

**CITY OF GROTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2014**

**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 William Jervis, Councilors Andrew Ilvento, Jay Dempsey, Stephen Sheffield, Lawrence Gerrish and City Clerk Debra Patrick.
Excused: Councilor Keith Hedrick and Finance Director Ron Yuhas.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Galbraith.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

Councilor Dempsey congratulated City resident Heather Somers on her win in the Republican Primary for the Lt Governor spot on the November ballot.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

Rob Zuliani, 23 Cushman Street, Jeff Zuliani, Katie, Zuliani, Jack Zuliani and Dominic Zuliani, 907 Shennecossett Road presented a framed article about past Beach & Parks Superintendent Steven Zbierski from the Groton Times dated March 2013. He said anyone who grew up on Eastern Point Beach knew Mr. Zbierski and that he was the driving force behind the development of the beach. They asked that the article be hung in the Zbierski House so everyone who uses it will know who Steven Zbierski was and what he accomplished.

V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

Mayor Galbraith and the Councilors thanked the Zuliani family and said it was a wonderful gift that will be displayed in the Zbierski House.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Gerrish moved Councilor Sheffield seconded a motion to approve the August 4, 2014 Mayor and Council meeting. Motion carried.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

There were no Group Committee reports.

Councilor Ilvento attended the Beach & Parks Committee August 13th and will attend the Youth Advisory Committee August 21st.

Councilor Dempsey had no report.

Councilor Sheffield had no report.

Councilor Gerrish attended the memorial service for former City of Groton Police Officer Bill Pontious. He said it was a fitting memorial for a good man.

Mayor Galbraith agreed it was a wonderful memorial.

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Deputy Mayor Jervis said the Council Group I Economic Development Committee would meet on August 20th.

City Clerk Patrick had no report.

Mayor Galbraith reported they had an unevaluated Millstone rehearsal August 5th and it was the first one under new Emergency Management Director Tom Davoren. She said FEMA representatives and Electric Boat representatives were also there. She said both EB and Pfizer will be included in future drills. On August 7th she attended a meeting to discuss the upper and lower Costa property in order to plan the bulkhead repair in the fall. On August 9th she attended 2 Summer In The City events, the Rufus Davis concert at Eastern Point Beach and the Ghost Tour where they had 2 packed tours with another planned in October. She said the Summer Concerts at Washington Park are all done and there were no rain outs this year and they had great crowds through the series. She noted the Summer In The City event Motorcycle Stunt Show and Mustang Rally in Washington Park this coming Saturday, August 23rd at 3:00 p.m. She said she will be attending a meeting August 19th with Bright Fields to discuss installing solar gardens in substations on City owned properties.

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

Councilor Dempsey said he would like to refer initial funding and appointments to the Economic Development Commission to the Economic Development Committee.

Mayor Galbraith said the initial funding is already in the Steering Committee recommendations that went to the Economic Development Committee and at this time there is no charge to give to a commission so there is no need to appoint at this time. She said by State Statute the authority to appoint sits with the Mayor although they may make recommendations.

Councilor Dempsey said he would like to have the Economic Development Committee discuss the bidding process.

Mayor Galbraith said that should go to the Finance Committee but the members of the Economic Development Committee could be invited to the Finance Committee meeting for discussion on the matter.

Finance Committee- City of Groton Bidding Process

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-14-8-103 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 \$4,803.47 (FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS AND FORTY-SEVEN 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 46.8762% 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 \$4,803.47 (Four Thousand Eight Hundred Three Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents) and that Mayor Marian Galbraith be authorized to execute said agreement.

Councilor Ilvento moved Councilor Gerrish seconded a motion to approve R-14-8-103. Mayor Galbraith said this has been done in the past and Sergeant Tourville was there to answer any questions.

Councilor Gerrish asked if these are replacement vests.

Sergeant Tourville said they are and they replace them every 5 years. He said they replaced 10 at a time in the rotation.

Motion carried.

R-14-8-104 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT THE TENTATIVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GROTON (“CITY”) AND THE GROTON WHITE COLLAR ASSOCIATION, CHAPTER 91, CSEA, INC., (“UNION”) FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015 AND THAT THE MAYOR BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GROTON

WHEREAS, through the process of negotiations the City of Groton (“City”) and the Groton White Collar Association, Chapter 91, CSEA, Inc., (“Union”) have reached a tentative agreement (“Agreement”) on a collective bargaining agreement covering the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015; 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 that in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-474(b), the Mayor and Council accept the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Groton (“City”) and the Groton White Collar Association, Chapter 91, CSEA, Inc., (“Union”) for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Groton.

Councilor Dempsey moved Deputy Mayor Jervis seconded a motion to approve R-14-8-104. Mayor Galbraith said they had a presentation on this and the only change since then is the correction due to an inadvertent omission regarding vacation time.

Motion carried.

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R-14-8-105 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH MILONE AND MACBROOM, INCORPORATED, 99 REALTY DRIVE, CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT FOR THE PERMIT PHASE OF THE STORM DRAINAGE OUTFALL STRUCTURE INTO THE THAMES RIVER AT A COST OF \$22,000.00 (TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM TOWN-AID-ROAD FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Groton received funding to install storm drain improvements within Thames Street that will result in the need for a new outfall to be installed near the northern end of the Electric Boat property; and

WHEREAS, the project site is such that outfall construction will likely be regulated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under category 2 of Connecticut's General Permit and by the they Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection Office of Long Island Sound programs requiring a Structures, Dredging and Fill Permit for the new outfall; and

WHEREAS, Milone and MacBroom, Incorporated will continue to provide professional engineering services as it relates to the project and will facilitate the permitting process for the storm drainage outfall;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve the contract with Milone and MacBroom, Incorporated, 99 Realty Drive, Cheshire, Connecticut for the permit phase of the Storm Drainage Outfall structure into the Thames River at a cost of \$22,000.00 (Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents) to be paid from Town-Aid-Road funds.

Deputy Mayor Jervis moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to approve R-14-8-105.

Mayor Galbraith said this is an extension to the agreement already in place and will get us through the permitting process for the outfall drainage project.

Bill Lewis, Highway Department Engineer said EB had already hired Milone and MacBroom and the City had already hired them for the Thames Street project. He went over the scope of the work they will be responsible for and said this had been put out for bid in 2004 both locally and statewide when the project was initially discussed.

Councilor Dempsey thanked Mr. Lewis.

Councilor Gerrish said Mr. Lewis is on top of this.

Councilor Dempsey asked if the permitting process will hold up construction.

Mr. Lewis said it would not. He expects the permitting to be done the middle of 2015.

Councilor Ilvento asked if work would be done at night.

Mr. Lewis said it would to get things moving.

Motion carried.

R-14-8-106 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CITY OF GROTON TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NORWALK MARINE CONTRACTORS, 245 ACCESS ROAD, STRATFORD CONNECTICUT FOR BULKHEAD REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT 311, 343, 353 THAMES STREET, GROTON AT A TOTAL PRICE OF \$744,200.00 (SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) WHICH INCLUDES THE

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BID ALTERNATE WITH \$238,308.20 (TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM FEMA GRANT REIMBURSEMENT AND THE BALANCE FROM BONDED CAPITAL FUNDS

WHEREAS, portions of the bulkhead on the southern section of the City's Pollution Abatement Facility at 311 Thames Street and the entire bulkhead at City owned 343,353, Thames Street must be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the City Purchasing Agent solicited bids for the replacement of these bulkheads based on specifications prepared by Coastline Consulting; and

WHEREAS, the bid from Norwalk Marine Contractors was the lowest bid; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent, Coastline Consulting and the City Planner recommend this contractor;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve the City of Groton to enter into a contract with Norwalk Marine Contractors, 245 Access Road, Stratford, Connecticut, for bulkhead replacement project at 311,343, 353 Thames Street, Groton at a total price of \$744,200.00 (Seven Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents) which includes the bid alternate with \$238,308.20 (Two Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Eight Dollars and Twenty Cents) to be paid from FEMA Grant Reimbursement and the balance from bonded Capital funds.

Councilor Sheffield moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to approve R-14-8-106.

Mayor Galbraith said City Planner Barbara Goodrich was available to answer questions.

Ms. Goodrich said the PAF and Costa property bulkheads are in dire need of repair and FEMA will pay a portion of the costs due to damage from Storm Sandy with the remainder coming from bonding done previously. She said the permits are in place and the bids are done.

Councilor Dempsey asked if the FEMA money is from Storm Sandy.

Ms. Goodrich said it was for both.

There was further discussion on damage due to Storm Sandy.

Motion carried.

R-14-8-107 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CITY OF GROTON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PLANIMETRICS, 70 COUNTY ROAD, SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT, FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES TO REVIEW AND REVISE THE CITY'S LAND USE REGULATIONS AND ZONING MAP FOR A TOTAL PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$62,500 (SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM GENERAL FUND CAPITAL CARRYOVER AND FY2015 PLANNING DEPARTMENT OPERATING FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City wishes to undertake the review and revision of the City's Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Map for the purpose of updating and organizing the

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regulations to conform with state statutes, the City's Plan of Conservation and Development, and current best practices; and

WHEREAS, the City obtained bids for this work through a Request for Qualification process; and

WHEREAS, the two most qualified of the bidders were interviewed; and

WHEREAS, Planimetrics, 70 County Road, Simsbury, Connecticut was determined to be the most qualified bidder;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve the City of Groton to enter into an agreement with Planimetrics, 70 County Road, Simsbury, Connecticut for professional planning services to review and revise the City's land use regulations and zoning map for a total price not to exceed \$62,500 (Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents) to be paid from General Fund Capital Carryover and FY2015 Planning Department Operating Funds.

Councilor Gerrish moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to approve R-14-8-107.

Ms. Goodrich said she has been putting aside funds over several years to do this. She said it was put out to bid and this will accomplish a comprehensive rewrite of the regulations to make them current with best practices and CGS.

Councilor Gerrish said it's a good thing to do and asked if there was anything in particular that needs to be done.

Ms. Goodrich said integrating Form Based Zoning would assist in growing the area and how to accomplish it.

There was some discussion on how it might help economic development in the city.

Councilor Dempsey asked how much has been put aside.

Ms. Goodrich said \$59,780.39 has been saved up.

There was discussion on the process of the revisions, monthly reports on the progress and when public hearings might be held.

Councilor Ilvento asked what the time frame to complete this would be.

Ms. Goodrich said about 18 months and it was part of the criteria when it was put out to bid.

Motion carried.

**R-14-8-108 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT A
DONATION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND
BEAUTIFICATION FUND FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE MOTHER
BAILEY HOUSE, 108 THAMES STREET, GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

WHEREAS, the Bill Memorial Library, Avery-Copp House and Friends of Fort Griswold conducted a walking tour of local sites in the City to which there was a fee charged; and

WHEREAS, the combined organizations would like to donate the funds raised to offset costs of the Mother Bailey House in the City of Groton; and

WHEREAS, the following donation has been received:

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Bill Memorial Library, Avery-Copp House and Friends of Fort Griswold, \$430.00;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council accept a donation for the Community Development and Beautification Fund for expenses related to the Mother Bailey House, 108 Thames Street, Groton, Connecticut.

Councilor Ilvento moved Councilor Sheffield seconded a motion to approve R-14-8-108. Mayor Galbraith said this is what was raised during the Ghost Tours and they have committed the money raised for the October tour as well.
Motion carried.

R-14-8-109 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT A DONATION FOR THE COMMUNITY EVENTS AND BEAUTIFICATION FUND IN SUPPORT OF THE SUMMER IN THE CITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

WHEREAS, the following donation has been received by the City of Groton in support of the planned Summer in the City activities:

Marine Draftsmen’s Association, UAW Local 571, \$500.00;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council accept a donation for the Community Events and Beautification Fund in support of the Summer in the City activities and events.

Councilor Dempsey moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to approve R-14-8-109. Mayor Galbraith thanked the Marine Draftsmen’s Association for their generous donation.
Motion carried.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Ilvento moved Councilor Gerrish seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Pending litigation – recall rights matter.

Motion carried.

Executive Session commenced at 8:04 p.m. in C-8.

Executive Session ended at 8:20 p.m. and they returned to Council Chambers.

XI. COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Ilvento moved Councilor Gerrish seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mayor Galbraith adjourned the meeting at 8:21p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**