



City of Groton, Connecticut

Mayor and Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

City Municipal Building
295 Meridian Street
Groton, CT 06340

Council Chambers

7:30 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

Mayor Keith Hedrick called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Finance Director Ron Yuhas and Councilor Lisa McCabe

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

Councilor Rashaad Carter recognized the passing of Sargeant Brian Mohl on Thursday, September 2, 2021 due to Hurricane Ida.

Mayor Keith Hedrick had the group take a moment of silence.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

Receipt of Citizens' Petitions is the portion of the Council meeting where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. To address the Council, please sign the sheet on the table at the front of the meeting room. When you are recognized, please approach the podium. Clearly state your name and address. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit emailed or written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to the City of Groton. City Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the meeting.

None.

V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 16, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting

Motion to approve minutes made by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Stephen Sheffield. Motion carried. All in favor, 5-0-0.

August 23, 2021 Committee of the Whole

Motion made to approve minutes made by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Stephen Sheffield. Motion carried. All in favor, 5-0-0.

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August 30, 2021 Special Committee of the Whole

Motion made to approve minutes by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Christine Piazza. Motion carried. All in favor, 5-0-0.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor Paul Norris – None to report.

Councilor Stephen Sheffield – attended a Webinar on American Rescue Funds and the qualifying uses of the funds.

Councilor Christine Piazza – Continuing on organ donation and blood drive research.

Councilor Rashaad Carter – None to report.

Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot – Farmer’s Market at Washington Park and the Food Box Distribution on the 27th.

Mayor Keith Hedrick – Groton City Brew Run, Riverfront 5K Foot Pursuit, Ledge Light COVID Testing at the Municipal Building Tuesdays, 3pm – 7pm, close of Eastern Point Beach, 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony and weekly Farmer’s Markets.

Mayor Keith Hedrick also touched upon today’s first day of school and the delays with the school buses.

Councilor Christine Piazza also touched upon the trying day in regards to the bus routes. Please be patient the bus drivers are doing their best.

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

Councilor Paul Norris requested Cierra Patricick to attend the Group I Economic Development meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-21-9-139 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAIVE THE BID PROCESS AND AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE ORDER TO AXON ENTERPRISE, INC., 17800 N. 85TH STREET, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA, FOR THE AXON ENTERPRISE BODY CAMERA SOFTWARE SUPPORT AND STORAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$19,356.00) TO BE PAID FROM FY22 POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING FUNDS

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Axon body cameras and software was approved on August 5, 2019 under Resolution R-19-8-113; and

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprise, LLC is a sole source expenditure for the software system for the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the annual software support is from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council waive the bid process and authorize a purchase order to Axon Enterprise, Inc., 17800 N. 85th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona, for

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the Axon Enterprises Body camera software support and storage in the amount of Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Zero Cents (\$19,356.00) to be paid from FY22 Police Department Operating funds.

Motion made to approve by Councilor Paul Norris, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. No further discussion.

All in favor, 5-0-0.

Motion carried.

R-21-9-140 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAIVE THE BID PROCESS AND AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE ORDER TO TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS, A CENTRALSQUARE COMPANY, 1000 BUSINESS CENTER DRIVE, LAKE MARY, FLORIDA, FOR THE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (IMC) SOFTWARE SUPPORT, IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$16,143.38) TO BE PAID FROM FY22 POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING FUNDS

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) software was approved on August 18, 2003 under Resolution R-03-8-57; and

WHEREAS, Trittech Software Systems is a sole source expenditure for the software system for the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the annual software support is from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council waive the bid process and authorize a purchase order to Trittech Software Systems, A CentralSquare Company, 1000 Business Center Drive, Lake Mary, Florida, for Information Management Corporation (IMC) software support, in the amount of Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$16,143.38) to be paid from FY22 Police Department Operating funds.

Motion made to approve by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Stephen Sheffield.

No further discussion.

All in favor, 5-0-0.

Motion carried.

R-21-9-141 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2022 CHEVROLET TAHOE PPV FROM SULLIVAN'S NORTHWEST HILLS, 2065 EAST MAIN STREET, TORRINGTON, CONNECTICUT, FOR A TOTAL COST OF THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS AND TWELVE CENTS (\$37,613.12) TO BE PAID FROM CURRENT

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**YEAR POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
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WHEREAS, the City Police department has determined that a new Chevrolet Tahoe PPV is required in the department's fleet; and

WHEREAS, the Vehicle will be ordered utilizing the State of Connecticut contract Number 19PSX0161 competitively bid pricing;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve the purchase of one (1) 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV from Sullivan's Northwest Hills, 2065 East Main Street, Torrington, Connecticut, for a total cost of Thirty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$37,613.12) to be paid from current year Police Department Capital Reserve Fund appropriations.

Motion made to approve by Councilor Stephen Sheffield, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot.

Police Chief Eric Jenkins gives a brief review of the need and the reason the Chevrolet was chosen for the new vehicle.

Councilor Stephen Sheffield inquired as to the warranty of the new vehicle and a plan for further vehicle purchases.

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

R-21- 9-142 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PROVISIONALLY AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW ENGLAND RECREATION GROUP, P.O. BOX 1503, WESTBORO, MASSACHUSETTS, FOR SURFACING INSTALLATIONS ON THE PLAYGROUND AREA AT WASHINGTON PARK BASED ON THE PRICE OF \$84,624.61 (EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND SIXTY ONE CENTS) AND AN ADDED CONTINGENCY FOR A TOTAL EXPENDITURE NOT TO EXCEED \$93,087.07 (NINETY THREE THOUSAND EIGHTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVEN CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

WHEREAS, the playground area at Washington Park is in need of a proper playground surface due to aging infrastructure and to bring it up to current safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks & Recreation requested pricing based on the needs of the Parks & Recreation Department; and

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WHEREAS, utilizing the State of Connecticut contract #17PSX0081 awarded to New England Recreation Group, P.O. Box 1503, Westboro, Massachusetts, is judged by the Parks & Recreation Director to be the most advantageous pricing for the City;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council provisionally authorize and approve a contract with the New England Recreation Group, P.O. Box 1503, Westboro, Massachusetts, for surfacing installations on the playground at Washington Park based on the price of \$84,624.61 (Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Four Dollars and Sixty One Cents) and an added contingency for a total expenditure not to exceed \$93,087.07 (Ninety Three Thousand Eight Seven Dollars and Seven Cents) to be paid from Capital Reserve Funds.

Motion made to approve by Councilor Christine Piazza, second by Councilor Stephen Sheffield.
No further discussion.
All in favor, 5-0-0.
Motion carried.

R-21-9-143 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PROVISIONALLY AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CITY OF GROTON TO AWARD THE POQUONNOCK ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT CONTRACT TO B & W PAVING AND LANDSCAPING, LLC, 305 BUTLERTOWN ROAD, OAKDALE, CONNECTICUT, FOR A PRICE OF \$2,040,482.50 (TWO MILLION, FORTY THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS) AND AN ADDITIONAL 10% CONTINGENCY FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$2,244,530.75 (TWO MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS) WITH \$2,243,210.75 (TWO MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FORTY-THREE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS) TO BE PAID FOR WITH STATE OF CONNECTICUT LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LOTICIP) FUNDS AND THE REMAINING \$1,320.00 (ONE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) TO BE PAID FOR FROM THE FY22 HIGHWAY OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Groton solicited bids for the Poquonnock Road Reconstruction Project based on the engineered plans of BETA, Incorporated, 1010 Wethersfield Avenue, Suite 305, Hartford, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation reviewed and approved the specifications, materials and contracts; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation reviewed the bid results and supporting documentation and takes no exception to the award of the contract for this project to the lowest responsible bidder; and

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WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation has issued the Authorization to Award letter for this project; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the City to select the lowest responsible bidder, and

WHEREAS, the City Finance Director recommends the award to B & W Paving and Landscaping LLC;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council provisionally authorize and approve the City of Groton to award the Poquonnock Road Reconstruction Project contract to B & W Paving and Landscaping, LLC, 305 Butlertown Road, Oakdale, Connecticut, for a price of \$2,040,482.50 (Two Million, Forty Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents) and an additional 10% Contingency for a total not to exceed \$2,244,530.75 (Two Million, Two Hundred Forty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents) with \$2,243,210.75 (Two Million, Two Hundred Forty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred Ten Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents) to be paid for with State of Connecticut Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) funds and the remaining \$1,320.00 (One Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty Dollars and No Cents) to be paid for from the FY22 Highway Operating budget.

Motion made to approve by Councilor Rashaad Carter, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot.

No further discussion.

All in favor, 5-0-0.

Motion carried.

ORIGINAL RESOLUTION

R-21-9-144 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS (\$740,570.60) INCLUDING A TEN PERCENT (10%) CONTINGENCY, TO SABRE INDUSTRIES, 8653 EAST HIGHWAY 67, ALVARADO, TEXAS, FOR PURCHASE OF POLES TO REPLACE POLES ON THE 69KV 400 LINE, AND THE 115KV 1410 AND 1280 LINES FOR THE TRANSMISSION PROJECT, TO BE PAID BY THE TRANSMISSION LINES 1410/1280/400/BUDDINGTON SUBSTATION FY 2022 BOND FUND PROJECT

WHEREAS, Sabre Industries is the same vendor that Eversource used when ordering their ductile iron poles; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, Groton Utilities entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Eversource allowing the use of shared resources to purchase materials, and to perform

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construction including drilling, civil work, vegetation management, and clearing, to save money; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on August 18, 2021, the Groton Utilities / Water Pollution Control Authority voted to authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order not to exceed Seven Hundred Forty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$740,570.60) including a ten percent (10%) contingency, to Sabre Industries, 8653 East Highway 67, Alvarado, Texas, for purchase of poles to replace poles on the 69kV 400 line, and the 115kV 1410 and 1280 lines for the Transmission Project, to be paid by the Transmission Lines 1410/1280/400/Buddington Substation FY 2022 bond fund project, and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order not to exceed Seven Hundred Forty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$740,570.60) including a ten percent (10%) contingency, to Sabre Industries, 8653 East Highway 67, Alvarado, Texas, for purchase of poles to replace poles on the 69kV 400 line, and the 115kV 1410 and 1280 lines for the Transmission Project, to be paid by the Transmission Lines 1410/1280/400/Buddington Substation FY 2022 bond fund project.

Making a motion to substitute the current motion with a new revised resolution.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Stephen Sheffield.

All in favor, 5-0-0.

Motion carried.

SUBSTITUTED RESOLUTION

R-21-9-144 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR EIGHT HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$805,397.00) TO SABRE INDUSTRIES, 8653 EAST HIGHWAY 67, ALVARADO, TEXAS, FOR PURCHASE OF POLES TO REPLACE POLES ON THE 69KV 400 LINE, AND THE 115KV 1410 AND 1280 LINES FOR THE TRANSMISSION PROJECT, TO BE PAID BY THE TRANSMISSION LINES 1410/1280/400/BUDDINGTON SUBSTATION FY 2022 BOND FUND PROJECT

WHEREAS, Sabre Industries is the same vendor that Eversource used when ordering their ductile iron poles; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, Groton Utilities entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Eversource allowing the use of shared resources to purchase materials, and to perform construction including drilling, civil work, vegetation management, and clearing, to save money; and

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WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on August 18, 2021, the Groton Utilities / Water Pollution Control Authority voted to authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order not to exceed Seven Hundred Forty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$740,570.60) including a ten percent (10%) contingency, to Sabre Industries, 8653 East Highway 67, Alvarado, Texas, for purchase of poles to replace poles on the 69kV 400 line, and the 115kV 1410 and 1280 lines for the Transmission Project, to be paid by the Transmission Lines 1410/1280/400/Buddington Substation FY 2022 bond fund project, and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur; and

WHEREAS, due to the volatile nature of the current steel market and the urgency to lock in pricing, Groton Utilities Management is seeking immediate approval from the City Council to issue a purchase order in an amount that exceeds that which was authorized by the Utilities Commission on August 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, September 3, 2021 Groton Utilities received an updated quote to reflect true pricing until close of business on September 10, 2021. The Groton Utilities / Water Pollution Control Authority will be made aware of the Sixty Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Six Dollars and Forty Cents (\$64,826.40) increase during its regular meeting on September 15, 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order for Eight Hundred Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$805,397.00), to Sabre Industries, 8653 East Highway 67, Alvarado, Texas, for purchase of poles to replace poles on the 69kV 400 line, and the 115kV 1410 and 1280 lines for the Transmission Project, to be paid by the Transmission Lines 1410/1280/400/Buddington Substation FY 2022 bond fund project.

Motion made to approve by Councilor Paul Norris, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. Groton Utilities IT Director presents the substituted resolution with the new price due to the ever increasing volatility in the steel market.

Discussions were had in regards to the lack of contingency on this project.

All in favor, 5-0-0.

Motion carried.

R-21-9-145 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ATLANTIC FLUID TECHNOLOGY, 354 WEST BOYLSTON STREET, SUITE 221, WEST BOYLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$112,000.00) INCLUDING A TWENTY PERCENT (20%) CONTINGENCY FOR PURCHASE OF THREE (3) KSB SUBMERSIBLE PUMPS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING 1997 PUMPS AT THE EASTERN POINT PUMP STATION TO BE PAID FROM THE APPROVED FY 2022 WATER NON-BONDED CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the existing pumps are twenty four years old, are no longer efficient, and have holes in the casting; and

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WHEREAS, the new pumps will fit into the existing concrete stands and piping; and

WHEREAS, installation will be completed by Groton Utilities; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on August 18, 2021, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority voted to authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Atlantic Fluid Technology, 354 West Boylston Street, Suite 221, West Boylston, Massachusetts, for the amount not to exceed One Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$112,000.00) including a twenty percent (20%) contingency for purchase of three (3) KSB submersible pumps to replace the existing 1997 pumps at the Eastern Point Pump Station to be paid from the approved FY 2022 Water non-bonded capital budget with the recommendation that it concur;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Atlantic Fluid Technology, 354 West Boylston Street, Suite 221, West Boylston, Massachusetts, for the amount not to exceed One Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$112,000.00) including a twenty percent (20%) contingency for purchase of three (3) KSB submersible pumps to replace the existing 1997 pumps at the Eastern Point Pump Station to be paid from the approved FY 2022 Water non-bonded capital budget.

Motion made to approve by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Stephen Sheffield.

No further discussion.

All in favor, 5-0-0.

Motion carried.

R-21-9-146 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO PROVISIONALLY APPROVE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT NO. 5 FROM STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICE, INCORPORATED, 5 BURLINGTON WOODS DRIVE, SUITE 210, BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS, TO EXTEND CONTRACT FROM APRIL 30, 2021 TO OCTOBER 29, 2021 FOR A COST OF SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$75,000.00) AS PART OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) PROJECT NO. 2013-0140 WITH SUCH REVISIONS AS REQUIRED BY GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (DPH) AND MAYOR KEITH HEDRICK BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT NO. 5 UPON FINAL APPROVAL FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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WHEREAS, on August 11, 2015, the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health (DPH) authorized Groton Utilities to award an engineering agreement for Construction Phase Services, including Resident Engineering and Startup, for the Water Treatment Plant Rebuild Project to Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, (now Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.) Burlington, Massachusetts in an amount not to exceed (\$4,198,508.02) as part of the State of Connecticut, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project No. 2013-0140; and

WHEREAS, the engineering consultant for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., requested an Engineering Services Agreement Amendment (Amendment No. 1) in an amount of Seven Hundred Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$700,549.70) for additional scope of services to be performed by Stantec during the project construction phase of the WTP Upgrade including increase in employee hourly rates of Stantec due to inflation resulting from the two (2) years delay of agreed completion of the engineering services as identified in Article VII in the executed engineering agreement dated September 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2017, the State of Connecticut DPH authorized the City of Groton to execute Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 1 in an amount not to exceed \$700,549.70 and acknowledge that the total engineering agreement amount for the engineering services will increase to \$4,899,057.72 upon execution of the Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 2; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting of July 17, 2017, the Mayor and Council authorized Groton Utilities Management to approve Amendment No. One (1) to the approved Engineering Agreement for Construction Phase Services, including Resident Engineering and Startup, for the Water Treatment Plant Rebuild Project to Stantec Consulting Services, Incorporated, 5 Burlington Woods, Burlington, Massachusetts, pending final approval by the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health (DPH), in an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$700,549.70) as part of the State of Connecticut, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project No. 2013-0140, and Mayor Keith Hedrick be authorize to then execute the Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. requested an Engineering Services Agreement Amendment (Amendment No. 3) in an amount not to exceed \$310,000.00 for change order administration, design changes, regulatory compliance, preparation of abatement plan, sampling of soils and building materials for the presence of PCBs, follow-up monitoring, and final reporting; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on November 5, 2018, the Mayor and Council authorized management to provisionally approve Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 3 from Stantec Consulting Service, Incorporated, 5 Burlington Woods Drive, Suite 210, Burlington, Massachusetts, pending final approval by the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health (DPH), for change order administration, design changes, regulatory compliance, preparation of abatement plan, sampling of soils and building materials for the presence of PCBs, follow-up monitoring, and final reporting as part of the State of Connecticut, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project No. 2013-0140 in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Ten Thousand

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Dollars and No Cents (\$310,000.00) and Mayor Keith Hedrick be authorized to execute Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 3 upon final approval by the State of Connecticut DPH; and

WHEREAS, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. requested and Engineering Services Agreement Amendment (Amendment No. 4) to extend the existing contract date to April 9, 2021 with no impact on cost; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held November 18, 2020 the City of Groton Utilities Commission –Water Pollution Control Authority authorized management to provisionally approve **Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 4** from Stantec Consulting Service, Incorporated, 5 Burlington woods Drive, Suite 210 Burlington, Massachusetts, to extend contract from June 30, 2020 to April 9, 2021 with no additional contract cost as part of the State of Connecticut, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project No. 2013-0140 with such revisions as required by Groton Utilities management and the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and Mayor Keith Hedrick be authorized to execute **Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 4** upon final approval by the State of Connecticut Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the RH White completion date for the Water Treatment Plant has been extended to the end of October; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on August 18, 2021, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority voted to authorize Groton Utilities Management to provisionally approve **Engineering Agreement No. 5** from Stantec Consulting Service, Incorporated, 5 Burlington Woods Drive, Suite 210, Burlington, Massachusetts, to extend contract from April 30, 2021 to October 29, 2021 for a cost of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00) as part of the State of Connecticut Drinking Water Sate Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project No. 2013-0140 with such revisions as required by Groton Utilities Management and the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur and Mayor Keith Hedrick be authorized to execute **Engineering Agreement No. 5** upon final approval from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to provisionally approve **Engineering Agreement No. 5** from Stantec Consulting Service, Incorporated, 5 Burlington Woods Drive, Suite 210, Burlington, Massachusetts, to extend contract from April 30, 2021 to October 29, 2021 for a cost of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00) as part of the State of Connecticut Drinking Water Sate Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project No. 2013-0140 with such revisions as required by Groton Utilities Management and the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and Mayor Keith Hedrick be authorized to execute **Engineering Agreement No. 5** upon final approval from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health.

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Motion made to approve by Councilor Stephen Sheffield, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot.

Councilor Christine Piazza inquired as to if there are any changes that could be thought of.

All in favor, 5-0-0.

Motion carried.

R-21-9-147 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH B & W PAVING AND LANDSCAPING, LLC, 305 BUTLERTOWN ROAD, OAKDALE CONNECTICUT, FOR THE 16” WATER MAIN CROSSING OF POQUETANUCK COVE BRIDGE PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$1,556,995.00) INCLUDING A TEN PERCENT (10%) CONTINGENCY TO BE PAID FROM APPROVED FY 2022 WATER NON- BONDED CAPITAL BUDGET, IN WHICH THE TERMS ARE FIFTY PERCENT COST SHARE WITH NORWICH UTILITIES AND THAT MAYOR KEITH HEDRICK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, this project was identified by the 2002 planning of the Thames Basin Regional Water Interconnection Project; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Water Supply Agreement was signed on November 16, 2017 between the City of Groton, the Town of Preston, and Norwich Public Utilities; and

WHEREAS, Installation of the 1220 feet of 16” water main will close the gap between Ledyard / Preston Poquetanuck Bridge Crossing; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on August 18, 2021, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority voted to authorize Groton Utilities Management to enter into a cost sharing agreement with Norwich Public Utilities as required by The Emergency Water Supply Agreement dated November 16, 2017, between the City of Groton, the Town of Preston and Norwich Public Utilities for the sharing of costs for the 16” Water Main Crossing of Poquetanuck Cove Bridge Project; in which the terms are fifty percent cost share between Groton Utilities and Norwich Public Utilities and the Director of Utilities be authorized to sign the agreement ; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on August 18, 2021, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority voted to authorize Groton Utilities Management to enter into a contract with B & W Paving and Landscaping, LLC, 305 Butlertown Road, Oakdale Connecticut, for the 16” Water Main Crossing of Poquetanuck Cove Bridge Project not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Five Dollars and No Cents (\$1,556,995.00) including a ten percent (10%) contingency to be paid from approved FY 2022 Water non- bonded capital budget, in which the terms are fifty percent cost share with Norwich

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Utilities and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur and that Mayor Keith Hedrick be authorized to sign the contract;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to enter into a contract with B & W Paving and Landscaping, LLC, 305 Butlertown Road, Oakdale Connecticut, for the 16” Water Main Crossing of Poquetanuck Cove Bridge Project not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Five Dollars and No Cents (\$1,556,995.00) including a ten percent (10%) contingency to be paid from approved FY 2022 Water non- bonded capital budget, in which the terms are fifty percent cost share with Norwich Utilities and that Mayor Keith Hedrick be authorized to sign the contract.

Motion made to approve by Councilor Christine Piazza, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot.

No further discussion.

All in favor, 5-0-0.

Motion carried.

R-21-9-148 RESOLUTION THAT MAYOR AND COUNCIL AWARD GJONAJ PROPERTIES LLC, LOCATED AT 150 BRIDGE STREET, GROTON, CONNECTICUT, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS SOFT COST GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$1000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Economic Development Grant Program is a reimbursement grant available for business soft costs associated with opening or expanding a business in the City of Groton and/or minor façade improvements costs associated with rehabilitating commercial facades for the purpose of improved placemaking to streetscape and store front designs, improved marketability, and positive visual impacts; and

WHEREAS, The City of Groton acknowledges the need for strategic investments to strengthen local businesses, attract private investment, and stimulate growth; and

WHEREAS, Gjonaj Properties LLC, applied for a reimbursement of \$1000.00 for zoning lawyer fees under the Business Soft Cost Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Commission and staff have reviewed and verified the eligibility of Gjonaj Properties LLC Business Soft Cost Grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Commission presented their recommendation to City Council on August 23rd 2021 to award Gjonaj Properties LLC, located at 150 Bridge St, Groton, Connecticut, the Business Soft Cost Grant in the amount of \$1000.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council award Gjonaj Properties LLC, Located at 150 Bridge Street, Groton, Connecticut, the Economic Development Business Soft Cost grant in the amount of One Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1000.00).

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Motion made to approve by Councilor Rashaad Carter, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot.

No further discussion.

All in favor, 5-0-0.

Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Stephen Sheffield.

All in favor, 5-0-0.

Motion carried.

Mayor Keith Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm.