

**CITY OF GROTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011**

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

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

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Marian Galbraith, Deputy Mayor Celeste Duffy, Councilors Keith Hedrick, Lawrence Gerrish, Amy Moncy, William Jervis, Treasurer Janice Waller-Brett, Finance Director Michael Hillsberg and City Clerk Debra Patrick. Excused: Councilor David Hale.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Galbraith.

Mayor Galbraith asked to have a motion to amend the agenda to add a resolution.

Councilor Hedrick moved **Deputy Mayor Duffy** seconded a motion to amend the agenda to add **R-11-10-76. Motion carried.**

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 Moncy moved **Councilor Gerrish** seconded a motion to approve the October 3, 2011 Mayor and Council meeting. **Motion carried.**

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor Hedrick attended an OPSAIL 2012 meeting in New London and reported the plans are moving along. He said there will be fewer ships than in 2000 largely due to the economy but it will still be an exciting event.

Councilor Gerrish had no report.

Councilor Moncy attended the CCM Convention with Mayor Galbraith and enjoyed the networking and hearing about what other municipalities are doing. She went on the Pfizer leadership tour and was pleased that they intend to remain in Groton.

Councilor Gerrish had no report.

Deputy Mayor Duffy echoed Councilor Moncy's report regarding the Pfizer Leadership tour.

Finance Director Hillsberg had no report.

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Clerk Patrick had no report.

Treasurer Waller-Brett attended the Grand Opening for Panera Bread on behalf of the City of Groton and volunteered at West Side Middle School.

Mayor Galbraith read a letter from the Town of Groton Finance Director Sal Pandolfo regarding revaluation. She said they will hold a town wide presentation Thursday, October 20th at the Groton Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. She reminded the Councilors of the invitation from West Side Middle School's for their spaghetti supper Tuesday, October 18th at 5:30 p.m. She said West Side Middle School has invited them to their Veteran's Day observance Thursday, November 10th. She said lunch would be served and to let them know how many would like to attend so they have enough lunches. She said the ceremony would take place after lunch. The Sub Vets Veteran's Day observance will take place Friday, November 11th at 11:00 at the Sub Vet's Memorial on Thames Street. In the event of inclement weather it will be held at the municipal building. She said the City's Affirmative Action report was emailed to each of them and if they have any questions to let her know so she can invite HR Manager Scheetz to the next meeting. She attended the CCM Convention, a presentation at UConn Avery Point where they highlighted their nursing program and their masters in education program for teachers and attended the SE Connecticut COG meeting with CL&P. She reported her most recent job shadowing was with the IT Department where she worked on rebuilding a server under close supervision and that she is working on a tree replacement program for the City. She said Tree Warden Phil Tuthill, the Highway Department and Utilities will work together to come up with a cost effective plan to replace trees.

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

Citizen Recognition program – Community Development

Mayor Galbraith said she would like bring back awards like this to recognize our neighbors who do so much good within our community. She said currently the only award is the community service award given by Groton Utilities each year.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-11-10-73 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEEP), AND EXECUTE SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE CLEAN VESSEL ACT TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ONE (1) MARINE SEWAGE DISPOSAL FACILITY IN THE CITY OF GROTON AND THAT MAYOR MARIAN K. GALBRAITH BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND THE CITY CLERK TO AFFIX THE CITY SEAL THERETO

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEP), to have a Marine Sewage Disposal Facility located on the Thames River; and

WHEREAS, the DEEP proposed this facility be maintained by the City of Groton Water Pollution Control Facility under a Personal Service Contract; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Groton Water Pollution Control Authority applied for funding by the DEEP for the maintenance of this facility; and

WHEREAS, the DEEP approved funding in the amount of \$16,185.00 for the cost associated with the operation and maintenance components of this project; and

WHEREAS, that it is in the best interest of the City of Groton to enter into a contract with the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) for the operation and maintenance of one (1) Marine Sewage Disposal Facility in the City of Groton, and furthermore, to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the State or Federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that at its regular meeting held on November 7, 2011, the City of Groton Water Pollution Control Authority will approve the contract for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 with the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP), and execute other such documents as may be required for funding under the Clean Vessel Act to operate and maintain one (1) Marine Sewage Disposal Facility in the City of Groton and that Mayor Marian K. Galbraith be authorized to execute the agreement and the City Clerk to affix the City Seal thereto;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the contract for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 with the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP), and execute other such documents as may be required for funding under the Clean Vessel Act to operate and maintain one (1) Marine Sewage Disposal Facility in the City of Groton and that Mayor Marian K. Galbraith be authorized to execute the agreement and the City Clerk to affix the City Seal thereto.

Councilor Hedrick moved **Deputy Mayor Duffy** seconded a motion to approve **R-11-10-73**. Councilor Hedrick amended the resolution to add Galbraith to the 5th sentence in the Therefore, Be It Resolved. **Motion carried as amended.**

R-11-10-74 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT AND APPROVE A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,572.88 (FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-EIGHT CENTS) AND THAT MAYOR MARIAN GALBRAITH BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, created the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 in order to provide critical resources to state and local law enforcement to enhance law enforcement safety; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance administers the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program and has awarded the City of Groton Police Department 50% matching funds for the purchase and/or replacement of bulletproof vests; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Groton Police Department is a criminal justice agency which has demonstrated a need to acquire additional bulletproof vests;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council accept and approve a grant award from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program in the amount of \$4,572.88 (Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents) and that Mayor Marian Galbraith be authorized to execute said agreement.

Deputy Mayor Duffy moved **Councilor Hedrick** seconded a motion to approve **R-11-10-74**. Mayor Galbraith asked Chief Giuliani if he would like to address the Council and answer any questions they might have.

Chief Giuliani said they have participated in this grant program for several years and reimbursement is half of the cost of the vests. He said they are on a 5 year rotation for replacing vests.

Councilor Moncy asked how many vests they will purchase.

Chief Giuliani said they will replace 10 vests.

Motion carried.

R-11-10-75 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO CAPITAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,700.00 (NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) FOR THE ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF THE PRINT SHOP STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 334 THAMES STREET, GROTON CONNECTICUT BY BARBERI BROTHERS, 41 WOODLAWN AVENUE, WATERFORD, CONNECTICUT

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department identified a need to demolish and remove the structure commonly referred to as the "print shop" located at 334 Thames Street, Groton, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the funds for the project are available in the City's Contingency Funds;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council Authorize and Approve the transfer of Contingency Funds to Capital Funds in the amount of \$9,700.00 (Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and No Cents) for the asbestos abatement and demolition and removal of the print shop structure located at 334 Thames Street, Groton, Connecticut by Barberi Brothers, 41 Woodlawn Avenue, Waterford, Connecticut.

Councilor Gerrish moved **Deputy Mayor Duffy** seconded a motion to approve **R-11-10-75**.

Mayor Galbraith said that the neighbors of the upper Costa property came to the Council recently with their concerns about the property. She said due to the abatement issues the City can't remove it themselves. She said since the cost is not over \$10,000.00 it didn't have to go out to bid.

Councilor Moncy asked if the removal would be done soon.

Mayor Galbraith she expects it to move along quickly.

Motion carried.

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Mayor Galbraith said that because the amount of the grant reimbursement is more than the initial resolution noted they must rescind **R-11-7-49** and then pass the new resolution with the corrected figures.

Councilor Hedrick moved **Councilor Jervis** seconded a motion to rescind **R-11-7-49**.
Motion carried.

R-11-10-76 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT AND APPROVE A GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2011 CONNECTICUT CLEAN FUEL PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$84,800.00) TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) FORD ESCAPE HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND ONE (1) INTERNATIONAL/TEREX TELECT MATERIAL HANDLING AERIAL DEVICE HYBRID DIESEL ELECTRIC TRUCK AND THAT MAYOR MARIAN K. GALBRAITH BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation has allocated funds in accordance with 2011 Connecticut Clean Fuel Program to offset costs associated with the purchase of Hybrid Electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton, Department of Utilities budgeted funds in the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget for the purchase of two (2) Ford Escape 4WD vehicles and one (1) International/Terex Telect Material Handling Aerial Device Hybrid Diesel Electric Truck; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 Connecticut Clean Fuel Program will reimburse the City of Groton for the purchase of the Hybrid Electric version of these vehicles at a cost of \$9,900.00 (Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars and No Cents) for each of the two (2) Ford Escape 4WD Hybrid Electric vehicles and \$65,000 (Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents) for the one (1) International/Terex Telect Material Handling Aerial Device Hybrid Diesel Electric Truck;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council accept and approve a grant award from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation 2011 Connecticut Clean Fuel Program in the amount of Eighty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$84,800.00) to offset the costs of the purchase of two (2) Ford Escape Hybrid Electric Vehicles and one (1) International/Terex Telect Material Handling Aerial Device Hybrid Diesel Electric Truck and that Mayor Marian K. Galbraith be authorized to execute said agreement.

Councilor Money moved **Deputy Mayor Duffy** seconded a motion to approve **R-11-10-76**.
Motion carried.

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X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deputy Mayor Duffy moved **Councilor Hedrick** seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations to include Finance Director Michael Hillsberg and Lockton representatives Deb Testa and Laura Handal. **Motion carried.**

Executive Session commenced at 7:49 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Duffy moved **Councilor Hedrick** seconded a motion to exit Executive Session. **Motion carried.**

Executive Session ended at 8:22 p.m.

XI. COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Gerrish moved **Councilor Money** seconded a motion to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Galbraith adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**