

Town Council Special Meeting Minutes

The East Haven Town Council held a Special Meeting Monday, June 7, 2021, at 7:00 via Zoom in order to transact the following:

Chairman Deko called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Chairman Deko read the governor's executive order with regard to the zoom meeting.

Roll Call-10 Present 5 Absent

Staff Present: Stacy Gravino Town Clerk, Michael Luzzi Town Attorney, Fire Chief Marcarelli, Police Chief Ed Lennon, Assistant Chief Patrick Tracey, James Keeley Finance Director, and David Ryan, Labor Attorney.

Chairman Deko requested a moment of silence for all those affected by covid-19.

He then asked for a moment of silence in memory of Joseph Badamo who served the town for many years as a councilman.

Item #1

Approval of Minutes

Vice-chairman Pacelli moved to approve the minutes.

Councilwoman Parlato second his motion.

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

Approved

Item #2

Correspondence None

Item #3

Subcommittee Reports:

a. Education, Library and School Building

The town has had a lot of retirements at the Board of Education and a few of those positions have been replaced.

b. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

New hires for both Fire and Police are being trained and moving forward. Counseling Services no longer have meetings since they are now closed.

Vice Chairman Pacelli added that the Knights of Columbus of Saint Padre Pio donated \$500 towards the training of the canine unit of the Police Department.

Chairman Deko indicated that the police department has been interested in replacing one of the memorial headstones for the canine officers and we received the proof of the stone today for approval by the Mayor and Police Chief. The cost of the stone has been donated by East Haven Memorial Funeral Home.

c. Finance

Board of Finance minutes included in the backup information.

d. Public Services, Parks, and Recreation

Chairman Deko stated that the Public Works Department is doing a great job at the Town Beach and throughout town. The Splash Pad is currently closed for repairs and will reopen when they are completed. Vice Chairman Pacelli asked if the policy at Kennedy Field (The Pit) remains in effect where dogs can be walked in the park but not on the fields.

Attorney Luzzi does not believe there have been any policy changes to date at Kennedy Field. He is sure the members of the Council are aware that Liz Franco will be starting on the first of July and will hit the ground running to address some policy changes and bring the town up to date.

Chairman Deko indicated he is happy that Liz Franco was chosen as the Director of Recreation and will be an asset to the town.

Councilman Santino asked if there was any signage at the Kennedy Field.

Vice Chairman Pacelli stated just to keep the dogs off the fields.

e. Urban Renewal/Housing

No report

f. Blight Committee

Chairman Deko stated that this subcommittee is to act as a liaison between your constituents and the Zoning Official and Blight Officer. If you have any blight complaints please copy the Chairman and Vice Chairman and the Town Attorney with those complaints. The members of this committee are Lou Pacelli, Joseph Deko, Joseph Santino, Ashley Lesco, Josh Balter, Robert Ranfone, and Albert Vollono.

Councilman Santino informed the committee members that there are forms at the Zoning Office for any blight complaints, we should fill those out.

Item #4

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date of June 14, 2021, for an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Making Appropriations for Various Public Improvements Aggregating \$995,134.00 for the 2021-2022 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Issuance of \$995,134.00 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriations and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowing for Such Purpose."

Chairman Deko stated it is important to note that this is the lowest amount of capital funds requested in many years.

Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.
Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Public Hearing Set for 6/14/2021

Item #5

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date of June 14, 2021, to review and amend violation types and penalties as outlined in Chapter 11, Article II (Stopping, Standing, and Parking), Section 11-16 and Section 11-17.”
Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.
Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Public Hearing Set for 6/14/2021

Item #6

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon a resolution accepting the Suspense List for Tax Collection for the 2020-2021 fiscal year in the total amount of \$55,697.31 and authorizing the Tax Collector to place said accounts on suspense.
Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Chairman Deko recognized Anna DelRosso Tax Collector and indicated that she and her department are doing a great job.

Anna DelRosso explained that the accounts have been exhausted to find where the taxpayer is located. They are either deceased or just unable to be located. These are un-collectables and half of what they used to be.

Donna Richo asked where she could find a list of the capital expenditures.
Finance Director James Keeley stated he will send her a list the next day.

Lorena Venegas, George Street East Haven asked if these have gone through the court system.
Anna Del Rosso indicated that these are motor vehicle taxes they do not go through the court system and if it is property taxes we lien the property and businesses get a UCC lien they also do not go through the courts.
Lorena Venegas stated that there were some family members of the council who owed taxes that went through the court system and were never paid.
Anna Del Rosso asked Lorena to give her the names and she will look into it.
Lorena Venegas stated that she will send a FOI request.

Edwardo Torrealba, 193 Thompson Street asked what the reason for having the meeting remote.
Chairman Deko stated it was his decision and there were still some members who had reservations for in person meeting. Also, we are on Item #6 if you have no further questions in that regard you can email me with any additional questions.
Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved

Item #7

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon a Resolution that the Town of East Haven may enter into a software and licensing agreement with United Public Safety, Inc. to provide services and license all software, including all web and mobile applications and related documentation, (the "Software") necessary for the Town of East Haven, and the East Haven Police Department to operate a Citation Management Program ("CMP") which allows East Haven's parking enforcement officers to issue parking citations and allows the Town of East Haven to accept payment for parking citations and perform citation adjudication tasks, and to execute any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joseph Carfora, as Mayor of The Town of East Haven is authorized and directed to execute and to deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of East Haven to enter a software and licensing agreement with United Public Safety, Inc., or its designee for the purposes outlined herein.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Chairman Deko recognized Chief Ed Lennon who thanked both Chairman Deko and Vice Chairman Pacelli for the donations to the department. Chief Lennon further stated that Chief Tracey and Captain Murgio have been working on this project that went out to bid and this vendor was the lowest bidder.

Chief Tracey Inaudible

Roll call-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Approved

Item #8

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to enter in an Executive session per Connecticut General Statutes § 1-200 (6) (E) and § 1-210 (b) (9) – consideration of and discussion of records, reports, and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining for a successor contract between the town and the supervisors' union (AFSCME Council 4, Local 818); possible ratification/action concerning this agenda item. Executive Session To consider and act upon a successor contract between the town and the supervisors' union (AFSCME Council 4, Local 818). The session is to include the council members Attorneys Luzzi and Ryan.

Councilwoman Parlato second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Enter into Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to reconvene the Special Meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

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

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon a successor contract between the town and the supervisors' union (AFSCME Council 4, Local 818).

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

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

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to adjourn.

Councilwoman Parlato second the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Approved

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Town Council Clerk