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**CITY OF GROTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016**

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

March 7, 2016 Special Committee of the Whole meeting; March 7, 2016 Mayor and Council meeting.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

Group Committee updates

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-16-3-29 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS DEMPSEY, 30 FORD STREET, ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT, AS A FIREFIGHTER/EMT IN THE CITY OF GROTON FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE MARCH 22, 2016

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for a full time firefighter position in the City of Groton Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Dempsey, 30 Ford Street, Ansonia, Connecticut, has successfully passed all testing requirements: Written, physical agility, background investigation, personal interviews and medical evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Dempsey has been recommended by Fire Chief Nicholas Delia and Mayor Galbraith to be appointed to fill this position in the City of Groton Fire Department; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council waive the residency requirement and approve the appointment of Thomas Dempsey, 30 Ford Street, Ansonia, Connecticut, as a firefighter/EMT in the City of Groton Fire Department effective March 22, 2016.

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R-16-3-30 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL INITIALLY APPROVE "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 'BULKY WASTE POLICY' FOR THE CITY OF GROTON, CONNECTICUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING BULKY WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE"

WHEREAS, the City of Groton has established guidelines for controlling junk, trash, bulky waste, and other nuisances; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed bulky waste collection and the recommendations of staff regarding what types of waste are considered bulky waste for the purposes of collections; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the bulky waste collection regulations and finds that such changes are necessary to provide clearer guidelines regarding bulky waste collection services to the residents of the City of Groton.

I. Definitions:

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the context indicates otherwise:

Bulky Waste: Large items of waste materials which do not fit in a trash receptacle. This may include such items as appliances, furniture and brush. In addition, metal of any size should be treated as bulky waste.

Construction and Demolition Waste: Waste building material and rubble resulting from construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition operations on houses, commercial buildings and other structures. This includes, but is not limited to, treated and untreated wood scrap or lumber, sheetrock, wall board, fencing, plaster or plaster board, asphalt shingles or other roofing materials, fiberglass insulation, blocks or other masonry, ceramic tile, or sliding glass doors.

Hazardous Material: Freon, paint, oil or petroleum based products, batteries, pesticides, televisions, computer monitors and any substance or item that can be hazardous to the environment.

II. Bulky Waste Pick-up

a) Pick-ups **shall be** by appointment only and **shall be** scheduled with the Public Works Department one week prior to pick up.

b) Pick-ups will usually be on Wednesdays.

c) Items to be picked up must be placed at the curbside in such a way that they do not block travel lanes, sidewalks, driveways or adjacent properties. Items must be away from trees, telephone poles, wires or other obstacles.

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d) Items to be picked-up **shall be** separated into the following piles:

- brush, including small branches in 8' x 4' x 4' piles
- metal (smaller metal items should be bundled together)
- appliances (refrigerator and freezer doors must be removed)
- furniture (metal must be removed from sleeper beds or recliners)
- miscellaneous items contained in groups no larger than 8' x 8' x 4'
- Mattresses, limited to the number allowed by the City.

e) All items for pick-up are to be placed curbside by 7AM on the day of pick up (6AM Memorial Day through Labor Day). Items are not to be placed by the curbside more than four days prior to a scheduled pick up.

f) Regular household garbage and recyclable items will not be picked up with Bulky Waste. The following items **cannot be taken** with trash or bulky waste:

Construction and Demolition Waste as defined in this Ordinance
Creosote lumber or railroad ties
Tires with or without rims
Hazardous Materials
Tree stumps or logs
Motor vehicles and marine vessels
Carpet or carpet padding
Grass clippings

g. The City of Groton Public Works Department reserves the right to amend the list of items which can be considered Bulky Waste upon approval of the Council.

III. Fees

- a) The City of Groton Public Works Department may recommend Bulky Waste fees for approval by the City Council. Bulky Waste fees **must be paid** the week before the pick-up date and are non-refundable.
- b) There may be an additional fee charged per item for the following items:
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| Refrigerators | Freezers | Heat pumps |
| Air Conditioners | Dehumidifiers/Humidifiers | Fluorescent Light Fixtures |
| Mercury Vapor Lamp Fixtures | | |

IV. **Improper Discarding of Bulky Waste Prohibited**

Discarding Bulky Waste items, Construction and Demolition Waste, or Hazardous Material in a manner that is inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is prohibited.

V. Enforcement and Violations

- a) Any authority having jurisdiction to enforce city ordinances shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this article.

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b) Any property's owner, agent, tenant or person responsible for the property where a violation of this Ordinance exists shall be subject to a fine of \$100. Each twenty-four-hour period that the violation of this Ordinance continues shall be considered a separate offense.

c) If the owner, agent, tenant, or responsible person fails to correct the violation, the Bulky Waste will be treated as blight in accordance with City of Groton Ordinance #202, An Ordinance Concerning Blight and Public Nuisance and be subject to all the provisions set forth therein, including but not limited to action to abate the nuisance and the recording of liens.

VI. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become immediately upon final passage.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council initially approve "An Ordinance amending "Bulky Waste Policy" for the City of Groton, Connecticut for the purpose of amending bulky waste collection guidelines; providing severability, providing penalty clause; providing publication; and providing an effective date".

R-16-3-31 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE REMOVAL OF BULKY WASTE

WHEREAS, as stated in the Bulky Waste Ordinance, the City of Groton Public Works Department may recommend bulky waste fees for approval by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, there are expenses incurred for providing the bulky waste service; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of user fees will diminish the reliance on taxes for the cost of this service; and

WHEREAS, the following fees have been recommended by the Public Works Department:

Mattresses (limited to the number allowed by the City)	\$25.00
Furniture (all metal, other than springs must be removed)	\$20.00
Small appliances (microwave, toaster, etc.)	\$15.00
Piles of brush up to 8' x 4' x 4'	\$15.00
Large appliances (without Freon)	\$30.00
Appliances with Freon	\$35.00
One pick-up of other miscellaneous items not more than 8' x 8' x 8'	\$35.00

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WHEREAS, as the needs of and expenses incurred by the Public Works Department change it may be necessary to adjust the fee schedule with the approval of the City Council;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize and the fee schedule for the removal of Bulky Waste.

R-16-3-32 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A DONATION OF \$1600.00 (ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) TO BILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 240 MONUMENT STREET, GROTON, CONNECTICUT FOR THE ADOPT A WINDOW PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Groton received a request to participate in the Adopt A Window program to support the necessary window repair costs of the library; and

WHEREAS, this program is an opportunity to honor former Councilor and Deputy Mayor, William Jervis and former City Attorney Matthew Shafner; and

WHEREAS, resolution R-14-4-48 authorized the City Council to make donations to support the social, cultural and educational interests of the City of Groton; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve a donation of \$1600.00 (One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars and No Cents) to Bill Memorial Library, 240 Monument Street, Groton, Connecticut for the Adopt A Window program.

R-16-3-33 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-16-3-34 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE FORMATION OF AN ADHOC MOTHER BAILEY HOUSE ADVISORY PANEL AND THAT THE MAYOR BE AUTHORIZED TO APPOINT ITS MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Freeman approved the purchase of the Mother Bailey House in order to "protect the historic resource that is the 'Mother Bailey House' and to control the development of that parcel"; and

WHEREAS, various citizens have expressed differing views on the potential use and/or disposition of the property; and

WHEREAS, the building is in need of structural repair; and

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WHEREAS, said Advisory Panel will be charged with investigating viable alternatives for the use and/or disposition of the property supported by the expert advice and research on trends in disposition of historic properties; and

WHEREAS, said Advisory Panel will be charged with concluding their work in 6 months;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the formation of an AdHoc Mother Bailey House Advisory Panel and that the Mayor be Authorized to appoint its members.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to General Statutes sections 1-200(6)(A),

1. To discuss personnel appointment.

XI. COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. ADJOURNMENT