



City of Groton, Connecticut

City Municipal Building
295 Meridian Street
Groton, CT 06340

Special
Committee of the Whole
Minutes

Council Chambers

6:30 PM

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, Councilor Rashaad Carter, Councilor Lisa McCabe, Councilor Paul Norris, Councilor Christine Piazza, Councilor Stephen Sheffield, City Clerk Edward Jacome

Mayor Keith Hedrick called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, Councilor Rashaad Carter, Councilor Paul Norris, Councilor Christine Piazza, Councilor Stephen Sheffield, City Clerk Edward Jacome and Finance Director Ron Yuhas

Excused/Late Arrival: Councilor Lisa McCabe

II. REFERRALS:

793 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

7/26/21

Mayor Hedrick stated that the council had been given a handout on The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, but waited until the budget was completed before proceeding with designation and usage of funds.

Director Yuhas clarified that the handout was put together prior to the final ruling. The city determined that they did not fit the category of revenue loss, but with the final ruling there is a standard deduction where we do not need to justify up to the \$10 million number. An election was made for the first round of reporting using the deduction. However, just because that election was made does not mean we cannot use other buckets.

Councilor Carter stated ARPA funds should be used on residential projects and not on infrastructure projects.

There was further discussion by the council on the possibility of a workshop, increased outreach and feedback and how to prioritize the projects.

Mayor Hedrick asked the councilors for their top five and bottom five items prioritized by importance. Once compiled the internal committee will decide the best way to approach and move forward for the council.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor Piazza.

Mayor Keith Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.