

**CITY OF GROTON
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
MINUTES**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 5, 2017
7:00 PM**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hedrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Patrick read the call of the meeting and the warning to electors. There were 26 electors present at the start of the meeting.

Mayor Hedrick read the General Anticipated Revenues and the General Fund Proposed Appropriations.

GENERAL FUND ANTICIPATED REVENUES

Property taxes (at 5.22 mills), Interest and Lien Fees	\$6,118,960
Intergovernmental Revenues	4,884,080
Licenses and Permits	294,600
Interdepartmental Revenues	4,777,017
Miscellaneous Revenues	133,000
Operating Transfers In	15,000
Service Charge	225,000
Utilization of Fund Balance	<u>451,000</u>
Total General Fund Anticipated Revenues	\$16,898,657

GENERAL FUND PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

General Government	\$1,958,796
Police Department	4,788,266
Fire Department	2,895,484
Civil Preparedness	11,459
Public Works Department	2,993,692
Public Buildings	195,170
Pollution Abatement	1,702,474
Parks and Recreation Department	1,159,519
Non-Departmental	110,000
Debt Service	620,322
Contingency	<u>463,475</u>
Total General Fund Appropriations	\$16,898,657

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Mayor Hedrick asked Nick Delia and Conrad Heede to act as counters.

Item 1. To authorize the Water and Electric Departments to provide, at the discretion of the Utilities Commissioners, the following free services from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018:

- a. Water and electricity to Fort Griswold Park and Groton Monument House - Approximately \$3,650.00.
- b. Water and electricity to Bill Memorial Library – Approximately \$6,350.00.
- c. Illumination of the United States Flag during hours of darkness at the Groton Monument – Approximately \$350.00.
- d. Water and electricity to Washington Park – Approximately \$23,400.00.
- e. Water and electricity to Avery Copp Carriage House and Museum – Approximately \$1,550.00

Mayor Hedrick read Item 1 and asked for a motion from the floor.

David Rose, 75 Baker Avenue moved Paul Duarte, 54 Cottage Street seconded a motion to approve Item 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. To appropriate for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 the sum for the accounts and purposes set forth in the proposed annual budget as published in The Day on May 22, 2017 and in full on the City of Groton website at www.cityofgroton.com.

Mayor Hedrick read Item 2 and asked for a motion from the floor.

Andrew Ilvento, 36 Slocomb Terrace moved Stephen Sheffield, 17 Denison Avenue seconded a motion to approve Item 2. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. To authorize the Mayor and Council to apply to the foregoing budget any excess of revenue over expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and any anticipated revenues from other sources.

Mayor Hedrick read Item 3 and asked for a motion from the floor.

Stephen Sheffield, 17 Denison Avenue moved Paul Duarte, 54 Cottage Street seconded a motion to approve Item 3. Motion carried unanimously.

Another elector arrived to bring the total number of electors to 27.

Item 4. To authorize the Water and Electric Departments to transfer to the City of Groton the sum of Four million seven hundred sixty thousand five hundred seventeen dollars and no cents (\$4,760,517.00) to apply to the appropriations approved at this meeting for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, and to provide for the reimbursement for services furnished to the Utilities as set forth in the foregoing budget.

Mayor Hedrick read Item 4 and asked for a motion from the floor.

Shirley Ann Dunbar-Rose, 75 Baker Avenue moved Andrew Ilvento, 36 Slocomb Terrace seconded a motion to approve Item 4.

David Rose, 75 Baker Avenue asked for clarification of the amount read versus what he had on his agenda.

Finance Director Yuhas confirmed the amount of \$4,760,517.00 was the correct amount.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Item 5. To levy a tax, based on current list, sufficient when combined with the funds noted in Items 3 and 4 hereof, and other incomes to cover the appropriations approved at this meeting for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, said tax to be collected July 1, 2017. Note: It is the opinion of the Mayor that a five point two two (5.22) mills tax would be sufficient, when combined with funds noted in Items 3 and 4 hereof, to finance the appropriations contained in Item 2 of the Call, and said Mayor recommends a **five point two two mills tax**.

Mayor Hedrick read Item 5 and asked for a motion from the floor.

Stephen Sheffield, 17 Denison Avenue moved Hali Keeler, 45 Ramsdell Street seconded a motion to approve Item 5. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. To authorize the Finance Director of the City of Groton to borrow monies in anticipation of tax receipts, as required, for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Mayor Hedrick read Item 6 and asked for a motion from the floor.

David Rose, 75 Baker Avenue moved Juliette Parker, 520 F Shennecossett Road seconded a motion to approve Item 6. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. To authorize the Mayor and Council to transfer any surplus funds from one account to another as prescribed in Article V, Section 3 of the Charter, as may be warranted in their discretion for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, provided that such transfer of funds does not result in exceeding the total amount of the appropriations made at this meeting.

Mayor Hedrick read Item 7 and asked for a motion from the floor.

Juliette Parker, 520 F Shennecossett Road moved Stephen Sheffield, 17 Denison Avenue seconded a motion to approve Item 7. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. To approve the minutes of the following meetings:

Mayor Hedrick read Item 8 and asked for a motion from the floor.

Andrew Ilvento, 36 Slocumb Terrace moved and Juliette Parker, 520 F Shennecossett Road seconded a motion to approve the City of Groton Annual Budget meeting minutes of June 6, 2016 and the Special Freeman's meeting minutes of April 3 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. To take any action on any other business which may legally come before said meeting. There being no other business Mayor Hedrick asked for a motion to adjourn.

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II. ADJOURNMENT

Joyce Hedrick, 156 Shennecossett Parkway moved and Juliette Parker, 520 F Shennecossett Road seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mayor Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**