



City of Groton, Connecticut

Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 19, 2021

City Municipal Building
295 Meridian Street
Groton, CT 06340

Council Chambers
and Zoom

7:30 PM

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Mayor Hedrick called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, Councilors Lisa McCabe, Rashaad Carter, Finance Director Ron Yuhus and City Clerk Debra Patrick

Via Zoom: Councilor Stephen Sheffield

Excused: Councilor Paul Norris

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 April 5, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Depot moved Councilor McCabe seconded a motion to approve the April 12, 2021 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion carried.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor McCabe had no report.

Councilor Sheffield attended the Economic Development Commission meeting April 7th and a Special Economic Development Commission on April 14th

Councilor Carter had no report.

Deputy Mayor Depot had no report.

City Clerk Patrick had no report.

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Mayor Hedrick reported the grant of \$649,333.00 for the municipal dock study on Thames Street has been approved by bond counsel and once the grant is awarded by Ct Port Authority and SHIPP the City can then vote to accept it. He said there is a match by the City as well and they are looking to see if a public hearing or a Freeman’s meeting vote is needed. He reported the Highway and Police budgets have been approved by the Town Council. There will be a vaccine clinic in Branford Manor April 20th, the Unite CT van will be at the municipal building April 22nd from 2:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. and at St John’s Church April 29th from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. On April 24th there will be a City Spring Clean Up event and the Pfizer volunteers will be on Bridge Street April 23rd for a cleanup event. On April 27th there will be a food box distribution at St John’s from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. To volunteer contact ruskj@cityofgroton-ct.gov or call 860-446-4103. On April 28th the AFLCIO Workers Memorial event will take place in Washington Park at 6:00 a.m. This ceremony takes place each year on April 28th to honor those who died on the job and in support of safety in the work place. Councilor Sheffield asked if the pause on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will impact the Branford Manor clinic. Mayor Hedrick said LLHD will use the Moderna vaccine for that.

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-21-4-71 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT THE SUCCESSOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GROTON AND THE LOCAL 818 OF COUNCIL #4, AFSCME AFL-CIO, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 AND THAT THE MAYOR BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GROTON

WHEREAS, through the process of negotiations, the City of Groton (“City) and the Local 818, Chapter #4, AFSCME AFL-CIO, have reached a tentative collective bargaining agreement (“Agreement”) covering the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-474(b) provides that the legislative body of a municipality may approve or reject the Agreement as a whole within thirty (30) days of submission of such an Agreement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-474(b), the Mayor and The City of Groton Council hereby accept the aforesaid Agreement and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Groton.

Councilor McCabe moved Deputy Mayor Depot seconded a motion to approve R-21-4-71. Mayor Hedrick gave some background on this. Councilor Sheffield asked what the term of the contract will be. HR Director Avedisian said until June 2023.

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There was some discussion that the vote by the membership was delayed and that the back pay will be retroactive to July 2019 but any costs for increases for benefits will not be collected. All step increases will be taken care of as well.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor McCabe moved Deputy Mayor Depot seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mayor Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**

FINAL