



Stratford, Connecticut

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MEETING NOTICE

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF TOWN HALL, 2725 MAIN STREET, STRATFORD, CT AT 8:00 P.M.

PUBLIC FORUM WILL BEGIN AT 6:45 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Regularly scheduled meeting and public forum of June 13, and special Council meeting of June 27, 2016.

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.

2. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

3. COUNCIL MEMBERS' RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC FORUM

4. COMMUNICATIONS, BILLS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES

4.1 LETTER OF RESIGNATION — dated: July 4, 2016 from: Thomas Haggerty
Resigning from Public Safety Committee

RESOLVED: that the resignation of Thomas Haggerty from the Public Safety Committee be and is hereby accepted.

4.2 PETITION to change name of street from Stratford Avenue to Shore Road. The area from intersection of Shore Road to Lockwood Avenue.

RESOLVED: that renaming the foregoing section of Stratford Avenue to Shore Road be and is hereby approved/denied.

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

5.1 MAYOR'S REPORT — Charter § 1.2.14, report on employment, vacancies, promotions and recently hired employees.

- Police Chief
- Public Safety Director
- SAEP

5.1.1 APPOINTMENTS

A. Historic District Commission restructuring to abide by State Representation Rule — see opinion by Attorney J. Florek

5.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.2.1 BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE — The Building Needs Committee met on June 20 and referred the following to Council with favorable recommendation:

A. STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS PROJECT

1. Recommendation to approve Versteeg Associates of Torrington, CT as a third party code review firm for the Stratford High Renovations project for the amount not to exceed \$51,950.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Building Needs Committee is accepted and that Versteeg Associates of Torrington, CT as a third party code review firm for the Stratford High School Renovations project for the amount not to exceed \$51,950.00 be and is hereby approved.

2. Recommendation to approve Antinozzi Associates Invoice No. 11 for the amount of \$195,742.86

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Building Needs Committee is accepted and that Antinozzi Associates' Invoice No. 11 for the amount of \$195,742.86 for the Stratford High School Renovations project be and is hereby approved.

3. Recommendation to approve Turner Construction Payment Request No. 3 for the amount of \$93,184.00. The payment is not an additional expense.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Building Needs Committee is accepted and that the request for payment from Turner Construction for the amount of \$93,184.00 be and is hereby approved.

- B. CENTER SCHOOL — Send out an RFP to study the cost to bring the facility back to a school.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Building Needs Committee is accepted and that the request for proposal (RFP) to study the cost to bring Center School facility back to a school be and is hereby approved.

5.2.2 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE — The Parks and Recreation Committee met on June 22 at which time the following was referred to the Town Council with favorable recommendation:

- A. Location of Dog Park adjacent to the animal control facility

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee is accepted and that the location of the Dog Park adjacent to the animal control facility be and is hereby approved.

- B. Cost of Dog Park - \$15,000.00 be set aside from CIP 2017

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee is accepted and that setting aside \$15,000.00 from CIP 2017 for the Dog Park be and is hereby approved.

5.2.3 TAX PARTNERSHIP SCREENING COMMITTEE — The Tax Partnership Screening committee met on June 23 at which time the following was referred to Town Council with favorable recommendation:

- A. 300 Sperry Avenue Owner: Burns Family Limited Partnership —The cost of this project is \$1,322,766. The project consists of demolition of outdated and worn structure and to construct a new larger structure. Two-year abatement is: year #1 – 44%; year #2 – 58%

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Tax Partnership Screening Committee is accepted and the tax abatement for 300 Sperry Avenue (Burns Family Limited Partnership) for 100% for the 2-years full abatement at the cost of _____ as per past practices be and is hereby approved.

- B. 333 Lordship Blvd — Owner: Connecticut Distributors Inc.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Tax Partnership Screening Committee is accepted and the tax abatement for 333 Lordship Blvd (Connecticut Distributors, Inc.) for 100% for \$5,000,000 for 3-years at the cost of _____ as per past practices be and is hereby approved.

- C. 425 Hawley Lane — Owner: Second Avenue Development II LLC — James Fitzpatrick – owner

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Tax Partnership Screening Committee is accepted and that full tax abatement for 425 Hawley Lane (Owner: Second Avenue Development II LLC) for 2-years at the cost of _____ as per past practices be and is hereby approved.

- D. ORDINANCE governing Tax Abatement — Article 5, §191-9, §191-10, et. sec. relating to past practices for tax abatements requires review, revision clarification and/or expansion. Recommendations on how to amend the Town Code.

5.2.4 ARTS COMMISSION — The Arts Commission conducted a special meeting on July 6 at which time the following was referred to Council:

- A. "Blues on the Beach" — up to \$7,500.00 for staging upon receipt of invoice from vendor.
- B. P.A.L. — Sand Castle Event – up to \$1,500.00 donation upon receipt of invoice from vendor.

5.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- A. Report on history of Center School Grant and Authority.
- B. Executive session requested re: purchase of property.

5.3.1 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY

6. QUESTIONS TO MAYOR OR STAFF

- A. Report from Director of Economic Development
- B. Response from P&Z Administrator re: property adjacent to Airport/Airway Drive

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS and/or OLD BUSINESS

7.1 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS — terms concurrent with Town Council

- 7.1.1 BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE — term concurrent with Council
4 2 alternate members (new positions)

7.2 TABLED ITEMS

7.2.1 REQUEST TO EMS FUNDING COMMITTEE — At the regularly scheduled meeting of the EMS Funding Committee of April, the following was referred to Council: **PLACED ON THE TABLE DURING MEETING OF MAY 9, 2016.**

Request from volunteers for Public Donation funds in the amount of \$4,500.00 for purchasing appropriate uniforms and accessories for the Honor Guard.

RESOLVED: that, providing the funds are available for reimbursement to the volunteers, the amount of \$4,500.00 be and is hereby endorsed/approved.

7.3 TABLED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7.3.1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF ARREARS REAL ESTATE TAX ACCOUNTS TO THE TAX SUSPENSE ACCOUNT PENDING FURTHER ACTION (*Placed on the table during meeting of June 13, 2016*)

Sponsored by:

WHEREAS; The Code of the Town of Stratford, Chapter 14, Article VI specifies the tax collection policy of the Town for the collection of arrears taxes; and

WHEREAS; C.G.S. 12-165 specifies that each municipality shall have a suspense tax book and each tax so designated as uncollectible shall be transferred by such collector to the suspense tax book; and

WHEREAS; The Tax Collector has followed the policy by providing required notices of taxes due and made several attempts to contact arrears taxpayers as required by local and state law; and

WHEREAS; Certain accounts have been acquired by the Town of Stratford over the years and are uncollectable and, therefore, the Tax Collector recommends that Town Council approve the transfer of the accounts to suspense pending further collection of said accounts;

RESOLVED: Town Council of the Town of Stratford authorizes the Tax Collector to transfer to the Tax Suspense Account accounts totaling \$1,316,759.66 for the Grand List years and amounts shown below.

GRAND LIST YEAR	TYPE	AMOUNT
1999	Real Estate	\$69,440.90
2000	Real Estate	243,681.21
2001	Real Estate	80,450.65
2002	Real Estate	65,910.20
2003	Real Estate	68,882.11
2004	Real Estate	62,449.56
2005	Real Estate	64,290.88
2006	Real Estate	74,855.50
2007	Real Estate	75,371.96
2008	Real Estate	75,090.06
2009	Real Estate	113,942.94
2010	Real Estate	111,507.57
2011	Real Estate	113,932.61
2012	Real Estate	73,469.03
2013	Real Estate	<u>23,484.48</u>
	Total	\$1,316,759.66

7.3.2 TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND TABLED RESOLUTION (*placed on the table during Council meeting of June 13, 2016*)

A. TRANSFER

WHEREAS: In accordance with section 6.2.5 of the Town Charter, the Town Council at it's regularly scheduled meeting of June 13, 2016 proposed to make a transfer of certain funds in the budget appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, as hereinafter enumerated;

WHEREAS: Pursuant to said direction a Public Notice was duly posted on the Public Sign post on June 23, 2016 and appears on the return of notice as on record:

RESOLVED: that said transfer be and is hereby authorized and made as follows:

FY2016-2017 Interdept Budget Transfers / Approp [General Fund]							
Inter-Departmental Budget Transfers -							
EXPENSES:							
Org	Obj	Proj	Account Description	Beginning FY17 Budget	From Expense [Decrease]	To Expense [Increase]	Ending FY17 Budget
VISITING NURSES							
01360	6422		Visiting Nurses Association	500	53,000		53,500
Restore to historical funding amount							
TOWN BUILDINGS							
01108	6376		Sewer Use Fees-Town&BOE Bldgs	200,000	(53,000)		147,000
TOTAL EXPENSES				200,500	-	-	200,500
Net Impact					-		

B. RESOLUTION TO REINSTATE \$53,000.00 to the VNA General Fund account 01360-6422:

Sponsored by: Hon. Wali Kadeem – Third District; Hon. Marianne Antezzo – Seventh District

WHEREAS; services that are explicitly provided to Stratford’s most vulnerable residents who do not have insurance coverage (i.e.: uninsured) or who are underinsured for home nursing services. There are Stratford patients whose average age is 77 years old. In the last 9 months, 90 patients and saw 350 visits by VNA nurses. The VNA has received the same amount for 30 years, and has done an incredible job doing more with less as medical costs have skyrocketed.

WHEREAS; there is an expected surplus of \$150,000 in the budget line item 01108-6376 Town buildings *Sewer Use Fees; funding would be reallocated to cover the \$53K accordingly.

7.4 TABLED APPOINTMENTS

7.4.1 STRATFORD HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

- A. 3 members of the local business community (3 vacancies)
- B. 1 member-at-large

7.4.2 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.*

- A. 1 member from District of Town in which Sikorsky Memorial Airport is located – appointed by Town Council.
- B. 2 members from the Stratford Electorate at-large — appointed by Town Council.

7.4.3 ETHICS COMMISSION — 4-year term. *Placed on the table during Council meeting of Nov. 11 2015.* Members — 5 (§5-30 of Town code)

- Michael Peslak (Pastor) — expired Oct. 31, 2012
- Alternate members (3)

7.4.4 DISABILITY REVIEW BOARD — 2-year term, appointed by Council. *Placed on the table during Council meeting of Jan. 11, 2016.*

- A. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Disability Review Board. (term of Renee C. Rickard-Casey, MD expires Jan. 13, 2016)
- B. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Disability Review Board. (term of Frank Scifo, MD expires Jan. 13, 2016)

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

8.1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE APPLICATION SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD AND TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Sponsored by:

WHEREAS; Town of Stratford and Tyler are parties to an agreement dated June 28, 2002, amended on November 6, 2009 to add Application Service Provider services; and,

WHEREAS; the Term of the Agreement expires June 30, 2016; and,

WHEREAS; the funds in the annual amount of \$95,039 is to be available in account 01302-6499.

RESOLVED: The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Application Service Provider commencing July 1, 2016 and expiring on June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$285,117 and the Term will renew for an additional one year at the current Fees.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 APPOINTMENTS

9.1.1 LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ - be and is hereby appointed a member of the Library Board. [Term of James Conner (resigned) ends Dec. 31, 2017]

9.1.2 BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE — term concurrent with Council

RESOLVED: That _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Beautification Committee. (vacated term of Rosanne Neri)

9.1.3 ARTS COMMISSION, ALTERNATE MEMBER — Town code § 5-52, 3 year terms.

RESOLVED: That _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Arts Commission. (vacated term of Paul Giarniero)

9.1.4 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS – ALTERNATE MEMBERS — 4-year term, appt. by Council, § 5-77-78

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed an Alternate member of the Board of Assessment Appeals. (term of Kenneth Caserta expired March 13, 2016)

9.1.5 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, REGULAR MEMBER

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a regular member of the Board of Zoning Appeals representing Planning District II. (Council districts 3 and 4) [term of office of Emma Brooks (resigned) expires Jan. 1, 2018]

9.1.6 INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION — appointed by Council Chair, § 217-4A of Town code

- A. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (vacated term of Vincent Massey expires May 31, 2018)
- B. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (term of Ronald Hojdich expired May 31, 2016)
- C. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (vacated term of Dennis Blake expired May 31, 2016)

9.1.7 WATERFRONT AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION — § 210-3 of Town code, 5-year term, appointed by Council

9.1.7.1 REGULAR MEMBER

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a regular member of the Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission (term of Frank Stirna expires May 31, 2016)

9.1.7.2 ALTERNATE MEMBERS

A. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission (term of Henry Halverson expired May 31, 2016)

B. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission (term of David Salik expired May 31, 2016)

9.1.8 STRATFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY — 5-year term

RESOLVED: that _____ - of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Stratford Housing Authority. (term of Kenneth Bishop ended June 30, 2016)

9.1.9 ZONING COMMISSION, ALTERNATE MEMBER — appointed by Council, 3-yr term

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Zoning Commission (position vacated by Mark Juliano expires Jan. 1, 2017)

9.1.10 COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION VACANCIES created by Town Council resignations.

- A. Tax Partnership Screening Committee
- B. Conservation Commission
- C. Public Safety Committee
- D. Public Works Committee

E. Community Development Subcommittee

10. ADJOURNMENT