



Stratford, Connecticut

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF TOWN HALL, 2725 MAIN STREET, STRATFORD, CT PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY POSTED.

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman Joseph Kubic

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Peter Massey, Mr. Matthew Catalano, Ms. Stephanie Philips, Mr. Jason Santi, Mr. Brian Dempsey, Mr. Kenneth Poisson, Mr. Gavin Forrester, Mr. James Connor, Mr. Joseph Kubic, Mr. Paul Hoydick

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Harkins, Town Attorney Timothy Bishop, Asst. to the Town Attorney John Florek, CAO Steven Nocera, Chief of Staff Marc Dillon, Dir. Of Finance Susan Collier, Service and Outreach Coordinator Chris Bandecchi

INVOCATION PRESENTED BY: First District Council Member Hon. Peter Massey followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** — Public forum, regularly scheduled meeting and executive session of May 11, 2015 and Public Hearing re: CDBGF of May 18, 2015.

RESOLVED: That the reading of the foregoing minutes be dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously provided to each Council Member and the same be and are hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. MASSEY TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

## **2. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

2.1 Recognition of Boothe Memorial Park volunteer – Bessie Burton. Chairman Kubic and Mayor Harkins presented the plaque and a key to the Town of Stratford to Ms. Burton.

2.2 Recognition of Nichols School on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Chairman Kubic, Council member Poisson, and Mayor Harkins presented the certificate.

### **3. COUNCIL MEMBERS RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Hoydick — Stratford citizen involvement

Mr. Connor — Stratford citizen involvement

Mr. Poisson — AT&T withdrew the application for a cell tower in Wooster Park.

Ms. Philips — Boothe Park volunteer Bessie Burton, Nichols School, Stratford Day, Sister Cities concert, Stratford citizen involvement, WPC referendum.

### **4. COMMUNICATIONS, BILLS, REMONSTRANCES**

4.1 LETTER FROM: Planning and Zoning Administrator Dated May 26, 2015  
RE: Plan and Profile, Clinton Avenue Estates.

At the Planning Commission meeting of May 19, 2015, the Commission voted to recommend Town Council acceptance of Clinton Avenue Estates, a subdivision of Clinton Avenue of the plan and profile as shown on map entitled "Plan and Profile, Clinton Avenue Estates dated May 20, 2010 and revised to September 2, 2011 prepared by AM Engineering and approved by the Engineering Department of the Town of Stratford in accordance with "An Ordinance Providing For the Manner of New Streets, Boulevards, Highways or Public Ways and Establishing Certain Specifications Therefore in the Town of Stratford, CT" Adopted July 14, 1947.

Clinton Avenue: Beginning at the center line of Hurd Avenue running in a southwesterly direction for approximately 300 feet to a dead-end with turnaround. Street width – 50 ft. Pavement width – 26 ft. Curbs were constructed on all street frontages of this subdivision. Sidewalks were constructed on the east side of Clinton Avenue.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Planning Commission is accepted and the plan and profile contained within Clinton Avenue Estates, as described above, be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CATALANO, SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO PLACE THE FOREGOING COMMUNICATION ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION CARRIED 10 TO 0.

### **5. MAYOR'S REPORT, COMMITTEE REPORTS, TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORTS**

5.1 MAYOR'S REPORT — Mayor Harkins reported:

- Successful Veterans' Day breakfast.
- Successful Stratford Street festival day.
- Wayne's Walk event at Short Beach.
- July 2 — Fire Works Display at Short Beach
- July 25 – "Blues on the Beach" at Short Beach
- Main Street is open and will close for one week at the end of July for utilities placement.
- Roosevelt Forest improvements
- Police have reported that crime in down in Stratford.

5.1.1 APPOINTMENTS — No appointments.

5.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.2.1 BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE — During the Committee meeting of May 18, 2015, the following was referred to Council without recommendation:

Victoria Soto School/Honeyspot School – Change order per recommendation from the Police Department: installation of bullet-proof glass in main entrance vestibule.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Building Needs Committee is accepted and the installation of bullet-proof glass in the main entrance vestibule be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HOYDICK, SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING INSTALLATION. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

5.2.2 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE — The Public Works Committee met on May 18, 2015 and referred the following to Council with favorable recommendation:

- A. Short Beach Complex ticket booth – change order: ticket booth relocation for the amount of \$54,723.00. The scope of the work expanded due to road degradation in the construction area and replacement of road bed and removal of buried junk under existing road. Capital funds, previously approved by Council, are available for this project and change order.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Public Works Committee is accepted and the change order in the amount not to exceed \$54,723.00 for the relocation of the ticket booth be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MASSEY, SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING CHANGE ORDER. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

- B. Barnum Drainage and Streetscape Phase IV. — Since the sewer will now remain in place resulting in curb, light posts, trees, drainage pipe and/or catch basins begin over or in close proximity of the pipe, extra design work is necessary to accommodate this for intersection design at Bruce and Barnum for ADA compliance.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Public Works Committee is accepted and the STV engineering fee in the amount of \$24,000.00 for redesign/modification plan be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ENGINEERING FEE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

WAIVER OF COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO WAIVE THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING THE ITEM TANNER'S BROOK – ADDITIONAL CONSULTANT FEE TO THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

TANNER'S BROOK – ADDITIONAL CONSULTANT FEE (referred from Public Works committee meeting of May 18, 2015 with favorable recommendation) — Due to the split of the project into two projects, the additional permitting and additional timing of the construction phasing, the consultant is requesting additional fee which was reduced to \$75,000 for bidding, additional DEEP and I-W permitting, coordination, other design elements and construction administration. Additionally, construction inspection and materials would be performed on an hourly or per test basis. In the meantime they are continuing with the permitting phase and have applied for the ACOE and DEEP diversion permit.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Public Works Committee is accepted and the additional fee in the amount \$75,000.00 for the Tanner's Brook project be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. CONNOR TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ADDITIONAL FEE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0 WITH MR. DEMPSEY ABSENT.

5.2.3 PLANNING COMMISSION — At the Planning Commission meeting of May 19, the following was referred to Council with favorable recommendation:

8-24 review – Sale of a portion of Town owned right-of-way along Huntington Road and Tavern Rock Road with two stipulations: (1) portion of the sale will go to the Open Space Fund (2) only single family residences can be built on the property.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Planning Commission is accepted and the sale of a portion of Town owned right-of-way along Huntington Road and Tavern Rock Road, with the stipulations that only single family residences can be built on the property and twenty-five percent (25%) of the sale will go to the Open Space Fund, be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. CONNOR TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING SALE WITH THE STIPULATIONS THAT ONLY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES CAN BE BUILT ON THE PROPERTY AND TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF THE SALE WILL GO TO THE OPEN SPACE FUND. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0 WITH MR. DEMPSEY ABSENT.

5.2.4 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE conducted a special meeting on June 2, 2015 during which the following item was referred with favorable recommendation:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE**

2015-2019 Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategy and Plan and Annual  
Action Plan for Program Year 41  
Community Development Block Grant Funding

**SPONSOR: Stratford Town Council**

**WHEREAS,** the Town Council held a public hearing on May 18, 2015 for the purpose of receiving comments on the Town’s 2015-2019 Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategy and Plan and Annual Action Plan for Program Year 41; and

**WHEREAS,** the Community Development Subcommittee of the Economic and Community Development Commission has reviewed the comments received during the thirty (30) day public comment period (April 28 – May 27, 2015) on the Town’s 2015-2019 Proposed Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategy and Plan (The “Con Plan”) and Annual Action Plan for Program Year 41; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Stratford, has been informed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that the Town’s CDBG allocation amount for 2015-2016 (PY 41) is \$553,843; and

**WHEREAS,** based upon comments received and other considerations, the Community Development Subcommittee of the Economic and Community Development Commission has forwarded the proposed 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for Program Year 41 (2015-2016) to the Town Council with a favorable recommendation for approval.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the proposed 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and Action Plan for Program Year 41, as summarized in the attachment hereto, be adopted by the Town Council as the Town's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan Action Plan and Annual Action Plan for Community Development Year 41; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that John A. Harkins, Mayor, Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT, is authorized as the official representative of the Town of Stratford to submit the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for Program Year 41 and revisions, amendments thereto, and all understandings, certifications, and assurances contained therein, and to provide any additional information which may be required by HUD so that the Town may receive its Community Development Block Grant Year 41 funds.

YEAR 41 FINAL ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUMMARY

<u>Activity</u>	<u>£</u> <u>a</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b><u>Public Services</u></b>		
South End Community Center (SECC)	\$48,000	Location: 19 Bates Street – Funds for Operation of Center
Stratford Senior Services	\$10,000	Location: 1000 West Broad Street – Funds for Outreach Coordinator to Assist At-Risk Older Adults

Stratford Community Services	\$15,500	Location: 468 Birdseye Street – Funds for Bilingual Spanish Counseling
Sterling House Community Center	\$5,576	Location: 2283 Main Street – Funds for Resource Connection Program
Center for Family Justice, Inc.	\$4,000	Location: 753 Fairfield Ave/468 Birdseye Street – Funds for Family Strengthening Services Program
<b>Total Public Services:</b>	<b>\$83,076</b>	

**Housing**

Emerge, Inc. – Emerge 1	\$10,000	Funds for Renovation of Supportive Housing
Access Independence – R.A.M.P. Program	\$10,000	Funds for R.A.M.P. Program to provide ramps for LMI persons with severe disabilities
Catholic Charities – Bethlehem House	\$75,000	Location: 379/389 Jackson Ave – Funds for Bethlehem House I and II Rehabilitation
Stratford Housing Authority (SHA)	\$10,000	Funds for continuation of Vacant Unit Repair at Stratford Housing Authority (SHA)
<b>Total Housing:</b>	<b>\$105,000</b>	

**Public Improvements**

Stonybrook Gardens – Walkway Restoration	\$30,000	Location: 55 Singer Court – Funds for Walkway Restoration Throughout LMI Areas at Stonybrook Co-op Complex
Sidewalk Improvements	\$175,000	Supplemental Funds for Continuation of Sidewalk Improvements in LMI Areas
SUMC/Community Center – Accessibility Lift System	\$20,000	Location: 2600 Main Street – Funds for Accessibility Lift System
Low/Mod Flood Study	\$30,000	Funds for Phase I – Multi Year Plan to Improve Flood and Drainage in LMI Areas
Juliette Low Park	\$20,767	Location: Sedgewick Ave - Supplemental Funds for Picnic Shelter and Other Improvements
<b>Total Public Improvements:</b>	<b>\$275,767</b>	

**Planning and Administration**

Management/Oversight of Program	\$90,000	General Administration of program and activities.
<b>Total Planning and Administration:</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>	

**Program Total: \$553,843**

MR. HOYDICK RECUSED HIMSELF FROM ALL DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON THE FOREGOING MATTER. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MS. PHILIPS TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ACTION PLAN. THE MOTION PASSED 8 TO 0 WITH MR. HOYDICK ABSTAINING AND MR. DEMPSEY ABSENT.

**5.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**5.3.1 CLAIMS REPORT — No business furnished.**

5.3.2 TOWN OF STRATFORD vs. DALEY DEVELOPMENT, ET. AL. — Placed on the table during Council meeting of May 11, 2015. ITEM REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

5.3.3 STRATFORD FESTIVAL THEATER CONTRACT — Placed on the table during Council meeting of May 11, 2015. ITEM REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

5.3.4 SALE OF VACANT LOT ON CANDLEWOOD ROAD (Lot 23) – Exec. Session required.

Town Attorney Bishop requests taking the foregoing agenda item into executive session for the purpose that it is a property transaction and disclosure of facts and circumstances may result in a value increase. Mr. Bishop would like that motion to include all members of the Stratford Town Council, Assistant to the Town Attorney Mr. Florek, the Mayor and the Mayor's staff members Mr. Nocera and Mr. Dillon, Director of finance Ms. Collier, and himself.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ABOVE-CITED AGENDA ITEM FOR THE REASON AS STATED ABOVE WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS. THE MOTION CARRIES 10 TO 0.

*Stratford Town Council meeting recessed into executive session at 8:44 p.m.*

Executive Session took place in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT. The following persons entered into executive Session: Mr. Peter Massey, Mr. Matthew Catalano, Ms. Stephanie Philips, Mr. Jason Santi, Mr. Brian Dempsey, Mr. Kenneth Poisson, Mr. Gavin Forrester, Mr. James Connor, Mr. Joseph Kubic, Mr. Paul Hoydick, Town Attorney Timothy Bishop, Asst. to the Town Attorney John Florek, Mayor John Harkins, Chief of Staff Marc Dillon, Director of Finance Susan Collier, and CAO Steven Nocera. Executive Session ended at 8:56 p.m.

*Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 8:58 p.m.*

#### ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### SALE OF VACANT LOT ON CANDLEWOOD ROAD (Lot 23)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CATALANO, SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO PLACE THE FOREGOING SALE OF VACANT LOT ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

##### 5.3.5 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Catalano — referendum re: asked for the name of the person who directed the Town Clerk's office to cease verifying the signatures.

Ms. Philips — requests specific invoices from attorneys re: litigation for the referendum and minutes of WPCA.

**6. QUESTIONS TO MAYOR OR STAFF**

Mr. Connor — Called CAO Nocera to the podium and posed question to him re: referendum appeal process.

Mr. Forrester — re: WPCA and pet adoption

Mr. Poisson — Called CAO Nocera to the podium and posed question to him re: impact on Stratford High School renovations if WPC regionalization does not go forward.

Mr. Massey — Progress of the SAEP sale.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS and/or OLD BUSINESS**

7.1 SAEP (continuing item) — Previously discussed.

7.2 TABLED ITEMS

7.3 TABLED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7.3.1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 172 – Sewers - ARTICLE XI, FATS, OILS AND GREASE PRETREATMENT (#14-26) — (*placed on the table during meeting of Dec. 8, 2014*) — REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

7.4 TABLED APPOINTMENTS

7.4.1 STRATFORD HOUSING PARTNERSHIP — (9) Same as last. — REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

7.4.2 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS — REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

7.4.3 COMMISSION ON AGING — REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

7.4.4 ARTS COMMISSION — Appointed by Town Council, 3-year terms. *Placed on the Table during Council meeting of March 10, 2014.*

A. Regular members — 2 — Town code § 5-52 — term of Ellen Cox ended 4/9/13, Edward Goodrich (resigned)

B. Alternate members — 2 — Town code § 5-53 — term of Bill Franz ended 8/12/11, vacant.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CONNOR, SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO TAKE THE FOREGOING ARTS COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

A. RESOLVED: that ELLEN COX of 2201 ELM STREET be and is hereby appointed a regular member of the Arts Commission. (term of Ellen Cox expired April 9, 2013)

- B. RESOLVED: that BILL FRANZ of 155 SHORT BEACH ROAD be and is hereby appointed a regular member of the Arts Commission. (term of Edward Goodrich expired April 9, 2013)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CONNOR, SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO REAPPOINT ELLEN COX AND BILL FRANZ. MR. CONNOR OFFERED A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO APPOINT BILL FRANZ AS A REGULAR MEMBER. MR. FORRESTER ACCEPTS THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. THE MOTION TO APPOINT ELLEN COX AND BILL FRANZ PASSED 10 TO 0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CONNOR, SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER RETURN THE ALTERNATE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS TO THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

7.4.5 SIKORSKY MEMORIAL AIRPORT NOISE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE — § 7-12 of Town Code, one member appointed by Mayor, one member appointed by PYE. *Placed on the Table during Council meeting of March 10, 2014.* REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

7.4.6 WATERFRONT AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION — REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

7.4.7 BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE — term concurrent with Council. — REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

7.4.8 PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE — Term concurrent with Council term. 1 regular member. Vacancy tabled April 13, 2015. — REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

## **8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **8.1 RESOLUTION — EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM**

sponsored by: Hon. Jason Santi, Fourth district Council Member

**WHEREAS**, the *U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance* is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and,

**WHEREAS**, this funding has been made possible through the *Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Formula Grant Program*; and,

**WHEREAS**, the *Town of Stratford* will expend funds to increase police surveillance in high-crime areas and to support predictive and community policing programs; and,

**WHEREAS**, funds under this grant may be used towards the purchase of services and overtime costs to enhance local law enforcement activities conducted by the *Stratford Police Department*; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in the public interest that the *Town of Stratford* submit an application to the *U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance* in an amount of \$12,895; and,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town Council:**

1. That it is cognizant of the Town's grant application and contract to the *U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance* for funds to address law enforcement and crime prevention and intervention within the *Town of Stratford*;
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor, John A. Harkins, or his designee to execute and file such application with the *U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance*, to provide such additional information and to execute and administer such other contracts and documents as maybe necessary to execute this program.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. CATALANO TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

**8.2 RESOLUTION – YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU GRANT**

Sponsored by: Hon. Stephanie Philips, Third district Council Member

**WHEREAS**, the *Town of Stratford* has been awarded a grant from the *CT State Department of Education* for the *Youth Service Bureau* in an amount not to exceed \$40,759; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in the public interest that the *Town of Stratford* enter into a grant agreement with the *CT State Department of Education*.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town Council:**

1. That it is cognizant of the Town's contract with the *CT State Department of Education* for the *Youth Service Bureau Grant* in an amount not to exceed \$40,759; and
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor or his designee to submit an application with *CT State Department of Education*, to execute such contract with the *CT State Department of Education*, to provide such additional information, to implement the program once the award is secured, and to execute such other contracts and documents as maybe necessary under this program.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. PHILIPS, SECONDED BY MR. CONNOR TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2015, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$207,547,950 IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH;

WHEREAS, the Mayor has prepared and submitted to the Town Council the annual operating budget for the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, in accordance with the Stratford Town Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has given consideration thereto and has conducted public hearings in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount of current expenses, permanent improvements, and other lawful charges of the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, is \$207,547,950

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

That the budget attached hereto and made a part hereof be and is hereby proposed as the operating budget for the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016; and

That the sum of \$207,547,950 is hereby appropriated for the current expenses, permanent improvements, and other lawful charges for each department and each division thereof of the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, all in accordance with the provisions of the budget attached hereto and made a part hereof.

RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above entitled Ordinance be and is hereby dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously furnished to each member of the Town Council, and that the same be adopted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. CONNOR TO REFER THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

WAIVER OF COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CONNOR SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO WAIVE THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE TO RENUMBER THE TWO LINE ITEMS 9.2 TO 9.2A AND 9.2B. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

9.2A AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX RATE OF 36.98 MILLS ON THE DOLLAR ON THE GRAND LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT, ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Mayor has prepared and submitted to the Town Council the annual operating budget for the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, according to law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has given consideration thereto and has conducted public hearings in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the estimated revenues of the Town of Stratford other than by taxation for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, are **\$46,948,407**; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has proposed an operating budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a tax levy at the rate of **36.98** mills on the dollar on the Grand List of taxable property in the Town of Stratford on October 1, 2014, is necessary to meet the appropriations, less the estimated amount of revenue from other sources as permitted by law to be raised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

That a tax rate of **36.98** mills on the dollar on the Grand List be and is hereby levied against all taxable property in the Town of Stratford on the Grand List of October 1, 2014;

That said tax shall be due and payable in two equal installments, one half thereof on July 1, 2015, and the second half thereof on January 1, 2016, provided, however, that any tax, the aggregate amount of which shall not exceed \$100.00 shall be due and payable in one payment on July 1, 2015.

RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above entitled Ordinance be and is hereby dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously furnished to each member of the Town Council, and that the same be adopted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. CONNOR TO REFER THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. Mr. Nocera was called to the podium for questions posed to him re: budget gap, reserve funds, budget cuts, pension funding, bond rating, town employee layoffs. Ms. Collier spoke of the tax bills. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

9.2B APPOINTMENTS

**9.2B.1 WATERFRONT AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION— 5-year term.**

Appointed by Town Council

- A. RESOLVED: that PATRICK GRIBBON of 40 BUTTERNUT LANE be and is hereby appointed a member of the Waterfront Harbor Management Commission. (term of Patrick Gribbon expired May 31, 2015)
- B. RESOLVED: that SCOTT CORNER of 90 HOMESTEAD AVENUE be and is hereby appointed a member of the Waterfront Harbor Management Commission. (term of Scott Corner expired May 31, 2015)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. MASSEY TO REAPPOINT PATRICK GRIBBON TO POSITION A. ABOVE AND SCOTT CORNER TO POSITION B. ABOVE. THE MOTION CARRIED 10 TO 0.

**10. ADJOURNMENT** — Hearing no further discussion in connection with the above agenda items or further business, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. DEMPSEY, SECONDED BY MR. SANTI, IT WAS VOTED 10 TO 0 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Carol Cabral*

Carol Cabral, Council Clerk