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Special Meeting of the Town Council
Minutes

The East Haven Town Council held a Special Meeting, Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., in order to transact the following Via Zoom.

Chairman Deko called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call-13 Present 1 Absent (Ruggiero)

Staff Present: Town Attorney Michael Luzzi, Stacy Gravino Town Clerk, James Keeley Finance Director, and Bruce George Library Director.

Chairman Deko read the executive order into the record and thanked the council members and department heads for all their hard work and their bipartisan efforts.

Item #1

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon the enactment of an ordinance adopting the Town and Board of Education portion of the budget and fix the tax rate in mills for 2021-2022 fiscal year for the Town of East Haven.

Vice Chairman Pacelli read the ordinance in its entirety as follows:

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TOWN AND BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET AND
FIXING THE TAX RATE IN MILLS FOR THE 2021 - 2022 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 **2021-2022** 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 2021 - 2022 fiscal year are as follows:

Current & Delinquent Town Taxes

\$ 69,828,488

State and Federal Grants for Education	\$ 18,764,125
State Grants and Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 1,556,901
Other State Grants	\$ 20,340
Income from Short-Term Investments	\$ 40,000
Licenses, Permits, Fees and Services	\$ 1,080,500
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,165,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$ 93,455,354

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

General Government	\$ 2,963,442
Employee Benefits	\$ 12,033,000
Public Services	\$ 5,890,504
Public Safety	\$ 15,511,500
Health	\$ 347,811
Social Services	\$ 55,390
Counseling & Community Services	\$ 127,861
Housing Authority	\$ 600
Urban Renewal	\$ 6,950
School Building Committee	\$ 2,600
Library	\$ 877,990
Recreation	\$ 446,973
Recreation/ Ice Rink	\$ 260,608
Senior Center	\$ 343,568
Debt Service	\$ 1,913,394
Community Services	\$ 91,618
Insurance	\$ 2,650,500
General Services	\$ 1,886,774
Total Municipal Appropriations	\$ 45,411,083
Total of Board of Education	\$ 48,044,271
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 93,455,354

Section 3. This ordinance shall be deemed to approve the budget proposed to the council by the Mayor on May 4, 2021, 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:

To Amend the Following Appropriation Line Items:

A. To decrease acct. #01-107-0110 Wages by	\$ 7,846
B. To decrease acct. #01-107-0140 Longevity by	\$ 550
C. To decrease acct. #01-120-0650 Youth Services by	\$ 7,500
D. To decrease acct. #01-661-0808 Foxon Rec Center by	\$ 10,000
E. To decrease acct. #01-661-0813 Biddy Basketball by	\$ 10,000
F. To decrease acct. #01-771-0711 Debt Int. by	\$ 88,000
G. To decrease acct. #01-880-0823 Adult Daycare by	\$ 1,000
H. To decrease acct. #01-881-0115 Part Time Wages by	\$ 123
I. To increase acct. #01-224-0470 Rec. Equip by	\$ 21,000
J. To increase acct. #01-226-0677 Recycling by	\$ 50,000
K. To increase acct. #01-442-0650 Youth Services by	\$ 7,500
L. To increase acct. #01-444-0694 Other Contract. By	\$ 369
M. To increase acct. #01-661-0816 Youth Cheerleading by	\$ 4,500
N. To increase acct. #01-665-0660 Bldg. Maint. by	\$ 3,000
O. To increase acct. #01-880-0855 Greenway Trail by	\$ 1,000
P. To increase acct. #01-880-0896 EH Garden Club by	\$ 3,500
Q. To increase acct. #01-880-0898 Arts Commission by	\$ 2,150
R. To increase acct. #01-880-0990 Food Pantry by	\$ 7,000
S. To increase acct. #01-880-0993 Green Restoration by	\$ 25,000

Total \$ 0.00

Section 5. 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 6. 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 July 1st 2021. Bills for such taxes which total more than \$200 shall be due and payable in two installments, one-half (1/2) on July 1, 2021, and one-half (1/2) on January 1, 2022.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter of the Town of East Haven.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve as presented.
Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.

Councilwoman Glassman comments were specifically for the Board of Education; she feels very comfortable for a number of reasons the substantial funding for Covid Relief and the Essar Funding as well therefore, she feels very comfortable with what is before her at this time. It's a good and fair budget.

Jim Keeley, Finance Director stated the bottom line did not change from last year's budget.

Chairman Deko made mention, that in an effort to hold the bottom line the mayor's staff did not get any raises to help hold the mill rate at the same and we would like to extend our appreciation.

Councilman Santino thanked everyone for a great job and that they were able to give funds to all the civic groups in town.

Councilman Balter thanked everyone for their commitment in coming together and to give back in many ways; we have shown great fiscal responsibility.

Councilwoman Cesare stated that she agrees and it is the first time that all civic groups have received funds.

Councilman Pacelli thanked the taxpayers for allowing him to serve and thank you to his fellow council.

Councilwoman Hennessey stated that she is on the same page and a lot of people should be happy we came together for the tax payers and town services.

Councilwoman Parlato echoed the same sentiments we all appreciate being heard.

Roll Call Vote-12 In favor.

1 Opposed Councilman Maltese who stated that he strongly believes in education and the council should have approved the funds they requested.

No Abstentions.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Council Clerk