The East Haven Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes

The Town Council of the Town of East Haven held a Special Meeting Wednesday, November 16, 2022, which commenced at 7:00 p.m. at the East Haven High School, 35 Wheelbarrow Lane RoomS106, East Haven and Via Zoom Videoconference Link to transact the following:

Chairman Deko called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call-12 Present
Staff Present: Joseph Budrow Zoning Official, Michael Luzzi Town Attorney, and Jennifer Coppola Assistant Town Attorney.

Item #1

Councilman Vollono made the following motion to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date for a possible action on, including an opt-out from, the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Sections 8-2o(a) through8-2o(d) pertaining to accessory apartments or accessory dwelling unit regulations, shall be scheduled for and advertised to be held before the Town Council Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. A copy of the statutory provisions will be with the town clerk and posted on the website.

A short discussion with regard to the statute was initiated by Assistant Town Attorney, Jennifer Coppola.

Councilman Bimonte second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Public Hearing set for December 6, 2022.

Item #2

Councilman Vollono made the following motion to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date for possible action on, including an opt-out from, the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Sections 8-2(d)(9) pertaining to dwelling unit parking limitations, to be held before the Town Council on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 following any previously scheduled public hearings.

A short discussion with regard to the statute was initiated by Assistant Town Attorney, Jennifer Coppola.

Councilman Bimonte second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Public Hearing set for December 6, 2022.

Item #3

Councilman Vollono read the following motion to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date for possible action on the East Haven 2022-2027 Housing Plan to be scheduled for January 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. A copy of the draft Housing Plan will be posted in the Town Clerk's office and on the town's website.

Councilman Vollono moved to table this item.
Councilman Cesare second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Item tabled

Item #4

To discuss Public Act No. 21-1 "An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis" (codified at Connecticut General Statutes Section 21a-420, et seq.) and as subsequently amended and a proposed text amendment to the East Haven Zoning Regulations to adopt a new zoning district, "Adult Use Cannabis Retail District," at Section 11.9 of the Regulations for retail and hybrid retail cannabis establishments. A summary of the proposed text amendment will be presented by staff and land use counsel.

Present to the council.
No action taken.

Item #5

To discuss recent proceeding before the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding short term rentals. A summary will be presented by staff and land use counsel.

Present to the council.
No action taken.

Item #6

Councilman Vollono made the following motion; upon 2/3 vote, to convene in executive session per C.G.S. § 1-200(6) to discuss status and strategy with respect to pending litigation concerning Andrea Harnedy and Lisa LaSpina-Williams, Administrators of Estate of Elena Laspino v. Town of East Haven, et. Al. (Docket No. NNH-CV21-6118629-S). to include Attorney Luzzi and Attorney Coppola.

Councilman Thompson second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Council convene into executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Councilman Vollono moved to reconvene the Special Meeting and adjourn.
Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Council Clerk