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EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL' SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018

TOWN CLERK

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The East Haven Town Council held a special meeting Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512.

Chairman Ken Mckay calls the meeting to order at 7:00PM. He asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Item #1

Roll Call-11 present - 4 absent (Sittnick, Hennessey, Badamo and Butler III). Councilwoman Judy Sittnick arrives at 7:18PM.

A quorum is present.

Item #2

Approval of minutes from the April 3 2018 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Louis Pacelli makes a motion.

Councilwoman Loria Jaffe seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #3

Approval of minutes from the April 16, 2018 Public Hearing.

Councilman Pacelli makes a motion.

Councilwoman Judy Esposito seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #4

Approval of minutes from the April 18, 2018 Public Hearing.

Councilman Richard Anania makes a motion.

Councilman Joseph Santino seconds the motion.

Voice vote: 10 in favor-none oppose-1 abstention (Palladino). Motion carries.

Item #5

To consider and act upon a Resolution enacting and approving an "Ordinance adopting the Town and Board of Education Budgets and fixing the tax rate in mills for the 2018-2019 fiscal year of the Town of East Haven."

AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OF THE East Haven Town Council

An Ordinance adopting the Town and Board of Education Budgets and fixing the tax rate in mills for the 2018-2019 fiscal year 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, 32.45 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year;

AND WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed the budget submitted by the Mayor and has held public hearings and budget workshops thereon and made various changes;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED:

Section 1. Total estimated revenues for the fiscal year are as follows:

REVENUES		Mayor
Current & Delinquent Town Taxes	\$	65,250,414.00
State and Federal Grants for Education	\$	20,518,775.00
State Grants and Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$	1,654,914.00
Other State Grants	\$	98,450.00
Income from Short Term Investments	\$	133,811.00
Licenses, Permits, Fees, and Services	\$	1,558,988.00
Miscellaneous	\$_	2,398,135.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$	91,613,487.00

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

APPROPRIATIONS

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General Government	\$ 2,927,786.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 10,990,699.00
Public Services	\$ 5,546,085.00
Public Safety	\$ 13,434,900.00
Health	\$ 289,450.00
Social Services	\$ 126,224.00

Counseling & Community Services	\$ 728,483.00
Housing Authority	\$ 850.00
Urban Renewal	\$ 42,450.00
School Building Committee	\$ 2,600.00
Library	\$ 822,239.00
Recreation	\$ 505,460.00
Recreation/Ice Rink	\$ 293,764.00
Senior Center	\$ 221,625.00
Debt Service	\$ 3,141,901.00
Community Services	\$ 109,200.00
Insurance	\$ 2,438,000.00
General Services	\$ 2,047,500.00
Total Board of Education Appropriation	\$ 47,944,271.00
TOTAL BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 91,613,487.00

<u>Section 3</u>. This ordinance shall be deemed to approve the budget proposed to the Council by the Mayor on March 29, 2018, except as modified by the Finance Director or the Town Council throughout the budget workshop process, and except as the same may be specially amended by this ordinance. The Director of Finance is directed to adjust all figures and summaries in the budget services reports to reflect the amendments, if any, to the Mayor's proposed budget which are set forth in this ordinance as finally approved.

This Ordinance was approved by the Town Council on April 25, 2018 and shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Respectfully,

Submitted by:

Danelle Feeley, Council Clerk	Date
Stacy Gravino, Town Clerk	Date
Joseph Maturo, Jr., Mayor	Date

Councilman Pacelli makes a motion.

Councilman Tracey seconds the motion.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

item #6

Correspondence- Chairman Mckay indicates that he has a letter he will bring to the Administrative Services meeting next month for someone looking to be appointed to the Old Cemetery Board; she was on it before, moved out of Town and is back and there is an opening right now. They will discuss it at administrative services next month.

Item #7

Subcommittee Reports:

- a. Subcommittee on Education, Library, and School Building; (Robert Parente, Lou Pacelli, Linda Hennessey)
 - No Report
- b. Subcommittee on Public Safety, Health, & Welfare; ("BIG" Steve Tracey, Rich Anania, Joe Santino)
 - Councilman Santino and Councilman Anania both indicate the new Police cars are on the road. Councilman Santino says the new Fire Trucks are in service also. Councilman Tracey says they had some kind of problem with the new fire truck and had to redo something with it. Councilman Deko says there was an oversight with the dealer for the foam system and also Engine 4 was out of service for a while.
- c. Subcommittee on Finance;

(Judy Sittnick, Joseph Badamo, Joseph Carfora)

- No Report
- d. Subcommittee on Public Services, Parks, & Recreation; (Robert Parente, Joseph Deko, Lori Jaffe)
 - a. Councilman Parente says under Parks/Rec they have three items on their agenda this week; they are revisiting the pool situation because they got a four page letter from an Attorney from the group that runs the pool so they will have a discussion and possible action on it. They are also dealing with a letter regarding the bocce courts down the beach; unfortunately there are several reasons why they can't go ahead with the proposal but they have it on their agenda to discuss. Councilman Santino asks if they can get a copy of the letter from the Attorney because the Council makes the decision on what to charge for the pool and now they are sending the letter to them. Chairman Mckay says if it's not funded they can't get anything regardless but he has no problem if they want a copy of the letter.
- e. Subcommittee on Urban Renewal/Housing; (Richard Anania, Henry Butler, III, Joseph Deko)
 - No Report
- f. Temporary Subcommittee on Community Group Stipends. (Kenneth Mckay, Nick Palladino)

 Councilman Paliadino says as of now, the people they have talked to and they authorized stipends for are fine; there are no complaints except with the one they cancelled.

item #8

To consider and act upon a Resolution Approving and Authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., or his designee, to sign a Municipal Energy Opportunities Standard Agreement.

A Resolution Approving and Authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., or his designee, to sign a Municipal Energy Opportunities Standard Agreement

WHEREAS, the Town of East Haven and the East Haven Recreation Department, in coordination with the Engineering Department, wish to perform LED lighting upgrades at the East Haven Tennis Court, Ice Rink, and Recreation Complex;

AND WHEREAS, grant funding is available to cover a portion of the costs of the aforementioned upgrades through the "Energy Opportunities" program offered by United Illuminating;

AND WHEREAS, the Town desires to enter into a Municipal Energy Opportunities Standard Agreement with the United Illuminating Company in order to pursue the aforementioned grant funding;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that the Municipal Energy Opportunities Standard Agreement presented to this legislative body is hereby approved;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver the Municipal Energy Opportunities Standard Agreement, substantially in the form attached to this Resolution, for the purposes provided therein, together with such other documents as he may determine to be necessary and appropriate to evidence, secure and otherwise give effect to the agreement.

This resolution shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Councilman Santino makes a motion.

Councilwoman Jaffe seconds the motion.

- Town Attorney Joseph Zullo explains that both he and Sal Brancati had a bit to do with this; the Council approved an agreement similar to this for the Police Department when they did the LED upgrades there. This is the same exact program with the same exact terms. In this case, they are getting almost a 25% incentive to install them and then the savings from the LED lighting is supposed to offset the payment, which is added to the bill. So the \$661/month payment is added to the bill and we are ideally supposed to save at least \$661 in energy costs which would offset that. So hopefully the bill stays the same or goes down and we get brand new LEDs.
- Councilman Santino asks if they are changing them for all the light the night programs.
- Attorney Zullo says thanks to Sal Brancati they are looking to change them all across Town.
- Councilman Tracey asks if they bid it? Is it all through the UI? Because there are other companies that put the lights in and give better deals.
- Attorney Zullo says there are other companies that do it but not all companies have the same incentives. The original project with the Police Department he believes was bid a long time ago.
- Finance Director Paul Rizza says that was bid, but the UI does this project and uses a list of State accepted contractors to do the upgrades to the systems.

No public comment.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #9

To consider and act upon a Resolution setting a public hearing date and time to discuss an "Ordinance approving a transfer of \$37,120.35 for Legal Services (Appraisals)" as follows:

Legal Services		
To:	For:	
01-113-0694	Other Contractual	
	Services	\$37,120.35
TOTAL		\$37,120.35
From:		
01-881-0950	Self Insurance	\$37,120.35
TOTAL		\$37,120.35

Reason: Transfer needed for additional expert appraisal fees.

The public hearing shall take place on June 5, 2018 at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilman Palladino makes a motion.

Councilman Pacelli seconds the motion.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Attorney Zullo makes a note that the Council gets all of the materials for this and other public hearings a month in advance of the public hearing now.

Item #10

To consider and act upon a Resolution setting a public hearing date and time to discuss "An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Conveyance of a Portion of 240 Commerce Street to Mellen Properties, LLC, or its designee." The Public Hearing shall take place on June 5, 2018, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilman Anania makes a motion.

Councilman Tracey seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #11

To consider and act upon a Resolution setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss "An Ordinance amending the 2017-2018 capital ordinance entitled, 'An Ordinance making appropriations for various public improvements aggregating \$2,520,000 for the 2017-2018 capital budget and authorizing the issuance of \$2,520,000 bonds of the town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose." The Public Hearing shall take place on June 5, 2018, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilman Deko makes a motion.

Councilman Santino seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #12

To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$519.32 to Ally Bank as follows:

A Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$519.32 to Ally Bank

WHEREAS, C.G.S. Section 12-129 provides that a local board of selectmen, or its equivalent, may, upon recommendation and certification of the Tax Collector, issue a refund for tax overpayments;

AND, WHEREAS, the following entity or person has requested a refund for the following overpayment:

ALLY BANK LOUISVILLE PPC PO BOX 9001951 LOUISVILLE KY 40290-0001

Acct./List:

2016-03-0072717

Reason:

Vehicle Sold

Amount:

\$519.32

TOTAL:

\$519.32

AND, WHEREAS, the Tax Collector, via backup paperwork submitted to this Council, has recommended and certified the accuracy of this refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said refund is approved and the tax collector is authorized to effectuate said refund.

This resolution shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Councilman Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Pacelli seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #13

To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$7,311.24 Corelogic as follows:

A Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$7,311.24 to Corelogic

WHEREAS, C.G.S. Section 12-129 provides that a local board of selectmen, or its equivalent, may, upon recommendation and certification of the Tax Collector, issue a refund for tax overpayments;

AND, WHEREAS, the following entity or person has requested a refund for the following overpayment:

CORELOGIC REFUNDS

PO BOX 9202 COPPELL, TX 75019

Acct./List: 2016-01-0004330

Reason: Overpayment

Amount: \$7,311.24

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TOTAL: \$7,311.24

AND, WHEREAS, the Tax Collector, via backup paperwork submitted to this Council, has recommended and certified the accuracy of this refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said refund is approved and the tax collector is authorized to effectuate said refund.

This resolution shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Councilman Pacelli makes a motion.

Councilman Tracey seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #14

Adjournment of Special Meeting.

Councilman Parente makes a motion.

Councilman Santino seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:23PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council