

**CITY OF GROTON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2005**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:30 PM**

Mayor Popp called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dennis Popp, Deputy Mayor Paul Duarte, Councilors David Hale, Hubert Poppe, Sharon Schick, Marian Galbraith, Michael Street and City Clerk Debra Patrick.

Excused: Treasurer Terrence O'Hanlon and Finance Director Tony Timpano.

Bud Fay and Bruce Brast spoke to the Council regarding the many events surrounding the upcoming visit to the area of Dolittle's Raiders. They will be here April 15-18. A complete events listing is available through the Mystic Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Fay stated that sponsorships were going to be necessary to help defray expenses for the many events and requested the Council consider a donation to that end. He went on to say that this is an exciting opportunity for our children to meet those who were a part of our history.

Councilor Galbraith thanked Mr. Fay for his assistance bringing the Dolittle Raiders to West Side Middle School during their upcoming visit for a program with students. She said they are very excited to have the opportunity to hear first hand about how history unfolded.

Councilor Galbraith moved **Councilor Schick** seconded a motion to donate the sum of \$10,000.00 to Dolittle Raiders visit and move said motion to the Special Mayor and Council meeting of March 10, 2005. **Motion passed unanimously.**

REFERRAL ITEM # 1 APPOINTMENTS BEACH AND PARKS COMMITTEE

Councilor Hale moved **Councilor Poppe** seconded a motion to move **REFERRAL ITEM # 1** for the reappointment of Alfred Restivo, Arthur J. Callahan and Kathleen Harrington to the Beach and Parks Committee to The Special Mayor and Council meeting of March 10, 2005. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**REFERRAL ITEM # 7 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF GROTON
AND CITY OF GROTON REGARDING PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

The full time planner position has been advertised on the City of Groton web site, The Day and The Hartford Courant. Once mailing labels are ready the advertisement will be mailed out to the web site and members of the Connecticut Chapter of American Planning Association.

REFERRAL ITEM # 140 GROTON TOWNHOUSE SIGN

This item is in committee for further discussion.

**REFERRAL ITEM #146 REVISED 2005 CITY OF GROTON RECREATION
DEPARTMENT USER FEES**

Councilor Poppe reported that the Beach and Parks Committee have given their approval for the fees as written.

Bill Sanford, Director of Parks and Recreation stated that the City Attorney agreed that the bus rules and fees were legal.

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Councilor Poppe moved **Councilor Hale** seconded a motion to move **REFERRAL ITEM # 146** to the Special Mayor and Council meeting of March 10, 2005. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The complete schedule of user fees is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office.

**REFERRAL ITEM # 147 RULES AND REGULATIONS AT EASTERN POINT BEACH
FOR THE YEAR 2005 SEASON**

Councilor Poppe moved **Councilor Hale** seconded a motion to move **REFERRAL ITEM # 147** to the Special Mayor and Council meeting of March 10, 2005. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The complete rules and regulations are on file for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office.

**REFERRAL ITEM #149 RATIFICATION OF THE CSEA 91, WHITE COLLAR UNION
CONTRACT**

There was some discussion regarding the changes including the addition of 1 position to the union.

Deputy Mayor Duarte moved **Councilor Schick** seconded a motion to move **REFERRAL ITEM # 149** to the Special Mayor and Council meeting of March 10, 2005. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**REFERRAL ITEM #150 EXTENSION OF LICENSE TO ROBERT AND PATRICIA
GARCIA, DBA EASTERN POINT BEACH CONCESSION TO OPERATE
REFRESHMENT FACILITY AT EASTERN POINT BEACH FOR THE 2005 SEASON**

Councilor Hale moved **Councilor Galbraith** seconded a motion to move **REFERRAL ITEM # 150** to the Special Mayor and Council meeting of March 10, 2005. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**REFERRAL ITEM #154 ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE TRANSFER AT NO COST
TO THE CITY OF GROTON A PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT THE
CORNER OF SR 117 AND CANDLEWOOD ROAD TO BE USED FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTER GROTON PUMP STATION**

Ray Valentini displayed a map showing the location of the parcel of land the City wishes to take over. It is the ideal spot for Center Groton pump station and is available at no cost to the City.

Councilor Hale moved **Deputy Mayor Duarte** seconded a motion to move **REFERRAL ITEM # 154** to the Special Mayor and Council meeting of March 10, 2005. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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REFERRAL ITEM # 151 COMPENSATION ANALYSIS FOR CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Glenn Wilson, Affirmative Action Officer gave an overview of the recently completed study commissioned to determine if the elected officials and department heads were adequately compensated for duties performed. A complete copy of the analysis is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office.

REFERRAL ITEM #152 BENEFITS FOR FULL TIME ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mr. Wilson reported that in accordance with State of Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-425 (5) and a vote cast at the June 3, 1996 Annual Budget meeting that full time elected officials can be enrolled in the City pension plan.

Deputy Mayor Duarte moved **Councilor Hale** seconded a motion to move **REFERRAL ITEMS # 151 AND 152** to the Special Mayor and Council meeting of March 10, 2005. **Motion passed unanimously.**

REFERRAL ITEM # 153 PURCHASE OF POLE-CARGO TRAILER FROM ALTEC INDUSTRIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,000.00 PAID FROM FUNDS PROVIDED IN THE APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 BUDGET

Glenn Wilson, Utilities Director stated that this equipment is to replace an older one and conforms to all safety regulations.

Councilor Galbraith moved **Councilor Schick** seconded a motion to move **REFERRAL ITEM # 153** to the Special Mayor and Council meeting of March 10, 2005. **Motion passed unanimously.**

REFERRAL ITEM # 155 APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH A/Z CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,897.00 FOR RENOVATIONS IN THE VACATED PROJECT MANAGEMENT AREA

Mr. Wilson stated that the Thames Valley Communications employees have been housed in a trailer and it is imperative to bring them into offices in the Municipal Building to be built in the vacated Project Management area.

There were questions regarding the number of bids received. Mr. Wilson said that there were 3 bids returned and the A/Z Corporation bid came in well below the others. Councilor Hale voiced some concerns regarding the bid.

Mayor Popp said that additional background information would be made available to the Councilors before the next scheduled meeting.

Deputy Mayor Duarte moved **Councilor Poppe** seconded a motion to move **REFERRAL ITEM # 155** to the Special Mayor and Council meeting of March 10, 2005. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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REFERRAL ITEM #156 APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH R. B. KENT & SONS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,115.20 TO MODIFY THE EXISTING HVAC SYSTEM AS IT RELATES TO RENOVATIONS OF THE VACATED PROJECT MANAGEMENT AREA

Mr. Wilson said that this is additional work for the vacated Project Management area where the new office space will be created.

Councilor Galbraith moved **Councilor Schick** seconded a motion to move **REFERRAL ITEM # 156** to the Special Mayor and Council meeting of March 10, 2005. **Motion passed unanimously.**

II. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

III. COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hale moved **Councilor Galbraith** seconded a motion to adjourn. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Popp adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**