



City of Groton, Connecticut

Annual Budget Meeting
Minutes

Monday, June 6, 2022

City Municipal Building
295 Meridian Street
Groton, CT 06340

Council Chambers

7:00PM

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Keith Hedrick called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Clerk Edward Jacome read the posting of the Warning to Electors and the Notice of the Meeting. There were 17 electors present.

Warning to Electors-

In accordance with Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended, only an elector of the City of Groton or a citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more, who jointly or severally is liable to the City for taxes assessed against him/her on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the City of Groton, or who would be so liable if not entitled to an exemption as a blind person, a veteran, a widow or parent of a veteran, would be entitled to vote at this meeting.

Notice of the Meeting-

All electors and citizens qualified to vote in the City of Groton Annual Budget Meeting are hereby notified and warned to assemble at the Annual Budget Meeting, City Municipal Building, 295 Meridian Street, Groton, Connecticut on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the purpose of acting on the following matters:

Mayor Keith Hedrick presented the below budgets to the public.

GENERAL FUND ANTICIPATED REVENUES

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| Property taxes (at 3.67 mills), Interest and Lien Fees | \$4,890,237 |
| Intergovernmental Revenues | 6,159,069 |
| Licenses and Permits | 626,500 |
| Interdepartmental Revenues | 4,963,328 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | 147,500 |
| Operating Transfers In | 15,000 |
| Service Charge | 195,000 |
| Utilization of Fund Balance | <u>2,500,000</u> |
| Total General Fund Anticipated Revenues | \$19,496,634 |

GENERAL FUND PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

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| General Government | \$3,199,972 |
| Police Department | 5,860,222 |
| Fire Department | 3,583,775 |
| Civil Preparedness | 11,459 |

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| Public Works Department | 4,099,878 |
| Public Buildings | 199,732 |
| Parks and Recreation Department | 1,432,321 |
| Non-Departmental | 145,000 |
| Debt Service | 349,275 |
| Contingency | <u>615,000</u> |
| Total General Fund Appropriations | \$19,496,634 |

Item 1. To appropriate for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 the sum for the accounts and purposes set forth in the proposed annual budget as published in the Day on May 23, 2022 and in full on the City of Groton website at www.cityofgroton.com and levy a tax and other incomes to cover the appropriations approved at this meeting for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, said tax to be collected July 1, 2022.

Motion to approve Item 1 made by Jill Rusk, 85 Baker Avenue, second by Gweneviere Depot, 162 Shennecossett Parkway.

Mayor Keith Hedrick opened the floor for the public to speak.

Debra Patrick, 8 Mellow Avenue - Debra reiterated concerns of an employee increase of 46% over their current salary. She inquired if there was justification for such an increase based on change of job description, eligible and possible use of overtime and if any of those proposed projects from that department have been completed.

Portia Bordelon, 24 Jefferson Drive – Portia suggested a more descriptive budget breakdown like the Town of Groton. She also expressed her concerns for the lack of funding going towards Human Services and the action plan for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Mayor Keith Hedrick asked if there were any further comments. There were none.

Voting occurred, 13 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstentions. The motion carried.

Item 2. To approve the minutes of the following meeting: City of Groton Annual Budget meeting minutes of June 7, 2021.

Motion to approve Item 2 made by Jill Rusk, 85 Baker Avenue, second by Gweneviere Depot, 162 Shennecossett Parkway.

Mayor Keith Hedrick asked if there are any corrections to the minutes. There were none.

Voting occurred, 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions. The motion carried.

Item 3. To take any action on any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

There being none Mayor Keith Hedrick called for a motion to adjourn.

II. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion to adjourn made by Lee White, 372 Meridian Extension, second by Gweneviere Depot, 162 Shennecossett Parkway. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.