



City of Groton, Connecticut

Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

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, Councilor Stephen Sheffield, City Clerk Edward Jacome

Mayor Keith Hedrick called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, Councilors Rashaad Carter, Paul Norris, Christine Piazza, Stephen Sheffield, City Clerk Edward Jacome, Police Chief Erick Jenkins

Excused/Late Arrival: Councilor Lisa McCabe

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

Councilor Carter congratulated all students on graduating especially after the many difficult years of the pandemic.

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

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor Norris – Attended the PACT meeting

Councilor Piazza – Attended the Concerts in the Park and the Farmers Market

Councilor Carter – None

Councilor Sheffield – None

Deputy Mayor Depot – Attended the June 10th Water Treatment facility tour and ribbon cutting, June 14th Town Council Regular Meeting including the Branford Manor update, June 16th PACT meeting, June 18th Juneteenth event. In addition, Groton Little League is searching for volunteers. June 24th at 12:30pm is the food box distribution at St. John's Church.

City Clerk – None

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Mayor Hedrick – Received updates from LLHD and Branford Manor. If there are any concerns reach out to (860) 446-4103, mayor@cityofgroton-ct.gov or send a personal message @Mayor Keith Hedrick on Facebook. In addition, on June 22nd through the 24th Department of Housing and Urban Development will be conducting a triannual inspection of Branford Manor, and on June 29th at 11am and 5pm there will be a Branford Manor tenant update by senior management. The Concerts in the Park, Farmers Market have begun and Eastern Point Beach is officially open.

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-22-06-75 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF GROTON TO PURCHASE MONITORS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE DISPATCH CENTER UPGRADE FROM COMMUNICATIONS PLUS, LLC, 84 SALEM TURNPIKE, NORWICH, CONNECTICUT FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$20,865.00 (TWENTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM THE ACCEPTED FISCAL YEAR 2022 STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY, NUCLEAR SAFETY EMERGENCY PLANNING FUND

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, created the Nuclear Safety Emergency Planning grant fund in order to provide funding for critical resources to local emergency operation centers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton submitted its FY22 budget request which included the purchase of monitors and equipment for the dispatch upgrade; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security approved the City of Groton’s FY22 total budget request; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council authorized and accepted the grant funding under Resolution R-21-8-130

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize the City of Groton to purchase monitors and equipment for the dispatch center upgrade from Communications Plus, LLC, 84 Salem Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut for a total cost of \$20,865.00 (Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and no cents) to be paid from the approved Fiscal Year 2022 State of Connecticut, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Nuclear Safety Emergency Planning Fund

Motion to approve made by Councilor Norris, second by Deputy Mayor Depot

Chief Jenkins presented where and how the grant funds would be spent.

Councilor Piazza inquired about monitor capabilities.

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Chief Jenkins clarified that IT has been able to support by providing towers to the monitors.

All in favor. Motion carried.

R-22-06-76 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAIVE THE BID PROCESS AND AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CITY OF GROTON TO PURCHASE TWO MOTOR VEHICLE IN-CAR CAMERA SYSTEMS FROM BROADCAST MICROWAVE SERVICES, LLC (BMS/DATA911), 12305 CROSTHWAITE CIRCLE, POWAY, CALIFORNIA FOR A TOTAL OF \$11,755.50 (ELEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS) WITH \$5,877.75 (FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM CURRENT YEAR POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND \$5,877.75 (FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR POLICE OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Police Department has purchased a new Chevrolet Tahoe PPV; and

WHEREAS, Broadcast Microwave Services, LLC is a sole source expenditure for the motor vehicle in-car camera system; and

WHEREAS, the new vehicle will require a motor vehicle in-car camera system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Police Department has to replace a motor vehicle in-car camera system,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council waive the bid process and authorize and approve the City of Groton to purchase two motor vehicle in-car camera systems from Broadcast Microwave Services, LLC (BMS/Data911), 12305 Crosthwaite Circle, Poway, California for a total of \$11,755.50 (Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Fifty Cents) with \$5,877.75 (Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents) to be paid from current year Police Department Capital Reserve Fund Appropriations and \$5,877.75 (Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents) to be paid from the current Fiscal Year Police Operating Budget

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

Chief Jenkins explained the purchase of two motor vehicle in-car camera systems.

All in favor. Motion carried.

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R-22-06-77 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CITY OF GROTON TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT TO OUTFIT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CHEVROLET TAHOE FROM COMMUNICATIONS PLUS, LLC, 84 SALEM TURNPIKE, NORWICH, CONNECTICUT FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$10,233.00 (TEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM CURRENT YEAR POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, the City Police Department has purchased a new Chevrolet Tahoe PPV; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Police Department recommend Communication Plus, LLC utilizing the state contract # 19PSX0088; and

WHEREAS, the new vehicle requires equipment which cannot be reused from former vehicles,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve the purchase of equipment to outfit the Police Department's Chevrolet Tahoe from Communications Plus, LLC, 84 Salem Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, for a total cost of \$10,233.00 (Ten Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Zero Cents) to be paid from current year Police Department Capital Reserve Fund Appropriations

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

Chief Jenkins explained the purchase of new equipment required by the new vehicle.

All in favor. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor Piazza.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Keith Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.