

MINUTES OF CONTINUED SPECIAL MEETING

STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION

I. CALL TO ORDER — Chairman Daponte reconvened the special council meeting (initially conducted March 31, 2016) on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 6:02 p.m. in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT.

PRESIDING: Council Chair Beth Daponte

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Beth Daponte, Mr. Mark Dumas, Mr. David Harden, Mr. Philip Young, Ms. Marianne Antezzo, Mr. J. Vincent Chase, Mr. Alan Llewelyn, Ms. Tina Manus

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Wali Kadeem, Mr. Joseph Gresko

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Human Resources Director Ronald Ing, Finance Director Susan Collier, Assistant Finance director Chitsamay Lam, CAO Chris Tymniak

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Excerpted portions of proposed operating budget fiscal year 2017 re: overhead/Dept., contingency, debt retirement, info on general obligation bonds, employee benefits.

II. FY16/17 BUDGET WORK SESSION — The following budgetary categories were defined and discussed: Debt service, human resources – employee benefits, FY2015 pensions. Questions were posed to staff members.

III. ADJOURNMENT/RECESS — A motion was made by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Manus to recess the meeting until Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. Chairman Daponte recessed the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER — Chairman Daponte reconvened the special Council meeting (initially conducted March 31, 2016) on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 6:02 p.m. in Council Chambers of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT.

PRESIDING: Council Chair Beth Daponte

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Beth Daponte, Mr. Mark Dumas, Mr. Joseph Gresko, Mr. Philip Young, Ms. Marianne Antezzo, Mr. J. Vincent Chase, Ms. Tina Manus

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Wali Kadeem, Mr. David Harden, Mr. Alan Llewelyn

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Human Resources Director Ronald Ing, CAO Chris Tymniak

II. FY16/17 BUDGET WORK SESSION — The following budgetary categories were defined and discussed: Administration — Office of the Mayor, HR, Town Attorney, CAO, Registrar of Voters, Town Clerk, Town Buildings, Agencies, Planning, IT Debt service, human resources – employee benefits, FY2015 pensions. Questions were posed to staff members.

III. ADJOURNMENT/RECESS — Chairman Daponte recessed the budget work session at 9:30 p.m. The budget Work session will reconvene Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER — Chairman Daponte reconvened the special Council meeting (initially conducted March 31, 2016) on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 6:10 p.m. in Council Chambers of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT.

PRESIDING: Council Chair Beth Daponte

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Beth Daponte, Mr. David Harden, Ms. Marianne Antezzo, Mr. Alan Llewelyn

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Mark Dumas, Mr. Joseph Gresko, Mr. Philip Young, Mr. Wali Kadeem, Mr. J. Vincent Chase, Ms. Tina Manus

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Public Works Maurice McCarthy

II. FY16/17 BUDGET WORK SESSION — The following budgetary categories were defined and discussed: Public Works – PW Administration, building inspections, public building maintenance, PW Engineering, Public Highways, Town Garage, Parks, PW Refuse/recycling. Council members posed questions to Mr. McCarthy.

III. ADJOURNMENT/RECESS — Chairman Daponte recessed the budget work session at 7:50 P.M. The budget Work session will reconvene Thursday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER — Chairman Pro-tem J. Vincent Chase reconvened the special Council meeting (initially conducted March 31, 2016) on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6:05 p.m. in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman Pro-tem J. Vincent Chase

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Marianne Antezzo, Mr. Alan Llewelyn, Mr. J. Vincent Chase, Mr. Philip Young, Mr. Joseph Gresko

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Beth Daponte, Mr. Mark Dumas, Mr. Wali Kadeem, Mr. David Harden, Ms. Tina Manus

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Police Chief Patrick Ridenhour, Deputy Police Chief Joseph McNeil, Fire Chief Bob McGrath, Deputy Fire Chief Jon Gottfried, Fire Marshal Brian Lampart, Public Safety Director Larry Ciccarelli, CAO Chris Tymniak

II. FY16/17 BUDGET WORK SESSION — The following budgetary categories were defined and discussed: Public Safety, Fire Dept, Dispatchers, Police Dept. Council members posed questions to the public safety staff members.

III. ADJOURNMENT/RECESS — Chairman Pro-tem Chase recessed the budget work session at 8:10 P.M. The budget Work session will reconvene Thursday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER — Chairman Daponte reconvened the special Council meeting (initially conducted March 31, 2016) on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 6:02 p.m. in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman Beth Daponte

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Beth Daponte, Mr. Philip Young, Ms. Marianne Antezzo, Mr. Alan Llewelyn, Mr. J. Vincent Chase, Ms. Tina Manus

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Health Director Andrea Boissevain, Director of Public Works Maurice McCarthy, Director of Finance Susan Collier, Community Services Administrator Tammy Trojanowski, WP Plant Superintendent Peter Stallings, Library Director Sheri Szymanski, Library Business Manager Corrine Driscoll, CAO Chris Tymniak

II. FY16/17 BUDGET WORK SESSION — The following budgetary categories were defined and discussed: Human Development, Community Services, Health Dept, Recreation Division, Senior Services, Sterling House, Library Association, Economic Development, VNA, Short Beach Division, WPCA. Council members posed questions to staff members.

III. ADJOURNMENT/RECESS — Chairman Daponte recessed the budget work session at 8:10 P.M. The budget Work session will reconvene Saturday, April 23 at 9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER — Chairman Daponte reconvened the special Council meeting (initially conducted March 31, 2016) on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 9:02 a.m. in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman Beth Daponte

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Beth Daponte, Mr. Wali Kadeem, Mr. David Harden, Mr. Philip Young, Mr. J. Vincent Chase, Ms. Tina Manus

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Public Works Maurice McCarthy, Director of Finance Susan Collier, Superintendent of Recreation Patricia Patusk

II. FY16/17 BUDGET WORK SESSION — The following budgetary categories were defined and discussed: Enterprise Funds, Railroad Station Fund, Harbor Fund, EMS, Dog Fund, Salary and Wage Schedule, Review of Discussions on operating Budget. Council members posed questions to staff members.

III. ADJOURNMENT/RECESS — Chairman Daponte recessed the budget work session at 12:03 P.M. The budget Work session will reconvene Tuesday, April 26 at 6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER — Chairman Daponte reconvened the special Council meeting (initially conducted March 31, 2016) on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman Beth Daponte

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Beth Daponte, Mr. Mark Dumas, Mr. Wali Kadeem, Ms. Marianne Antezzo, Mr. J. Vincent Chase, Mr. Alan Llewelyn, Ms. Tina Manus

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Board of Education Chairman Mr. Jim Feehan, Board of Education Vice-Chairman Mr. Len Petruccelli, Board of Education members Ms. Susan Lance and Ms. Teri Sheehy, Supt of Schools Dr. Janet Robinson, Board of Education COO Mr. Clarence Zachery, Sterling House Interim Co-Directors Mr. Bill O'Brien and Mr. Jamie Millward

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED DURING MEETING

- Elementary Math Coach FAQ — submitted by Board of Education
- The Impact of mathematics coaching on Teachers and Students — submitted by Board of Education
- Superintendent's Proposed 2016-2017 itemized Estimate of Expenditures — submitted by Board of Education

II. FY16/17 BUDGET WORK SESSION — The following budgetary categories were defined and discussed: Sterling House Community Center and Board of Education. Council members posed questions to staff members.

Special Council meeting recessed: 6:31 p.m. Special Council meeting reconvened: 6:35 p.m.

Discussion and questions continued.

Special Council meeting recessed: 8:10 p.m. Special Council meeting reconvened: 8:20 p.m.

III. ADJOURNMENT/RECESS — Chairman Daponte recessed the budget work session at 9:03 p.m. The budget Work session will reconvene Wednesday, May 4 in Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT at 6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER — Chairman Daponte reconvened the special Council meeting (initially conducted March 31, 2016) on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 6:05 p.m. in Council Chambers of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman Beth Daponte

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Beth Daponte, Mr. Mark Dumas, Mr. Wali Kadeem, Mr. David Harden, Ms. Marianne Antezzo, Mr. J. Vincent Chase, Mr. Alan Llewelyn, Ms. Tina Manus

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Registrars of Voters Messrs. Marcone and Decilio, Town Clerk Susan Pawluk, Ms. Marion Therien from VNA

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- Registrar of Voters Job Description

II. FY16/17 BUDGET WORK SESSION — The following budgetary categories were defined and discussed: Salary and wage schedule, suggested budget modifications.

Special Council meeting recessed: 8:05 p.m. Special Council meeting reconvened: 8:15 p.m.

III. ADJOURNMENT — Chairman Daponte called for a motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KADEEM, SECONDED BY MR. LLEWELYN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION FAILED WITH 3 IN FAVOR AND 5 OPPOSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE. Discussion continued. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:20 p.m. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 5 IN FAVOR AND 3 OPPOSED.

Respectfully submitted: *Carol Cabral*
Carol Cabral, Council Clerk