



# City of Groton, Connecticut

## Mayor and Council Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 24, 2022

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 Mayor and Council 8:38pm.

### I. ROLL CALL

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

**Excused:** Councilor Christine Piazza

### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

### III. NEW BUSINESS

**R-22-01-08 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO PROVISIONALLY APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE ORDERS NOS. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, AND 29 FROM R.H. WHITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED, 41 CENTRAL STREET, AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS, AS PART OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) PROJECT NO. 2013-0140, PENDING FINAL APPROVAL BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (DPH) FOR INDICATED AMOUNTS:**

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 23 FOR ADDITIONAL SMOKE DETECTORS, GENERATOR SERVICE, HEAT EXCHANGER INVESTIGATION, PILOT TESTING FOR MN CONDITIONING, CONTACTOR DISINFECTION, INTERIOR DOOR MODIFICATIONS, BOILER EMERGENCY STOPS, INTERIOR DOOR REPLACEMENT, CHEMICAL FLOW TRANSMITTERS, AND ADDITIONAL SIDING FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY FIVE CENTS (\$93,692.55);**

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 24 FOR EEL SCREENS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETY TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND FORTY NINE CENTS (\$92,470.49);**

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**CHANGE ORDER NO. 25 FOR GENERATOR ISOLATION VALVES AND STARTUP DELAY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND NINETY SEVEN CENTS (\$49,887.97);**

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 26 FOR DAF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY FOUR DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$71,694.30)**

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 27 FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HVAC (ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY SIX DOLLARS AND NINE CENTS (\$60,546.09);**

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 28 FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HVAC (MAIN ELECTRICAL ROOM) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY FOUR CENTS (\$81,368.54);**

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 29 FOR PROJECT DELAYS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$75,000.00);**

**AND MAYOR KEITH HEDRICK BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS NOS. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 AND 29 UPON FINAL APPROVAL BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DPH**

**WHEREAS**, on April 11, 2017, Groton Utilities received authorization to award a construction contract under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to R.H. White in the amount of \$43,901,043 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Treatment Facility Improvements program is an approved State of Connecticut Drinking Water State Revolving Fund project; and

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**WHEREAS**, on April 11, 2017, Mayor Galbraith executed a Notice to Award; and

**WHEREAS**, at its Special meeting held on April 19, 2017, the Groton Utilities Commission approved awarding contract DWSRF 2013-0590011a for Water Filtration Plant Improvements including, but not limited to construction of a new DAF/GAC filter building, manganese contactors, intermediate and high lift pumping systems, water storage tanks, yard piping, utility piping, renovation of the existing Water Filtration Plant as described in the plans and specifications to R.H. White Construction Company, Incorporated, 41 Central Street, Auburn, Massachusetts in its low bid amount of Forty-Three Million, Nine Hundred One Thousand, Forty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$43,901,043.00) and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur and Mayor Marian Galbraith be authorized to execute the contract award; and

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**WHEREAS**, at its Special meeting held on April 24, 2017, the Mayor and Council awarded contract DWSRF 2013-0590011a for Water Filtration Plant Improvements including, but not limited to construction of a new DAF/GAC filter building, manganese contactors, intermediate and high lift pumping systems, water storage tanks, yard piping, utility piping, renovation of the existing Water Filtration Plant as described in the plans and specifications to R.H. White Construction Company, Incorporated, 41 Central Street, Auburn, Massachusetts, in its low bid amount of Forty-Three Million, Nine Hundred One Thousand, Forty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$43,901,043.00) and Mayor Marian Galbraith be authorized to execute the contract award; and

**WHEREAS**, at its Special meeting held on April 24, 2017, the Mayor and Council further resolved to concur with the letter dated April 7, 2017, from the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health (DPH) approving an allocation of up to 10.1% contingency for the construction contract costs associated with the contract award with R.H. White Construction Company, Incorporated, 41 Central Street, Auburn, Massachusetts in the amount not to exceed Four Million Four Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Five Dollars and No Cents (\$4,434,005.00); and

**WHEREAS**, upon completion of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Financial Assistance Application Revised/Updated Project Costs Overview form as required by the State, it was requested the contingency amount be amended from 10.1% to 10.77% to cover the cost for unforeseen activities relating to environmental remediation and building rehabilitation work; and

**WHEREAS**, in a letter dated June 30, 2017, the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health (DPH) approved the amended construction contingencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the total project costs remain unchanged from the approved Fifty Four Million Dollars and No Cents (\$54,000,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting held on August 7, 2017, the Mayor and Council amended the construction contingencies for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project from 10.1%, as originally approved by Resolution R-17-4-81, to 10.77% in an amount not to exceed Four Million, Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty Dollars and No Cents (\$4,728,330.00) to concur with a letter dated June 30, 2017 from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH); and

**WHEREAS**, the changes include: additional smoke detectors, generator service, heat exchanger investigation, pilot testing for Mn conditioning, contactor disinfection, interior door modifications, boiler emergency stops, interior door replacement, chemical flow transmitters, additional siding, eel screens, generator isolation valves, startup delay, DAF environmental improvements, supplemental HVAC (administrative areas), supplemental HVAC (main electrical room) and project delays; and

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting held on January 19, 2022 the Groton Utility Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to provisionally approve the following **Change Orders Nos. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29 and 29** from R.H. White Construction Company, Incorporated, 41 Central Street, Auburn, Massachusetts as part of the

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State of Connecticut, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project No. 2013-0140, pending final approval by the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health (DPH) for indicated amounts:

**Change Order No. 23** for additional smoke detectors, generator service, heat exchanger investigation, pilot testing for Mn conditioning, contactor disinfection, interior door modifications, boiler emergency stops, interior door replacement, chemical flow transmitters, and additional siding for an amount not to exceed Ninety Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Two Dollars and Fifty Five Cents (\$93,692.55);

**Change Order No. 24** for eel screens for an amount not to exceed Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Dollars and Forty Nine Cents (\$92,470.49);

**Change Order No. 25** for generator isolation valves and startup delay for an amount not to exceed Forty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars and Ninety Seven Cents (\$49,887.97);

**Change Order No. 26** for DAF environmental improvements for an amount not to exceed Seventy One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$71,694.30);

**Change Order No. 27** for supplemental HVAC (administrative areas) for an amount not to exceed Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Forty Six Dollars and Nine Cents (\$60,546.09);

**Change Order No. 28** for supplemental HVAC (main electrical room) for an amount not to exceed Eighty One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars and Fifty Four Cents (\$81,368.54);

**Change Order No. 29** for project delays for an amount not to exceed Seventy Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00);

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 **Change Orders Nos. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29** upon final approval by the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to provisionally approve the following **Change Orders Nos. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29** from R.H. White Construction Company, Incorporated, 41 Central Street, Auburn, Massachusetts as part of the State of Connecticut, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project No. 2013-0140, pending final approval by the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health (DPH) for indicated amounts:

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

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Lisa McCabe, second by Councilor Paul Norris. All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.