



Stratford, Connecticut

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MINUTES OF MEETING

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF TOWN HALL, 2725 MAIN STREET, STRATFORD, CT PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY POSTED.

CALL TO ORDER 8:01 p.m.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman James Connor

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Chris Pia, Mr. Ron Tichy, Mr. Wali Kadeem, Mr. Dave Harden, Mr. Greg Cann, Mr. Ken Poisson, Mr. Bill Perillo, Mr. James Connor, Mr. Bill O'Brien, Ms. Laura Dancho.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Town Attorney Chris Hodgson, Asst. Town Attorneys John Florek, and Bryan LeClerc, Mayor Laura Hoydick, Chief of Staff Mike Downes, CAO Chris Tymniak, Finance Director J. Wahlberg, Director of Human Resources Ron Ing.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Honorable Wali Kadeem, District 3.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Regularly scheduled meeting of February 13, 2018.

BE IT 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. KADEEM, SECONDED BY MS. DANCHO TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PIA, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO SUSPEND THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE TO ADD CIP AND CEP RESOLUTIONS TO THE AGENDA AS ITEMS 7.8 AND 7.9. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

2. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS – None.**3. COMMUNICATIONS, BILLS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES**

3.1 Received from the Planning Commission –

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD'S PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

THE CHAIR NOTED FOR THE RECORD THAT THE FOREGOING PROPOSED RESOLUTION WAS RECEIVED AND REQUIRES NO FURTHER ACTION OF THE COUNCIL AT THIS TIME.

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

4.1 MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Hoydick reported on the following:

- BUDGET for FY18-19
- NOR' EASTER & POWER OUTAGES
- TOWN HALL EVENTS
- GIRL SCOUTS VISIT TOWN HALL
- STRATFORD LIBRARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION
- READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY
- ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES at TOWN HALL

4.1.1 MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – None.

4.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.2.1 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – The Ordinance Committee met on February 26, 2018 and referred the following ordinance to the Town Council with a favorable recommendation:

4.2.1.1 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATOR COORDINATOR (#18-10)

Sponsored by:

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

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

4.2.2 BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE - The Building Needs Committee met on February 22, 2018 and referred the following items to the Town Council with favorable recommendations:

1. Antinozzi Associates contract amendment No. 31 re: construction phase soils environmental at east parcel for the amount of \$49,478.75.

BE IT RESOLVED: that the foregoing amendment, Antinozzi Associates No. 31 in the amount of \$49,478.75, be and is hereby approved.

2. Turner Construction Company change order #36 for adjustment to network communications cabling in the amount of ~~\$57,475~~ \$57,474.

BE IT RESOLVED: that the foregoing change order, Turner Construction Company #36 in the amount of \$57,474, be and are hereby approved.

3. Sonitrol Contract (security) for the amount of ~~\$375,085.25~~ \$377,085.25

BE IT RESOLVED: that the foregoing item, Sonitrol Contract (security) for the amount of \$377,085.25 be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. POISSON, SECONDED BY MR. TICHY TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ITEMS REFERRED BY THE BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE AS STATED ABOVE. Mr. Alan Llewellyn, Chairman of the SHS Renovation Subcommittee, was called to the podium for questions. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

4.2.3 PLANNING COMMISSION – The Planning Commission met on February 20, 2018 and referred the following item to the Town Council with an unfavorable recommendation: TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP–ORANGE STREET EXTENSION.

BE IT RESOLVED: that the transfer of ownership of Orange Street Extension be and is hereby denied.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. POISSON, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO TABLE THE FOREGOING ITEM. THE MOTION PASSED 9-1, MR. CANN OPPOSED.

4.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None.

5. QUESTIONS TO MAYOR – None.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS and/or OLD BUSINESS

6.1 TABLED ITEMS

6.2 TABLED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

6.3 TABLED APPOINTMENTS

6.3.1 FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (*tabled February 13, 2018*) Remained on the table.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7.1 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING APPLICABILITY OF TRAFFIC LAWS TO THE OPERATION OF BICYCLES (#18-04)

Sponsored by:

BE IT RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above entitled ordinance be dispensed with as copies thereof have previously been furnished to each Council member and the above and foregoing be and is hereby accepted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance committee for a Public Hearing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PIA, SECONDED BY MR. O'BRIEN TO SEND THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, AND TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

7.2 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PROHIBITION ON BLOCKING THE BOX (#18-05)

Sponsored by:

BE IT RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above entitled ordinance be dispensed with as copies thereof have previously been furnished to each Council member and the above and foregoing be and is hereby accepted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance committee for a Public Hearing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PIA, SECONDED BY MR. O'BRIEN TO SEND THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, AND TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

7.3 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2018 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$220,872,095 IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH (#18-06)

A MOTION MADE BY MR. PIA, SECONDED BY MR. O'BRIEN TO AMEND THE FOREGOING ITEM AS FOLLOWS: by inserting the dollar amount of \$220,872,095 as the estimated amount of current expenses, permanent improvements, and other lawful charges of the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019, and as amount to be 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, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.

Sponsored by: STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, 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, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019, is **\$220,872,095**

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, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019; and

That the sum of **\$220,872,095** 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, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, all in accordance with the provisions of the budget attached hereto and made a part hereof.

THE MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED 10-0

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.

DISCUSSION OF THE TIMES OF THE FIRST BUDGET MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PIA, SECONDED BY MR TICHY TO SEND THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE AS AMENDED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

7.4 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX RATE (#18-07)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PIA, SECONDED BY MS. DANCHO THAT THIS ITEM BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: by (1) inserting a mill rate of 39.90 mills on the dollar on the grand list of taxable property in the Town of Stratford, Connecticut, on the first day of October, 2017, (2) by inserting a mill rate of 39.90 mills on the dollar on the grand list of taxable motor vehicle property in the Town of Stratford, Connecticut, on the first day of October, 2017, and (3) by inserting \$41,522,731 as the estimated revenues of the Town of Stratford other than by taxation for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.

Sponsored by: STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL

A. OF **39.90** MILLS ON THE DOLLAR ON THE GRAND LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT, ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017.

B. OF **39.90** MILLS ON THE DOLLAR ON THE GRAND LIST OF TAXABLE MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT, ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017.

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, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, 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, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, are **\$41,522,731**; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has proposed an operating budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a tax levy at the rate of **39.90** mills on the dollar on the Grand List of taxable property [excluding motor vehicle property] in the Town of Stratford on October 1, 2017, is necessary to meet the appropriations, less the estimated amount of revenue from other sources as permitted by law to be raised;

WHEREAS, a tax levy at the rate of **39.90** mills on the dollar on the Grand List of taxable motor vehicle property in the Town of Stratford on October 1, 2017, 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 **39.90** excluding Motor Vehicle] in the Town of Stratford on the Grand List of October 1, 2017;

That a tax rate of **39.90** mills on the dollar on the Motor Vehicle Grand List be and is hereby levied against all taxable motor vehicle property in the Town of Stratford on the Motor Vehicle Grand List of October 1, 2017;

That said taxes shall be due and payable in two equal installments, one half thereof on July 1, 2018, and the second half thereof on January 1, 2019, 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, 2018.

THE MOTION TO AMEND PASSED 10-0.

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.

DISCUSSION OF THE TIMES OF THE FIRST BUDGET MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PIA, SECONDED BY MR. O'BRIEN TO SEND THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE AS AMENDED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

7.5 RESOLUTION RE: THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

BE IT RESOLVED: that the salary for the position of Community and Economic Development Coordinator as recommended by the Mayor to be between \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year, shall be fixed at \$_____ per year, subject to future adjustments by the Town Council.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. DANCHO, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO TABLE THE FOREGOING ITEM. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

7.6 RESOLUTION TO MODIFY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 RE: RIGHT-OF-WAY TAVERN ROCK RD.

BE IT RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Planning Commission, as approved by the Council by resolution on September 11, 2017, is modified to reflect the abandonment of the portion of the right of way rather than the sale of the right of way.

Mr. Sean Plumb of the Jackson Law Group was called to the podium for questions. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. DANCHO, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ITEM. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

7.7 RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

Section IV **ORDER OF BUSINESS** amended as follows:

Fourth: Reading and disposing of reports of the Mayor. **Questions for the Mayor.** Reading and disposing of Committee reports and reports of the Town Attorney.

Fifth: Unfinished and/or Old Business.

Sixth: Ordinances and Resolutions.

Seventh: New Business

Eighth: Adjournment
and

Section V **AGENDA** amended as follows:

- A. The Council Clerk shall prepare an agenda relating to the order of business to be considered at the regular Council meetings. All new business to be included in such agenda shall be presented to the Council Clerk in its complete text no later than four-thirty (4:30) P.M. on the ~~Tuesday~~ **Wednesday** preceding the next regular Council meeting at which the matter is to be considered. The Council Chair must approve any matter requested to be placed on the agenda. An item may be added to the Council agenda only with a vote of seven (7) Council Members at the regularly scheduled **meeting**.
- B. The Council Clerk shall distribute copies of the agenda to each Council Member, the Mayor, Chief Administration Officer, the Town Attorney and Assistant Town Attorneys on or before the ~~Wednesday~~ **Thursday** preceding the date of the regular Council meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED: that the foregoing amendments to the Stratford Town Council Rules of Procedure be and are hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY MS. DANCHO TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE AS PROVIDED ABOVE. MR. CANN OFFERED AN AMENDMENT, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO AMEND SECTION V, B TO INCLUDE "...A COPY WILL BE POSTED ON THE TOWN'S ELECTRONIC CALENDAR AS THE TOWN COUNCIL'S MEETING AGENDA ON OR BEFORE THE THURSDAY PRECEDING..." DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. MR. CANN WITHDREW HIS AMENDMENT. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

7.8 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$14,797,200 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 (#18-08)

Sponsored by:

BE IT RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above 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. PIA, SECONDED BY MR. TICHY TO SEND THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

7.9 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$14,797,200 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET THE APPROPRIATION FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AND PENDING ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (#18-09)

Sponsored by:

BE IT RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above 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. PIA, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO SEND THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 APPOINTMENTS

8.1.1 BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

- A. BE IT RESOLVED: that SYLVIA MARTIN of 85 CORINTHIAN AVE be and is hereby appointed a member of the Beautification Committee for a term concurrent with Council term.
- B. BE IT RESOLVED: that GAIL LISCIO of 756 CHICKADEE LANE be and is hereby appointed a member of the Beautification Committee for a term concurrent with Council term.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KADEEM, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENTS. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

8.1.2 DISABILITY REVIEW BOARD

- A. BE IT RESOLVED: that JANCEE PUST-MARCONE of 275 LUANE ROAD be and is hereby appointed a member of the Disability Review Board (term of Jancee Pust Marcone – expired January 13, 2018) for a term that expires January 13, 2020.
- B. BE IT RESOLVED: that RENEE C. RICKARD CASEY, M.D. of 31 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MILFORD be and is hereby appointed a member of the Disability Review Board (term of Renee C. Rickard-Casey, M.D.– expired January 13, 2016) for a term that expires January 13, 2020.
- C. BE IT RESOLVED: that FRANK SCIFO, M.D. of 6 FRIAR LANE, TRUMBULL be and is hereby appointed a member of the Disability Review Board (term of Frank Scifo, M.D., - expired January 13, 2016) for a term that expires January 13, 2020.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. TICHY, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENTS. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

8.1.3 COMMISSION ON AGING

- A. BE IT RESOLVED: that DALE MCCLANAN of 200 RIVER VALLEY RD be and is hereby appointed a member of the Commission on Aging (term of Dale McClanan, expired November 30, 2016) for a term that expires November 30, 2019.
- B. BE IT RESOLVED: that GERALDINE GEMZA of 12 ROARING BROOK LANE, SHELTON be and is hereby appointed a member of the Commission on Aging (term of Geraldine Gemza, expired November 30, 2016) for a term that expires November 30, 2019.
- C. BE IT RESOLVED: that GUS CSUKA of 1685 JAMES FARM ROAD be and is hereby appointed a member of the Commission on Aging (term of Gus P. Csuka, expired December 31, 2016) for a term that expires December 31, 2019.
- D. BE IT RESOLVED: that GEORGE HANGOS of 389 SWANSON AVENUE be and is hereby appointed a member of the Commission on Aging (term of George Hangos, expired December 31, 2016) for a term that expires December 31, 2019.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PERILLO, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENTS. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

9. ADJOURNMENT A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HARDEN, SECONDED BY MR. CANN TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:47 P.M.

ATTEST: *Margo Paquette*
Margo Paquette, Council Clerk