



# City of Groton, Connecticut

## Public Hearing Minutes

Monday, April 20, 2020

City Municipal Building  
295 Meridian Street  
Groton, CT 06340

Council Chambers/  
Online Meeting

6:00 PM

---

Pursuant to State of Connecticut Executive Order No. 7B “Protection of Public Health and Safety During Covid-19 Pandemic and Response – Further Suspension or Modification of Statues”, dated March 14, 2020, suspending in-person open meeting requirements, all public meetings will be closed to the public at this time. Public Meetings will be televised in real time on Groton Municipal Television Channel 2 and online. Budget questions and comments may be submitted to [mayor@cityofgroton-ct.gov](mailto:mayor@cityofgroton-ct.gov) before noon on April 20, 2020. Please include your name and property address on all emails.

Mayor Hedrick opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

### **I. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Keith Hedrick, Finance Director Ron Yuhus and City Clerk Debra Patrick

Present by telephone: Councilors Lisa McCabe, Reginald Stanford, Gweneviere Depot, Minerva Ortiz and Rashaad Carter. Excused: Deputy Mayor Jamal Beckford.

### **II. PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Hedrick said this public hearing is to solicit input concerning the City of Groton Proposed FY2021 budget from the electors of the City of Groton and all others qualified to vote. He read the following message for the proposed budget.

Dear Members of the City Council:

As required by Article VI, Section 2 (a) of the Charter, I submit to you the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 2021)

I am submitting a budget which includes a decrease of \$1,513,003 in comparison to FY 2020.

The large decrease in the proposed budget is based on the prior year increase in building permit revenues. This budget also includes contractual services for assistance with the additional inspections that may be required. These additional contractual services will be funded thru the use of fund balance based on unexpended contractual services that were budget for in FY 2020. This budget also follows the FY 2020 budget with funding for capital projects and continues efforts to reserve funds for future purchases of vehicles.

The use of the undesignated fund balance will be \$1,850,000. This would leave a healthy reserve of 23.07%, slightly more than FY 2020.

The proposed budget would produce no change in the mill rate, maintaining the mill rate of 4.30.

The City continues to be fiscally responsible.

Mayor Hedrick said no public input was submitted.

He asked if any of the Councilors had any questions.

**PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
APRIL 20, 2020**

Councilor Carter asked if administrative positions are salaried or hourly. Mayor Hedrick said some are salaried and some are union. He said they could ask detailed questions when the budget presentations are given for the various departments.

Mayor Hedrick closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Stanford moved Councilor Depot seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

**Mayor Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

**Debra Patrick  
City Clerk**