



City of Groton, Connecticut

Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

City Municipal Building
295 Meridian Street
Groton, CT 06340

Zoom

7:30 PM

In response to State of Connecticut Executive Order No. 7B "Protection of Public Health and Safety During Covid-19 Pandemic and Response – Further Suspension or Modification of Statutes", dated March 14, 2020, suspending in-person open meeting requirements, all public meetings will be closed to the public at this time. Public Meetings will be available on Zoom

Mayor Hedrick called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, Councilors Lisa McCabe, Reginald Stanford, Stephen Sheffield and City Clerk Debra Patrick.

Excused: Councilors Minerva Ortiz and Rashaad Carter and Finance Director Ron Yuhas.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Hedrick

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

None.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Depot moved Councilor McCabe seconded a motion to approve the January 4, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting. Motion carried.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor McCabe had no report.

Councilor Stanford had no report

Councilor Sheffield gave a report on his Council Group I Economic Development Committee meeting of January 11, 2021.

Referral Item # 4 Recommendations Of The Economic Development Commission

Councilor Sheffield will be attending the Economic Development Commission Zoom meeting on January 13, 2021.

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**Referral Item # 8 On Street Parking Due To Narrow Street Between
Broad Street/Puffins Restaurant (Moved From PSC)**

The issue of on street parking on Thames Street is in limbo, waiting on a decision from Economic Development. No action at this time.

Referral Item# 9 Plastics Reduction

Plastic Reduction – Trying to find ways to reduce plastics in the City. Looking into placing recycling bins and trash bins along the streets and outside the Municipal Building. No action at this time.

Referral Item #10 Mural In City Of Groton

Mural in the City of Groton – Discussion of painting a mural in the City. Need to talk to Economic Development Specialist Cierra Patrick regarding an artist and a location to place the mural.

Deputy Mayor Depot attended the City Pop-Up Farmers Market January 9th and noted the many products available including healthy options. She encouraged residents to attend the next one February 13th at the Municipal Building. She attended the PACT Sub Committee meeting January 11th noting they were looking for feedback on how they can improve relationships in the community with our police. She said people can email the Mayor mayor@cityofgroton-ct.gov or her directly at Gweneviere.Depot@cutyofgroton-ct.gov She said Christmas trees put out for pickup should not be left in bags.

Mayor Hedrick reported the Farmers Market is now in the City of Groton Recreation Department's hands and the Pop Up Farmers Market is doing well. The next one is February 13th. He noted trash cans should only be out 24 hours prior to and after pickup day as specified in the ordinance.

There was some discussion on the healthier options of fresh fish and freshly made dog/cat treats offered at the Farmers Market.

Mayor Hedrick said due to recent tensions at the capital our public safety members will be on alert with extra patrols on Inauguration Day.

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-21-1-8 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CITY OF GROTON TO PURCHASE FIVE (5) TAPCO SOLAR RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK SYSTEMS FROM EAST COAST SIGN & SUPPLY, INCORPORATED, 11 FRANCIS J. CLARKE CIRCLE, BETHEL, CONNECTICUT FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-THREE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$43,750.00) TO BE PAID BY ELECTRIC BOAT CORPORATION FROM A SUBSEQUENT REIMBURSEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Groton researched pedestrian crosswalk equipment appropriate for installation on a portion of Thames Street and Eastern Point Road; and

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WHEREAS, the TAPCO system was recommended and deemed to be the most appropriate equipment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council Authorize and Approve the City of Groton to purchase Five (5) TAPCO Solar Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Pedestrian Crosswalk Systems from East Coast Sign & Supply, Incorporated, 11 Francis J. Clarke Circle, Bethel, Connecticut for a total cost not to exceed Forty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$43,750.00) to be paid by Electric Boat Corporation from a subsequent reimbursement.

Councilor McCabe moved Deputy Mayor Depot seconded a motion to approve R-21-1-8. Deputy Mayor Depot said she wasn't sure of the staff members involved with getting this done so quickly but wanted to thank them.

Mayor Hedrick said the City has been working with EB officials for over a year on pedestrian safety and EB has committed up to \$45,000.00 in reimbursement for the measures the City institutes.

Councilor Sheffield asked for clarification if the City will initially pay and then be reimbursed. Mayor Hedrick said yes, the city will pay, we will install and then be reimbursed. Motion carried.

**R-21-1-9 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AMEND
RESOLUTION R-19-4-62 TO CHANGE THE VENDOR FROM PIERCE
MANUFACTURING, INCORPORATED, 816 COMMERCIAL AVENUE,
WEYAUWEGA, WISCONSIN TO FIREMATIC SUPPLY COMPANY,
INC., P.O. BOX 187, YAPHANK, NEW YORK FOR CORROSION
REPAIR AND REFURBISHMENT OF FIRE TRUCK E21 IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$127,027.00 (ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN
THOUSAND AND TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS), AND
AN ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY OF \$12,702.70 (TWELVE
THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWO DOLLARS AND SEVENTY
CENTS) RESERVED FOR CONTRACT CHANGES, FOR A TOTAL
AUTHORIZATION OF \$139,729.70 (ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE
THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS AND
SEVENTY CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM FISCAL YEAR 2019
BUDGETED UNDESIGNATED CAPITAL**

WHEREAS, the vendor named in resolution R-19-4-62 was incorrectly labeled and the same scope of work was completed;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council amend Resolution R-19-4-62 to change the vendor from Pierce Manufacturing, Incorporated, 816 Commercial Avenue, Weyauwega, Wisconsin to Firematic Supply Company, Inc., P.O. Box 187, Yaphank, New York for corrosion repair and refurbishment of fire truck E21 in the amount of \$127,027.00 (One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand and Twenty-Seven Dollars and No Cents), and an additional contingency of \$12,702.70 (Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred and Two Dollars and Seventy

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Cents) reserved for contract changes, for a total authorization of \$139,729.70 (One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-Nine Dollars and Seventy Cents) to be paid from Fiscal Year 2019 Budgeted Undesignated Capital.

Councilor Stanford moved Deputy Mayor Depot seconded a motion to approve R-21-1-9. Deputy Mayor Depot asked Chief Tompkins if the price was the same. Chief Tompkins said the price was the same and after they went over the truck and found some other issues he asked them to make all the repairs and the additional costs came out of his budget.

Councilor Sheffield asked why we needed to change the name of the vendor. Chief Tompkins said the quote came from Pierce, who is the manufacturer and not where the repairs would be done. Firematic would be doing the repairs. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor McCabe moved Councilor Stanford seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mayor Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**

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