

**EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016**

In accordance with Chapter III, Section 6 of the East Haven Town Charter, the East Haven Town Council Hearing Committee held a public hearing meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512.

Chairman Fred Parlato calls the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Item #1

Roll Call for Hearing Committee-10 present- 5 absent (Depalma, Sand, Esposito, Richardson and Butler III).

A quorum is present.

Item #2

To conduct Public Hearing #1 regarding an "Ordinance approving a transfer of \$60,000.00 for Public Services" as follows:

Public Services

To:

01-224-0190	Overtime	\$60,000.00
TOTAL		\$60,000.00

From:

01-224-0110	Regular Salaries	\$60,000.00
TOTAL		\$60,000.00

Reason: Funds needed to offset overtime shortage.

- Finance Director Paul Rizza explains that they are basically doing some housekeeping. Currently, the account is overspent and they are moving money to get them through to June 30th. There was a lot of time spent during the summer/fall outside.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Chairman Parlato says for clarification, these expenses were spent before the spending freeze was put on. Paul had knowledge of this, it wasn't a surprise and they had the funds to cover it.

Item #3

Adjournment of Public Hearing #1.

Councilman Vincent Spaduzzi makes a motion

Councilman Richard Anania seconds the motion.

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

Item #4

To conduct Public Hearing #2 regarding "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16 of the East Haven Code regarding Peddlars, Solicitors, and Itinerant Vendors."

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion to read only the first three paragraphs followed by the last.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino seconds the motion.

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

Public comment:

- Terrance Martowski- 123 William Street- East Haven, CT- Mr. Martowski asks what the chapter is being replaced with.
- Town Attorney Joseph Zullo explains that this is currently Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances and they are replacing it with another Chapter 16 with minor changes. The current Chapter 16 does not address groups, like power/home remodeling groups; these groups go door to door selling services that they can't perform on the spot. What they have done in the past is regulate people who go door to door selling goods or goods via a catalog on spot. They also regulated people who sell at large fairs. What they haven't done, again, are people who sell services door to door. This is equally important because the key to this Ordinance is to keep everyone safe. By virtue of having this and applying it to people who sell services door to door, they have to go to the Police Department, pull a permit, provide contact information and in a lot of cases they will give fingerprints and have a background check done. It ensures that the people who are going door to door, we know something about them and protects the residents. These are all practical revisions to add that protection to what we already have, everything else remains in effect.

- Councilman Palladino says this is great; we need to know who is walking around on the streets.
- Attorney Zullo gives credit to Lieutenant Emerman who worked on this and he believes picked-up on not having this included.

Item #5

Adjournment of Public Hearing #2.

Councilman Santino makes a motion

Councilman Spaduzzi seconds the motion.

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

Item #6

To conduct Public Hearing #3 regarding "An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Conveyance of a Portion of 280 Proto Drive to Anthony Augliera Moving and Storage."

Councilman Anania makes a motion to waive the reading of the boundary description.

Councilman Spaduzzi seconds the motion.

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

- Sal Brancati- Director of Administration & Management- Mr. Brancati explains that this proposal is for the conveyance of approximately 6.7 acres to Augliera Moving and Storage. This will allow them to consolidate onto a campus in East Haven; they are currently in four different locations in West Haven. Their desire is to consolidate the four locations to one campus. This property, along with 158 Commerce Street which they are purchasing, will afford them the ability to consolidate onto this parcel; they intend to expand the current building at 158 Commerce Street which is approximately 45,000 sq. ft. to double the size. In addition to their service facility, in the rear of the building they are bringing in 100 trailers, 15 tractors, 6 box trucks and a variety of other personal property. Their calculations are that this will bring in additional revenue to the Town of East Haven of about \$60,000 when the development is completed. The Land Disposition Agreement is drafted and their Attorney has it, they contact Al Zullo for the Town and made some minor changes to the agreements. Their bank asked if they did any environmental testing which they had not. Attorney Amendola, the Attorney for Augliera wanted to add to the LDA that the Town would allow them to go on there and test some of the soil. The Town's belief through Kevin White the Town Engineer and Nafis and Young is that this is virgin property, it has never been built on; at one time it was a rock/mountain and during the development of the Industrial Park they blasted it. It makes sense for

them to do this to be safe, the drainage is not an issue and there is no wetlands encroachment. It appears once they get the agreement back they should be able to move forward and get it closed.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilman Spaduzzi asks if this is at no cost to the Town to which Mr. Brancati says there is no cost to the Town.
- Councilwoman Linda Hennessey asks if all of these vehicles will be registered in Connecticut, Mr. Brancati says yes they will.
- Councilman Ken Mckay adds that the reason they are selling this property is that it is landlocked.
- Mr. Brancati says that is correct; there are approximately 89 acres that the Town owns behind Commerce Street, it is virtually landlocked. When the Industrial Park was built they fronted everything on Commerce Street, these 89 acres are behind it going all the way back to the Airport. The only advantage of this property in the future is that they could approach businesses and see if they want to expand into the rear and expand their businesses.
- Councilman Palladino adds that it was a mountain, he remembers when they blasted the whole thing and there was never anything on it.
- Mr. Brancati says they are comfortable with them putting in a few holes and testing the soil, they don't think anything was ever there but the bank put a condition on them to satisfy environmental conditions so they added it to the LDA.

Item #7

Adjournment of Public Hearing #3.

Councilman Palladino makes a motion

Councilman Mckay seconds the motion.

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

Item #8

Hearing Committee report to the full Town Council and recommendation of action on Public Hearings #1, #2, and #3.

Councilman Santino makes a motion

Councilman Robert Parente seconds the motion.

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

Item #9

Adjournment of Hearing Committee.

Councilman Mckay makes a motion

Councilman Spaduzzi seconds the motion.

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

Meeting is adjourned at 7:17PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council