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East Haven Town Council Actions and Decisions

The East Haven Town Council held its Regularly Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following certain public hearings at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT and via Zoom videoconference and conference call in order to transact the following:

Item #1

Approval of Minutes

Approved

Item #2

Correspondence

Item #3

Subcommittee Reports:

- a. Education, Library and School Building
- b. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare
- c. Finance
- d. Public Services, Parks, and Recreation
- e. Urban Renewal/Housing
- f. Blight

Item #4

To consider and act upon an ordinance entitled an "Ordinance Transferring \$300,000 from Self Insurance Reserve and Contingency to Legal and Lawyer Fees Account for \$300,000"— as follows:

To: Legal and Lawyer Fees Account #01-113-0668 \$300,000

From: Self Insurance Reserve #01-881-0950 \$150,000

Contingency #01-885-0689 \$150,000

Approved

Item #5

To consider and act upon a transfer referred by the Board of Finance to the Town Council for \$47,000 to Vehicle Repairs from Volunteer Tax Abatement for \$47,000.

To: Vehicle Repairs #01-334-0662 \$ 47,000

From: Volunteer Tax Abatement #01-334-0840 \$ 47,000

Approved

Item #6

To consider and act upon a transfer referred by the Board of Finance to the Town Council for \$47,000 to Overtime Wages from Regular Salaries for \$47,000.

To Over-time Wages #01-226-0190 \$ 47,000

From: Regular Salaries #01-224-0110 \$ 47,000

Approved

Item #7

To consider and act upon setting a public hearing date of March 7, 2023, for a transfer referred by the Board of Finance to the Town Council as follows:

To: IT Regular Salaries #01-339-0110 \$ 75,238

From: Other Contractual #01-339-0697 \$ 75,238

Public Hearing set for 3/7/2023

Item #8

To consider and act upon setting a public hearing date of March 7, 2023 on 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."

Public Hearing set for 3/7/2023

Item #9

To consider and act upon a resolution for the Town of East Haven to Authorize its Mayor to enter into an agreement with South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for the continuing operation of the Haz Waste Central facility. Such agreement will permit the Authority to act as the Town's its agent to maintain the facility, to contract with a vendor for the transportation and disposal of the hazardous wastes, to receive financial support from grant sources, to enter into agreements with other municipalities and to operate the facility.

Approved

Item #10

To consider and act upon a resolution approving and authorizing Joseph Carfora, as Mayor of The Town of East Haven and East Haven Fire Chief Matthew Marcarelli to complete and execute all necessary documents/agreements related to matter further outlined below with the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Public Act #607, 179 the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection is authorized to extend financial assistance for Public Safety projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of East Haven make an application to the State for \$600,000 in order to undertake a feasibility study of a Public Safety Complex and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, therefore, be it resolved by the East Haven Town Council

- 1. That is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Public Act #607, 179.
- 2. That the filing of an application by the Town of East Haven in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 is hereby approved and that the Mayor Joseph Carfora and Fire Chief Matthew Marcarelli is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, to provide such additional information to execute other documents as may be required: to execute and Assistance Agreement with the state of Connecticut for State Financial Assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, revisions, and revisions thereto; and to act as the authorized representative of Town of East Haven.

Approved

Item #11

To consider and act upon an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Revise the Fee for the First \$1,000 Worth of Construction Value from \$25.00 to \$35.00."

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that: Following a public hearing, an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Revise the Fee for the First \$1,000 Worth of Construction Value from \$25.00 to \$35.00" is hereby adopted. The Ordinance shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Approved

Item #12

Discussion of potential donation of real property of Meoli Limited Partnership at 105 North Atwater Street, and of Luco F. Meoli Family Trust at 131 Meadow Street. [Please note there will only be a brief presentation by counsel explaining the donation proposal and no official action of the Council will be taken at this time.]

Informational No Action Necessary

Item #13

To consider and take possible action on, including revision (as needed) and adoption of, the East Haven 2022-2027 Housing Plan.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that: Following a public hearing, the East Haven 2022-2027 Housing Plan is hereby adopted [with the following revisions (if any)].

No Action Public Hearing Remains Open

Item #14

A motion to add to the agenda; to enter into an executive session and to add a resolution to approve the East Haven Town Hall Employees' Union Contract; AFSCME Local1303-159.

Approved

Item #15

To consider and act upon a motion upon 2/3 vote to convene in executive session per CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES § 1-200 (6) (E) AND § 1-210 (B) (9) – Consideration of and discussions of records, reports, and statements for strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining for a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of East Haven and the East Haven Town Hall Employees' Union, AFSCME Local 1303-159.

To include Michelle Benivegna, Director of Administration and Management, and the Town Attorney, Michael Luzzi, James Keeley, Finance Director, Danelle Feeley, Benefits Coordinator, and Assistant Town Attorney, David Ryan.

Approved

Item #16

To consider and act upon a resolution that the report of the mayor regarding the settlement of the East Haven Town Hall Employees' Union-AFSCME Local 1303-159, Contract for the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 be and is hereby accepted; and to the extent that funds in addition to those already appropriate in the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget may be necessary to fund the Town's obligations under said contract, the request for such additional funds be and hereby approved.

Approved

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca Town Council Clerk