

**CITY OF GROTON
SPECIAL
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

Mayor Popp called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dennis Popp, Deputy Mayor Marian Galbraith, Councilors David Hale, Lisa M. Luck, Celeste Duffy, Keith Hedrick, William Jervis, Treasurer Janice Waller-Brett and City Clerk Debra Patrick. Excused: Finance Director Michael Hillsberg.

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

Councilor Duffy moved **Deputy Mayor Galbraith** seconded a motion to approve the December 7, 2009 Mayor and Council minutes. **Motion carried.**

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor Hale had no report.

Councilor Luck attended the swearing in of the newly elected town of Groton RTM members Elizabeth Luck and Keith Hedrick.

Councilor Jervis had no report.

Councilor Hedrick had no report.

Councilor Duffy had no report.

Deputy Mayor Galbraith had no report.

Mayor Popp reported that Deputy Mayor Galbraith attended the SCOG meeting and that the City will receive an additional \$380,000.00 for the Bridge Street project. He updated the Councilors regarding the issue of dogs in vehicles not being allowed in Eastern Point Beach. He said the Beach & Parks Committee would be reviewing the current rules adopted in February of 2009 and once they have determined if any changes will take place they will forward it to the Council for final approval.

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Deputy Mayor Galbraith asked about parking for military personnel who are working at the south end of Electric Boat. She wanted to know if the parking lot owned by Hess could be made available for them so they aren't parking on the street.

Mayor Popp said that when that was suggested to Electric Boat they said they were not going to rent it. He said they indicated the lot on Poquonnock Road has space available.

There was discussion on the lot on Poquonnock Road and the shuttle bus that is available. There was discussion that the bus may not run at times that do not coincide with the hours the military personnel are working. There was further discussion that the lot at Hess may be used in the future for Pfizer employees who will be moving over to Groton.

He reported that LEARN should get final approval for the former Eastern Point School property.

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-09-12-95 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, OR GAS SERVICES AND ANY OTHER UTILITY MATTERS AS NECESSARY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$100,000.00) TO BE PAID FROM THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – LOBBYING ACCOUNT IN THE APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BUDGET

WHEREAS, constant monitoring of legislation and lobbying efforts are needed to assure that proper legislation pertaining to electric, water, or gas services 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 \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Utilities Commission at its regular meeting held on December 16, 2009 voted to authorize Groton Utilities Management to retain the lobbying services of Medici, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut for lobbying services pertaining to electric, water, or gas services and any other utility matters as necessary in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to be paid from the Professional Services – Lobbying account in the Approved Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget;

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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, or gas services and any other utility matters as necessary in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$100,000.00) to be paid from the Professional Services – Lobbying account in the Approved Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget, and that Mayor Dennis L. Popp be authorized to execute the agreement.

Councilor Hale moved **Councilor Jervis** seconded a motion to approve **R-09-12-95**.

Mayor Popp said this is the same lobbying firm we have used for several years. He said that Mr. Avallone is being considered for a judgeship so he had to divest himself of the firm.

Utilities Director Paul Yatcko said that over the years he has worked with a number of lobbyists and during his tenure here has found this firm to be very professional and he feels they have done excellent work for Groton Utilities.

Motion carried.

X. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XI. COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hale moved **Councilor Duffy** seconded a motion to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Popp adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**