



Monday, June 5, 2023 | 7:00 PM
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Keith Hedrick called the meeting to order at 7:08pm and read the posting of the Warning to Electors and the Notice of the Meeting. There were 22 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 5, 2023 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

<i>Property taxes (at 3.67 mills), Interest and Lien Fees</i>	\$4,724,833
<i>Intergovernmental Revenues</i>	6,183,456
<i>Licenses and Permits</i>	731,500
<i>Interdepartmental Revenues</i>	4,990,411
<i>Miscellaneous Revenues</i>	132,500
<i>Operating Transfers In</i>	15,000
<i>Service Charge</i>	210,000
<i>Utilization of Fund Balance</i>	<u>2,100,000</u>
<i>Total General Fund Anticipated Revenues</i>	<u>\$19,087,700</u>

GENERAL FUND PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

<i>General Government</i>	\$2,860,079
<i>Police Department</i>	6,053,827
<i>Fire Department</i>	3,711,469
<i>Civil Preparedness</i>	11,459
<i>Public Works Department</i>	2,884,196



<i>Sanitation</i>	<i>1,221,113</i>
<i>Public Buildings</i>	<i>205,556</i>
<i>Parks and Recreation Department</i>	<i>1,517,176</i>
<i>Non-Departmental</i>	<i>170,000</i>
<i>Debt Service</i>	<i>337,825</i>
<i>Contingency</i>	<i>115,000</i>
<i>Total General Fund Appropriations</i>	<i>\$19,087,700</i>

Item 1. To appropriate for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 the sum for the accounts and purposes set forth in the proposed annual budget as published in The Day on May 22, 2023 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, 2023 to June 30, 2024, said tax to be collected July 1, 2023.

Motion to approve Item 1 made by Jill Rusk, 85 Baker Avenue, seconded by Jean Claude Ambroise, 169 Shenecossett Parkway.

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

Debra Patrick, 8 Mellow Avenue – Ms. Patrick reiterated concerns of the Mayor’s salary increase in one year versus a gradual increase during election years. She also has concerns over the new City Clerk’s salary and that employees in the past, trained in this position, had a lower salary which is unfair. Otherwise she felt it was a good budget and she supports it.

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

Voting occurred, 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion carried.

Item 2. To approve the minutes of the following meetings: City of Groton Annual Budget meeting minutes of June 6, 2022

Motion to approve Item 2 made by Gwen Depot 162 Shenecossett Parkway, seconded by Jean Claude Ambroise, 169 Shenecossett Parkway.

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

Voting occurred, 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 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

Motion to adjourn made by Jill Rusk, 85 Baker Avenue seconded by Lisa McCabe, 80 Blueberry Hill Road. All in Favor, the motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Suzanne Theroux
Executive Administrator to the Mayor