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Public Hearing Minutes

The Hearing Committee of the East Haven Town Council held certain Public Hearings, Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m., at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven for the purpose of holding a public hearing(s) on the following items:

Vice Chairman Pacelli called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call-12 Present 4 Absent (Deko, Cesare, Santino, and Stacey)

Staff Present: Mayor Joseph Carfora, Joseph Budrow Zoning Official, Charles Miller Fire Marshal, Tina Hedley IT, Jim Keeley Finance Director, Michelle Benivegna Director of Administration, Jennifer Coppola Assistant Town Attorney, and Michael Luzzi Town Attorney.

Public Hearing #1

Councilman Thompson read the following an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Transferring \$75,238 from Other Contractual 01-339-0697 to IT Regular Salaries 01-339-0110 in the amount of \$75,238.00.”

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Jim Keeley, Finance Director who explained that this position was not approved during the last budget. So now we are funding the entire position into the correct line item of #339.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Councilwoman Parlato who asked why not fund the amount needed until the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Keeley stated that it is appropriate to fund the entire position in order to keep the account historically correct. We will make the adjustments appropriately.

No public comments.

Public Hearing #2

Councilman Thompson read the following an ordinance entitled “Ordinance to Authorize the Engagement of Permit Link and to Adopt Amended Zoning Application Fee Schedule and Fire Plan Review and Inspection Fee Schedule.”

Councilman Santino arrived at 7:07p.m.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Joseph Budrow ZEO, Charles Miller Fire Marshal, and Tina Hedley, IT.

Mr. Budrow stated that the goal is to allow the public to utilize a town kiosk or utilize the program remotely for the Zoning and Building Departments. Permit Link is an excellent and beneficial program to the town. Our fees are currently comparatively low and this will save the town money by the use of paper, postage, and other office supplies.

Fire Marshal Charlie Miller stated up until now his Department only charges one fee which is for blasting. Other towns have a general plan of fees for liquor permits, hoods for restaurants, and plan review for new projects in town. We are looking for general plan reviews of \$25 and \$50 for liquor permits and hood permits where some towns charge \$200.

Councilwoman Glassman stated food vendors would be charged \$100.

Fire Marshal Miller stated that she is correct.

Attorney Michael Luzzi indicated that each of these departments had a coordinated effort to choose Permit Link and what would be best for the town.

Councilwoman Parlato asked if we had a signed contract or could we choose another vendor.

Attorney Luzzi indicated that we have signed with Permit Link.

Councilwoman Martin confirmed that the company receives \$10 per application.

Anthony Camposano of Hughes Street believes there are better companies.

Mr. Budrow stated that he has used other online services and this is the best, top notch.

Public Hearing #3

Public Hearing remains open with regard to the East Haven 2022-2027 Housing Plan.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Assistant Town Attorney Jennifer Coppola who gave a quick synopsis of the housing plan including the town's profile with regard to affordable housing. The majority of her presentation was inaudible.

Councilwoman Glassmann appreciates the mandated efforts for affordable housing.

No public comment.

Councilwoman Lesco moved to adjourn the public hearings.
Councilman Thompson second the motion.
Hearings adjourned at 7:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Town Council Clerk

Hearing Committee

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved that the Hearing Committee of the East Haven Town Council recommend to the full Council adoption of the aforementioned ordinances and to adjourn the Public Hearing portion.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

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Public Hearing adjourned at 7:42p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Town Council Clerk