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WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

RE: ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING STATUTORY
CHANGES IN EFFECTIVE DATE OF TAX EXEMPTIONS

MAYOR SCOTT SLIFKA

JULY 1, 2008

WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL
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1 . . .Verbatim Proceedings of a hearing
2 before the West Hartford Town Council in the matter of an
3 Ordinance implementing statutory changes in effective
4 date of tax exemptions held on July 1, 2008 at 8:50 p.m.
5 at the West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main Street,
6 West Hartford, Connecticut. . .

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10 MAYOR SCOTT SLIFKA: Okay. Good news, we
11 have another public hearing. This should be brief. What
12 I think we're going to do is gavel this one open and then
13 take a very brief recess and then open with the Council
14 meeting.

15 Mr. Brennan, could you, please, read the
16 subject matter?

17 MR. TIM BRENNAN: I'd be happy to, Mr.
18 Mayor. This is a public hearing on an Ordinance
19 implementing statutory changes in effective date of tax
20 exemptions.

21 MAYOR SLIFKA: Thank you, Mr. Brennan. Can
22 I get a roll call, please, Ms. Labrot?

23 (Whereupon, roll call was taken.)

24 MAYOR SLIFKA: Okay. The presentation from

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1 the administration. I guess it's going to be Mr. Alair.
2 I don't mean anything pejorative by that. Just by the
3 fact that you're standing there.

4 MR. PAT ALAIR: I didn't take it that way.
5 Very briefly, the ordinance before you simply changes the
6 effective date upon which tax exemption is recognized for
7 property when it is transferred to specifically an
8 American Legion Post or a VFW Post. As you all are aware
9 the American Legion Post on the corner of Isham Road and
10 Memorial Road was torn down to make way for Blueback.
11 The Legion Post was relocated to a new space within or on
12 the site of Raymond Road.

13 That process triggered the discovery that
14 there is a rather odd situation in Connecticut law, which
15 was going to render the American Legion taxable for one
16 tax year during that transition. We, working with
17 Senator Harris' office, were able to persuade the
18 legislature to amend the statute to allow us to apply
19 that exemption as most exemptions are applied from the
20 date of acquisition not from the date of the next grand
21 list thereafter.

22 So quite simply all this does is by its
23 adoption would change the effective date of the tax
24 exemption and allow the American Legion to remain tax

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1 exempt rather than coming on for one year and then going
2 off.

3 MAYOR SLIFKA: Thank you, Mr. Alair. Mrs.
4 Cantor, I just note that we did review this in Finance
5 and Budget Committee if you had anything to add.

6 MS. SHARI CANTOR: Yes, Mr. Patrissi gave
7 me a mint so I'm sorry. Yes, we did review it and I'm
8 glad that we moved forward with it and that this issue is
9 now -- can be resolved and everybody can be back to the
10 situation they were prior to -- prior to Blueback.

11 MAYOR SLIFKA: Thank you, Mrs. Cantor.
12 Anyone else from the Council? Sign up sheet, do you mind
13 checking that, Mr. Alair?

14 MR. ALAIR: We have a sign up sheet, but
15 it's blank. Mr. Mayor, Ms. Pearson just handed me a note
16 you did continue your hearing on the Mercyknoll
17 application to the 12th. You might want to explain that
18 that's a change in date from the August 5th meeting.

19 MAYOR SLIFKA: We are going to get to that
20 in the actual meeting. Thank you.

21 The sign up sheet was blank. Is there
22 anybody who did not sign up who wishes to speak to the
23 subject matter of this public hearing? Okay. With that,
24 I'll turn to my colleagues one more time. With that, if

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1 no one else has anything we will close this public
2 hearing.

3 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned at
4 8:55 p.m.)

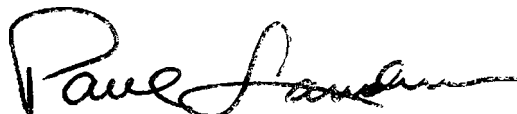
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