

MINUTES OF MEETING

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

February 22, 2016

The Ordinance Committee of the Stratford Town Council conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 22, 2016 in Council Chambers of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615 pursuant to notice duly posted.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

PRESIDING: Chairman Philip Young

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Beth Daponte, Mr. Joseph Gresko, Mr. Phillip Young, Ms. Marianne Antezzo, Mr. J. Vincent Chase, Mr. Alan Llewelyn, Ms. Tina Manus

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Mark Dumas, Mr. Wali Kadeem, Mr. David Harden

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Finance Director Susan Collier, CAO Chris Tymiak, Town Attorney Chris Hodgson, Asst. to Town Attorney John Florek

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED DURING MEETING:

- Manus-Antezzo Amendment (referencing line item "I") – document on file in the Office of the Council Clerk

II. Approval of Minutes — Minutes of Public Hearing and meeting of April 27, 2015.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE SECONDED BY MS. DAPONTE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED 7 TO 0.

WAIVER OF COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO WAIVE THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE TO TAKE ITEMS "G" AND "H" OUT OF ORDER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL VOTE.

- G. AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE APPROPRIATION from \$103,100,000 to \$125,966,646 for Stratford High School in the Capital Improvement Program for fiscal year 2010-2011 (#16- 02)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MS. DAPONTE TO REFER THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO COUNCIL WITH FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL VOTE.

- H. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING the Issuance of \$65,000,000 of Bonds for the costs associated with the renovation of Stratford High School and pending the Issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose (#16-03)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MS. ANTEZZO TO REFER THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO COUNCIL WITH FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL VOTE.

III. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items

- A. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 200, TREES, SHRUBS AND WOODY VEGETATION (#14-10) Placed on the table during meeting of June 30, 2014.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS, SECONDED BY MR. LLEWELYN TO TAKE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION FAILED WITH 2 IN FAVOR AND 5 OPPOSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MS. DAPONTE — NO, MR. DUMAS — ABSENT, MR. KADEEM — ABSENT, MR. HARDEN — ABSENT, MR. GRESKO — NO, MR. YOUNG — NO, MS. ANTEZZO — NO, MR. CHASE — NO, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — YES.

IV. New Business

- A. ORDINANCE AMENDING § 88-5 — EMS COMMITTEE. (#15-14)
B. ORDINANCE – Article XV – Miscellaneous Abatements — 191-36 – Abatement for Class I Renewable Energy Source (#15-15)
C. ORDINANCE re: Regular meetings; adjournment § 33-1 (#15-16)
D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 to implement a temporary hiring freeze and other financial restraints (#15-17)
E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 TO require reauthorization for previously approved capital improvements (#15-18)
F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE of the Town of Stratford, Connecticut to require that the Finance Director publish Town Revenue and Expenditure Reports and a list of non-payroll disbursements on the Town’s Website on a monthly basis; (#16-01)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. ANTEZZO, SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCES ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 7 TO 0.

- I. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET Ordinance (#15-03) for the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year Commencing July 1, 2015 and Ending June 30, 2016 (#16-04)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN SECONDED BY MS. ANTEZZO TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS,

SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO AMEND THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

Strike ‘in the amount of no less than \$2,730,965 and shall file a list of such reductions with the Council Clerk and Town Clerk by February 15, 2016. Such list shall include the line item, account description, and page number from the adopted operating budget for each such reduction and shall be accompanied by a memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer explaining each section reduction” and insert “in the amount of \$77,914.86 from the line items identified below: (items were not read into the record - referencing document distributed as cited above)

Ms. Collier was called to the podium for questions re: the above sited document.

Ordinance Committee recessed: 7:57 to 8:04 p.m.

Mr. Hodgson was called upon for an opinion. Ms. Collier resumed the podium for additional questioning.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT FAILED WITH 4 IN FAVOR AND 3 OPPOSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MS. DAPONTE — NO, MR. DUMAS — ABSENT, MR. KADEEM — ABSENT, MR. HARDEN — ABSENT, MR. GRESKO — NO, MR. YOUNG — NO, MS. ANTEZZO — YES, MR. CHASE — YES, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — YES.

MR. CHASE MOTIONED, SECONDED BY MR. GRESKO TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Chase requested a point of personal privilege to ask the CAO and Finance Director to remain after the meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no further discussion or further business, Mr. Young entertained a motion to adjourn. ON A MOTION MADE BY MS. DAPONTE, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE, IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary