

**CITY OF GROTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2005**

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

Mayor Popp called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dennis Popp, Deputy Mayor Paul Duarte, Councilors David Hale, Hubert Poppe, Sharon Schick, Michael Street, Finance Director Tony Timpano and City Clerk Debra Patrick.
Excused: Councilor Marian Galbraith and Treasurer Terrence O'Hanlon.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Popp.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

Councilor Hale congratulated the players and coaches of the Groton/Mystic Falcons on a great season. He said their record was 10-1-0 and despite the loss in the championship game they walked off the field with their heads held high. He said it was an indication of the high caliber of players and coaches.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hale moved **Councilor Schick** seconded a motion to approve the Mayor and Council minutes of November 7, 2005. **Motion passed unanimously.**

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor Hale had no report.

Councilor Poppe attended a breakfast in New London on November 16th for elected officials and clergy who are working together in pursuit of affordable housing. He attended the Retirement Board meeting November 17th and found it to be very enlightening to see how the City of Groton retirement fund is handled and is pleased to say it is in good hands.

Councilor Street had no report.

Councilor Schick wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Deputy Mayor Duarte attended the planning meeting for the 225th re-enactment of the Battle of Fort Griswold on November 16th.

Mayor Popp attended the CEDS Implementation meeting on November 9th and the Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11th. On November 16th he attended an Economic Diversity Committee meeting, and the planning meeting for the 225th re-enactment of the Battle of Fort Griswold. On November 17th he attended the SECTER Annual meeting where he and Glenn Wilson were elected to the Board of Directors for a three year term. Later that day he attended

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the City of Groton Retirement Board meeting, the opening celebration for the Salt and Light Stitchery on Thames Street and the Thames Street Business Owners Association meeting. On November 21st he attended an energy assistance workshop held by Council of Governments. He stated that the workshop provided him with the criteria for those who can apply to the TVCCA for energy assistance. That information is available to the public at the City Clerk's office.

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-05-11-112 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL **FINALLY APPROVE "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES 2005 ELECTRIC BOND FUND PROGRAM"**

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

Section 1. Consistent with the recommendation of the Commissioners of the City of Groton Department of Utilities and the approval of the City of Groton Planning and Zoning Commission, the expenditure of \$7,156,139 for the following projects of the City of Groton Department of Utilities 2005 Electric Bond Fund Program, which will provide for improvements to the City's electric system, is hereby approved.

- (a) Upgrade to Electric Boat Metering/Switching Station
- (b) Pole Replacement
- (b) Fiber Optic Cable Installation
- (d) Buddington Substation – 115 kV Ring Buss
- (e) Automatic Meter Reading (AMR)

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

WHEREAS, this resolution was published in *The Day*, a newspaper having circulation in the City of Groton on October 21, 2005 and October 22, 2005;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council **finally** approve "An Ordinance authorizing expenditures for the Department of Utilities 2005 Electric Bond Fund Program".

Councilor Hale moved **Councilor Schick** seconded a motion to approve **R-05-11-112. Motion passed unanimously.**

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R-05-11-113 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE TENTATIVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GROTON AND THE UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 9411-01 (UTILITIES) FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2010

WHEREAS, through the process of negotiations the City of Groton (“City”) and the united Steelworkers of America, Local 9411-01 (Utilities) (“Union”) have reached a tentative agreement covering the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-474(b) provides that the legislative body of a municipality may approve or reject the Agreement as a whole;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in accordance with the executed ground rules for negotiations between the City of Groton and the Union and the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-474(b), the Mayor and City of Groton hereby accept the Agreement and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Groton.

Councilor Poppe moved **Councilor Schick** seconded a motion to approve **R-05-11-113**.

X. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deputy Mayor Duarte moved **Councilor Poppe** seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session to include Attorney Dave Ryan, Lorry Scheetz, Glenn Wilson and Tony Timpano to discuss labor negotiations. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Session commenced at 7:41 p.m.

Councilor Street moved **Councilor Schick** seconded a motion to exit Executive Session.

Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session ended at 7:55 p.m.

XI. COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Popp asked for a vote on the motion on the floor.

Motion passed unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hale moved **Councilor Schick** seconded a motion to adjourn. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Popp adjourned the meeting at **7:56 p.m.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**