

**CITY OF GROTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2006**

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

Mayor Dennis Popp called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dennis Popp, Deputy Mayor Paul Duarte, Councilors David Hale, Hubert Poppe, Marian Galbraith, Michael Street, Treasurer Janice Waller-Brett, Finance Director Tony Timpano and City Clerk Debra Patrick. Excused: Councilor Celeste Duffy

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Popp.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

Mayor Popp wished Deputy Mayor Duarte a Happy Birthday.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hale moved **Councilor Poppe** seconded a motion to approve the Mayor and Council minutes of August 7, 2006. **Motion passed unanimously.**

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Presentations by Glenn Wilson, Director of Utilities regarding Amendment No. 2 Power Sales Contract and Pierce Repowering Project (see Resolution R-06-8-89).

Mr. Wilson distributed copies of an explanatory guide to the verbiage of the electric industry and went through it with the Councilors. Mr. Wilson stated that this amendment would result in a significant savings for power purchases versus purchasing on the open market and is quite confident of its long term benefits to the City of Groton and Groton Utilities.

He reported that an independent review of the Pierce Repowering Project was favorable.

There was discussion regarding the permit process and the ownership percentage for Groton Utilities. Mr. Wilson said a great deal of the groundwork for the permits has been completed and the ownership percentage would be 29%-36% over time. There was further discussion regarding the number of years it would take to recoup the investment and Mr. Wilson said that a conservative timeline is 15 years. There was some discussion on the age of the building and Mr. Wilson said it was built in 2000.

Councilor Hale went on a tour of the PAF with Councilor Duffy led by PAF Operator Forrest Gross. He said the tour was interesting and very informative. He went on to say that Mr. Gross was a great tour guide and represented his department well. He attended the concert at Washington Park August 18th, and observed the City Fire Department fighting a blaze on a boat

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off Jupiter Point. He and the owner of the boat yard praised the fire fighters for their swift response in containing the blaze and avoiding serious damage to other boats.

Councilor Poppe had no report.

Councilor Street had no report.

Councilor Galbraith participated in the July 4th parade, the retirement party for Bill Sanford July 29th, City Day August 4th and the Branford Picnic August 16th. She said each event was quite enjoyable and rewarding.

Deputy Mayor Duarte had no report.

Mayor Popp met with officers of the Pioneer Hose Company to discuss improvements to the second floor of the firehouse that are much needed. He attended the Change of Command Ceremony at the Submarine Learning Center August 11th, Branford Picnic August 16th and a number of planning committee meetings for the Battle of Fort Griswold Re-Enactment in the past few weeks.

He gave a run down of the activities associated with the re-enactment September 2nd-5th. A full schedule of events can be found at www.fortfriends.org.

There was some discussion regarding whom to contact to volunteer and Councilor Galbraith asked if there will be seating provided for spectators during the battle re-enactment.

He told the Councilors that the joint meeting with the Town Council would be held September 12th at Town Hall Annex and there would be a presentation on the Thames Street Improvements.

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-06-8-88 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RESCIND RESOLUTION R-04-5-32 TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM GTT CORPORATION, A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF FLEET BOSTON FINANCIAL, 111 WESTMINSTER STREET, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND FOR A SMALL VACANT LOT ON OLD FARM ROAD KNOWN AS 9514 OR REAL PIN#168808779514 LOCATED IN THE MIRRA ESTATES SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, Resolution R-04-5-32 was passed by City of Groton Council on May 17, 2004 to accept a donation from GTT Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Fleet Boston Financial, for a small vacant lot on Old Farm Road known as 9514 or real PIN#168808779514; and

WHEREAS, upon passage of the resolution, the City of Groton forwarded a letter to GTT Corporation informing them of the City's acceptance of their donation; and

WHEREAS, subsequently GTT Corporation and Fleet Boston Financial were purchased by Bank of America and the records of this transaction are no longer available;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council rescind Resolution R-04-5-32 to accept the donation from GTT Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Fleet Boston Financial, 111 Westminister Street, Providence, Rhode Island for a small vacant lot on Old Farm Road known as 9514 or real pin#168808779514 located in the Mirra Estates Subdivision.

Councilor Hale moved **Councilor Galbraith** seconded a motion to approve **R-06-8-88**.

Deputy Mayor Duarte said that this parcel is not located in the Mirra Estates Subdivision but in the Twin Hills Subdivision.

Deputy Mayor Duarte moved **Councilor Hale** seconded to amend **R-06-8-88** to read as follows:

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Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Popp called for a vote to approve as amended.

Motion passed unanimously.

R-06-8-89 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO AUTHORIZE CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVE TO INCLUDE GROTON UTILITIES ENTITLEMENT ALLOCATION OF THE PIERCE REPOWERING PROJECT FOR WHICH GROTON UTILITIES SHALL BE OBLIGATED AS A NEW FIXED COST PURSUANT TO THE POWER SALES CONTRACT

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5 of the Amended and Restated Power Sales Contract between the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) and the City of Groton, Department of Utilities (“GU”), dated as of January 1, 2000 as amended by Amendment No.1, (the “Power Sales Contract”) GU hereby authorizes CMEEC to include GU’s Entitlement Allocation of the Pierce Repowering Project as a New Project for which GU shall be obligated as a new Fixed Cost pursuant to the Power Sales Contract; and

WHEREAS, Groton Utility’s Entitlement Allocation of the Pierce Repowering Project is authorized to be no less than 29.0 percent and no more than 36.0 percent; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting of July 26, 2006 the City of Groton Utility Commission authorized the Director of Utilities to execute all documents to authorize CMEEC to include Groton Utilities Entitlement Allocation of the Pierce Repowering Project for which Groton Utilities shall be obligated as a new Fixed Cost pursuant to the Power Sales Contract;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council authorize the Director of Utilities to execute all documents to authorize CMEEC to include Groton Utilities Entitlement Allocation of the Pierce Repowering Project for which Groton Utilities shall be obligated as a new Fixed Cost pursuant to the Power Sales Contract.

Councilor Poppe moved **Councilor Hale** seconded a motion to approve **R-06-8-89**. **Motion passed unanimously.**

X. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XI. COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Popp adjourned the meeting at **8:20 p.m.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**