

**MINUTES OF West Hartford TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 24, 2009 LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER AGENDA No. 29**

President Scott Slifka called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

President Slifka: Good evening. We're going to call the Council Meeting to order and to help us with the Pledge of Allegiance we have Boy Scout Troop 44. They are here working on their merit badge and we want to welcome them up to help lead us in the Pledge.

ITEM #2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Slifka: Again, thank you to the Scouts from Troop 44. Could we have a Pledge of Allegiance please Ms Labrot? Uh, Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Labrot: I pledge allegiance to the flag...

President Slifka: Just a test. How about a roll call instead?

ITEM #3: ROLL CALL

Present were Councilors Steven Adler, Tim Brennan, Shari Cantor, Chuck Coursey, Leon Davidoff, Scott Slifka, Carolyn Thornberry and Joe Verrengia.

Absent was Joe Visconti.

President Slifka: Thank you, Ms. Labrot. I also want to take a moment to congratulate our colleague, Mrs. Cantor, on her 24th wedding anniversary and here she is. I know. It's hard to believe she got married at 12 but it's all worked out and...and she's here with us tonight demonstrating the sacrifices that council members make so thank you Mrs. Cantor and we go to #4, Mr. Coursey.

ITEM #4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice President Coursey: I move that we adopt.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing none all those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries.

ITEM #5: PUBLIC FORUM

President Slifka: We're up to the public forum. The Public Forum section of the Town Council Meeting provides our citizens with the opportunity to address items in the Town

Council Agenda, those items that we will act upon at tonight's meeting. To ensure that everybody has an opportunity to be heard and the Council can efficiently administer it's business certain rules have been traditionally followed by the Council over the years. They are fairly simple. If you are to speak at the Public Forum first please state your name and address for the record. In the event that you are not from West Hartford, if you are not a taxpayer or a resident please let us know and we may entertain a motion to suspend the rules to allow you to speak. You have up to three minutes to speak and you are allowed to speak to any item that is on the agenda which is not the subject of a Public Hearing. Mr. O'Brien? Mr. Alair? No one has signed up. Is there anyone who did not sign up who wished to speak to an item on the agenda tonight? Okay. Seeing none. Okay. With our new format of the agenda we have at this point in the meeting the report of the Town Manager. Mr. Van Winkle the spotlight is on you.

ITEM #6: REPORTS OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Van Winkle: Good evening. Thank you very much. I appreciate this opportunity. We're in budget season. The Town Council is in numerous meetings looking at our numbers, working through our budgets at this time. We have public hearings coming up on the budget to discuss what's in the budget. The last time we met I did the Manager's Budget Presentation. I dwelled primarily on taxes. There is another side to the budget, the spending side of the budget, the services side of the budget that is being affected and there are some changes in there. The town's budget was presented at a decline of \$50,000 over what we will spend this year so we are below our spending level of this year but in that decline is some changes in services and I just wanted to note them for the public if they're watching and maybe they'll come out to our Public Hearings and comment on some of these things but the one that was controversial last year which is back in the Mayor's budget is leaf pick-up. The Town Manager's budget recommends that we eliminate vacuum leaf pick-up and go to a complete bag pick-up collection only. That's a savings of \$400,000 in next year's budget and 2.5 million dollars over five years. There's also elimination of many positions on the town side, 16 positions. There's a freeze of non-union wages. The department heads have not seen a wage increase in three years and we are continuing to negotiate with our unions about a wage freeze. We're moving to an electronic paperless system and so there's going to be much less paper. In years past you could have gotten this big budget document from the town. We printed boxes and boxes of them. Now they're all on the website saving trees and saving the cost of doing those sorts of things. Our purchasing has moved to electronics. You can get purchasing online and make a bid online and we will pay our vendors with a paperless check online so all of that is changing in our system. Also in the budget is some reduced library hours in the base budget and the library is making some adjustments to how they operate. Something new in the budget this year are budget options and there are a number of them that the Town Manager has proposed and they are not part of the base budget but they are for consideration. There are new fire inspection fees for businesses and multifamily housing so as we inspect those we're going to be charging fees for that if that option is adopted. New land use fees. We have an option to look at charging for Sunday parking in the center. There is additional library hour reductions as an option in the budget for a discussion purpose. There is a discussion of closing outdoor pools in the

budget. The reduction of how we vote, a change in how we vote. A reduction of polling places is discussed in the budget. A reduction in Community Center hours. Closing of the clay tennis courts that we have in Fern Park. Closing of a fire station. Refuse collection changes slightly in a number of ways, mostly as it affects religious institutions and businesses. All of those proposals are concepts that are not in the base budget but concepts that we may be looking at if we wish to reduce the budget further. I would recommend our residents go to our website, www.westhartford.org and click on the budget number and you can pull up our budget and see a discussion of how we're spending your dollars in our budget and then come to our public hearings to do that.

The annual spring yard clean-up is coming up. In the spring we will pick up yard waste. We will do so if you put it into a recyclable bag if you have leaves left over from last winter or twigs and wood tied up in four foot segments. The spring waste clean-up will begin on May 4 in the Monday trash collection area and will go for two weeks so you'll get two opportunities to put your leaves and twigs out for us to pick up. All that material gets recycled so you can't wrap it in wire or plastic because we can't pick it up and recycle it if you do that so we ask you to use something we can recycle and all of that will be ground up and turned back into earth one day.

The town-wide sweeping program is ongoing right now. You'll see our trucks out. We've changed the way we plow and sand our streets and so there's a substantial reduction in the amount of sand that you'll see in our streets and it's a fairly quick spring activity. It cleans up our streets and the litter from the winter.

On the side of the stimulus package we have been informed that the Town of West Hartford is eligible for a Justice Edward Burn Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the Department of Justice. We are eligible for a \$113,418 grant and so we'll be making an application through the police department for some projects and we'll be presenting that to you in the coming weeks for that application.

A few weeks ago I talked to you about how we were able to negotiate reduced energy costs by going to TransCanada and buying energy directly from Canada. That contract was to begin on January 1, 2010 and it does begin then but we have gone back and been able to look at where we're buying from right now and we brought that number back and starting on May 1 the power that we will be using in our public buildings will come from TransCanada and in the FY09 budget, the budget that we're in right now, we will save \$42,219 by negotiating down that price. It is 4.98 cents lower than what we are paying right now, quite a terrific opportunity for us.

Our garages are really doing well at Blue Back Square. Remarkably people are still coming even though there's a recession and our garage usage in February was up 50 percent over February of last year. Now last year Blue Back was getting onto its feet and getting moving but we're seeing an enormous number of shoppers and visitors coming into the center and so that's really been rewarding to see that working so well and interestingly in this past month the towns of Torrington, Middletown, Mansfield and Norwalk have all come to West Hartford to take a look at our parking operation and understand how we operate our parking and so they see if they can learn from that.

Just one more item on single stream recycling, if you've got a blue bin everything that we recycle can go in there. You don't have to separate it anymore. You can throw you paper in. You can throw everything in there. You don't have to put it into a separate bag. If you want to put it into a separate bag you can still do that. We ask you to put the

paper on the bottom so it doesn't get blown away by the wind but you can just push everything into that blue recycling bin. This is called single stream recycling. It is picked up that way. We get larger participation in the recycling efforts in West Hartford when we do that which saves us money and then that material gets separated at CRRA at the source separation.

One final note, just a negative note unfortunately on budgets. You know, the Office of Fiscal Analysis at the Legislature has come out with an analysis of revenues for the State of Connecticut and they continue to show a 750 million dollar shortfall in revenue this year, next year a 1 billion dollar shortfall in revenue, the following year, that's FY2011 a 2 billion dollar shortfall and an estimated 1.4 billion dollar shortfall still in FY12 so despite the fact that the market was up the other day the state is clearly struggling with revenues although our budget is very tight. We have reduced a lot of our spending in that budget. We really tightened up on everything that we've turned to. We're still watching the state because I don't know how they're going to balance their budget but we continue to worry that they're going to turn to the towns for that money so we may not be done with our budget when we're done with our budget. We may have to come back to you and talk some more about it.

That's my report. If you have any questions I'd be glad to answer them.

President Slifka: Thank you Mr. Van Winkle. Well done in your debut.

Mr. Van Winkle: Thank you.

President Slifka: Anybody have questions for Mr. Van Winkle? Mr. Adler?

Councilor Adler: Through you Mr. Mayor. Mr. Van Winkle. So to get to our targeted almost near zero and again I think that's going to be a challenge trying to get to a zero-based budget, what kind of dollars are we talking about at this point? Are we still talking about the 3.5 or the 3.2 million?

Mr. Van Winkle: Well, in our budget on the spending side of our budget the town's budget was introduced at a zero, it's actually a decline of \$50,000 so the manager's proposal is at zero. That assumes that we're going to get a wage freeze from our unions. If we don't get a wage freeze from our unions we're going to have to go back and look at where we're going to have to eliminate some spending, most likely jobs. On the school side the superintendent's budget was 3.5 million dollars. You have asked them to reduce that spending to zero and they are working on that. They adopt their budget on the 7th of April so if they get to that zero we're at zero that means our spending will be at zero. We'll be at the same level that we were in 09 we'll be in 10. Unfortunately, the other piece of it is revenue. Eighty percent, eighty-five percent of our revenue comes from our local property tax. The other fifteen comes from other sources, Federal, State services and our revenues are projected to be off 6 million dollars in this coming budget so although we've gotten our spending down to zero our revenue has also fallen so in order to make that up we have to increase taxes if we stay at that level.

President Slifka: Anyone else? Dr. Thornberry?

Councilor Thornberry: Mr. Van Winkle, on my way home I still see some people that put out things that we don't collect so there's a house that has a big chair out in front of it and another one who put a computer monitor in front of their house and, you know, I drive past and I want to stop and tell them that they can't do that but can you go over exactly what we will pick up if someone calls about, you know, bulky waste and how much it costs and then also when are we having our next electronics recycling program? Thank you.

Mr. Van Winkle: I wish you'd send me those questions before I show up tonight because I don't have the answers to all of that. Certainly electronics...anything electronic cannot be just put into the waste stream. We have a special recycling process that someone who recycles all that material, recycles all of the metals and whatnot in a lost computer or an old TV, and so we run that off of Brixton Street and I don't have the date for that but we'll put it on our website for people. For bulky waste, something large and bulky, usually a piece of furniture is what we think about, you have to call up our public works department to get a permit to do that and they will send out a truck to come out and pick that up. That also is taken down to CRRA and run through a machine that just grinds it up into little pieces and recycles that material so if something is sitting at the curbside most homeowners will notice we didn't pick it up and will pick the phone up and say you didn't pick up my chair and they'll find out. We also have someone who circuit rides and looks for those things and will leave a note on an article like that saying this wasn't picked up for this reason so you should be able...we should be able to see those things. If someone has got a neighbor who went away on vacation and they left the couch on the front lawn and we're not doing anything about it you can still call our Public Works Department and they'll check into it and try to correct it.

President Slifka: Mrs. Cantor?

Councilor Cantor: Just to add to the... Can you... I don't... I think you have the information. I know it went out on the town email system on phone books – that we encourage people not to put their phone books in the...

Mr. Van Winkle: Yes, phone books made out of paper seemingly ought to be recyclable. They're not. You can't put them into our paper recycling but there are bins around town that the post office will put out. It's on our website, the information. Right near Town Hall there's a telephone building on the corner of Sedgwick and Main. They're going to have a bin there to bring your telephone book to put in. Otherwise we cannot recycle that through our system. They get pulled out and tossed into the trash when they find them. We pay... Yes, all of our trash we pay by weight so those heavy telephone books... Maybe well your one book doesn't add up to much but we have 24,000 housing units in West Hartford, 24,000 phone books, those are tons of paper that go into our trash cycle and we pay \$62 for every ton so it does add up.

President Slifka: Thank you Mrs. Cantor. Anyone else? Okay. That gets us up to Consideration of the Consent Calendar

ITEM #7: CONSENT CALENDAR: ITEMS 20-24 TO RECEIVE.

Vice President Coursey: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I move that we place Items 20-24 in the Consent Calendar.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. We're up to #8, Mr. Coursey.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ITEM #8: RESOLUTION (SLIFKA, COURSEY, BRENNAN, CANTOR, THORBERRY, VERRENGIA) ESTABLISHING A WEST HARTFORD VOLUNTEER SERVICE CORPS (TABLED AT 3-10-09 COUNCIL MEETING).

ADOPTED

WHEREAS, since 1991, the Town of West Hartford has reduced the municipal employment level from 666 to 456.5 (2008-09); and

WHEREAS, in October 2008, the Town of West Hartford eliminated \$25 million in capital projects in anticipation of a continued national economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the continued economic downturn, over the next several years the Town of West Hartford will be forced to consider further reductions in town employees, services and capital projects; and

WHEREAS, West Hartford has a strong ethic of helping our neighbors and our residents provide thousands of hours of volunteer service in a myriad of ways throughout the community, many in conjunction with the Department of Human and Leisure Service's Volunteer Service coordinator, our Senior Centers, youth sports leagues assisting with field maintenance, and other Town-affiliated entities; and

WHEREAS, many residents have approached the Town Council, as individuals or as part of a community group, to offer to serve as volunteers in order to preserve the continuity of Town government programs and projects that may be faced with elimination in present and future budgets, often inspired by the Civilian Conservation Corps of President Franklin Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, most such Town programs and projects are not appropriate for provision by volunteers but some others may lend themselves to preservation through the creative deployment of resident volunteers as a supplement to Town staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council directs the Town Manager, in conjunction with the Volunteer Service Coordinator, Director of Public Works and other appropriate officials, to establish a "Volunteer Service Corps" and, furthermore, to do the following: (1) Create a central repository for residents to volunteer their services; (2) Create a database of resident volunteers; and (3) Identify Town programs and projects that may be appropriate for involvement by the Volunteer Service Corps.

Vice President Coursey: I move that we adopt.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. I will just quickly talk about this. Kind of on the heels of a lot of the volunteer efforts we've been seeing coming out of I think the President's call for service and just generally the condition of the economy and people wanting to help their fellow neighbor we have gotten a number of requests here at the Council for residents who have said you know, I know there are some programs that might be on the chopping block in light of budget difficulties and if there's a way that I can help preserve that by, you know, serving myself I would like to do that and it's a great sentiment. It is something that is very difficult to do. Most of the services that the town provides are inappropriate for volunteer service. You know, when you think about doing work through our Public Works Department, obviously our police officers, our firefighters, much of what we do really doesn't lend itself to volunteering but there may be things that we haven't quite thought of that could be supplemented by volunteers and what we want to do is be part of that effort. We know that in the school system that there are parents who volunteer every single day in the schools to help provide programs that otherwise would not be there because of funding so this resolution has a simple purpose. We want to create if possible a volunteer service corps here in town and to do that we want to set up essentially a data base of people so if you are out there, you are somebody who has contacted us or is thinking of contacting us, we would like to have you send something in either by phone or by email and then we can route you to a central data base and we're going to try to compile a list and see if there are any suggestions where we can either match up a person with an idea or take an idea that a resident has proposed and put it into work here someplace and perhaps save a program or two that otherwise may not last in the upcoming budget difficulties. We also want to add that this is not formally part of our goal here through the resolution but it is almost inherently part of it. We have a fantastic Volunteer Services Coordinator here in town, Linda Hanson, and Dr. Thornberry as chair of the Human Service Committee works very closely with that group and they in large part already provide a great number of volunteers to particularly our elderly population of folks who can't leave their home, might be shut-in, need meals delivered and such and we would like to the extent that anybody wants to volunteer and doesn't know about that already we would love to route you over to Linda Hanson and her folks. They are doing great work and if you really want to make a difference in somebody's life that is available for you right now and we'll get you to the right spot but really the purpose of our resolution is not to interfere with that because Linda has certainly enough on her plate and does not get enough funding as

it is. We are trying to create something new now so if you are out there... And I ought to point out this resolution was really the idea of a few residents that wrote to me and particularly Shai Cassell and Amy Fry, both who independently wrote to me saying you know, I've been looking for a way to serve and reading about the budget and wouldn't it be, you know I talked to some of my neighbors. Wouldn't it be great if we could just get some of these people together to help preserve some of the programs that might be affected? And that's the simple goal here. There was an event last night here in this room that the Kiwanis Club sponsored that they called a call to service and they really just said look, if you're looking to volunteer Kiwanis is a service organization. You need not join Kiwanis but they would like to be a facilitator for people to take advantage of volunteer opportunities and they have been formally partnered with us on this and what was great is for those who are here they can see how many seats we have in this room. Maybe you can't on camera but the room was full just with people off the street who wanted to volunteer and put their name on a list someplace and Kiwanis' particular area of interest is children but really this was meant to be all-encompassing. So again, please contact... I'm assuming this will pass. This is one of those that didn't really have any controversy attached to it. It doesn't cost us any money thankfully and will hopefully save us some money and some programs and just do some good I think in our community this year. With that anyone else? Okay. Mr. Brennan.

Councilor Brennan: I just want to commend you Mr. Mayor. This is a great idea. I think we all get so many people coming up to us almost on a daily basis saying, you know, how can I help? I like... I love West Hartford. I get that all the time at work by the way. Can I... Is there a way I can volunteer? And I think also it's important as we've said before to highlight the great volunteer activity that goes on already for people to understand that that is a value add already, especially as we look at our budget, and perhaps we could also as we compile the data base we can group some of the things. For example, we have the new Veteran's Commission. They're all volunteers so we know veterans are a new group in town that want to help other veterans coming home and they want to highlight their business in helping so I think that would be a side benefit to it but, you know, I think we're all in favor of this. It's a fantastic idea.

President Slifka: Thank you. And I'd be remiss if we didn't point out the folks that you highlighted at our last meeting. This is hardly an original idea because we are surrounded by volunteers that are helping us everyday and we had your presentation at the last meeting that was the work of the Clean Energy Task Force which has been a huge group of volunteers that volunteer to produce a professional plan that was detailed at the meeting. Otherwise it would have cost us probably several hundred thousand dollars to do and there are people with that expertise that they wanted to share with the community. As you pointed out, and we didn't have the statistic I don't think, but we have quantified, at least to date through Linda Hanson who I mentioned earlier, the actual number of dollars the town saves via volunteers providing these services and one thing that has happened over time is that the federal government in particular has cut back on social service funding to cities and towns. Cities and towns are struggling to provide those services and we obviously don't have the tax revenue to keep them up and one way we have supplanted them without eliminating the services completely has been through the

use of volunteers such as Linda Hanson's office so this is a part of a great ethic in town and again we ought to thank those volunteers who step up every chance we get so I want to give another congratulation to the Clean Energy Task Force for last time.

President Slifka: Mr. Van Winkle?

Mr. Van Winkle: I just would note the West Hartford Garden Club who over the past few years has taken on projects in West Hartford. They did our little patio out in front of Town Hall. At the end of Goodman Green as you're going down Farmington Avenue we're replacing the streetlights on the sidewalks and they have taken the end of the green as one of their projects and they are designing a garden for that area along with some seating areas that they are paying for and going to be installing so again a citizen group reaching out and helping us with something that really is going to make the town more beautiful. It's something most people may not think about. We eliminated all flowers from our budget this year. This was going to be a year without a flower and the garden club has discussed with us the possibility of they going out to businesses. We'll put out our pots and they'll work with businesses to plant those pots so hopefully we will do some of that and again, just citizens serving their community.

President Slifka: Thank you Mr. Van Winkle. Mrs. Cantor?

Councilor Cantor: The foundation event that happened in Town Hall, Celebrity Chef West Hartford Cooking, right, that was a great success and again by volunteers and doing things for the schools on an annual basis that really change kids' lives so it's a wonderful organization and again kudos to them for a very successful event.

President Slifka: Thank you. Anyone else? Okay. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. We're up to #9 Mr. Coursey.

ITEM #9: RESOLUTION (VAN WINKLE) AMENDING THE FEES FOR WEST HARTFORD RECREATION FACILITIES (REFERRED TO HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AT 2-24-09 COUNCIL MEETING).

ADOPTED

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of West Hartford that the following schedule of Fees and Charges at the Rockledge and Buena Vista Golf Courses, Veterans Memorial Skating Rink, Outdoor Pools, Meeting and Conference Center and various Miscellaneous Recreation Fees are hereby amended, such schedule to supersede all existing and prior resolutions relating to such fees and charges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all fees changes are to be effective March 13, 2009.

ROCKLEDGE GOLF CLUB

GREENS FEES	CURRENT	PROPOSED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	Opening Day to 5/23/08 and 9/2/08 to Closing	Opening Day to 5/22/09 and 9/8/09 to Closing	Summer Season 5/24/08 - 9/1/08	Summer Season 5/23/09 - 9/7/09
Resident				
18 holes – Weekdays	25.50	26.50	27.50	28.50
18 holes - Weekends & Holidays.....	28.50	29.50	30.50	31.50
18 holes - Weekdays Age 65 & over or ages 14 to 18, no Holidays	21.00	22.00	23.25	24.00
9 holes - Weekdays	13.75	14.25	14.75	15.25
9 holes - Weekends & Holidays.....	15.25	15.75	16.25	16.75
9 holes - Weekdays Age 65 & over or ages 14 to 18, no Holidays	11.75	12.25	12.75	13.25
Twilight – Resident (to be determined monthly, dependant on sunset)	10.00	NC	10.50	NC
Locker - Daily	5.00	NC	5.00	NC
Locker - Annual	60.00	NC	60.00	NC
Non-Resident				
18 holes - Weekdays	33.50	34.50	35.50	36.50
18 holes - Weekends & Holidays.....	37.50	38.50	39.50	41.50
18 holes - Weekdays Age 65 & over, no Holidays	29.00	30.00	31.00	32.00
9 holes - Weekdays	17.50	18.00	18.25	18.75
9 holes - Weekends & Holidays.....	19.00	19.50	20.00	20.50
9 holes - Weekdays Age 65 & over, no Holidays.....	14.50	15.00	15.50	16.00
Twilight – Non -Resident (to be determined monthly, dependant on sunset)	12.50	15.00	13.25	16.00

Included within Rockledge daily greens fees is a capital projects fee of \$1.00 for 18 holes and \$.50 for 9 holes.

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
GOLF PASS - RESIDENT ONLY		
Full Privileges - Individual pass..... (Includes \$50 Capital Projects Fee)	1,070	NC
Full Privileges - Age 65 & over or ages 14 to 18	715	NC
Partial Privileges - Age 65 & over or ages 14 to 18..... (Includes \$40 Capital Projects Fee) (Monday thru Friday all times - Weekends & Holidays after 3:00 p.m. only. Players must pay greens fees on Weekends & Holidays prior to 3:00 p.m.)	500	NC
GOLF PASS - NON-RESIDENT		
Full Privileges - Individual pass..... (Includes \$50 Capital Projects Fee)	NA	1,500
Full Privileges - Age 65 & over or ages 14 to 18	NA	1,020
Partial Privileges - Age 65 & over or ages 14 to 18..... (Includes \$40 Capital Projects Fee) (Monday thru Friday all times - Weekends & Holidays after 3:00 p.m. only. Players must pay greens fees on Weekends & Holidays prior to 3:00 p.m.)	NA	NA

Rockledge Golf Club (continued)

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
<u>JUNIOR DISCOUNT PASS - RESIDENT ONLY - 10 Rounds</u>		
Weekdays only ages 14 to 18 & full time college students..... (pay for 7 rounds receive 10)	155	162
<u>RESIDENT DISCOUNT PASS - RESIDENT ONLY - 10 Rounds</u>		
Weekdays only	212	220
Weekdays, Weekends & Holidays..... (pay for 8 rounds receive 10)	236	244
<u>CORPORATE & NON RESIDENT DISCOUNT PASS - 10 Rounds</u>		
Weekdays only	276	284
Weekdays, Weekends & Holidays ... (pay for 8 rounds receive 10)	308	316

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
<u>WINTER RATES</u>		
Beginning December 1		
Resident		
18 holes - Weekdays & Weekends.....	20.00	NC
9 holes - Weekdays & Weekends.....	13.00	NC
Non-Resident		
18 holes - Weekdays & Weekends.....	24.00	NC
9 holes - Weekdays & Weekends.....	16.00	NC

BUENA VISTA GOLF COURSE

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
<u>GREENS FEES</u>		
Resident:		
9 holes - Weekdays.....	9.50	9.75
9 holes - Weekends & Holidays	10.75	11.00
18 holes - Weekdays.....	16.00	16.50
18 holes - Weekends & Holidays	18.00	18.50
Resident - Age 65 & over or ages 12 to 18:		
9 holes - Weekdays	9.25	9.50
9 holes - Weekends & Holidays	9.75	10.00
18 holes - Weekdays.....	15.00	15.50
18 holes - Weekends & Holidays	16.00	16.50
Non-Resident:		
9 holes - Weekdays	12.50	12.75
9 holes - Weekends & Holidays	13.50	13.75
18 holes - Weekdays.....	22.00	22.25
18 holes - Weekends & Holidays	23.50	23.75

GOLF PASS (RESIDENTS ONLY)

Full Privileges - Individual Pass	345.00	NC
Full Privileges - Age 65 & over or ages 12 to 18.....	295.00	NC
Partial Privileges - Age 65 & over or ages 12 to 18.....	190.00	NC

JUNIOR DISCOUNT PASS - RESIDENT ONLY – 10 Nine Hole Rounds

Weekdays only ages 14 to 18 & full time college students..... (pay for 7 rounds receive 10)	62.00	66.00
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RESIDENT DISCOUNT PASS - RESIDENT ONLY - 10 Nine Hole Rounds

Weekdays only	76.00	78.00
Weekdays, Weekends & Holidays..... (pay for 8 rounds receive 10)	86.00	88.00

CORPORATE & NON RESIDENT DISCOUNT PASS - 10 Nine Hole Rounds

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Weekdays only	100.00	102.00
Weekdays, Weekends & Holidays..... (pay for 8 rounds receive 10)	108.00	110.00

WINTER RATES

Resident

Weekday & Weekend	8.00	NC
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Non-Resident

Weekday & Weekend	10.00	NC
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VETERANS MEMORIAL SKATING RINK

ADMISSION PER SESSION

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Resident Child (12 and under)	5.00	5.25
Resident Senior (65 and over)	5.00	5.25
Resident Adult.....	5.50	5.75
Non-Resident Child (12 and under)	6.50	6.75
Non-Resident Adult.....	6.50	6.75

ADMISSION PER SESSION – Winter Season - November 25 – February 28

Resident Child (12 and under)	5.50	5.75
Resident Senior (65 and over)	5.50	5.75
Resident Adult.....	6.00	6.25
Non-Resident Child (12 and under)	7.00	7.25
Non-Resident Adult.....	7.00	7.25

AFTERNOON ADVANCED - Special figure session

Club Member	9.00	9.25
Resident.....	10.00	10.25
Non-Resident	11.00	11.75

DISCOUNT ADMISSION PASSES

Resident (10 passes \$42.00)	4.20	NC
Resident (20 passes (\$79.00)	3.95	NC
Non Resident (10 passes (\$52.00)	5.20	NC
Non-Resident (20 passes \$99.00)	4.95	NC

SKATE RENTAL

Skate Rental	4.00	NC
Skate Rental Disc. Pass (10 for \$30.00)	3.00	NC

RENTAL RATES

Winter (11/1 - 3/15 may vary) Prime	300.00	310
Winter (11/1 - 3/15 may vary) Non Prime	265.00	275
Off Season.....	225.00	225

SKATING RINK YOUTH PROGRAM DISCOUNTS

Programs conducted exclusively for youths under 18 years of age and based on resident percentage of participation of 100%; 35% reduction from applicable rental rate.	NC
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OUTDOOR POOLS - SUMMER SEASON

BEACHLAND, EISENHOWER, FERNRIDGE AND KENNEDY

<u>PER SESSION - Afternoon Swims</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Resident Youth 12 and under	3.25	NC
Resident 13 and over	4.00	NC
Resident Senior 65 and over	3.25	NC
 Non-Resident Youth 12 and under	 5.50	 NC
Non-Resident 13 and over	6.50	NC
Non-Resident Senior 65 and over	6.50	NC
 <u>PER SESSION - Evening Swims</u>		
Resident Youth 12 and under	2.75	NC
Resident Adults 13 and over	3.25	NC
Resident Senior 65 and over	2.75	NC
 Non-Resident Youth 12 and under	 5.00	 NC
Non-Resident Adults 13 years and over	6.00	NC
Non-Resident Senior 65 and over	6.00	NC
 <u>DISCOUNT ADMISSION CARD FEE - Resident Only</u>		
10 Swims	25.00	NC
20 Swims	40.00	NC
 <u>EXCLUSIVE USE OF POOL PER HOUR</u>	 75.00	 NC
(Add charge per person exceeding 40)	Out-of-pocket	NC
Per Lane	25.00	NC
 <u>SUMMER SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION FEE - 10 lessons</u>		
Residents - Cycles I, II, III and IV	30.00	NC
Non-Resident	50.00	NC
 <u>SEASON TICKET - Resident Only</u>		
Individual Youth 12 and under	70.00	NC
Individual 13 and over	90.00	NC
Individual Senior 65 and over	70.00	NC
Family and Household	115.00	NC

GROUP USE OF POOLS - PERMIT FEE

Permit fee is assessed for each day the pool will be used.
 Includes daily admission fees for all members of the
 supervisory staff.

<u># of Persons</u>	<u>Fee per Day</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
10 to 15	45	NC
16 to 20	50	55
21 to 25	60	65
26 to 30	70	75
31 to 35	80	85
36 to 40	90	95

WESTMOOR PARK

<u>HUNTER ROOM</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Non-profit civic groups, 75% or more West Hartford residents	Out-of-pocket	NC
 Non-profit community organizations (a majority of whose participants are West Hartford residents) per hour	 30.00	 NC
 Other organizations per hour	 50.00	 NC
 **Custodial Expenses	 Out-of-pocket	 NC

KITCHEN

Non-profit civic groups, 75% or more West Hartford residents	Out-of-pocket	NC
Non-profit community organizations (a majority of whose participants are West Hartford residents), one time fee.	20.00	25.00
Other organizations, one time fee.	30.00	35.00
**Custodial Expenses.	Out-of-pocket	NC

CABIN and AMPHITHEATER

All groups per hour.....	25.00	NC
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SHOWMOBILE

GROUP 1: Official Town of West Hartford and Board of Education programs and special event programs:

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
0-4 hours	No Charge	NC
0-8 hours	No Charge	NC
0-12 hours	No Charge	NC

GROUP 2: Local organized non-profit, civic, educational, fraternal, social and religious groups, a majority (75%) of whose membership is comprised of West Hartford residents. Non-profit organizations must be recognized as such by the State and Federal Tax Codes. A 501-C3 certification is required to receive the rate:

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
0-4 hours	200	240
0-8 hours	300	360
0-12 hours	400	480

GROUP 3: Non-profit groups and organizations, which are recognized as such by the State and Federal Codes for meetings, social and cultural events, and fund raising activities and events. A 501-C3 certification is required to receive the rate:

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
0-4 hours	300	360
0-8 hours	400	480
0-12 hours	500	600

GROUP 4: All other private individuals, groups and organizations for meetings, educational, social and cultural events, and commercial activities, which in the opinion of the town are beneficial to the community:

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
0-4 hours	500	600
0-8 hours	800	960
0-12 hours	1,000	1,200

** Groups will be assessed for additional expenses incurred for maintenance personnel to deliver and operate the Showmobile as required.

MISCELLANEOUS

TENNIS

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Advance reservation not supervised	4.00	NC
Court fee (not lighted)	4.00	NC
Court fee (lighted)	5.00	NC

GYMNASIUM RENTAL

Non-profit community organizations per hour	50.00	55.00
Other organizations per hour	72.00	80.00
Custodial expenses.....	Out-of-pocket	

BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, SOCCER, LACROSSE, FOOTBALL

West Hartford adult groups per use (75% or greater live or work in West Hartford):		
Synthetic Fields.....	50.00	75.00
Class A - marked twice per week	25.00	NC
Class B - marked once per week	20.00	NC
Class C - not marked.....	15.00	NC
Other youth/adult groups per use (less than 75% residents)		
Synthetic Fields.....	100.00	125.00
Class A - marked twice per week	50.00	60.00
Class C - not marked.....	30.00	NC
Private Groups/Sports Camps		
Synthetic Fields per use.....	150.00	250.00
Custodial/Supervision.....	Out-of-pocket	NC
<u>GROUP USE OF PARKS</u>		
All residents per use (minimum 75% residents required).....	20.00	30.00
Non-resident per person 3.00		
Combination groups (74% or less).....	combination 20.00	30.00
	and 3.00 per non-resident	4.00 per NR

WEST HARTFORD MEETING AND CONFERENCE CENTER

- GROUP 1:** Official Town Council and Board of Education hearings and meetings.
- GROUP 2:** Official town government and public school sponsored activities.
- GROUP 3:** Non-profit groups and organizations, which are recognized as such by the State and Federal Tax Codes for meetings, social and cultural events, and fund raising activities and events.

Non-profit groups and organizations will be required to submit a copy of their Tax Exempt Certification to receive the non-profit rate.

- GROUP 4:** All other private individuals, groups and organizations for meetings, educational, social and cultural events, and commercial activities, which in the opinion of the town are beneficial to the community.

GROUP 1

		CURRENT	PROPOSED			CURRENT	PROPOSED
<u>Non-Prime</u>					<u>Prime</u>		
8:01 a.m.	0-4 hours	0	NC	12:01 a.m.	0-4 hours	0	NC
Monday	5 hours	0	NC	Saturday	5 hours	0	NC
to	6 hours	0	NC	to	6 hours	0	NC
12 Midnight	7 hours	0	NC	8:00 a.m.	7 hours	0	NC
Friday				Monday			

GROUP 2

		CURRENT	PROPOSED			CURRENT	PROPOSED
<u>Non-Prime</u>					<u>Prime</u>		
8:01 a.m.	0-4 hours	200	NC	12:01 a.m.	0-4 hours	250	NC
Monday	5 hours	250	NC	Saturday	5 hours	300	NC
To	6 hours	300	NC	to	6 hours	350	NC
12 Midnight	7 hours	350	NC	8:00 a.m.	7 hours	400	NC
Friday	Add'l hrs. fee	45/hr		Monday	Add'l hrs. fee	55/hr	

GROUP 3

		CURRENT	PROPOSED			CURRENT	PROPOSED
Non-Prime					Prime		
8:01 a.m.	0-4 hours	350	NC		12:01 a.m.	0-4 hours	600
Monday	5 hours	400	NC		Saturday	5 hours	700
to	6 hours	475	NC		to	6 hours	800
12 Midnight	7 hours	550	NC		8:00 a.m.	7 hours	900
Friday	Add'l hrs. fee	70/hr			Monday	Add'l hrs. fee	100

GROUP 4

		CURRENT	PROPOSED			CURRENT	PROPOSED
Non-Prime					Prime		
8:01 a.m.	0-4 hours	575	NC		12:01 a.m.	0-4 hours	750
Monday	5 hours	650	NC		Friday	5 hours	850
To	6 hours	775	NC		to	6 hours	950
12 Midnight	7 hours	875	NC		8:00 a.m.	7 hours	1,050
Thursday	Add'l hrs. fee	105/hr			Monday	Add'l hrs. fee	1,150

Events over 7 hours are pro-rated hourly for each additional hour, or part of, based upon event's rental rate.

Vice President Coursey: I move that we adopt.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Mr. Van Winkle?

Mr. Van Winkle: This is something that we've been doing annually, trying to keep our fees up with the cost of operating our facilities. These are user fees and the intent here is that someone who uses the golf course or uses one of our public facilities pays for the cost of that facility and that use and so we try to keep our fees up with the cost of operation so there's a golf course fee and other fees in there and if you accept these fees this will generate an additional \$45,000 in revenue for our Leisure Services Fund.

President Slifka: Thank you Mr. Van Winkle and thank you Dr. Thornberry and the Human Service Committee for their review of this. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. To New Business, Mr. Coursey.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM # 10: APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF ELM FOOD & BEVERAGE, LLC, DBA ELEMENTS BISTRO FOR AN AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 3 AT 1128 NEW BRITAIN AVENUE TO ESTABLISH AN OUTDOOR DINING AREA IN FRONT OF AND ADJACENT TO ELEMENTS BISTRO. (THIS AGENDA ITEM WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A FORMAL PUBLIC HEARING AND MAY NOT BE ADDRESSED DURING PUBLIC FORUM PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RULES.)

SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 12, 2009 AT 6:30 P.M IN THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER AND REFERRED TO TPZ AND DRAC (Application is filed in the Town Council Office, Room 312)

Vice President Coursey: I move that we set for Public Hearing on May 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. here in the legislative chambers and refer to TPZ and DRAC.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. Number 11, Mr. Coursey.

ITEM #11: ORDINANCE (VAN WINKLE) DEAUTHORIZING \$1,512,000 FOR PROJECTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010, APPROPRIATING \$451,000 FOR PROJECTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010, APPROPRIATING \$9,4383,000 FOR PROJECTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE TOWN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,934,000 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE. (THIS AGENDA ITEM WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A FORMAL PUBLIC HEARING AND MAY NOT BE ADDRESSED DURING PUBLIC FORUM PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RULES.)

SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 14, 2009 AT 6:45 P.M. IN THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD:

Section 1. The sum of \$1,512,000, previously appropriated to meet the estimated costs of various town and school improvement projects contained in the Town's Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal year 2009-2010, is hereby deauthorized as follows:

<u>Town Projects</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
Arterial Street Reconstruction	\$ (143,000)
Athletic Playfield Improvement	(47,000)
Bridge & Culverts	(49,000)
Guardrails	(20,000)
Neighborhood Street Reconstruction	(149,000)
Street Resurfacing	(51,000)
Town Building Improvements	<u>(695,000)</u>
Town Total	\$ (1,154,000)
<u>School Projects</u>	

Asbestos Removal	\$ (20,000)
Heating & Ventilation Systems	(50,000)
School Building Improvements	<u>(288,000)</u>
School Total	\$ (358,000)
Total	\$ <u>(1,512,000)</u>

Section 2. The sum of \$451,000 is hereby appropriated to meet the estimated costs of various town and school improvement projects contained in the Town's Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal year 2009-2010, as follows, said appropriations to be inclusive of administrative, legal, financing and costs of issuance related thereto, and any and all State grants-in-aid of the school projects:

<u>Town Projects</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
Radio Communication System	\$ 325,000
Town Total	\$ 325,000
<u>School Projects</u>	
Roofing & Masonry	\$ 126,000
School Total	\$ 126,000
Total	\$ <u>451,000</u>

Section 3. The sum of \$9,483,000 is hereby appropriated to meet the estimated costs of various town and school improvement projects contained in the Town's Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal year 2010-2011, as follows, said appropriations to be inclusive of administrative, legal, financing and costs of issuance related thereto, and any and all State grants-in-aid of the school projects:

<u>Town Projects</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>
Arterial Street Reconstruction	\$ 1,319,000
Athletic Playfield Improvement	100,000
Energy Conservation	100,000
Neighborhood Street Reconstruction	1,283,000
Public Works Rolling Stock	785,000
Radio Communication System	995,000
Pedestrian & Bicycle Management	260,000
Storm Water Management	260,000
Street Resurfacing	522,000
Town Building Improvements	1,031,000
Traffic System Management	<u>200,000</u>
Town Total	\$ 6,855,000
<u>School Projects</u>	
Asbestos Removal	\$ 200,000

Heating & Ventilation Systems	750,000
Roofing & Masonry	850,000
School Building Improvements	578,000
Site & Athletic Field Improvements	<u>250,000</u>
School Total	\$ 2,628,000
Total	<u>\$ 9,483,000</u>

Section 4. To meet said appropriations and in lieu of a tax therefore, bonds, notes or temporary notes of the Town shall be issued pursuant to Chapter VII of the Town's Charter and Chapter 109 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$9,934,000, or so much thereof as shall be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available for such purpose.

Section 5. The bonds shall be issued, maturing not later than the maximum maturity permitted by the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended. Said bonds may be issued in one or more series and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Director of Financial Services in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the projects determined after considering the estimated amounts of the State grants-in-aid for the school projects, or the actual amounts thereof if this be ascertainable, and the anticipated times of the receipt of the proceeds thereof, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the costs of issuance for such bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in bearer form or in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signature of the Town Manager and the manual signature of the Director of Financial Services, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by and be made payable at a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may also be designated the registrar and transfer agent, and be approved as to their legality by nationally recognized bond counsel. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying, registrar and transfer agent and paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including the approval of the rate or rates of interests, shall be determined by the Town Council, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended, or the Town Council may delegate the authority to make such determinations to the Town Manager and the Director of Financial Services in a continuing resolution which may be adopted by each Town Council to be effective during the Council's term of office unless sooner terminated.

Section 6. The bonds shall be sold by the Town Manager in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in his discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale may be published in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds.

Section 7. The Director of Financial Services is authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signature of the Town Manager and the manual signature of the Director of Financial Services, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Director of Financial Services, be approved as to their legality by nationally recognized bond counsel, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Director of Financial Services pursuant to Section 7-373 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, governing the issuance of such notes. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the projects included in Sections 2 and 3. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 8. Any of the estimated amounts set forth for projects not required to meet the actual cost of any such project may be transferred by the Town Manager and the Director of Financial Services to meet the actual cost of any other project set forth in Sections 1, 2 and 3 above. The proceeds of any bonds not transferred in accordance herewith may be deposited in the Capital Reserve Account of the Capital and Non Recurring Expenditure Fund.

Section 9. While it is anticipated that the bonds will qualify as tax-exempt bonds, the Town Manager and the Director of Financial Services are authorized, upon the advice of bond counsel, to issue all or any portion of the bonds as bonds the interest on which is includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, and it is hereby found and determined that the issuance of any such bonds is in the public interest.

Section 10. The Town hereby expresses its official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town

reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized for the project; that the Town Manager and Director of Financial Services are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and agreements as they deem necessary or advisable in order to ensure and maintain the continued exemption from Federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

Section 11. The Town Manager and the Director of Financial Services are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories or state based information repositories (the "Repositories") and to provide notices to the Repositories of material events enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance. Any agreements or representations to provide information to Repositories made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Vice President Coursey: I move that we set for a Public Hearing on April 14, 2009 at 6:45 p.m. here in the legislative chambers.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion is made and seconded. Well done, Mr. Coursey.

Vice President Coursey: Thank you.

President Slifka: All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. Number 12.

ITEM #12: ORDINANCE (VAN WINKLE) REVISING MAILING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN ZONING APPLICATIONS. (THIS AGENDA ITEM WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A FORMAL PUBLIC HEARING AND MAY NOT BE ADDRESSED DURING PUBLIC FORUM PURSUANT TO TOWN COUNCIL RULES

SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 12, 2009 AT 7:15 P.M. IN THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER AND REFERRED TO TPZ

WHEREAS West Hartford's ordinances currently provide that the Town shall mail notice of certain types of zoning applications to adjoining property owners; and

WHEREAS it has been the practice of the Town to mail these notices to property owners within 200 feet rather than mailing notice only to directly adjoining property owners; and

WHEREAS the cost of mailing these notices has become an increasing expense to the Town; and

WHEREAS other municipalities have passed this obligation along to applicants by requiring them to be responsible for the mailing of such notices

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WEST HARTFORD THAT:

Section 1. Section 177-42 of the West Hartford Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Applications for required permits shall be reviewed and acted upon as follows:

A. Special use permit.

- (1) All special permit uses, identified as such in § 177-6B and C, are declared to possess characteristics of such unique and distinct form that each specific use shall be considered as an individual case. Special permit uses shall be deemed to be permitted uses in their respective districts, subject to the satisfaction of the requirements and standards set forth therein, in addition to all other requirements of this chapter.
- (2) The Town Planner shall refer applications for special use permits to the Planning Commission, which shall hold a public hearing within 65 days after having received the application at a regular meeting and shall make a decision within 65 days after the public hearing. The Commission shall give notice prior to the date of the hearing by advertisement in a newspaper as required by state statute and by sending by mail a copy of such notice to the applicant, [and to the owners of all property adjoining the property which is the subject of such an application.]
- (3) The applicant shall post a sign giving notice of his or her application in a conspicuous place on the property for which a special use permit approval is sought, visible from a public street. Said sign shall be posted seven days before the date of the hearing, shall remain in place until the public hearing and shall be removed not later than three days after the public hearing. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the hearing the applicant shall also mail notice of the date and time of the public hearing to the owners of all property which is located within two hundred feet (200') of the subject property. Said notice shall comply with the requirements of C.G.S. § 8-7d(a) as that section may be renumbered or recodified from time to time. Proof of compliance with the requirements of this section shall be required at or before the commencement of the public hearing.

- (4) An applicant may request preliminary approval for a special use permit. In this case, the Planning Commission shall make a finding according to Subsection A(5)(a) only. The applicant shall be required to submit only such material as the Commission deems necessary to consider the application for preliminary approval. The procedure for preliminary approval shall be the same as the procedure for approval for a special use permit, except that Subsection A(6) shall not apply.
- (5) Findings of the Planning Commission.
 - (a) The Planning Commission shall make a finding that each of the following standards is met and, where necessary, shall attach specific conditions to its approval of the special use permit if, in its opinion, such conditions are essential to making the finding that:
 - [1] The location and size of the use, the nature and intensity of the operations connected with it, the size of the lot in relation to it and the location of the lot with respect to streets giving access to it are such that it will be in harmony with the appropriate and orderly development of the district in which it is located.
 - [2] The kind, location and height of all structures and the nature and extent of the landscaping on the lot are such that the use will not hinder or discourage the appropriate development and use of adjacent properties.
 - [3] The parking and loading facilities are adequate and properly located for the proposed use, and the entrance and exit driveways shall be laid out so as to achieve maximum safety.
 - (b) Where the applicant has requested that a special use permit be issued in connection with uses which are temporary in duration, or should the use requested be temporary in nature, the Planning Commission may take the proposed duration of the permit into consideration in determining whether the findings listed above can reasonably be made. Should the Commission vote to approve the application, it shall specifically grant any such application for the time period requested by the applicant or consistent with the nature of the use requested.
- (6) Where the Commission finds it to be necessary or appropriate to do so, it may require the submission of a suitable performance bond to assure satisfactory completion of necessary improvements.

- (7) After the approval, the applicant shall submit to the Commission three black-and-white prints and one transparent print on permanent material of the plans as approved. The Commission shall file with the Town Planner one print of the approved plans with the approval noted thereon and a list of all conditions pertaining to the special use approval. One print of said plan and list shall be made available to the applicant. [Amended 5-10-2005]
 - (8) Hearing.
 - (a) In approving any special use permit, the Plan and Zoning Commission shall determine a date, not later than two years after the date of its approval, by which the applicant shall be required to appear at a hearing to report upon compliance with the conditions placed by the Commission upon its approval.
 - (b) At the time of that hearing, the Commission shall hear from the applicant, Town staff and the public with respect to compliance with the approval and with the conditions placed by the Commission when the permit was approved, as well as problems or concerns which have arisen as a result of the project or the approval.
 - (c) This hearing shall be noticed and conducted in accord with the provisions of Subsections A(2) and A(3) of this section, the Charter of the Town of West Hartford and the laws of the State of Connecticut.
 - (d) As a result of this hearing, the Commission shall determine whether or not further conditions should be imposed upon its approval in order to satisfy its obligations pursuant to Subsection A(5) of this section and, if it determines that such conditions are necessary, shall modify its approval accordingly. The Commission shall not have the power to revoke its permit as a result of this hearing but shall have the authority to direct the applicant and/or Town staff to take appropriate action to rectify any violations of its approval and conditions related thereto which are discovered during this review process.
 - (e) The Commission shall not be entitled to further review of any special use permit subsequent to this process unless the use of the property or structures on it changes such that an amendment to the permit is necessary or appropriate.
- B. Site plan, lot split or lot line revision approval.

- (1) The Town Planner shall review applications requiring site plan approval and applications for lot split approval or lot line revision and shall approve, disapprove or approve with modification such proposed site plan, lot split or lot line revision within 65 days after having received all of the information described in § 177-41B for the application. Any proposed site plan, lot split or lot line revision not acted upon within said sixty-five-day period shall be considered approved, provided that it conforms to all specific requirements of this chapter, and the Town Planner shall issue a certificate to that effect at the applicant's request.
- (2) In acting on a proposed site plan, lot split or lot line revision, the Town Planner shall determine that the requirements of this chapter are met in fact. In so doing, the Planner shall consult with the Director of Community Services on all matters regarding engineering and with any other Town official the Planner may deem necessary.
- (3) After the approval, the applicant shall submit to the Town Planner three black-and-white prints and one transparent print on permanent material of the approved site plan, lot split or lot line revision. The Town Planner shall file one print of the approved site plan, lot split or lot line revision, with the approval noted thereon. One print of said site plan shall be made available to the applicant.

C. All other permit applications.

- (1) Upon determination of the Town Planner that the proposed structure or use complies with this chapter, the Town Planner shall issue the required zoning permit. One copy of the approved plot plan shall be returned to the applicant with the approval and number of the permit noted thereon. A copy of the permit shall be displayed at the premises at all times until a certificate of occupancy has been issued. A copy of the approved plans shall be available for inspection at the premises during regular working hours.
- (2) Before the actual placement of the foundation of any structure, the contractor or owner shall stake out the location of the proposed foundation and supply the Building Inspector with a certificate by a licensed surveyor that the location of such foundation, or any part of a structure to be erected thereon, complies with the approved plot plan. Failure to supply said certificate shall automatically suspend the permit under which the work has been authorized, until said certificate has been supplied to the Building Inspector.

D. Joint hearings.

- (1) Whenever any proposed development, or group of developments within the Town of West Hartford requires review and/or decision by any combination of the Town Council, Plan and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency and/or Zoning Board of Appeals, those agencies may hold joint hearings with respect to some or all of the applications and/or other matters before them when it appears that such joint hearings may be beneficial.
- (2) Whenever practicable, consolidated notice of the joint hearing, whether by sign, mail or publication, shall be given; however, such notice shall be in accord with the requirements applicable to each of the applications and/or other matters to be considered. When the notice requirements applicable to the various applications in question are inconsistent such that consolidated notice is impracticable, each participating agency shall be responsible for providing separate notice of the hearing, but such notices shall identify the proceeding as a joint hearing.
- (3) The following procedures shall be applied to any joint hearings held pursuant to this subsection:
 - (a) The Chairpersons of each participating agency shall determine in advance who shall chair the joint hearing.
 - (b) A quorum of the membership of each participating agency shall be required to commence the hearing and shall be required at all times during the hearing. Procedural motions regarding the conduct of the hearing shall be decided by a majority vote of all persons present and participating in the hearing. All other procedural and substantive issues shall be decided separately by each participating agency with respect to each application and/or other matter which is the subject of the joint hearing.
 - (c) An alternate member or members of any participating agency may be seated in lieu of a regular member or members thereof in accord with the procedures of that participating agency. Additional alternate members of any participating agency may participate in the hearing, at the discretion of the Chairperson of that participating agency, but such additional alternate members shall only participate in the deliberation and/or decision in the event that a seated regular or alternate member of that participating agency is unable to do so.
 - (d) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Code of Ordinances to the contrary, any agency participating in a joint hearing which is required to provide a report, recommendation, decision and/or approval to any other agency with respect to any application and/or other matter which is the subject of the joint hearing may take such

action and/or provide such report, recommendation, decision or approval at any time prior to final decision by the participating agency which is to receive said report, recommendation, decision and/or approval. In the event that any participating agency is required to close its hearing, is required to complete its decision or is otherwise required to terminate any step in the approval process with respect to one or more applications and/or other matters which are included in the joint hearing process, the Chair of that agency may declare the hearing to be closed with respect to those applications and/or other matters and the joint hearing process may continue with respect to all remaining applications and/or other matters.

- (e) The most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed with respect to the procedure for the conduct of joint hearings. Where the circumstances surrounding a particular joint hearing process warrant the establishment of specific rules for the conduct of that hearing, however, the Chairs of each participating agency may agree upon such rules in advance of, or during the hearing process as the need therefore arises, in which case any such rules shall be announced upon the record of the hearing and shall be applied thereafter unless rescinded by agreement of the Chairs of the participating agencies.
- (f) Each participating agency shall meet separately to deliberate and decide the application(s) regarding which it has jurisdiction.

Section 2. Section 177-49 of the West Hartford Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

- A. Powers and duties. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall have the following powers and duties:
 - (1) Hear and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement or decision made by any official charged with the enforcement and administration of this chapter.
 - (2) Hear and decide all matters, including special exceptions upon which it is authorized to pass by the specific terms of Subsection C of this section.
 - (3) Determine and vary the application of this chapter in harmony with the general purpose and intent and with due consideration for conserving the public health, safety, convenience, welfare and property values solely with respect to a parcel of land, where, owing to conditions especially affecting such parcel but not affecting generally the district in which it is situated, a literal enforcement of this chapter would result in exceptional difficulty or

unusual hardship so that substantial justice will be done and the public safety and welfare secured.

B. Variances.

- (1) No variance in the strict application of any of the requirements of this chapter shall be granted unless the Zoning Board of Appeals shall find that:
 - (a) There are conditions especially affecting the land or structure for which the variance is sought, which conditions are peculiar to such land or structure and not to the personal or financial circumstances of the appellant and which conditions are not affecting generally the area in which such land or structure is situated and have not resulted from any act of the appellant subsequent to the enactment of the requirement appealed from. Minor infractions in the location or height of a structure or the dimension or area of a lot, caused by human error, may be considered sufficient cause for an affirmative finding of this subsection unless, in the opinion of the Zoning Board of Appeals, such infractions can be repaired without impairing the use of the land or structure.
 - (b) The aforesaid conditions are such that the strict application of the requirements of this chapter would deprive the appellant of the reasonable use of such land or structure and the granting of the variance is necessary for the reasonable use of the land or structure, and that the variance, as granted by the Board, is the minimum variance that will accomplish this purpose.
 - (c) The granting of the variance would not permit the property to be used for a purpose that is denied to the occupants of other properties in the same zoning district.
 - (d) The granting of the variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this chapter and will not be detrimental to public health, safety, convenience, welfare and property values.
- (2) The records of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall include specific reasons for each of the findings above to be made before a variance may be granted. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall attach such conditions and safeguards as are necessary to ensure continued compliance with the terms of the variance.

C. Special exceptions.

- (1) The Zoning Board of Appeals may in its discretion grant the following special exceptions, subject to making the required findings specified in Subsection C(2) below:
 - (a) In any residence district, a home occupation when conducted in the dwelling unit by the person who occupies the dwelling unit as his or her principal residence. The special exception shall be granted to such person and shall not be considered as a right vested in the premises. The home occupation shall conform to the following performance standards:
 - [1] Not more than two nonresident employees are permitted on the premises at one time. The Zoning Board of Appeals may in its discretion require as a condition of approval that only one nonresident employee is permitted at one time if it finds, after hearing, that the size or intensity of the proposed use with two employees will not meet the criteria in § 177-49C(2), as amended. For purposes of this subsection, the term "employee" shall mean any nonresident person involved in the home occupation in any way and shall include, but not be limited to, a secretary, receptionist, professional person and/or partner.
 - [2] No more than 1/3 of the total finished floor area of the dwelling unit shall be used in connection with the home occupation.
 - [3] The character of the dwelling unit shall not change nor shall there be any exterior evidence of such secondary use. A sign not to exceed one square foot may be permitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals pursuant to § 177-33E(2).
 - [4] No more than one home occupation shall be permitted per dwelling unit, except that more than one home occupation may be permitted if and only if the additional home occupation(s) is/are of the type described in Subsection C(4).
 - [5] The keeping of stock-in-trade or the sale, rental or holding for sale or redelivery of any merchandise, goods, products or equipment, including but not limited to food, is not permitted.
 - [6] There shall be no services rendered that require receipt or delivery of merchandise, goods, products or equipment by other than a passenger motor vehicle or by parcel or letter

carrier mail service using vehicles typically employed for residential deliveries. Infrequent deliveries by commercial vehicles of furniture, fixtures or equipment for use in the home occupation shall be permitted.

- [7] The proposed home occupation requires specialized knowledge derived from long and intensive academic preparation or work that is original and creative in character, the result of which depends primarily on the employees' invention, imagination or talent. This requirement includes, but is not limited to, the following occupations: physician; dentist; lawyer; engineer; architect; teacher, provided that instruction shall be limited to a single pupil at a time; dressmaker; tailor; and milliner. This requirement excludes, among other occupations, the following occupations: beauticians, barbers, real estate offices and insurance agencies.
- (2) No special exception shall be granted unless the Zoning Board of Appeals shall find that:
- (a) The location and size of the use, the nature and intensity of the operations connected with it, the size of the lot in relation to it and the location of the lot with respect to streets giving access to it are such that it will be in harmony with the neighborhood in which it is located, the use will not hinder or discourage the residential use of adjacent residential properties or adversely affect the residential character of adjacent properties and that traffic on the adjacent streets will not be unduly impeded.
- (b) The parking is adequate and properly located and that the entrance and exit driveways are laid out so as to achieve maximum safety.
- (3) The records of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall include the reasons for these findings above to be made before a special exception may be granted. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall attach such conditions and safeguards and shall have inspection rights as are necessary to ensure continued compliance with the terms of the special exception.
- (4) A special exception approval, pursuant to the provisions of this § 177-49, as amended, shall not be required for a person to conduct a home occupation in the dwelling unit which such person occupies as his or her principal residence, provided that there are no nonresident employees; there are no visits to the subject dwelling or unit by clients and/or customers; there is/are no sign(s); and the home occupation otherwise complies with the requirements of § 177-49C(1)(a)[2] through [6], as

amended. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Subsection C(4) of § 177-49, if the Zoning Enforcement Officer determines that the proposed use may violate the provisions of § 177-49C(2), he or she shall notify the applicant of such determination and require the applicant to file an application for a special exception with the Zoning Board of Appeals. All persons desiring to conduct a home occupation under this § 177-49C(4) shall be required, prior to conducting such home occupation, to obtain a zoning permit from the Zoning Enforcement Officer of the Town of West Hartford and pay the necessary fees established therefore.

- (5) Any home occupation approved prior to the effective date of these amendments shall not be invalidated by these amendments and shall be reviewed for a determination of renewal in accordance with the standards applicable at the time of the original approval; provided, however, that an applicant for renewal may, at his or her discretion, choose to be reviewed in accordance with the standards of this Subsection C.

D. Procedure. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing on all matters it is required to decide. The Board shall give notice of the hearing by advertisement in a newspaper as required by state statute, and, except on appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement or decision made by the official charged with the enforcement of this chapter, by sending by first-class mail a copy of the notice to the applicant and to the owners of all property adjoining the property which is the subject of the application. The applicant for a variance or special exception shall post a sign giving notice of the application in a conspicuous place on the property for which a variance or special exception is sought, visible from a public street. Said sign shall be posted at least seven days before the date of the hearing, and it shall be removed not later than three days after the public hearing. Said signs shall be provided by the Town without charge. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall decide any appeal within 65 days after the hearing.]

E. Except on appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement or decision made by the official charged with the enforcement of this chapter, the applicant shall mail notice of the date and time of the public hearing to the owners of all property which is located within two hundred feet (200') of the subject property at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the hearing. Said notice shall comply with the requirements of C.G.S. § 8-7d(a) as that section may be renumbered or recodified from time to time. The applicant for a variance or special exception shall also post a sign giving notice of the application in a conspicuous place on the property for which a variance or special exception is sought, visible from a public street. Said sign shall be posted at least seven days before the date of the hearing, and it shall be removed not later than three days after the public hearing. Said signs shall be provided by the Town without charge. Proof of compliance with the requirements of this section shall be required at or before the commencement of the public hearing.

F. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall decide any appeal within 65 days after the hearing.

Vice President Coursey: I move that we set for a Public Hearing on May 12, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. here in the legislative chamber and refer to TPZ.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion is made and seconded. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. Number 13.

ITEM #13: RESOLUTION (VAN WINKLE) APPROPRIATING \$12,440.93 POLICE ASSET FORFEITURE MONIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TOTAL STATION FORENSIC MAPPING SYSTEM FOR THE WEST HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ADOPTED

WHEREAS, the Police Department of the Town of West Hartford purchased a Total Station Forensic Mapping System in 2002 to precisely document crash and crime scenes for reconstruction and investigative efforts, and

WHEREAS, forensic mapping has become standard procedure for all serious motor vehicle accidents and major crime scenes, and

WHEREAS, in December 2008, while investigating and mapping the scene of a fatal car crash on Albany Avenue the Total Station unit had an electronic failure, causing the unit to be inoperable, and

WHEREAS, the West Hartford Police Department sent the unit for repair and discovered that the unit's computer board could not be refurbished, and that a replacement part was not available due to the age of the unit, and

WHEREAS, the Detective and Traffic Divisions have evaluated numerous replacement products and determined that the Sokkia SET530r3 Total Station Kit with Visual Statement software suits the needs of the Department best, and

WHEREAS, the new Total Station Kit and software will aid and expedite investigators reconstruction and documentation efforts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD, that the purchase of a Total Station Forensic Mapping System is authorized and the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget of the Drug Enforcement Fund is hereby amended as follows:

Estimated Revenues

20-220305-20406-9399 Drug Enforcement Fund Balance \$12,440.93

Appropriations

20-220305-20406-3202 Capital Equipment \$12,440.93

Vice President Coursey: I move that we adopt.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. Mr. Van Winkle, this item is yours?

Mr. Van Winkle: Yes, sir. Mr. Mayor, first of all police asset forfeiture monies are monies that the police department gets for assets that have been seized by them, perhaps someone dealing drugs out of their car finds they will lose their car and we get to take that and we split that money with the feds and a portion of that goes into a fund which we can spend on police, primarily equipment. Many years ago when we had a bad accident in West Hartford we'd actually send out a survey team that would go out with survey instruments and measure distances and everything and then provide a map for the files of very bad accidents. In this case we have used a system that allows us to do a similar kind of thing to enter data, geodata, so that we can map the situation that is there on hand. Most recently our instrument that is used by the police, the total station unit, was broken and needed to be repaired. We found out that its computer board was too old and that replacements were no longer available due to the age of the unit so this funding, \$12,440, is to purchase a new total station to replace the one that's not working anymore.

President Slifka: Thank you, Mr. Van Winkle. Are there any questions or further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. Number 14, Mr. Coursey.

ITEM #14: RESOLUTION (VAN WINKLE) AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THROUGH THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSPORTATION EXPANDED PROGRAM.

ADOPTED

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford desires to continue its provision of expanded Dial-A-Ride transportation services to those West Hartford residents who are elderly or who have a disability; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation provides grant funding to municipalities to operate an Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation Expanded Program; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Human and Leisure Services wishes to submit a grant application to enhance Dial A Ride services for West Hartford elderly and disabled for Fiscal Year 2009 - 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL that the Town Manager is hereby authorized to submit an application to the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, for a grant for Fiscal Year 2009 - 2010 in order to secure funding for an Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation Expanded Program to be operated in West Hartford.

Vice President Coursey: I move that we adopt.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: The motion is made and seconded. Mr. Van Winkle?

Mr. Van Winkle: Mr. Mayor, this is to make a grant application. We were kind of surprised we were going to be able to do this this year with the state's tight budget but we are eligible to make an application for our Dial-a-Ride system for \$72,938. Dial-a-Ride is a system that can provide rides to elderly disabled persons to medical appointments and what-not around the community so we received this grant last year and we're really happy to get it again this year.

President Slifka: Thank you. Mr. Davidoff?

Councilor Davidoff: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Through you to Mr. Van Winkle. The grant funds would be used for capital or a human component in terms of would it be for people driving the vans or would it be for a van itself?

Mr. Van Winkle: As you may remember at our last meeting we actually received a grant to purchase a new vehicle for our Dial-a-Ride. We were lucky enough to get that and you approved that. This is for operational costs of the Dial-a-Ride system. Not for capital equipment but for the actual operation.

President Slifka: Thank you. Anyone else? All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. Number 15, Mr. Coursey.

ITEM #15: RESOLUTION (VAN WINKLE) TO APPROPRIATE AN ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AWARDED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN'S RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

ADOPTED

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of the Town of West Hartford applied for a grant under the “Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program”, the purpose of which is to protect the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards, and

WHEREAS, the grant application requested funds to improve the town-wide radio communication system, including the purchase of broadband wireless antenna equipment which will serve as the backbone of the public safety communication system and replace leased T-1 circuits, the relocation of the primary site of the radio communication system, and a radio equipment cabinet to house the equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) determined that this project was consistent with the program’s purpose and awarded the Town of West Hartford a grant in the amount of \$368,000 with a Town matching requirement of \$92,000, and

WHEREAS, the Town has \$83,336.46 available in its existing Radio Communication Systems capital project account to meet the matching requirement of said grant and would like to utilize \$8,663.54 from the Fire Apparatus capital project to fully fund the match,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD that the fiscal year 2008-2009 Capital Projects Fund Budget is hereby amended to reflect the acceptance of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$368,000, the transfer of \$8,663.54 from the Fire Apparatus capital project to the Radio Communication Systems capital project to meet the Town’s matching requirement, and a corresponding appropriation for the purchase and installation of radio communication system equipment as follows:

ESTIMATED REVENUES

41-890925-80003-9049	Radio Communication Project	FEMA Grant	\$368,000.00
41-890925-80003-9386	Radio Communication Project	Transfer In	8,663.54

APPROPRIATIONS

41-890925-80003-3167	Radio Communication Project	Radio Equipment	\$376,663.54
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Vice President Coursey: I move that we adopt.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. Back to you Mr. Van Winkle.

Mr. Van Winkle: Yes. Again we’re always out looking for monies that are available and this is money through the Federal Emergency FEMA Management Agency. We will

receive a grant in the amount of \$368,000. We have to match that with \$92,000 of our money. It will replace our antennas on the mountain above Renbrook School. On the north side of Albany Avenue we share an antennae with one of the TV stations that uses a hard line, a wired line that goes to that antennae. This new system is a microwave system that will shoot directly to the police station. We lose every once in awhile access to that antennae which is critical to our emergency operations because the T1 line doesn't work from time to time so this will save us money operationally because we no longer have to rent and use that T1 line and will also give us a much more secure radio system and a more effective radio system 80 percent funded by a federal grant.

President Slifka: Thank you Mr. Van Winkle. Anyone else? Okay. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. Okay. We're up to a new piece of our agenda which is Announcements. We had typically had these as part of the Manager's Report but thought it best if we could isolate it so does anyone have announcements?

ITEM # 16: ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Slifka: Mrs. Cantor?

Councilor Cantor: Hi. I just wanted to remind people that there are still three nights remaining for the Hall High Pops and Jazz Show Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. If you haven't seen it it's a remarkably professional show that is the result of a lot of work that goes into choir, jazz band, a couple of jazz bands and dancers and it's a really incredible show. The show starts at 7:30. There is a box office at Hall High School at the first entrance if you're going in the front if you're driving through the driveway at Hall and I think the box office is open 11:30 till 2:00 and then on Thursday night it will be open during the performance as well if you want performance tickets for the following night. They're \$15 per ticket. Thank you.

President Slifka: Thank you Mrs. Cantor. Mr. Adler?

Councilor Adler: Thank you Mr. Mayor. I just wanted to remind everyone about Empty Bowls at Conard tomorrow night, yeah, tomorrow night, March 25 so you can feed yourself while we help to feed the hungry so it's a great cause. I was there last year and it's a lot of fun.

President Slifka: That is at Conard at 5:30.

Councilor Adler: Oh, 5:30. Correct.

President Slifka: Is 5:30 correct?

Councilor Adler: Yeah. My marching orders is 5:30. That's right. Okay.

President Slifka: Thank you Mr. Adler. Mr. Coursey?

Vice President Coursey: Yes, also keeping on the arts theme this weekend Bristol Middle School will be putting on Cinderella. Performances are on Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 and on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Tickets... I believe you can find ticket information by going on the website, westhartford.org, going through the board side or calling the school directly at 231-2100 which I'm sure they'll be thrilled I gave out that number.

President Slifka: Thank you Mr. Coursey. Anyone else? Okay, I just want to remind people we have two Public Hearings on the budget coming up and there's a third. The board is actually holding one this Thursday I believe it is. Right? In this room? This Thursday I think at 7:00. I think. We say that with some hesitation but the board has a hearing on its budget. Then we have one March 26 which is also this Thursday but that's at 2:00 p.m. here. That's in the afternoon here in this room. And then the following week on April 2 we are having our other one. It's April 2, 7:00 p.m. I want to note the time change and location change. It is going to be in the auditorium just down the hall from here. It is intended to be like the one we had I think it was back in February. It's been called our Budget Forum. Although this is a hearing we are attempting to adhere to a similar format. The Board of Education will be there with us and we will all be able to respond to your questions should you have them. And also, not so much a community announcement – I meant to mention this during Mr. Van Winkle's presentation that Senator Williams, the President of the Senate, has asked some of us mayors to come down and meet with him on Friday afternoon. I have no hope that it will come with a check attached to that discussion but there are discussions that are ongoing. We will have more to report at the forum next week. Okay. Good job on the announcements. Everybody was good on that. I think we'll keep that one.

Vice President Coursey: Is that a wrap?

President Slifka: That's true. We're close. Okay. Report from the Corporation Counsel. Mr. O'Brien, anything?

ITEM #17: REPORTS OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

Mr. O'Brien: Well, with a quarter after deadline I certainly have no report. No need for executive session and I would be happy to answer any questions.

President Slifka: Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Are there questions for Mr. O'Brien? Okay. There are no appointments and no need for executive session so #25, Mr. Coursey.

ITEM #25: CONSENT CALENDAR:

ITEM #20: MINUTES FROM ADMINISTRATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 2-24-09.

ITEM #21: MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY PLANNING AND PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE 1-15-09.

ITEM #22: MINUTES FROM FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE 1-26-09, 2-9-09, AND 2-23-09.

ITEM #23: MINUTES FROM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE 2-6-09.

ITEM #24: MINUTES FROM WEST HARTFORD CENTER SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT 3-10-09.

Vice President Coursey: I move that we adopt.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. Communications, Mr. Coursey?

COMMUNICATIONS:

ITEM #26: FROM ATTORNEY JAMES M. JOSEPH AT LEVY & DRONEY, P.C. (3-4-09) REPRESENTING WE 176 NEWINGTON LLC AND REQUESTING THAT, AS PART OF THE PROPOSED RETAIL DEVELOPMENT TO BE LOCATED AT THE FORMER INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SITE AT 176 NEWINGTON ROAD, IT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN AND APPLICANT TO ABANDON THE PORTION OF JACOBS ROAD.

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY PLANNING AND PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE AND TPZ

Vice President Coursey: Refer this to Community Planning and Physical Services Committee and TPZ.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. This is out of order but I meant to mention it because they deserve kudos. In the public hearings piece of this we had a slight discussion this week about moving the date for a variety of reasons and Mr. Van Winkle uncovered the fact that though it would have been more convenient to do it it would have cost us \$1500 to publicize the hearing and to move that date, something that's a bit absurd and we're actually seeking to change the state law but he and Mrs. Cantor conferred in her role as Budget Financing and we decided we were going to save the \$1500. We are watching things that closely so the date has remained the same. We had to make other arrangements but it's the kind of decision that is not often highlighted and we ought to make clear our residents know we're doing that everyday. Number 27, Mr. Coursey.

ITEM #27: FROM MILES LIMSON, TOWN PLANNER, (3-13-09) NOTICE OF TOWN PLANNER'S INTENTION TO APPROVE THE MODIFICATIONS TO SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 13-R1-09 ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BARCLAY COURT ASSOCIATION AT 777-779, 779A PROSPECT AVENUE AND 180-184 FERN STREET TO REMOVE AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE LOCATED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

RECEIVED

Mr. Coursey: I move that we receive.

Councilor Brennan: Second

President Slifka: A motion is made and seconded. Any discussion? Seeing none all those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. Number 28, Mr. Coursey.

ITEM #28: FROM GARY W. KIRSTEN (3-6-09) RESIGNING FROM THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION.

RECEIVED

Vice President Coursey: I move that we receive.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. I think we reluctantly receive this. I know Mrs. Cantor has worked with him quite a bit.

Councilor Cantor: I just want to thank Gary for his commitment. He really worked very hard as Chair of this commission and we're sad to see him go and we wish him and his wife continued peace and good health.

President Slifka: And I echo that. I've known Gary for a great many years. He's one of those great volunteers we have in town and it is a real loss for that commission to see him go. We wish him and his wife the best. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. And #29, Mr. Coursey.

ITEM #29: FROM LINDA M. DINAPOLI (3-10-09) REQUESTING PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING THE STATE PROJECT NOS. 155-160/161.

MOVED

Vice President Coursey: Ms. DiNapoli has requested this communication be held over and placed on the April 14, 2009 agenda. I move that we receive.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. We will move it per her request. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. No petitions so I'd like to entertain a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice President Coursey: So moved.

Councilor Brennan: Second

President Slifka: All those in favor? Those opposed? We are adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Essie S. Labrot
Town Clerk/Council Clerk

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