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Notice of a Public Hearing Town of East Haven

The Hearing Committee of the East Haven Town Council held a public hearing Monday, August 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the following item:

Chairman Deko called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Staff Present: Michael Luzzi, Town Attorney, James Keeley, Interim Finance Director, Katie DePonte, Purchasing Agent, Edward Lennon, Chief of Police, and Patrick Tracey, Deputy Police Chief.

Roll Call-10 Present 5 Absent-Maltese, Balter, Pacelli, Butler, and Ruggiero. A quorum present.

Chairman Deko read the Zoom process and Governor Lamont's Executive order into the record.

Councilwoman Hennessey read the following public hearing notice in its entirety:

“An Ordinance transferring from various budget accounts for year-end financial purposes—as follow:

a. Legal		
To: 01-113-0668 Legal/Lawyer Fees		\$40,000.00
From: 01-885-0689 Contingency		\$40,000.00
b. Police Services:		
To: 94-3-100-01 Legal Fees:		\$11,650.77
From: 94-3-700-4 Police & Emergency Vehicles		\$332,497.24
Total		\$344,148.01
From: 94-3-200-001 O'Toole Associates	\$11,650.77	
94-3-200-01 Community Surveys	\$5,249.71	
94-3-300-001 Tech Expert & Consulting Fees	\$475.00	
94-3-400-01 Legal Training	\$988.90	
94-3-400-02 Misc. Training & Travel Costs	\$137.36	
94-3-400-04 Firearms Ammunition	\$544.11	
94-3-400-06 Misc. Equip	\$282.15	

94-3-500-02 Power DMS	\$142.65
94-3-500-05 Printing Costs	\$545.74
94-3-600-01 Personnel Costs	\$1,000.12
94-3-600-02 Benefit Costs	\$10,329.75
94-3-700-01 Cost of Insurance	\$82,301.75
94-3-700-02 Interest on Borrowings	\$125,000.00
94-3-700-03 Contingency	\$5,500.00
Total	\$344,148.01

c. Tax Department	
To: 01-106-0668 Legal Fees	\$4,400.00
From: 01-885-0689 Contingency Acct.	\$4,400.00

This Ordinance shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter. Deko recognize the following staff members:

Attorney Michael Luzzi stated that the \$40,000 transfer is primarily for Lynch, Keefe, and Errante for their representation of 1 Barberry Road vs. Maturo, which is the quarry case. These were fees that remained from the previous administration and he thanked Mr. Keeley with his assistance with the back purchase orders. He was asked if this will be the last of the payment and Attorney Luzzi believes that the town is very close to the end of those bills that pre-date the present administration related to the quarry and are necessary to be paid. *Inaudible*.

Police Chief Edward Lennon indicated that most of the funds being transferred are from all unused bond accounts related to the Department of Justice consent decree. The funds are essentially the funds that remained for that purpose. The department is trying to be more efficient in the manner we purchase vehicles. We are trying to establish a line item where we can draw funds to switch the department to a leasing system; we would still be required to come before the council. The department typically purchases vehicles and we run them until they are inoperable. Those vehicles end up having no value to the town. This is the reason the transfer is being considered.

James Keeley, Interim Finance Director indicated it is his hope to go forward with a leasing program with old bonding funds and we don't have to request capital improvement funds,

No Public Comment.

Chairman Deko commended the Legal Department and the Finance for cleaning up all the loose ends and moving the town forward.

Councilman Santino asked if the town recovers any money from those cars that have been in accidents.

Chief Lennon indicated that those accidents that were at fault collisions we did recover some money not enough to recover a vehicle.

Councilwoman Cesare asked how many years of leasing will be determined.

Chief Lennon stated he will reserve his answer until they finish working with the leasing companies and ultimately approved by the council.

Councilwoman Parlato wanted it clarified that these are funds left over from year end.

Chairman Deko stated no they are old capital accounts where some are 10 years old and will be transferred over.

Councilman Ranfone asked if the legal fees that are being paid had any late fees included in those delinquent bills.

Attorney Luzzi indicated that there are no late fees.

Councilman Santino moved to adjourn.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

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

Hearing adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

East Haven Town Council Hearing Committee

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Chairman Deko called the hearing committee to order and requested a roll call.

Roll Call- 10 present Absent 5-Maltese, Balter, Pacelli, Butler, and Ruggiero. A quorum present.

Councilwoman Hennessey moved that the Hearing Committee of the East Haven Town Council recommend to the Full Council adoption of the following:

An ordinance entitled an “Ordinance transferring from various budget accounts for year-end financial purposes—as follows and read during the public hearing:

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WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of East Haven, upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, must approve both transfers of monies in excess of \$50,000.00 in any given fiscal year and reallocations of previous bond authorizations;

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Finance, meeting of Tuesday, June 23, 2020, approved and recommended the following transfers/bond reauthorizations to the Town Council:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that said transfers/bond reauthorizations are approved.

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

Councilman Santino second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Councilman Santino moved to adjourn.
Councilwoman Glassman second.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Hearing adjourned at 7:27 p.m.