

**CITY OF GROTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:30 PM**

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 17, 2015 Mayor and Council meeting; February 23, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-15-3-29 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CITY OF GROTON TO PURCHASE TWO 2015 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTORS FROM NATICK AUTO SALES, INCORPORATED, DBA MHQ, 401 ELM STREET MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSSETTS, FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF \$91,258.94, BASE PRICE OF \$52,720.30 (FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS) AND AN ADDITIONAL \$38,538.64 (THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND SIXTY-FOUR CENTS) WILL BE REQUIRED TO OUTFIT THE VEHICLES TO THE CITY OF GROTON POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARDS TO BE INCURRED WITH VARIOUS VENDORS WITH \$88,000.00 (EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) TO BE PAID BY FY2015 POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL FUNDS AND \$3,258.94 TO BE PAID FROM FY2015 POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the newest vehicles in the police fleet are model year 2011; and

WHEREAS, the current vehicles used, the Crown Victoria, is no longer produced; and

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WHEREAS, the City Police Department has determined that the Ford 2015 Utility Interceptor best fits the department's requirements; and

WHEREAS, the new models require changeover of equipment which cannot be reused from the former vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Vehicles will be ordered utilizing the State of Connecticut contract Number 12PSX0194;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve the City of Groton to purchase two 2015 Ford Utility Interceptors from Natick Auto Sales, Incorporated, DBA MHQ, 401 Elm Street, Marlborough, Massachusetts for a total price of \$91,258.94 (Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and Ninety Four Cents), base price of \$52,720.30 (Fifty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars and Thirty Cents) and an additional \$38,538.64 (Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Thirty-Eight Hundred Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents) will be required to outfit the vehicles to the City of Groton Police Department standards to be incurred with various vendors with \$88,000.00 (Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents) to be paid by FY2015 Police Department Capital funds and \$3,258.94 to be paid from FY2015 Police Department Operating budget.

R-15-3-30 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARY KELLY, 40 PLANT STREET, GROTON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER, BOARD OF ETHICS, TERM TO EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 1, 2019

WHEREAS, the City Charter, effective December 6, 2012, creates a Board of Ethics consisting of five (5) members;

WHEREAS, Mary Kelly, 40 Plant Street, Groton, Connecticut term expired February 1, 2015 and has been recommended and desires to continue to serve as a regular member of the Board of Ethics;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the reappointment of Mary Kelly, 40 Plant Street, Groton, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Board of Ethics, term to expire on February 1, 2019.

R-15-3-31 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES' MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF GRANULAR ACTIVATED CARBON (GAC) FOR FILTER NUMBER NINE (9) AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO CALGON CARBON CORPORATION, 500 CALGON CARBON DRIVE, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, IN THE QUOTED AMOUNT OF FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$56,100.00) TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 WATER DIVISION NON-BONDED CAPITAL

WHEREAS, Water Treatment Plant staff has identified necessary continuing requirements to renew the Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) in filters in the Water Treatment Plant; and

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WHEREAS, testing revealed that filter number 9 is at levels that require future maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Calgon Carbon Corporation is the preferred vendor for the project; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on February 25, 2015, the City of Groton Utilities Commission voted to authorize Management to issue a purchase order for the purchase of granular activated carbon for filter No. 9 at the Water Treatment Plant to Calgon Carbon Corporation, 500 Calgon Carbon Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the quoted amount of \$56,100.00, to be paid from funds available in the approved fiscal year 2014-2015 Water Division Non-Bonded Capital funds, and furthermore, that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council authorize Groton Utilities' Management to issue a purchase order for the purchase of Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) for Filter Number Nine (9) at the Water Treatment Plant to Calgon Carbon Corporation, 500 Calgon Carbon Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the quoted amount of Fifty-Six Thousand, One Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$56,100.00) to be paid from funds available in the Approved Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Water Division Non-Bonded Capital.

R-15-3-32 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES' MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR FOUR (4) REMOTE RACKING DEVICES TO POWELL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS INCORPORATED, 7232 AIRPORT BOULEVARD, HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN THE QUOTED AMOUNT OF TWENTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$20,388.00) TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 ELECTRIC DIVISION BUDGET

WHEREAS, remote racking devices eliminate exposing personnel to potential electrical faults during the racking process; and

WHEREAS, Management recommends purchasing four (4) additional remote racking devices so that all metal clad switchgear substations have a device at its location; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on February 25, 2015, the City of Groton Utilities Commission voted to authorize Management to issue a purchase order to Powell Electrical Systems, Incorporated, 7232 Airport Boulevard, Houston, Texas for four (4) Remote Racking Devices in an amount of Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$20,388.00) to be paid from funds available in the approved Fiscal Year 2015 Electric Division budget, and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council authorize Groton Utilities' Management to issue a purchase order for the purchase of Four (4) Remote Racking Devices to Powell Electrical Systems Incorporated, 7232 Airport Boulevard, Houston, Texas in the quoted amount of Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$20,388.00) to be paid from funds available in the Approved Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Electric Division Budget.

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R-15-3-33 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$10,000.00 TO SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUPPORTING THE PROGRAM YEAR 2015 OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE THAMES RIVER HERITAGE PARK WATER TAXI

WHEREAS, the City of Groton has been an active participant in the efforts to move forward the designation of the Thames River Heritage Park; and

WHEREAS, the City played an integral part in the successful Water Taxi Pilot program conducted during the summer of 2014; and

WHEREAS, the addition of the Water Taxi will connect historic institutions into one park experience, provide links between the New London transportation hub and surrounding historic sites and offer a viable daily transportation alternative for local residents; and

WHEREAS, the water taxi will aid in regional economic development by increasing the customer base for existing business, historic institutions and state parks as well as encouraging new business;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve the expenditure of \$10,000.00 to the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments for the purposes of supporting the program year 2015 operating expenses of the Thames River Heritage Park Water Taxi.

R-15-3-34 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT DONATIONS

WHEREAS, the following donation has been received by the City of Groton:

Marian Galbraith - Community Development and Beautification, \$45.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council accept donations.

R-15-3-35 RESOLUTION TO INITIALLY APPROVE “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO APPROVE INCREASES TO RETIREES PENSIONS UP TO AND INCLUDING THOSE WHO RETIRED IN 2011 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF GROTON RETIREMENT BOARD”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROTON:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, upon recommendation of the Retirement Board, may increase the benefits of retired employees; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received a qualified cost estimate from an actuary; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Groton Retirement Board recommended increasing the benefits of retired employees who retired up to and including those who retired in 2011 at their meeting held on February 26, 2015; and

That is: The COLA increase shall be calculated by multiplying the annualized increase in the Consumer Price Index issued by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor for the last available twelve (12) months by a factor of twenty-five percent (25%); however, in no event shall the adjustments exceed one and one-half (1.5%) per year. This adjustment is intended to provide persons retired before 1990 and those who retired up until December 2011 with the same COLA.

Effective Date This Ordinance shall become effective on or about March 1, 2015.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council initially approve “An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Council to Approve Increases to Retirees Pensions up to and including those who Retired in 2011 as Recommended by the City of Groton Retirement Board”.

- X. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- XI. COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- XII. ADJOURNMENT**