

**CITY OF GROTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006**

**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, Celeste Duffy and City Clerk Debra Patrick.

Excused: Councilors Marian Galbraith, Michael Street and Finance Director Tony Timpano.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Popp.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

None.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Duarte moved **Councilor Poppe** seconded a motion to approve the Mayor and Council minutes of June 5, 2006. **Motion passed unanimously.**

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor Hale had no report.

Councilor Poppe had no report.

Councilor Duffy passed on a resident's request that beach pass fees be changed so there can be a discount for multiple vehicles at the same address. It was the opinion of the resident that they should be able to get a pass for less for the 2nd and 3rd vehicles. She also reported that a resident called her regarding Beckwith Place and wanted to know if the City planned to create a pass through to Fort Street from Latham Street. Councilor Poppe said that he will address the issue with the Beach & Parks Committee

Deputy Mayor Duarte attended the Flag Day ceremony at the Elks June 11th.

Mayor Popp attended a luncheon to honor Bill Sanford upon his retirement and to welcome Mary Hill as the new Parks & Recreation Director on June 6th. He poured coffee at Tim Horton's "Send a Child to Camp" program on June 7th and attended the annual education

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breakfast with the Chamber of Commerce where local students were honored for their scholastic achievements on June 8th. He attended the American Water Conference in San Antonio, Texas June 12-16 with members of the Utilities Commission and Director Glenn Wilson. He attended the launching of the USS Hawaii at Electric Boat and the retirement party for Sergeant James Murray on June 17th. He thanked Deputy Mayor Duarte for standing in for him at events during his absence last week.

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-06-6-67 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DAVID RABITAILLE, 45 BROAD STREET, GROTON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER, GROTON UTILITIES COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE ON MAY 31, 2010

WHEREAS, the term of David Rabitaille, 45 Broad Street, Groton, Connecticut as a regular member, Groton Utilities Commission expired on May 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, David Rabitaille desires to continue to serve as a regular member of the Groton Utilities Commission and has been recommended for reappointment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the reappointment of David Rabitaille, 45 Broad Street, Groton, Connecticut, as a regular member, Groton Utilities Commission, term to expire on May 31, 2010.

Councilor Hale moved Deputy Mayor Duarte seconded a motion to approve R-06-6-67. Motion passed unanimously.

R-06-6-68 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JANICE WALLER-BRETT, 140 HYNES AVENUE, GROTON, CONNECTICUT AS CITY TREASURER

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Mayor and Council for a City Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Charter, Article V, Section 12 states: “..Should a vacancy occur in the office of councilor, clerk or treasurer, an elector of the city shall be chosen by a majority vote of the council to serve in such office until the next regular election.”; and

WHEREAS, Janice Waller-Brett, 140 Hynes Avenue, Groton, Connecticut, desires to serve as a City Treasurer;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Janice Waller-Brett, 140 Hynes Avenue, Groton, Connecticut as City Treasurer.

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Deputy Mayor Duarte moved **Councilor Hale** seconded a motion to approve **R-06-6-68**.
Motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk Patrick administered the oath to Mrs. Waller-Brett and she then joined the Councilors on the dais. Mayor Popp and the Councilors welcomed Treasurer Waller-Brett warmly.

R-06-6-69 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT A DONATION ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM PFIZER INCORPORATED, THROUGH PFIZER GLOBAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, EASTERN POINT ROAD, GROTON, CONNECTICUT FOR SIX (6) M/A-COM, UHF PORTABLE RADIOS WITH AN APPROXIMATE VALUE OF \$13,000.00

WHEREAS, in an effort to enhance communication interoperability, Pfizer Incorporated has offered a donation of six (6) M/A-COM, UHF Portable Radios; and

WHEREAS, the radios have an approximate value of \$13,000.00 (thirteen thousand dollars and no cents);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council accept a donation on behalf of the Fire Department from Pfizer Incorporated, through Pfizer Global Research and Development, Eastern Point Road, Groton, Connecticut for six (6) M/A-COM, UHF Portable Radios with an approximate value of \$13,000.00.

Councilor Poppe moved **Councilor Duffy** seconded a motion to approve **R-06-6-69**.
Chief Delia explained that after the explosion at Pfizer in 2001 and a smaller incident more recently that they needed equipment that would provide better interoperability of communication. Pfizer very generously sent radios and chargers now totally 6 so that all 4 of the 1st responders, the Deputy Chief and the Chief would all have the equipment. The radios have 4 bands that can be set so that the City of Groton Fire Department can communicate with surrounding communities, hospitals, the State and the UConn-Avery Point Police Department and the UConn-Storrs Fire Department. Mayor Popp said that he received a thank you note from UConn-Avery Point regarding a fire that the City of Groton Fire Department responded to. Chief Delia said they responded to a call from the Marine Sciences building and found a small electrical fire on the 2nd floor that was contained to a switching box. After an investigation it was determined that the box was faulty and it is now a consumer protection issue that will continue to be investigated by the State Fire Marshall to determine where else these boxes have been used.
Motion passed unanimously.

X. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.

XI. COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hale moved **Deputy Mayor Duarte** seconded a motion to adjourn. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Popp adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**