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East Haven Town Council Minutes

The East Haven Town Council held its Regularly Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following a certain public hearing 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 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call-13 Present 1 Absent (Santino)

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Deko asked for a moment of silence for the two Bristol police officers who died in the line of duty and all law enforcement.

Item #1

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve the minutes.

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #2

Correspondence was received via email. A letter written by Shirley McCarthy who states respiratory concerns as they relate to the airport.

Item #3

Subcommittee Reports:

a. Education, Library and School Building

Education-

- Districtwide assessments were presented
- The fall season sports are wrapping up
- Policies were reviewed including:
 - visitors to school buildings
 - school volunteers
 - Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Title 1 and Non-Title 1 Students
- Ferrara school received the MADD community service award

School Building -the meeting was canceled

Library-

- The WIFI usage continues to grow closer to the pre-pandemic levels
- The director is waiting on quotes for repairs on the back-public entrance door and the door near the fire exit on the parking lot side of the building
- George Ellis did some preventative maintenance for the heating season

- Capital Improvement- a request was sent to the State Library for payments of the grant money to be made to the town
- The director would like to purchase a new audio-video system for the DeMayo Community Room
- School Building -the meeting was canceled
- b. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare
- Fire Commission -minutes were not posted
- Police Commission
- Policies were reviewed including
 - 401.8 AVL and Officer Video Camera Use
 - 433.3 Death and Injury Notification
- Staffing 1 patrol vacancy
- Joint awards & promotion/oath of office ceremony is scheduled for Dec 14 time to be determined
- Chief Lennon reported they had a tremendous turnout to support the Bristol police depts fallen officers' services
- Councilwoman Martin noted that 35 of our police officers attend the funerals for those two fallen officers in Bristol, CT. Also, there is one patrol vacancy due to a promotion.
- Urban Renewal Commission-canceled
- American Disabilities Act Commission- no meeting scheduled
- Finance
- d. Public Services, Parks, and Recreation
- Chairman Deko indicated the rink is almost at completion and will open to the public November 19, 2022.

The Board of Finance-canceled

Civil Service-

- SECRETARY II, GRADE LEVEL 10 The Board of Education requested the following 5 names
- The commission-certified Police Department promotions
 - Raymond Wilson to Detective
 - Frederick Sego to Detective
 - Joseph Finoia to Lieutenant
 - Molly Perry Sergeant
- A Grade C Police Officer was hired
- General Clerk candidates are being interviewed
- Account Clerk 1 Grade Level 10 exam was completed, and an eligibility list has been established

Board of Assessment Appeals- no meeting was scheduled

E. Public Services-

Special mention- 3 members of the town were recognized as Connecticut Municipal Officers at the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Conference, Danielle Feeley, Jim Keeley, and Samantha Parlato.

Parks

Old Cemetery Board (River Street)-

Recreation

EH Arts Commission-

- They are working on their bylaws and guidelines for the theater and visual arts subcommittees
- They are waiting on their stipend from the town
- They have some prospects to fill their commission's board

Recreation and Athletic Complex commission- no October meeting was scheduled

Youth Services-

- Movie Night on the Green was successful
- The Fall Festival was successful, discussed some modifications for next year's event
- Members attending the boo bash to support the event
- Members also attending the trunk or treat event
- Nov 19th middle school students will have an event at Adrenaline Rush more information commissioner Licata will follow up
- Possible collaboration with the REC department
- Possible Bingo event in December
- They have 2 open spots on the commission

e. Urban Renewal/Housing

Urban Renewal-

Economic Development- minutes were not posted

Urban Renewal - October meeting was canceled

Inland/Wetlands Commission-

- Application for 150 Bradley Street was approved
- Application for 33 Foxon hill Road was continued

Housing Authority- October meeting was canceled

Zoning Board of Appeals- minutes were not posted

Planning and Zoning-

- 1 application was continued
- 2 were approved
 - 30 Frontage Road
 - 99 Hemingway Avenue

Fair Housing Commission-no meeting scheduled

Blight- no meeting was scheduled

Item #4

Vice Chairman Pacelli read the following, to consider and act upon the appointment of Joseph Kikosicki, 103 Leigh Drive to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Raymond Pompano of District #5 for a term to expire November 18, 2023.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve the motion.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Town Attorney Michael Luzzi swore Mr. Kikosicki into office as the councilman in District #5.

Item #5

Vice Chairman Pacelli read the following, to consider and act upon a resolution waiving the Town Charter's competitive bidding requirements in connection with the East Haven Veterans Memorial Ice Rink public address system.

Attorney Luzzi explained that in their budget they incurred a supply change issue with regard to the equipment. They hired a preferred vendor to complete the public address system, which has to be installed prior to opening the rink. It was a competitive bid within Slam's budget.

Councilwoman Glassman asked the cost of the system.

Attorney Luzzi indicated \$39,000. They are a preferred vendor, no different from any other vendor under Slam's budget.

Councilman Thompson asked if this action has to be done by ordinance.

Attorney Luzzi stated, no because it is approved by the GMP.

Vice Chairman Pacelli asked the name of the vendor.

Councilwoman Parlato asked if this vendor is on the state bid list.

Attorney Luzzi stated it is a unique situation and the cost is below the amount required.

Chairman Deko recognized Donna Richo, 67 Charnes Drive, and asked if the PA system was included in the original bidding of the GMP. Will they be returning any funds?

Attorney Luzzi believes it is \$7,700; we required them to bid the railings, painting, and all subcontractors because we did not want any delays.

Ms. Richo asked how long the PA system was delayed.

Attorney Luzzi indicated 4 months and they write bids within our charter requirements. To answer the Vice Chairman's question the company is D&R Laboratories.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve.

Councilman Vollono second the motion.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Item #6

Vice Chairman Pacelli read the following to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date for an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing Mayor Joseph A. Carfora to execute an Easement Agreement on behalf of the Town of East Haven, pertaining to the granting by the Town of East Haven to the South Central Regional Water Authority and its successors and assigns, of an easement on real property owned by the Town of East Haven at 99 South Street, East Haven, CT (Map 010 / Block 0204 / Lot 040)."

Chairman Deko indicated that this item is to set a public hearing date.

Chairman Deko recognized Patrick Rowland, 3 Minor Road who started to speak about the issue. Chairman Deko reminded him that the action is to set the date.

Mr. Rowland continued to speak and Attorney Luzzi asked Mr. Rowland if he objects to the date?

Mr. Rowland stated that he objected to the date.

Attorney Luzzi stated that it is duly noted.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve.

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Public Hearing Date Set 12/6/2022

Chairman Deko indicated that two items will be added to the agenda that will be notated as items 6.1 and 6.2. and to consider and act upon adding those two items to the agenda for consideration.

Item #6.1

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to add the following item to the agenda.

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

Roll call vote-13 in favor. One opposed (Parlato) No abstentions.

Item added.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date for an ordinance entitled "An ordinance amending Section 11-4 – Sale of Fuel for Vehicles Not Authorized to Operate on a Public Roadway, Public Highway, or Public Property."

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Public Hearing Date Set 12/6/2022

Item #6.2

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to add the following item to the agenda.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Councilwoman Parlato stated she does not have access to email during the day in order to review the added item.

The clerk explained that she just received the forms from the Town Clerk's office.

Roll call vote-All in favor. One opposed. No abstentions.

Item added.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon the Town Council regular meeting schedule and the Town Council Administrative Service Committee meeting schedule for 2023.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to add the following item to the agenda.

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

Roll call vote-13 in favor. One opposed (Parlato) No abstentions.

Approved

Item #7

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the following motion; upon 2/3 vote, will convene into executive session per C.G.S. § 1-200(6) the status of, and action pertaining to pending litigation regarding One Barberry Real Estate Holding, LLC, et al. v. Joseph Maturo, et al. (Case No. 3:17-cv-00985-KAD); and, Town of East Haven et al v. Allied World Insurance Company, Allied World National Assurance, and Starr Indemnity and Liability Company (Case No. 3:17-cv-01004). Also, to include the Town Attorney.

Councilman Vollono second the motion.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to add the following item to the agenda.

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

Voice vote-14 in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

The Council entered Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

Item #8

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the following motion; upon 2/3 vote, will convene into executive session pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 1-200(6)(E) and 1-210(b)(10) to discuss with legal counsel strategy and opinions relative to the proposed expansion of Tweed-New Haven Airport. Also, to include the Town Attorney.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Voice vote-14 in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

The Council entered Executive Session 7:34 p.m.

A motion was made to exit executive session and reconvene the meeting and move to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Town Council Clerk