



Stratford, Connecticut

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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, Ms. Stephanie Philips, Mr. Matthew Catalano, Mr. Jason Santi, Mr. Brian Dempsey, Mr. Kenneth Poisson, Mr. Gavin Forrester, Mr. Joseph Kubic, Mr. Paul Hoydick

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. James Connor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Harkins, Asst. to the Town Attorney John Florek, Chief of Staff Marc Dillon, CAO Larry Ciccarelli, Finance Director Susan Collier, Special Assistant Attorney Bruce Jackson, Mayoral Staff member Chris Bandecchi

INVOCATION PRESENTED BY: Ninth District Council Member Hon. Joseph Kubic. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** — Public forum and regularly scheduled meeting of October 13 and special meeting of October 27, 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. FORRESTER, SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED 8 TO 0 WITH 1 ABSTENTION. MR. KUBIC ABSTAINED FROM VOTING DUE TO HIS ABSENCE FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED MEETING.

**2. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS** — None

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

Ms. Philips — Thank you expressed to the newly elected Council, moving the town forward.

Mr. Catalano — Thank you and congratulations expressed to the newly elected Council.

Mr. Dempsey — Congratulations expressed to the newly elected Council.

Mr. Poisson — Congratulations expressed to the newly elected Council.

Mr. Hoydick — Congratulations expressed to the newly elected Council.

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

##### **4.1 RESIGNATION OF ALAN LLEWELYN FROM ZONING COMMISSION**

RESOLVED: that the resignation of Alan Llewelyn from the Zoning Commission be and is hereby approved. (term expires January 1, 2018)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO ACCEPT THE FOREGOING RESIGNATION. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

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

##### **5.1 MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor Harkins reported:

- Veterans' Day ceremony on Academy Hill on Nov. 11 at 11:00 a.m.
- Reflected and pointed out Council members past services and issues.
- Economic progress.

##### **5.1.1 APPOINTMENTS** — Redevelopment Agency

Mayor Harkins appointed Richard Whelan for position A. (below) and Randy Vidal for position B. (below).

- A. RESOLVED: that RICHARD WHELAN of 66 RIVER VALLEY ROAD be and is hereby reappointed a member of the Redevelopment Agency. (new term of Richard Whelan will expire July 1, 2020)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HOYDICK, SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD WHELAN TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

- B. RESOLVED: that RANDY VIDAL of 388 PROSPECT DRIVE be and is hereby reappointed a member of the Redevelopment Agency. (new term of Randy Vidal will expire July 1, 2018)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HOYDICK, SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF RANDY VIDAL TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

##### **5.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS** — No reports

### 5.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

5.3.1 CLAIMS REPORT — Mr. Florek reported that 12 claims were settled for the amount of \$120,000.00 between the period of August 2015 and November 1, 2015.

5.3.2 FIREHOUSE SOFTWARE CONTRACT — Deputy Fire Chief Jonathan Gottfried was called to the podium to further clarify terms and conditions of the 5-year contract. Questions were posed to Mr. Gottfried.

RESOLVED: that the 5-year agreement for hosting and technology support services between the Town of Stratford and A Xerox Solution be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO APPROVE THE 5-YEAR SOFTWARE CONTRACT. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

5.3.3 BRUCE AVENUE— sight line change for Wade. Town Engineer John Casey was called to the podium to further clarify sight line change in order to realign the intersections. Questions were posed to Mr. Casey.

RESOLVED: that the street line modification for Bruce Avenue be and is hereby approved subject to referral to Planning Commission.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MS. PHILIPS TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING STREET LINE MODIFICATION. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

5.3.4 BARNUM AVE. STREETScape BIDS, PHASE 4 — The item was approved during special Public Works Committee meeting of Nov. 5, 2015 at which time it was referred to Council with favorable recommendation.

Chairman Kubic recuses himself due to a conflict of interest. He vacates the chair. Chairman Pro-tem Hoydick assumes the chair.

Bids were received October 7, 2015 as tabulated below:

Mark IV Construction	2,175,170.30
Dalling Construction	2,297,818.50
G. Pic & Sons Construction	2,429,709.00
M Rondano Inc.	2,432,760.00
Star Construction	2,621,802.50
Complete Construction	2,645,161.50

RESOLVED: that Dalling Construction be and is hereby selected as the lowest responsible bidder for the amount of \$2,297,818.50 for the foregoing project.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO SELECT DALLING CONTRUCTION AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$2,297,818.50 FOR STREETScape PHASE IV PROJECT. THE MOTION PASSED 8 TO 0 WITH MR. KUBIC RECUSING HIMSELF.

Mr. Hoydick vacates the chair and Mr. Kubic reassumes the Chair.

5.3.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING — Change order for Sidewalks in Low Mod to continue work.

**RESOLUTION RE: CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO ALLOW G. PIC AND SONS CONSTRUCTION, CO. TO COMPLETE A WORK PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED.**

**RESOLVED:** That the Contract dated October 17, 2012 by and between the Town of Stratford and G. Pic and Sons Construction, Co., shall be extended through December 31, 2015 to allow for the completion of work awarded prior to such contract's expiration, and the Mayor or his designee shall be authorized to execute any and all documents to give effect to this resolution.

Mr. Bandecchi was called to the podium to further clarify the foregoing resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

5.3.6 216-218 KING STREET — Negotiations regarding purchase of Real Property for Stratford High School project. Executive Session requested pursuant to CGS 1-200(6) (B) and 1-225(f) to discuss the lease, sale or purchase of real estate when publicity regarding such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would cause a likelihood of increased price. — No business furnished.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ITEM ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

5.3.7 TOWN OF STRATFORD vs. DALEY DEVELOPMENT, ET. AL. — *Placed on the table during Council meeting of May 11, 2015* — No Business furnished. Remained of the table.

5.3.8 STRATFORD FESTIVAL THEATER CONTRACT — *Placed on the table during Council meeting of May 11, 2015*— Negotiations and Privileged Communications regarding a proposed contract with Stratford Stage Group to revitalize and operate the former Shakespeare Festival Theatre building and develop a hotel on the property (Executive Session requested pursuant to CGS 1-200(6)(B) and 1-225(f) to discuss the lease, sale or purchase of real estate when publicity regarding such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would cause a likelihood of increased price.) — No Business furnished. Remained of the table.

5.3.9 179 WEST AVE. — *Placed on the table during meeting of July 13.* — Negotiations regarding purchase of drainage easement. Executive Session requested pursuant to CGS 1-200(6) (B) and 1-225(f) to discuss the lease, sale or purchase of real estate when publicity regarding such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would cause a likelihood of increased price.)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO TAKE THE FOREGOING ITEM OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

Mr. Florek requests taking the foregoing item into executive session for the purpose of discussion as stated above. Mr. Florek would like that motion to include all members of the Town Council, the Mayor, Chief of staff, CAO, Special Assistant Town Attorney Jackson and himself.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ABOVE-CITED ITEM FOR THE REASON AS STATED ABOVE WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS. THE MOTION CARRIED 9 TO 0.

*Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 8:36 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. Joseph Kubic, Mr. Paul Hoydick, Asst. to the Town Attorney John Florek, Special Assistant Attorney Bruce Jackson, Mayor John Harkins, Chief of Staff Marc Dillon, CAO Larry Ciccarelli. Executive Session ended at 8:40 p.m.

*Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 8:44 p.m.*

#### ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### 179 WEST AVENUE

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Town Attorney, as discussed in executive session be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO ACCEPT THE TOWN ATTORNEY'S RECOMMENDATION. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

#### 5.3.10 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY

Ms. Philips — re: appointment to Land-Use Boards

**6. QUESTIONS TO MAYOR OR STAFF** — No questions.

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

7.1 SAEP (continuing item) — Previously reported.

7.2 TABLED ITEMS — None

#### 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 — (9) appointments remaining. Remained on the table.

7.4.4 ARTS COMMISSION — 2 Alternate members — Appointed by Town Council, 3-year terms. *Placed on the Table during Council meeting of June 8, 2015.* Remained on the table.

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.

7.4.9 STRATFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY — 5-year term, appointed by Town Council. — term of Arthur Miller expired July 30, 2015 — *placed on the table July 13, 2015*

MR. HOYDICK RECUSES HIMSELF FROM VOTING AND DISCUSSION RE: THE HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DEMPSEY, SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO TAKE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 8 TO 0.

RESOLVED: that JOSEPH CRUDO of 725 STRATFORD ROAD be and is hereby appointed a member of the Stratford Housing Authority. (term of Arthur Miller expired June 30, 2015)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DEMPSEY, SECONDED BY MR. MASSEY TO APPOINT JOSEPH CRUDO TO THE STRATFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY. THE MOTION PASSED 8 TO 0 WITH MR. HOYDICK RECUSING HIMSELF.

7.4.10 STRATFORD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION — 3-year term, appointed by Council  
*Placed on the table July 13, 2015.* Remained on the table.

**8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS** — None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 TENTATIVE AGREEMENT - TOWN HALL CONTRACT IFPTE LOCAL 136 The Chair called the Human Resources Director Ronald Ing to the podium to further explain the agreement. Questions were posed to Mr. Ing.

RESOLVED: that the Agreement for Town Hall contract IFPTE Local 136 be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. PHILIPS, SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING CONTRACT. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

9.2 LONGBROOK PARK SKATING RINK — Chad Esposito, Parks Superintendent, was called to the podium to share his knowledge and expertise in connection with the proposed rink. Questions were posed to Mr. Esposito re: installation of lighting, snow clearing, liability, maintenance, hours/scheduling, non-resident usage.

RESOLVED: that the Town Attorney be and is hereby authorized to prepare a licensing agreement for a skating rink at Longbrook Park, as proposed by the Wilcoxson School Fathers' Club and the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign agreement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. PHILIPS, SECONDED BY MR. CATALANO TO REFER THE ITEM TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A LICENSING AGREEMENT. MS. PHILIPS AND MR. CATALANO RETRACT THE MOTION AND SECOND.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. PHILIPS, SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO APPROVE THE RINK FOR LONGBROOK PARK BASED ON VERBAL AGREEMENT WITH THE WILCOXSON SCHOOL FATHERS' CLUB, PARKS DEPARTMENT AND THE TOWN ATTORNEY. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 7 IN FAVOR AND 2, MESSRS. KUBIC AND DEMPSEY, VOTING NO.

### 9.3 APPOINTMENTS

9.3.1 ARTS COMMISSION — 3-years term, appointed by Council

RESOLVED: that BRUCE HIRSCH of 255 ROCKLAND AVENUE be and is hereby appointed a regular member of the Arts Commission. (term of Bruce Hirsch expired Nov. 1, 2015)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO REAPPOINT BRUCE HIRSCH OF 255 ROCKLAND AVENUE TO THE ARTS COMMISSION. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

9.3.2 LONGBROOK PARK COMMISSION — 3-year term, appointed by Council

- A. RESOLVED: that JON MERRIAM of 100 BREWSTER STREET- be and is hereby appointed a member of the Longbrook Park Commission. (term of Jon Merriam expired Nov. 6, 2015)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CATALANO, SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO REAPPOINT JON MERRIAM TO THE LONGBROOK PARK COMMISSION. THE MOTION PASSED 8 TO 0 WITH MR. SANTI ABSENT.

- B. RESOLVED: that ROGER SALLS of 421 LAUGHLIN ROAD- be and is hereby appointed a member of the Longbrook Park Commission. (term of Roger Salls expired Nov. 6, 2015)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CATALANO, SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO REAPPOINT ROGER SALLS TO THE LONGBROOK PARK COMMISSION. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

### 9.3.3 ZONING COMMISSION

- A. Regular Member — resignation of Alan Llewelyn

RESOLVED: that MICHAEL HENRICK of 125 BROOKBEND DRIVE be and is hereby appointed a regular member of the Zoning Commission. (term of Alan Llewelyn expires Jan. 1, 2018)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO APPOINT MICHAEL HENRICK TO THE ZONING COMMISSION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 6 IN FAVOR AND 3, (MS. PHILIPS, MR. CATALANO, AND MR. FORRESTER) OPPOSED.

- B. Alternate Member — 3-year term

RESOLVED: that \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Zoning Commission. (term of Ronald Hojdich expires Jan. 1, 2016)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. PHILIPS, SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ZONING ALTERNATE MEMBER APPOINTMENT ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

### 9.3.4 ETHICS COMMISSION — 4-year term

- A. Members — 5 (§5-30 of Town code)  
Josie Cicerale — expired Oct. 31, 2014  
Jack Golden — expired Oct. 31, 2013  
Everett G. Sussman — expired Sept. 22, 2012  
Michael Peslak (Pastor) — expired Oct. 31, 2012  
Roger Salls — expired Oct. 31, 2012

- B. Alternate members — 3 (§5-30 of Town code)  
Joseph DeCaro — expired July 10, 2011  
Robert Chimini — expired July 10, 2011  
vacant — expired July 10, 2011

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ETHICS COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 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. CATALANO, SECONDED BY MR. SANTI, IT WAS VOTED 9 TO 0 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:33 p.m.

ATTEST: *Carol Cabral*  
Carol Cabral, Council Clerk