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East Haven Town Council
Minutes

The East Haven Town Council held its Regularly Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following certain public hearings at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT in order to transact the following:

Chairman Deko called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for what is going on in our country.

Roll Call-11 present 4 Absent (Glassman, Santino, Pacelli, and Pompano)Staff Present: Town Attorney, Michael Luzzi, Finance Director, Jim Keeley, Police Chief Ed Lennon, and Assistant Chief, Patrick Tracey.

Item #1

Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve the minutes.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #2

Correspondence

Item #3

Subcommittee Reports:

Education, Library and School Building

Education

All graduation ceremonies were had

They voted to extend the Superintendent's contract for one more year.

Library

They had one retirement

They have a leak in the roof which is being addressed as well as an elevator issue

George Ellis Company was inspecting the building

There was an issue accessing the library website which is being addressed

School Building -the meeting was canceled

Public Health and Safety

Police Commission

There are some vacancies; the commission requested certified lists from the Civil Service Commission.
A promotion ceremony will be held in Sept/October

Welfare

American Disabilities Act Commission- no meeting scheduled

Finance

Board of Finance-May meeting canceled

Civil Service

Rink Maintainer's oral exam was approved

BOE Secretary I Grade Level 9 exam is complete and the list has been certified

BOE Secretary III Grade Level 11 exam is complete and the list has been certified

A Police Detective application is closed with 7 applicants available to take the exam

Police Officer C new Recruit rolling application was approved

Board of Assessment Appeals- No June Meeting Scheduled

Public Services

Parks

Old Cemetery Board(River Street)

The commission has a grand list for stone repairs which they pull from each month for restoration

The board was concerned about the lack of information on the town website and would be looking into creating their own website for the cemetery

They will be requesting their stipend allowance

Recreation

The Town Attorney indicated that the rink opening will be on time and the town will get some savings back.

Councilman Vollono, Butch DiLungo and Rich Coppola have been organizing the abundance of memorabilia previously stored at the rink.

Youth Services

Reorganizational meeting new chair was named

Update on events

Family game night, fall festival activities, movie night on the beach, intergenerational Bingo event, and more

Development of a Facebook. Instagram account as well as a town social media accounts/page

Economic Development

Discussed the open commissioner and clerk position

Update on Taco Bell via inland and wetlands commission they are awaiting state approval

Urban Renewal Agency no meeting scheduled

Housing Authority- no meeting scheduled

Fair Housing Commission-no meeting scheduled

Item #3.1

Chairman Deko moved item #14.

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon a resolution that Joseph Carfora, as Mayor of The Town of East Haven or his designee, is authorized and directed to execute and to deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Haven to enter into a contract with *Axon Enterprise, Inc.* for public safety equipment, including body worn cameras, video equipment and less lethal equipment.

Chief Lennon and Deputy Chief Tracey addressed the council. Chief Tracey explained that Axon Enterprise Inc. is on the state bid list for body and car camera, Tasers, video storage, and photo maintenance. The Police Department needs accountability and it is now mandated for Animal Control, Fire Marshal, Building Official, and Zoning/Blight Official. With those additional departments it made more sense to create one account. We renegotiated and took advantage of our current contract with 2022 prices. There was an unanticipated cost due to the cost regarding microchips. The equipment is fully warrantied for repairs and replacement and we are guaranteed equipment upgrades. The tasers will be replaced with a safer model and the body cameras will live stream, automatic notification for license plates and assists in solving crimes. In closing, Chief Lennon stated that the State of Connecticut is the only state to require both body and car cameras.

Chairman Deko indicated that this contract is good for 10 years and will increase the line item for FY 22/23 as necessary.

Chief Tracey stated that this new contract will void the current contract.

Councilwoman Martin stated that there will be no increase for 10 years.

Councilwoman Cesare clarified the effective date will now be August 1, 2022. She also asked if any of the equipment could be traded in for credit and if any is still usable.

Councilwoman Parlato asked if there was any penalty associated with increasing the contract for 10 years.

Councilman Vollono noted that surrounding towns are short officers, are we experiencing the same.

Chief Lennon indicated that we recently only received 8 applicants.

Attorney Luzzi did indicate that we are all working closely with Civil Service to get qualified and quality candidates.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #4

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance transferring from the Contingency Account 01-885-0689 to Legal and Lawyer Fees Account 01-113-0668—as follow:

To:	01-113-0668	Legal and Lawyer Fees	\$175,000.00
From:	01-885-0689	Contingency Account	\$175,000.00

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

Item #5

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Section 12-4. Cleaning up after dogs and cats.”
Councilwoman Cesare made the motion to approve.
Councilwoman Martin second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved

Item #6

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Section 11-46. Parking Ban. Automatic parking ban at start of all snow events, parking in off-street facilities required when available.”
Councilwoman Parlato made the motion to approve.
Councilwoman Martin second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved

Item #7

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Section 11-3. Depositing of organic materials on roadways and sidewalks.”
Councilwoman Cesare made the motion to approve.
Councilman Bimonte second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved

Item #8

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon an ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled “Ordinance Section 11-49. Enforcement.”
Councilwoman Martin made the motion to approve.
Councilman Vollono second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved

Item #9

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Section 15-4 Procedure for Contesting Certain Non-Parking Ordinance Violations Issued By the Police Department, Code Enforcement Officer, or Fire Marshal.”
Councilwoman Cesare made the motion to approve.
Councilwoman Martin second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved

Item #10

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Section 17-1. Street numbering of residential properties; owner’s responsibilities.”

Councilwoman Karen made the motion to approve.
Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved

Item #11

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Section 11-16. Stopping and parking prohibited in certain places.”
Councilwoman Cesare made the motion to approve.
Councilman Vollono second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved

Item #12

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Section 17-41. Snow and ice removal-Required.”
Councilwoman Cesare made the motion to approve.
Councilwoman Martin second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved

Item #13

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Section 11-17. Penalties for parking violations.”
Councilwoman Cesare made the motion to approve.
Councilman Vollono second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved

Item #14

Moved to Item #3.1

Item #15

Councilwoman Lesco read the following, to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date of August 2, 2022 for an ordinance entitled “An ordinance amending Section 11-3 – Sale of Fuel for Vehicles Not Authorized to Operate on a Public Roadway, Public Highway, or Public Property.”
Councilwoman Cesare made the motion to approve.
Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Public Hearing Date Set 8/2/2022

The following residence addressed the council with concerns regarding short term rental mostly in the shoreline area:

Nancy Mancini, 254 Cosey Beach Avenue
Jack Taboni, 270 Cosey Beach Avenue
Cindy Sparago, 42 Caroline Road
Patrick Rowland, 2 Minor Road
Jim Harding, 84 Catherine Street
John Wobensmith, 93 Cosey Beach Avenue #4
Sally Camarrano

Ron Johnson, 214 Cosey Beach Avenue
Tami Taboni, 254 Cosey Beach Avenue

The following resident addressed the council with his concerns with the airport.
Anthony Gabizano, 48 Hughes Street

Councilwoman Cesare moved to adjourn.
Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Town Council Clerk