



Stratford, Connecticut

MINUTES OF MEETING

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017 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 Pro tem J. Vincent Chase

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Scott Farrington-Posner, Mr. Wali Kadeem, Mr. Gregory Cann, Mr. Philip Young, Ms. Marianne Antezzo, Mr. J. Vincent Chase, Mr. Alan Llewelyn, Ms. Tina Manus.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Beth Daponte, Mr. David Harden

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Harkins, Assts. to the Town Attorney John Florek, and Brian LeClerc; Attorney Christopher Hodgson, Human Resources Director Ronald Ing, Chief of Staff Marc Dillon, Constituent Service and Outreach Coordinator Chris Bandecchi, CAO Chris Tymniak, Human Resources Director Ronald Ing, Finance Director Jay Wahlberg

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — presented by Hon. Tina Manus, Tenth district Council member

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Regularly scheduled meeting and public forum of July 10, and special meetings of July 3, July 5, July 13, and July 24, 2017,

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. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS — None

3. COUNCIL MEMBERS' RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Manus — re: Public Safety officials, dog park, Shakespeare Theater building, Baldwin Center staff

Mr. Llewelyn — re: dog park, Shakespeare Theater building, Blue Fish Stadium, Bunnell Field House, Baldwin Center staff

Ms. Antezzo — re: Shakespeare Theater building

Mr. Cann — re: Dog park, Baldwin Center staff

Mr. Kadeem — re: Police/Fire Dept.

Mr. Farrington-Posner — Police Officers, dog park, Bunnell field house.

4. COMMUNICATIONS, BILLS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES — None

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.

Mayor Harkins reported on: Stratford has acquired 41.6 acres at the airport which includes marshland and Long Beach Parking Lot and 7.6 acres on Access Road. Nichols School project has begun, Stratford High School renovations project continues, summer reading awards program will be conducted at the Baldwin center.

5.1.1 STRATFORD ARMY ENGINE PLANT (SAEP) — Meeting with EPA, project is on schedule, sampling and testing continues.

5.1.2 APPOINTMENTS — None

5.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.2.1 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE— During the regularly schedule Ordinance Committee meeting of July 24, 2017 the following was favorably referred to Town Council:

ORDINANCE RE: COMPETITIVE BIDDING - MAYOR'S ABILITY TO HIRE PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTORS (#16-17)

Sponsored by: Hon. Beth Daponte – First District Council member
Hon. Greg Cann – Fifth District Council member
Hon. Tina Manus – Tenth District Council member

RESOLVED: That the following Section 14-4 of the Code of the Town of Stratford, Connecticut be amended to include the following:

14-4 Competitive Bidding

A. All purchases of, and contracts for, supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services and all sales of such personal property greater than \$7,500 which has become obsolete, unserviceable or unusable shall be based, when possible, on competitive bids. The Purchasing Department shall solicit sealed bids on purchases greater than \$7,500 by sending notice to prospective suppliers and by posting notice on a public bulletin board in the Town Hall. Each bid shall be opened publicly at the time stated in the notice soliciting such bid. If the amount of the expenditure or sale is estimated to exceed \$7,500, sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice

inserted at least once in a newspaper circulated within the Town and at least five calendar days before the final date of submitting bids.

B. Competitive bidding shall not be required for contracts for professional services. In any other case where competitive bidding is not required by law and either clearly is not practical or no advantage would result to the Town by requiring competitive bidding, the Mayor may authorize the execution of a contract without competitive bidding.

C. Professional services consulting contracts to any individual or firm exceeding \$10,000 in ~~an annum~~ Fiscal Year as not explicitly indicated in the annual operating budget of the town shall require the approval of the Town Council.

RESOLVED: that the second reading of the above entitled Ordinance be dispensed with as copies thereof have been received by all Council Members and the foregoing be and is hereby approved effective thirty days from passage.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. YOUNG, SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FOR FINAL PASSAGE. Discussion took place re: item C. "as not explicitly indicated in the annual operating budget of the town". Questions were posed to Attorney Florek. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER — YES, MR. KADEEM — YES, MR. CANN — YES, MR. YOUNG — YES, MS. ANTEZZO — YES, MR. CHASE — YES, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — YES.

5.2.2 STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE — The following was referred to Council for approval:

- A. Antinozzi Associates SHS Contract Amendment No. 20 - Owed mark-up from previous amendments \$8,424.63 (due to an accounting error) – Recommended for approval during the 4/17/17 BNC meeting - OSCG Project No. 138-0101. This item is less than the current \$25,000 spending limit, however it may have predated the change in the ordinance and might fall under the old \$5,000.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Stratford High School Renovations Subcommittee is accepted and the contract amendment No. 20, owed mark-up from previous amendments \$8,424.63 (due to an accounting error), be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MS. ANTEZZO TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING CONTRACT AMENDMENT (NO. 20) FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$8,424.63. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Accept the 6/19/2017 recommendation from the BNC to accept Turner Construction Pre-Construction COR-002 in the amount of \$175,914. This COR (Change Order Request) was due to the extended preconstruction period due to the contaminated soils investigation, and due to the State extending the CHRO requirements to this project after Turner was already contracted to work on the project, and for Turner

having to redo the CHRO work after the Town Council incorporated a PLA into the project after Turner's initial CHRO efforts.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Stratford High School Renovations Subcommittee to accept Turner construction pre-construction COR-002 in the amount of \$175,914 be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING CHANGE ORDER REQUEST. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.2.3 BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE — The following was referred from Building Needs committee to Council without recommendation:

Bids were received for demolition of the Ranger station at Roosevelt Forest.

Ludlow Associates — \$21,840.00

Mastroni Excavating — \$31,800.00

Abatement Demolition, LLC — \$43,342.00

Standard Demolition Services — \$ 58,345.00

G Pic & Sons Construction — \$65,000.00

RESOLVED: that the low bid of Ludlow Associates in the amount of \$21,840.00 for demolition of the Ranger station at Roosevelt Forest be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING BID FOR DEMOLITION OF THE RANGER STATION AT ROOSEVELT FOREST FROM LUDLOW ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,840.00. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

5.3.1 POLICE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

RESOLVED: to approve the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO APPROVE THE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER, SECONDED BY MS. ANTEZZO TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS, MAYOR HARKINS, ATTORNEYS FLOREK, HODGSON, LECLERC, MR. TYMNIAK, MR. ING, AND MR. WAHLBERG. THE MOTION FAILED WITH 3 IN FAVOR AND 5 OPPOSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER — YES, MR. KADEEM — NO, MR. CANN — NO, MR. YOUNG — NO, MS. ANTEZZO — YES, MR. CHASE — NO, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — NO. THE MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.3.2 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Cann: re: Town code re: candidates for re-election i.e. Zoning Seat sought by Linda Manos; authority to change Town Code i.e. Blight enforcement officer reporting to different department.

6. QUESTIONS TO MAYOR OR STAFF

Ms. Antezzo: re: Raymark Waste cleanup, SAEP cleanup.

Ms. Manus: re: Raymark Waste cleanup

Mr. Kadeem: re: street cleaning

Mr. Farrington-Posner: Police chief McNeil was called to the podium to contribute input re: the recent tragedy; Longbrook park litter and damage

Mr. Cann: re: funding for "Blues on the Beach"

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS and/or OLD BUSINESS

7.1 TABLED ITEMS

7.1.1 COST OF DOG PARK - \$15,000.00 is set aside from CIP 2017. *TABLED DURING COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 11, 2016. REMAINED ON THE TABLE.*

7.1.2 RENAMING OF A PORTION OF STRATFORD AVENUE TO SELBY POND ROAD.
— Placed on the table during meeting of July 10, 2017.

RESOLVED: that the renaming of a portion of Stratford Avenue to Selby Pond Road be and is hereby approved pending the Town Attorney's composition of the prerequisites and obligations of the property owners.

Recommended to modification to Resolution: RESOLVED: to rename the portion of Stratford Avenue that was previously renamed to Bond's Dock Way, that is, the portion that runs from the intersection of Lockwood Avenue to Bond's Dock, to be renamed to be Selby Pond Road.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO TAKE THE FOREGOING ITEM OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion went forward re: it is unclear if the proposed name of the road is "Selby" or "Selbys" as it is indicated differently in previously distributed documents. Attorney Alex Florek will research the matter.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO RETURN THE FOREGOING ITEM TO THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.2 TABLED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7.2.1 CEP/CIP ORDINANCES — *Tabled during Council Meeting of June 12, 2107.* ITEMS BELOW A., B., C., AND D. REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

- A. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$12,510,500 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 (#17-05) (appended as pages 8-9)
- B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$12,510,500 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET THE APPROPRIATION FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 AND PENDING ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (#17-06) (appended as pages 10-12)
- C. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,517.130 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 (#17-07) (appended as page 13)
- D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,517.130 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET THE APPROPRIATION FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 AND PENDING ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (#17-08) (appended as pages 14-16)

7.2.2 CENTER SCHOOL — RESOLUTION — *(tabled July 11, 2016)* ITEM BELOW REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

Sponsored by the Stratford Town Council

Whereas, the Town Council has the power to authorize the demolition of a town building;

Whereas, the demolition of a school has long-lasting implications on educational opportunities for the town's population;

Whereas, the number of building permits has increased in Stratford;

Whereas, the physical use of the center of Stratford has long-lasting implications on the town's reputation;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Stratford Town Council: That the path to demolition of 55 Sutton Place ~~1000 East Broadway~~, aka the new Center School, be stopped, stop phase 3 testing, further, a study will be conducted to determine the cost of returning the building to use as a school.

7.3 TABLED APPOINTMENTS — ALL TABLED APPOINTMENTS BELOW, 7.3.1, 7.3.2, 7.3.3, 7.3.4, 7.3.5, 7.3.6, 7.3.7, REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

7.3.1 FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE — additional appointments. *Placed on table during meeting of Jan.9, 2017.*

7.3.2 STRATFORD HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

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

7.3.3 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.

7.3.4 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, ALTERNATE MEMBER — 3-year term. *Placed on the table during Council meeting of Jan. 9, 2017.*

7.3.5 BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE — term concurrent with Council Term (Dec. 2017)

7.3.6 ARTS COMMISSION – 3-year terms, appointed by Council
Alternate member – term of Louis DeCilio expired March 10, 2017

7.3.7 WATERFRONT & HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, alternate member — § 210-3 of Town Code, 5-year term

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS — None

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 APPOINTMENTS

9.1.1 ARTS COMMISSION, alternate members – 3-year terms, appointed by Council

- A. RESOLVED: that THERESA PICCOLO of 315 FOX HILL ROAD- be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Arts Commission. (term of Theresa Piccolo expired August 12, 2017)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS, SECONDED BY MR. LLEWELYN TO REAPPOINT THERESA PICCOLO AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ARTS COMMISSION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ - be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Arts Commission. (term of Katherine DeCrezenzo expired August 12, 2017) ACTION NOT TAKEN.

9.1.2 STRATFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY – 5-year terms, appointed by Council

RESOLVED: that SONJA M. DEVITT of 545 HILLTOP DRIVE- be and is hereby appointed a member of the Stratford Housing Authority. (term of Barbara English expired June 30, 2017)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. ANTEZZO, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG TO APPOINT SONJA M. DEVITT TO THE FOREGOING HOUSING AUTHORITY POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 6 IN FAVOR AND 2 OPPOSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER — NO, MR. KADEEM — YES, MR. CANN — YES, MR. YOUNG — YES, MS. ANTEZZO — YES, MR. CHASE — YES, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — NO.

10. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no other business, Chairman protem Chase entertained a motion to adjourn. ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. CANN, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM, IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carol Cabral

Carol Cabral, Council Clerk