



City of Groton, Connecticut

City Municipal Building
295 Meridian Street
Groton, CT 06340

Committee of the Whole
Special Minutes

Council Chambers

Monday, December 20, 2021

6:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, Councilor Lisa McCabe, Councilor Paul Norris, Councilor Stephen Sheffield and City Clerk Megan Peters.

Excused: Councilor Christine Piazza and Councilor Rashaad Carter (arrived late)

II. REFERRALS:

1 APPOINTMENTS

5/14/01

-CONRAD HEEDE (PLANNING AND ZONING - ALTERNATE)

12/20/21

No questions or discussed.

-ROBERT BORIS (PLANNING AND ZONING - ALTERNATE)

12/20/21

Robert Boris gives a brief introduction of himself and his family's past and present with the City of Groton.

Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot thanks all the volunteers who decide to join us on our boards and commissions.

-GAIL KELLY (BEACH AND PARKS – REAPPOINTMENT)

12/20/21

No questions or discussion.

-DEVON ROBARGE (BEACH AND PARKS)

12/20/21

Devin Robarge introduces herself to the council.

Councilor Rashaad Carter enters the meeting.

561 GROTON UTILITIES FINANCIALS

9/24/15

No discussion. Director Ron Yuhas will present this at the next meeting.

690 CITY BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

4/6/18

No discussion. Director Ron Yuhas will present this at the next meeting.

742 GROTON UTILITIES

2/21/19

-WATER TRUCK

12/20/21

Director Ron Gaudet speaks to the need for the replacement of a water truck for Groton Utilities. Councilor Stephen Sheffield inquires as to the price and length of time that we have to lock in that price.

Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot inquires to the average schedule of replacement trucks.

Director Ron Gaudet states that we are behind a year therefore the funds have been reserved and are available for the purchase of this truck.

Councilor Lisa McCabe inquired as to if we have a trade-in and if that will reduce the quoted price.

Ron states that the quote received is for a trade in.

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Councilor Paul Norris clarifies that the current truck is a 1999, purchased in 2000, and we have been looking for a replacement since 2019.

Motion made to move this item to the Mayor and Council Meeting of January 3, 2022 by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Lisa McCabe.

All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

-CHANGE ORDER NO. 22

12/20/21

Director Ron Gaudet gives a brief description of the change order 22.

Councilor Stephen Sheffield inquires as if this is the final clearing.

Director Ron Gaudet states that this is the second to last clearing.

Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot would like to request a post mortem on all large projects that we have done and see what we can learn from them.

Councilor Stephen Sheffield inquires to the remaining balance and for clarification on those numbers.

Director Ron Gaudet explains the process and the possibility of future negotiations in pricing.

Councilor Paul Norris inquires as to when this project started.

Director Ronald Gaudet states approximately 5 years ago, possibly September.

Motion made to move this item to the Mayor and Council Meeting of January 3, 2022 by Councilor Paul Norris, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot.

All in favor, 5-0-0.

Motion carried.

801 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT

12/20/21

This is informative only. Mayor Keith Hedrick explains that there is a National Opioid Settlement that the City of Groton has been encouraged to “opt-in” for. Mayor Keith Hedrick explains that he does not know of the exact amount that will be allocated, it is all based upon the number of municipalities that chose to participate. Deadline is January 2, 2022 to opt-in.

Councilor Lisa McCabe inquires as to what we are required to do in order to accept this money.

Mayor Keith Hedrick states that at this time the only requirement is to opt-in.

Councilor Stephen Sheffield inquires as to the stipulations on opting in and whether our monies will go to the Town of Groton as well.

Mayor Keith Hedrick states that all cities that opt-in will get monies. In this case the City and the Town are separate in the disbursement of funds.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Enter into Executive Session pursuant to CGS 1-200 (6)(A)

-To discuss personnel – Police Department

Motion made to enter Executive Session by Councilor Lisa McCabe, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. The Council enters into Executive Session at 6:26pm. The Council exited Executive Session at 6:38pm.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Lisa McCabe made a motion to adjourn, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm.