



**City of Groton, Connecticut**

**Special  
Committee of the Whole  
Minutes**

**Monday, April 19, 2021**

**City Municipal Building  
295 Meridian Street  
Groton, CT 06340**

**Council Chambers/  
Zoom**

**7:00 PM**

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**Mayor Hedrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**I. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, Councilors Lisa McCabe, Rashaad Carter, Finance Director Ron Yuhus and City Clerk Debra Patrick.

Via Zoom: Councilor Stephen Sheffield

Excused: Councilor Paul Norris

**II. REFERRALS**

**REFERRAL ITEM #690 CITY BUDGET PRESENTATIONS  
SANITATION**

Public Works Director William Robarge said this budget is for the collection, transportation and disposal as mandated by the State of CT. He gave an overview of his budget noting the 10.25% increase is largely due to labor and insurance costs. He said they will set aside \$250,000.00 in capital reserves for vehicles, an increase of \$3,000.00 to purchase the toters which are sold to the residents. He summarized the collection schedule and how the aging fleet can impact the schedule, the maintenance costs for the fleet and the need for a backup vehicle.

There was discussion on the amount to set aside to replace vehicles, the age of the vehicles, a plan to keep funds in reserve and how it is good to be prepared.

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

Public Works Director William Robarge said there is an increase of 1.34% mostly due to labor and insurance costs but there are no other real changes.

**FIRE**

Fire Chief Robert Tompkins gave an overview of the budget noting an increase of 1.55% and putting \$50,000.00 in the reserve fund. He said they will put \$140,000.00 in for vehicles and the fund is growing in anticipation of vehicle replacement. He noted the costs for fire and ladder trucks. He said supply costs have been held steady and the heart and hypertension costs are down. There was discussion on the fire truck that was repaired and how it will have only an 18 month difference in its life span than the other fire truck so they must set aside money now to prepare for those costs.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor McCabe moved Deputy Mayor Depot seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

**Mayor Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

**Debra Patrick  
City Clerk**

**FINAL**