

**CITY OF GROTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019**

**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

RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS is the portion of the Council meeting where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. To address the Council, please sign the sheet on the table at the front of the meeting room. When you are recognized, please approach the podium, clearly state your name and address, and speak into the microphone. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit emailed or written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to the City of Groton. City Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the REPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS portion of the meeting.

V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 15, 2018 Special Committee of the Whole meeting; December 17, 2018 Special Joint City Council/Groton Utilities Commission meeting; December 17, 2018 Special Mayor and Council meeting.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-19-1-1 RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DECLARES 108 THAMES STREET AND 0 BROAD STREET, GROTON CONNECTICUT, AS SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF CITY

WHEREAS, Resolution R-11-8-54 adopted procedures and guidelines for the Acquisition, Maintenance, Demolition and Disposition of property to establish consistent procedures for the handling of specifically designated properties in order to effectively maintain and/or market properties in order to enhance the neighborhoods in which they are located; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Groton wishes to begin to consider its disposition options for the properties;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council declares 108 Thames Street and 0 Broad Street, Groton, Connecticut, as surplus to the needs of the City.

R-19-1-2 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL INITIALLY APPROVE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE #112 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEWERS AND DRAINS, PRIVATE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL, THE INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF BUILDING SEWERS, AND THE DISCHARGE OF WATERS AND WASTES INTO THE PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, IN THE CITY OF GROTON, COUNTY OF NEW LONDON, STATE OF CONNECTICUT”

WHEREAS, Groton Utilities Commission is the designated authority of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA), and

WHEREAS, the Groton Utilities Commission is responsible for the regulation and policy and procedures for the WPCA, and

WHEREAS, the policies and procedures governing the regulation have been incorporated into the Groton Utilities handbook as approved by the Groton Utilities Commission;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council Initially Approve to repeal Ordinance #112, “An Ordinance Regulating the Use of Public and Private Sewers and Drains, Private Wastewater Disposal, the Installation and Connection of Building Sewers, and the Discharge of Waters and Wastes into the Public Sewer System, and providing penalties for violations thereof, in the City of Groton, County of New London, State of Connecticut”.

R-19-1-3 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES’ MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, 62133 COLLECTIONS CENTER DRIVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE NORTHSTAR BILLING SYSTEM AND ADD-ON MODULES USED FOR GROTON UTILITIES/ BOZRAH LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY ELECTRIC AND WATER UTILITY BILLING IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND FORTY-THREE CENTS (\$74,730.43) TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2019 CUSTOMER SERVICE BUDGET

WHEREAS, this is a sole source expenditure in the approved fiscal year 2019 Customer Service budget; and

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WHEREAS, the maintenance period for this annual maintenance is January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on December 19, 2018, the City of Groton Utilities Commission – Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities management to issue a purchase order to Harris Computer Systems, Incorporated, 62133 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, Illinois for annual maintenance and support of the NorthStar billing system and add-on modules used for Groton Utilities / Bozrah Light and Power Company electric and water utility billing in the amount of Seventy-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars and Forty-three Cents (\$74,730.43) to be paid from funds available in the approved fiscal year 2019 Customer Service budget and that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize Groton Utilities management to issue a purchase order to Harris Computer Systems, Incorporated, 62133 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, Illinois for annual maintenance and support of the NorthStar billing system and add-on modules used for Groton Utilities / Bozrah Light and Power Company electric and water utility billing in the amount of Seventy-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars and Forty-three Cents (\$74,730.43) to be paid from funds available in the approved fiscal year 2019 Customer Service budget.

R-19-1-4 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO RETAIN THE LOBBYING SERVICES OF MEDICI, LLC, 1 GOLD STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT FOR LOBBYING SERVICES PERTAINING TO ELECTRIC, WATER, WASTEWATER AND ANY OTHER UTILITY MATTERS AS NECESSARY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$108,000.00) TO BE PAID FROM THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – LOBBYING ACCOUNT IN THE APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AND PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 UTILITIES DEPARTMENT BUDGETS AND THAT MAYOR KEITH HEDRICK BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE

WHEREAS, constant monitoring of legislation and lobbying efforts are needed to assure that proper legislation pertaining to electric, water, wastewater and any other utility matters is approved by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide continuing lobbying services, Management recommends retaining the lobbying services of Medici, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut in an amount not to exceed \$108,000.00; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on December 19, 2018, the City of Groton Utilities Commission – Water Pollution Control Authority voted to authorize Groton Utilities Management to retain the lobbying services of Medici, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut for lobbying services pertaining to electric, water, wastewater and any other utility matters as necessary in an amount not to exceed \$108,000.00 to be paid from the Professional Services –

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Lobbying account in the approved fiscal year 2018-2019 and proposed fiscal year 2019-2020 Utilities Department budgets;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to retain the lobbying services of Medici, LLC, 1 Gold Street, Hartford, Connecticut for lobbying services pertaining to electric, water, wastewater and any other utility matters as necessary in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$108,000.00) to be paid from the Professional Services – Lobbying account in the approved fiscal year 2018-2019 and fiscal year 2019-2020 Utilities Department budgets, and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur and that Mayor Keith Hedrick be authorized to execute the agreement.

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