

**CITY OF GROTON  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2011**

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 Marian Galbraith, Councilors Celeste Duffy, Keith Hedrick, William Jervis, Finance Director Michael Hillsberg and City Clerk Debra Patrick.

Excused: Councilors David Hale, Lisa M. Luck and Treasurer Janice Waller-Brett.

**REFERRAL ITEM # 392 REVIEW OF CITY OF GROTON NON-UNION HANDBOOKS**

Mayor Popp reported that the actuarial for 2009 had been received but errors were found regarding the groups being mixed up and payroll. He said it is being redone and he expects to have it before the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

**REFERRAL ITEM # 396 PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8) DATA911 MOBILE DIGITAL VIDEO SYSTEMS**

Chief Giulini said they already have the Mobile Data System but feel there is the need to for the video to record and document what transpires during a stop. He said it will protect the officer and the individual who is stopped. He said he wished they had this 2 years ago during a stop that has resulted in a pending lawsuit.

Mayor Popp agreed it would protect both the public and the officers. He asked if the video would be stored here.

Chief Giulini said yes, it would be stored on virtual servers here.

Mayor Popp said that he had asked our insurance providers to share the cost in the past for this kind of technology and was told they would not. He said he will ask again.

Councilor Jervis asked since the DMV no longer issues registration stickers if we will have license recognition capability.

Chief Giulini said only 1 unit will initially as a test car. He said some systems can read from both directions. He said Waterford has it and has worked well for them with all the retail parking lots and traffic. He said it is a good system and is connected to a national data base.

Councilor Hedrick asked if this was budgeted for.

Chief Giulini said it was.

Councilor Duffy asked if this will be for all cars.

Chief Giulini said for 8 marked cars with 1 also having the license recognition system.

Councilor Duffy asked for clarification of the licensing fees and if other towns besides Waterford have this.

Chief Giulini said there is a fee per unit for the server license. He said only Waterford but they are looking into the possibility of a grant so they can share the equipment with Stonington and Town of Groton.

There was some discussion of the range for the video and audio.

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**Councilor Hedrick** moved **Councilor Jervis** seconded to move **REFERRAL ITEM # 396** to the February 7, 2011 Mayor and Council meeting. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Popp reported to the Councilors that the owner of an apartment complex has complained that he is not being given the same services for sanitation pick-up as others as allowed under Ordinance # 149. Tim Umrysz and Mayor Popp agree that there is not enough room to safely back the trucks in to pick up the dumpster and the risk to property damage is too great. The property owner has been offered suggestions which he dismissed due to the costs. He has said he would possibly contact the Councilors and has threatened a lawsuit.

Councilor Hedrick said the man contacted him and after looking into the matter and meeting with Mayor Popp he agrees that the City is doing all it can in this instance. He also said that in the Ordinance it states that there must be a written agreement between the City and the property owners of the condo or apartment complex. There is not an agreement in place with this property owner. There was discussion regarding the Ordinance and all agree it is quite clear what the parameters are and that this man is not being treated unfairly.

Councilor Duffy asked when the complaint came in.

Councilor Hedrick said the man contacted him about a month ago and Mayor Popp agreed with the time frame.

Councilor Duffy asked how the man had the trash collected prior to that.

Mayor Popp said he had a private hauler whose rates increased.

Councilor Jervis asked if municipal pick-up is the norm for condos and apartments in other communities.

Mayor Popp said that we are among the few who do this. He said that it was suggested he go to the Town of Groton to have another driveway cut in to allow for straight access to the dumpsters but he didn't like the costs associated. Due to parking constraints he can't move the collection site closer to the road.

There was continued discussion on his options.

**II. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**III. COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

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**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor Duffy** moved **Deputy Mayor Galbraith** seconded a motion to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

**Mayor Popp** adjourned the meeting at **7:58 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

**Debra Patrick  
City Clerk**