. No abstentions.
3. 01-224-664 suggested reduction \$500
Voice vote-1 In Favor(Balter) 14 Opposed. No abstentions.
4. 01-332-330 suggested reduction \$1500
Voice vote-3 In Favor(Pacelli, Ranfone, and Maltese) 12 Opposed. No abstentions.

The following were rescinded:

01-332-0190 suggested reduction \$10,000

01-880-893 suggested reduction \$15,000

01-221-667 suggested ADDITION \$4,500

All the additional amendments 1.-4. failed.

Councilwoman Ceasar disclosed that she works for the Board of Education and has no financial authority in her position.

Vice Chairman read the Ordinance in its entirety and he moved to approve:

ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TOWN AND BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET AND FIXING THE TAX RATE IN MILLS FOR THE 2020 - 2021 FISCAL YEAR OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAVEN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAVEN:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the general statutes of the state of Connecticut and the town Charter of the town of East Haven, this council is empowered to adopt a budget and set the tax rate in Mills for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the budget submitted by the Mayor and has held public hearings thereon; now, therefore, be it ordained:

Section 1. Anticipated revenues for the 2020 - 2021 fiscal year are as follows:

Current & Delinquent Town Taxes	\$68,253,812
State and Federal Grants for Education	\$18,764,125
State Grants and Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 1,502,522
Other State Grants	\$ 83,540
Income from Short-Term Investments	\$ 320,000
Licenses, Permits, Fees and Services	\$ 1,523,901
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,007,454
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$93,455,354

Section 2. Total Appropriations for the fiscal year are as follows:

General Government	\$ 2,937,420
Employee Benefits	\$ 11,074,000
Public Services	\$ 5,967,233
Public Safety	\$ 14,711,432
Health	\$ 277,272
Social Services	\$ 55,166
Counseling & Community Services	\$ 644,186
Housing Authority	\$ 600
Urban Renewal	\$ 11,950
School Building Committee	\$ 2,600
Library	\$ 875,205
Recreation	\$ 441,723
Recreation/ Ice Rink	\$ 287,608
Senior Center	\$ 237,780
Debt Service	\$ 3,436,358
Community Services	\$ 106,550
Insurance	\$ 2,464,500
General Services	\$ 1,931,500
Total Municipal Appropriations	\$ 45,461,083

Total of Board of Education

\$ 47,994,271

Section 3. This ordinance shall be deemed to approve the budget proposed to the council by the Mayor on May 6, 2020, except as the same may be specifically amended by this ordinance. The Director of Finance is directed to adjust all figures and summaries in the budget to reflect the amendments, if any, to the Mayor's proposed budget which are set forth in this ordinance as finally approved.

Said amendments are as follows:

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Section 4. The tax rate in Mills to be levied on the taxable property in the town of East Haven is hereby fixed at a rate of 34.25 mills.

Section 5. All bills for Real Estate, personal property and motor vehicle taxes for the fiscal year which total \$200 or less shall be due and payable in full on January 1st 2020. Bills for such taxes which total more than \$200 shall be due and payable in two installments, one-half (1/2) on July 1, 2020, and one-half (1/2) on January 1, 2021.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter of the Town of East Haven.

Councilwoman Glassman second the motion by the Vice Chairman Pacelli.
Roll Call Vote-12 In Favor. 3 Opposed (Maltese, Hennessey, and Parlato)
Approved-Motion Carried

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to adjourn.
Councilman Butler second the motion.
Voice vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Town Council Clerk