



# City of Groton, Connecticut

## Mayor and Council **Special Meeting Agenda**

Monday, September 27, 2021

City Municipal Building  
295 Meridian Street  
Groton, CT 06340

Council Chambers

**6:30 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

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Mayor Keith Hedrick called the meeting to order at 8:05pm.

### **I. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, Councilor Rashaad Carter, Councilor Lisa McCabe, Councilor Paul Norris, Councilor Christine Piazza, Councilor Stephen Sheffield, Finance Director Ron Yuhas and City Clerk Megan Peters

**Excused:** Councilor Christine Piazza

### **II. NEW BUSINESS**

**R-21-9-149 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO CONTRIBUTE UP TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT (NAA) PROGRAM IN RETURN FOR MATCHING TAX CREDITS, PENDING APPROVAL FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

**WHEREAS**, through the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program, tax credits may be earned by business firms that make cash investments to certain community programs. The cash investment must be made in a community program that is proposed and conducted by a tax exempt or municipal agency and must be approved both by the municipality in which the program is conducted and the Department of Revenue Services (DRS); and

**WHEREAS**, the total tax credits under the NAA tax credit program are limited to \$150,000.00 annually for each business firm and since the contributions are fully matched with the tax credits, it will benefit the community, while being essentially cost-free to Groton Utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Groton Utilities' Management recommended the approval of a commitment to contribute up to a total of \$150,000.00 for support of Riverfront Children's Center and Sacred Heart School; and

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting held on September 15, 2021, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities management to contribute up to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program in return for matching tax credits, pending approval from the State of Connecticut, and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur;

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to contribute up to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program in return for matching tax credits, pending approval from the State of Connecticut.

Motion made to approve by Councilor Paul Norris, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. All in favor, 5-0-0.

Motion carried.

**R-21-9-150 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$2,743,998.50), INCLUDING A FIFTY PERCENT (50%) CONTINGENCY, TO PAR ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, INC., 55 CORNEAU WAY, SOUTH WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT FOR THE DRILLING FOR POLES AS PART OF THE TRANSMISSION PROJECT, TO BE PAID BY THE TRANSMISSION LINES 1410/1280/400/BUDDINGTON SUBSTATION FY 2022 BOND FUND PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, PAR Electrical Contractors Inc. is the same construction company that Eversource used for drilling and construction for 1410 lines in their territory; 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

**WHEREAS**, the total ask includes a fifty percent (50%) contingency of \$914,666.17 per ISO-NE Transmission Project recommended practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost for drilling the poles on the 400/1410 Line is \$1,225,898.85, and the cost for drilling the poles for the 1280 Line are \$603,433.48; and

**WHEREAS**, this project has been approved by the Connecticut Siting Council as of February 25, 2021: PETITION NO. 1436; and

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting held on September 15, 2021, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order not to exceed Two Million Seven Hundred Forty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2,743,998.50), including a Fifty Percent (50%) contingency, to PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc., 55 Corneau Way, South Windsor, Connecticut for the drilling for poles as part of 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 Two Million Seven Hundred Forty Three

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Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2,743,998.50), including a Fifty Percent (50%) contingency, to PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc., 55 Corneau Way, South Windsor, Connecticut for the drilling for poles as part of 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 Lisa McCabe, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. All in favor, 5-0-0.  
Motion carried.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilor Lisa McCabe, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. All in favor, 6-0-0.  
Motion carried.

Mayor Keith Hedrick adjourned meeting at 8:09pm.