

## **EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012**

A special meeting of the East Haven Legislative Town Council was held Tuesday July 10, 2012 at the East Haven Senior Center located at 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Chairman Richard Anania calls the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Anania asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

### **Item #1**

Roll Call: 12 present (Santino-arrived at 7:35) – 3 absent (Parente, Purificato, Cubelotti).

A quorum is present.

### **Item #2**

Approval of minutes from June 5, 2012 regular meeting

Councilwoman Beverly Gravino makes a motion.

Councilman Anthony Mansi seconds the motion.

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

### **Item #3**

Correspondence-

- A letter from Mayor Joseph Maturo Jr. to East Haven Fire Chief Douglas Jackson expressing his gratitude for the Chief's "exemplary work and dedication as Fire Chief and Emergency Manager." Further, he congratulated Chief Jackson on being named the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security "2012 Emergency Manager of the Year."

Councilman Mansi makes a motion to accept the letter as correspondence.

Councilman Joseph Santino seconds the motion.

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

#### **Item # 4**

##### Subcommittee Reports-

- Public Safety-
  - Councilman Santino expresses that there are problems down at the beach regarding parking in the lot. There are several calls coming in on the weekend that there are no parking spots available because out of town residents are parking in there. The Sandpiper Restaurant has a sign up that tells people to park across the street in the Town lot.
  - Councilman William Richardson adds that he got about 2 or 3 calls on this issue as well. Photos were taken of license plates and there were 7 out of state cars in the lot.
  - Councilman Joseph Badamo adds that the problem may be because the stickers are being sent out with the tax bills which can then be given to people from out of Town.
  - Councilwoman Gravino asks what the procedure is when you pull into the parking lot to which Councilman Santino answers you need residential parking stickers.
  - Councilman Richardson states that in addition to the parking lot, the Town needs to consider putting up resident only parking signs on the surrounding streets.

Arthur DeSorbo-, Director of Administrative & Management for the Town of East Haven, suggests that the Council form a subcommittee to come up with ideas.

- Board of Education- nothing to report at this time
- Parks/Recreation-
  - Councilwoman Judy Esposito states that there was no meeting in June. Last night not many people showed up so there was no

meeting in July. She provides a report from May which was when the ice rink was working on spring/summer projects and the ice rental was increased from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per hour starting August 1<sup>st</sup> to offset utilities. The morning aerobics sessions have seen about 30 people and open swim is going well. The pool rates have increased from \$200 to \$250 for non residents, from \$100-\$150 for senior non residents and for family non residents from \$250 to \$300. Further, there is an issue at Deer Run field and they made a motion to have public works inspect all bulbs and have them replaced within 15 days and as of last night nothing has been done yet.

- Councilman Carbo states that he is not on this committee but he spoke with several umpires who stated that there are no funds available for lining any of the fields down at the Pitt.
  - Arthur DeSorbo states that there is a new Chief Caretaker since Pat Paulson, Steve Kluth. Further, calls can be placed to Mr. DeSorbo's office and if something can be rectified they will do so.
- Urban Renewal-
    - Councilman Badamo- nothing to report but asks Mr. DeSorbo if there is anything going on that he can report.
      - Mr. DeSorbo responds that they are well into the housing rehabilitation program; they take many applications in, get people approved for various reasons. It is a successful ongoing program.
  - Board of Finance-
    - Councilman Richardson states that there was a meeting on June 20th which discussed FEMA money that would be coming in by June 30th in the amount of \$535,000 which Finance Director Paul Rizza confirmed has come in and was deposited. Councilman Richardson adds that the Board of Finance discussed the Board of Education budget and that Mr. Rizza was going to try to get monthly reports sent to him from the Board of Education. Further, there is a new risk loss reporting system that will be put in place by the Board of Education. There was also a discussion of the Police Department making a transfer from wages to the gas account because the price of gas went up and tonight the Council will see a transfer of \$247,000 for retirement benefits.

**Item #5**

To consider and act upon a Resolution, pursuant to Chapter III, Section 8, of the East Haven Town Charter, adopting the recommendation of the Mayor and designating the firm of J.H. Cohn, LLP to audit the books and accounts of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

Mr. Rizza explains that this is that same firm that audited the books last year. The fee proposed was roughly \$2,000 less than last year, which if approved would be \$1,000 on the Town side and \$1,000 on the Board of Education side. He adds that he looked into re-bidding the audit but after discussion with two different firms it led him to keep the same firm due to the \$657,000 problem with education; a new firm would have to fully investigate it which would cost more money. Keeping the same firm prevents them from questioning their own work because they have knowledge of it, and it will keep consistency and resolve any issues that may be in question.

No public comment.

Councilman Carbo makes a motion.

Councilman Santino seconds the motion.

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

**Item # 6**

To consider and act upon an Ordinance Adjusting the Dollar Cap for Bidding requirements pursuant to Chapter VI, Section 4(C) of the East Haven Town Charter.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

Councilman Richardson makes a motion.

Councilman Carbo seconds the motion.

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

**Item # 7**

To consider and act upon setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss a request from the East Haven Public Schools to extend an existing Lease Agreement with GE Capital to fund technology projects for FY 2012-2013. The public hearing shall take place on August 7, 2012, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

No public comment.

Council Comment-

- Councilman Badamo asks if this is something that is voted on every year and whether or not this can be extended. Chairman Anania explains that this comes before the Council who has to then vote on it, so it has to be done every year.
- Mr. Rizza explains that this is the Apple lease that is funded through GE Capital.

Councilman Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Carbo seconds the motion.

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

### **Item # 8**

To consider and act upon setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss action on a referral from the Board of Finance requesting the following transfer:

To: 01-167-0972	Retirement – Lump Sum Payment	\$247,880.00
From: 01-886-0001	Fund Balance Contribution	\$247,880.00

The public hearing shall take place on August 7, 2012, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

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

### **Item # 9**

To consider and act upon setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss action on a referral from the Board of Finance requesting the following transfer:

To: 01-167-0910	Retirement Fund Contribution	\$364,946.00
From: 01-886-0001	Fund Balance Contribution	\$364,946.00

The public hearing shall take place on August 7, 2012, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

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

### **Item # 10**

To consider and act upon a Resolution authorizing the following tax refund:

**Carmel Gaudio**

11 Dale St

East Haven CT 06513

**List (s):** 2010-01-4157

**Reason:** Duplicate payment was made on 2nd Install

**Amount:** \$1,453.45

No public comment.

Council comment-

- Councilman Santino asks where the copy is of the second check to indicate a duplicate payment to which Paul Rizza explains that there is payment shown on December 21, 2011 of \$1453.45 and then on 7/7/2011 the full amount of \$2906.90 is shown indicating they paid the first half of payment again.

Councilman Richardson makes a motion.

Councilman Carbo seconds the motion.

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

### **Item # 11**

Councilman Santino makes a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Carbo seconds the motion.

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

Meeting is adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council