



# City of Groton, Connecticut

## Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2019

City Municipal Building  
295 Meridian Street  
Groton, CT 06340

Council Chambers

7:30 PM

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

**I. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Jamal Beckford, Councilors Lisa McCabe, Gweneviere Depot, Minerva Ortiz, Rashaad Carter, Finance Director Ron Yuhas and City Clerk Debra Patrick. Excused: Councilor Reginald Stanford.

**II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Led by Mayor Hedrick.

**III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS**

Chief Spellman presented the following awards to members of the Police Department: Part Time City Police Record Clerk Carol Morth for 8 years of service to the City as she formally retires. She is wished well and thanked for her dedication to the City of Groton.

Blight Officer Glenn Frishmann: Thanked for working with two college interns to produce a traffic study at no expense to the City of Groton other than salary.

Sergeant Trish Lieteau, Corporal Brittany Duclos and Officer Bobby Harris for their great work on our first Citizens Police Academy, and the success of our Cadet Program that they work tirelessly to address.

Officer Paul Ruddy for addressing and bringing to an arrest a Child Pornography investigation in the City of Groton.

Detective Sergeant Travis Winkelman, Corporal David Holliday, and Detective Dan Grimm for investigating and taking to arrest and conviction with a guilty plea a Home Invasion case in 2017 in the City of Groton.

Awards for Nomination for Officer of the Year: Officer Alejandro Rosa, Officer Stephanie Contreras, Officer Jean Phillip Precourt  
Officer of the Year: Corporal Brittany Duclos

**IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS**

None.

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**V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN’S PETITIONS/COMMENTS**

None.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Depot moved Councilor McCabe seconded a motion to approve the September 16, 2019 Mayor and Council meeting. Motion carried.

Councilor Depot moved Councilor McCabe seconded a motion to approve the September 23, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried.

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

Councilor McCabe attended the ribbon cuttings for 2 new businesses in the City of Groton, 40 Thieves and the Pride Center. She is happy to see these new businesses and looks forward to frequenting them.

Councilor Depot also attended the 2 ribbon cuttings and said it’s great to have 2 new businesses.

Councilor Ortiz reported they now have the Groton public Library in Branford manor the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month.

Councilor Carter had no report.

Deputy Mayor Beckford attended the ribbon cuttings and hopes to see more businesses in the City of Groton. He attended the christening of the USS Oregon this past Saturday at EB.

Finance Director Yuhas had no report.

City Clerk Patrick had no report.

Mayor Hedrick announced the City of Groton has been awarded the Connecticut Economic Development Best Practices Certification. He said Dennis Goderre, City Planner contributed to this and Cierra Patrick, Economic Development Specialist was instrumental in achieving this. He reported Diego Ocasio completed his eagle Scout project at Birch Plain Creek noting the path has been widened and there are new plantings at the stone circle. The Public Works Department with widen the rest of the path to the Groton Estates property to encourage greater use for walkers.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS**

None.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**R-19-10-131 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AVALONIA LAND CONSERVANCY, INC., PO BOX 49, OLD MYSTIC, CONNECTICUT, AND CONTRIBUTE UP TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$159,945.00) TO SUPPORT THE PURCHASE OF THE ATKINSON PROPERTY AS PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION, TOGETHER WITH SUCH REVISIONS, CLARIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT AS THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES SHALL DEEM APPROPRIATE, AND TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE SAME ON BEHALF OF GROTON**

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**UTILITIES, TO BE PAID FROM THE WATER DIVISION RETAINED EARNINGS**

**WHEREAS**, this contribution will enable Avalonia Land Conservancy Inc. to complete the purchase of Atkinson property and fulfill Grant Agreement requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject property, which abuts the Groton Utilities watershed was being considered for a seventy-three lot subdivision and has been described in long-term planning documents by Groton Utilities for more than thirty years as sensitive watershed land, prioritized for acquisition and / or protective measures; and

**WHEREAS**, Avalonia Land Conservancy Inc. and Groton Utilities have developed a Memorandum of Understanding which documents land management plans, and mutually agreeable best management practices allowing for passive recreation for the community while preserving wetlands, and watershed sensitive property; and

**WHEREAS**, this partnership will allow Groton Utilities to strategically place signage and better control unauthorized access to Groton Utilities watershed property; and

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting held on September 18, 2019, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to enter into an agreement with Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc., PO Box 49, Old Mystic, Connecticut, and contribute up to One Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$159,945.00) to support the purchase of the Atkinson Property as presented to the Commission, together with such revisions, clarification and amendments to the agreement as the Director of Utilities shall deem appropriate, and to execute and deliver the same on behalf of Groton Utilities, to be paid from the Water Division Retained Earnings and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council authorize Groton Utilities Management enter into an agreement with Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc., PO Box 49, Old Mystic, Connecticut, and contribute up to One Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$159,945.00) to support the purchase of the Atkinson Property as presented to the Commission, together with such revisions, clarification and amendments to the agreement as the Director of Utilities shall deem appropriate, and to execute and deliver the same on behalf of Groton Utilities, to be paid from the Water Division Retained Earnings.

Councilor McCabe moved Councilor Depot seconded a motion to approve R-19-10-131. Motion carried.

**R-19-10-132 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAIVE THE BIDDING REQUIREMENT OF POLICY #1004, POLICY AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE PURCHASE PRACTICES OF GROTON UTILITIES, AND AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES**

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**MANAGEMENT TO PURCHASE A DATA STORAGE ARRAY, RELATED HARDWARE COMPONENTS, AND THREE (3) YEARS MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT, FROM GOTHAM TECHNOLOGY GROUP, LLC, 5 PARAGON DRIVE, SUITE 103, MONTVALE, NEW JERSEY, THE MANUFACTURER'S VALUE ADDED RESELLER, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NINETY-TWO CENTS (\$195,335.92), TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE 2019-2020 IT DEPARTMENT APPROVED NON-BONDED CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the IT Department identified the need to replace the existing data storage array located at the Municipal Building Data Center during the 2019-2020 budget process due to its age and the dramatically increasing costs for annual support; and

**WHEREAS**, the data storage array is critical to the day-to-day operation of all systems for the Enterprise network; and

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting held on September 18, 2019, the Groton Utilities Commission waived the bidding requirement of Policy #1004, Policy and Procedures Governing the Purchase Practices of Groton Utilities, and authorize Groton Utilities Management to purchase a Data Storage Array, related hardware components, and three (3) years maintenance and support, from Gotham Technology Group, LLC, 5 Paragon Drive, Suite 103, Montvale, NJ, the manufacturer's Value Added Reseller, for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$195,335.92), to be paid from funds available in the 2019-2020 IT Department Approved Non-Bonded Capital Projects and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Mayor and Council waive the bidding requirement of Policy #1004, Policy and Procedures Governing the Purchase Practices of Groton Utilities, and authorize Groton Utilities Management to purchase a Data Storage Array, related hardware components, and three (3) years maintenance and support, from Gotham Technology Group, LLC, 5 Paragon Drive, Suite 103, Montvale, New Jersey, the manufacturer's Value Added Reseller, for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$195,335.92), to be paid from funds available in the 2019-2020 IT Department Approved Non-Bonded Capital Projects.

Deputy Mayor Beckford moved Councilor Depot seconded a motion to approve R-19-10-132. Mayor Hedrick said this was discussed at the COW meeting in September. Motion carried.

**R-19-10-133 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO CONTRIBUTE UP TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$150,000.00) TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT (NAA) PROGRAM IN**

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**RETURN FOR MATCHING TAX CREDITS PENDING APPROVAL  
FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

**WHEREAS**, through the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program, tax credits may be earned by business firms that make cash investments to certain community programs. The cash investment must be made in a community program that is proposed and conducted by a tax exempt or municipal agency and must be approved both by the municipality in which the program is conducted and the Department of Revenue Services (DRS); and

**WHEREAS**, the total tax credits under the NAA tax credit program are limited to \$150,000.00 annually for each business firm and since the contributions are fully matched with the tax credits, it will benefit the community, while being essentially cost-free to Groton Utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Groton Utilities' Management recommended the approval of a commitment to contribute up to a total of \$150,000.00 to Sacred Heart School for support of energy efficient heating and air conditioning units throughout the school and annex, in return for matching tax credits;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to contribute up to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$150,000.00) to the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program in return for matching tax credits pending approval from the State of Connecticut.

Councilor Depot moved Councilor McCabe seconded a motion to approve R-19-10-133. Mayor Hedrick said this was discussed at the COW meeting in September. Motion carried.

**R-19-10-134 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SOUTHERN STATES, 30 GEORGIA AVENUE, HAMPTON, GEORGIA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$22,685.00) FOR REPAIRS TO A GAS INSULATED CIRCUIT SWITCHER AT BUDDINGTON SUBSTATION AS A NON-BUDGETED PURCHASE TO BE PAID FROM AVAILABLE CASH IN THE ELECTRIC BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, one of three 115 kV circuit interrupters at Buddington Substation has a gas leak and is in need of repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the circuit switcher is needed to protect the transmission line from the transformer faults and power disturbances; and

**WHEREAS**, the circuit switcher will not operate if there is low or no insulating gas in the switch and will be subject to fines from NERC / FREC if the circuit switcher does not operate when called for and the 1280 transmission trips off line; and

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**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting held on September 18, 2019 the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Southern States 30 Georgia Avenue Hampton, Georgia in an amount not to exceed Twenty Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$22,685.00) for repairs to a gas insulated 16L-4 x 1-2 circuit switcher at Buddington Substation needed to protect the transmission line from the transformer faults and power disturbances as a non – budgeted purchase to be paid from available cash in the Electric Budget and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Southern States, 30 Georgia Avenue, Hampton, Georgia, in an amount not to exceed Twenty Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$22,685.00) for repairs to a gas insulated circuit switcher at Buddington Substation as a non – budgeted purchase to be paid from available cash in the Electric Budget.

Councilor Ortiz moved Councilor Depot seconded a motion to approve R-19-10-134. Mayor Hedrick said this was discussed at the COW meeting in September. Motion carried.

**R-19-10-135 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ENTER INTO A TWO YEAR CONTRACT WITH UNIVAR SOLUTIONS, 175 TERMINAL ROAD, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, WITH TWO (2) ONE (1) YEAR RENEWALS AS RECOMMENDED AS THE LOWEST OF BIDS RECEIVED TO PURCHASE CAUSTIC SODA LIQUID, AND ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY FOUR CENTS (\$42,147.84) TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE APPROVED FY 2019-2020 WATER DIVISION OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS**

**WHEREAS**, the staff is changing the pH control chemical to Caustic Soda; and

**WHEREAS**, based off of the three (3) bids received for Caustic Soda Liquid (Sodium Hydroxide), Univar Solutions was the lowest bidder for approximate quantity of 38,400 gallons/year at \$1.0976 per gallon; and

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting held on September 18, 2019, Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to enter into a two year contract with Univar Solutions, 175 Terminal Road, Providence, Rhode Island, with two (2) one (1) year renewals as recommended as the lowest of bids received, and issue a purchase order not to exceed Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Forty Seven Dollars and Eighty Four Cents (\$42,147.84) to be paid from funds available in the approved FY 2019-2020 Water Division Operating and Capital Budgets and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur;

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to enter into a two year contract with Univar Solutions, 175 Terminal Road, Providence, Rhode Island, with two (2) one (1) year renewals as recommended as the lowest of bids received, to purchase Caustic Soda Liquid, and issue a purchase order not to exceed Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Forty Seven Dollars and Eighty Four Cents (\$42,147.84) to be paid from funds available in the approved FY 2019-2020 Water Division Operating and Capital Budgets.

Councilor Carter moved Councilor Depot seconded a motion to approve R-19-10-135. Mayor Hedrick said this was discussed at the COW meeting in September. Motion carried.

**R-19-10-136 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KEITH HEDRICK, 156 SHENNECOSSETT PARKWAY, GROTON, CONNECTICUT, TO THE EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, TERM TO EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 7, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Public Act 03-6, “An Act Restructuring The Connecticut Tourism Industry” requires one representative from the City of Groton to be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Eastern Regional District; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith Hedrick, 156 Shennecossett Parkway, Groton, Connecticut, has been asked to serve as the City of Groton representative on the Eastern Regional Tourism District Board of Directors, term to expire October 7, 2022;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Keith Hedrick, 156 Shennecossett Parkway, Groton, Connecticut, to the Eastern Regional Tourism District Board of Directors for a period of three years, term to expire on October 7, 2022.

Councilor McCabe moved Councilor Depot seconded a motion to approve R-19-10-136. Mayor Hedrick said this was discussed at the COW meeting in September. Motion carried.

**R-19-10-137 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A DONATION OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$450.00) TO CHILDREN FIRST GROTON, C/O CHILD AND FAMILY AGENCY, 255 HEMPSTEAD STREET, NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Groton received a request for donation from Children First Groton to support initiatives to sustain programs that enrich the lives of families all across Groton; and

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**WHEREAS**, resolution R-14-4-48 authorized the City Council to make donations to support the social, cultural and educational interests of the City of Groton; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve a donation of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$450.00) to Children First Groton, C/O Child and Family Agency, 255 Hempstead Street, New London, Connecticut.

Deputy Mayor Beckford moved Councilor Depot seconded a motion to approve R-19-10-137. Mayor Hedrick said this was discussed at the COW meeting in September. Motion carried.

**R-19-10-138 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A DONATION OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$450.00) TO GROTON-MYSTIC BASKETBALL, 20 GARDEN COURT, MYSTIC, CONNECTICUT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Groton received a request for donation from Groton-Mystic Basketball to support youth who may not be able to otherwise afford the opportunity to participate in a travel basketball program; and

**WHEREAS**, resolution R-14-4-48 authorized the City Council to make donations to support the social, cultural and educational interests of the City of Groton; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve a Donation of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$450.00) to Groton-Mystic Basketball, 20 Garden Court, Mystic, Connecticut.

Councilor Depot moved Deputy Mayor Beckford seconded a motion to approve R-19-10-138. Mayor Hedrick said this was discussed at the COW meeting in September. Motion carried.

**R-19-10-139 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE MAYOR, KEITH HEDRICK, TO WAIVE THE BID PROCESS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR MOTOR REPAIR FOR ENGINE #2 WITH FIVE STAR FIRE, 45 BRAINARD ROAD, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,124.38 (THIRTY SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND THIRTY EIGHT CENTS), AND AN ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY OF \$3,612.44 (THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS AND FORTY FOUR CENTS) RESERVED FOR CONTRACT CHANGES, FOR A TOTAL AUTHORIZATION OF \$39,736.82 (THIRTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY SIX DOLLARS AND EIGHTY TWO CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGETED UNDESIGNATED CAPITAL**



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**WHEREAS**, the motor on engine #2 has failed and is not in operation at this time and it is being recommended that it be replaced; and

**WHEREAS**, we have solicited 3 (Three) quotes to replace the motor and Five Star Fire was the low quote;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve Mayor, Keith Hedrick, to waive the bid process and enter into a contract for motor replacement for Engine #2 with Five Star Fire, 45 Brainard Road Hartford, Connecticut in the amount of \$36,124.38 (Thirty Six Thousand One Hundred Twenty Four Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents), and an additional contingency of \$3,612.44 (Three thousand Six Hundred Twelve Dollars and Forty Four Cents) reserved for contract changes, for a total authorization of \$39,736.82 (Thirty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Six Dollars and Eighty Two Cents) to be paid from fiscal year 2020 budgeted undesignated capital.

Councilor Ortiz moved Councilor Depot seconded a motion to approve R-19-10-139. Mayor Hedrick said this was discussed at the COW meeting in September. Motion carried.

**R-19-10-140 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE MAYOR, KEITH HEDRICK, TO WAIVE THE BID PROCESS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR MOTOR REPAIR FOR ENGINE #1 WITH SHIPMAN’S FIRE EQUIPMENT CO., INC., 172 CROSS ROAD, WATERFORD, CONNECTICUT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,485.31 (TWENTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS AND THIRTY ONE CENTS), AND AN ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY OF \$2,348.53 (TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY THREE CENTS) RESERVED FOR CONTRACT CHANGES, FOR A TOTAL AUTHORIZATION OF \$25,833.84 (TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY THREE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY FOUR CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the motor on engine #1 has failed and is not in operation at this time and it is being recommended that it be completely rebuilt; and

**WHEREAS**, engine #2 is currently out of service and we are using our 1993 spare engine and a mutual aid engine for all calls making its repair an urgent matter; and

**WHEREAS**, we have solicited a quote to replace the motor from Shipman’s Fire Equipment Co., Inc. who in turn reached out to two of their vendors for quotes and returned with the best and quickest option;

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve Mayor, Keith Hedrick, to waive the bid process and enter into a contract for motor repair for Engine #1 with Shipman's Fire Equipment Co., Inc. 172 Cross Roads Waterford, CT. in the amount of \$23,485.31 (Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Thirty One Cents), and an additional contingency of \$2,348.53 (Two thousand Three Hundred Forty Eight Dollars and Fifty Three Cents) reserved for contract changes, for a total authorization of \$25,833.84 (Twenty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and Eighty Four Cents) to be paid from funds available in the fiscal year 2020 operating budget.

Councilor Carter moved Councilor Depot seconded a motion to approve R-19-10-140. Mayor Hedrick said this is a second truck with an engine issue and asked Chief Tompkins to address the Council.

Chief Tompkins said engine #1 had an issue and after being looked at it was determined they would do an in chassis overhaul. Once he had a quote he brought it to the mayor to bring to the Council for approval. He expects the truck back in service later this week.

Mayor Hedrick said there was some urgency in getting this done so the truck could go back in service.

Councilor Ortiz asked how old the 2 trucks were.

Chief Tompkins said engine #1 is a 2010 and engine #2 is a 2005. He said the manufacturer is reliable and they are beginning a more comprehensive maintenance program to avoid this happening again.

Councilor Ortiz asked if a blown gasket on the truck is similar to a car.

Chief Tompkins said it presented as a blown gasket but after it was apart they determined there was more damage.

Councilor McCabe asked if Shipman does annual maintenance.

Chief Tompkins said they do a yearly in-depth maintenance. He said the department does daily and weekly fluid checks.

Councilor McCabe asked if we would have coverage in a large fire event with 2 trucks down.

Chief Tompkins went over the mutual aid in place noting we would have more than adequate coverage. Motion carried.

Councilor Depot moved Deputy Mayor Beckford seconded a motion to suspend the rules to add resolutions R-19-10-141 and R-19-10-142. Motion carried.

**R-19-10-141 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE ONE (1) MODEL YEAR 2020 FORD EXPLORER FROM GENGRAS FORD, LLC, 225 NEW BRITAIN AVENUE, PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT, FOR PRICE OF \$28,866.50 (TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY- SIX DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM FY2020 OPERATING FUNDS**

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**WHEREAS**, the Highway Department has identified the need to purchase the replacement vehicle listed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Director requested pricing based on the needs of the Highway Department; and

**WHEREAS**, utilizing the State of Connecticut contract #10PSX0239 Supplement #68 awarded to Gengras Ford, LLC, 225 New Britain Ave, Plainville, Connecticut, is judged by the Finance Director to be the most advantageous pricing for the City;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council Authorize and Approve the Highway Department to purchase One (1) model year 2020 Ford Explorer from Gengras Ford, LLC, 225 New Britain Avenue, Plainville, Connecticut, for price of \$28,866.50 (Twenty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty- Six Dollars and Fifty Cents) to be paid from FY2020 Operating Funds.

Councilor McCabe moved Councilor Depot seconded a motion to approve R-19-10-141. Mayor Hedrick said this was briefly discussed at the COW that once bids were completed it would come back to the Council.

Finance Director Yuhas said he sent bids out and nothing was returned. He went back to the State bid which is what is presented tonight.

Councilor Ortiz asked if this was for the Highway Department.

Mr. Yuhas said it is.

Motion carried.

**R-19-10-142 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE OF ONE (1) MODEL YEAR 2020 FORD EXPLORER FROM GENGRAS FORD, LLC, 225 NEW BRITAIN AVENUE, PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT, FOR PRICE OF \$28,866.50 (TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY- SIX DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM FY2020 OPERATING FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Building Department has identified the need to purchase the replacement vehicle listed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Building Official requested pricing based on the needs of the Building Department; and

**WHEREAS**, utilizing the State of Connecticut contract #10PSX0239 Supplement #68 awarded to Gengras Ford, LLC, 225 New Britain Ave, Plainville, Connecticut, is judged by the Finance Director to be the most advantageous pricing for the City;

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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council Authorize and Approve the Building Department to purchase of One (1) model year 2020 Ford Explorer from Gengras Ford, LLC, 225 New Britain Avenue, Plainville, Connecticut, for price of \$28,866.50 (Twenty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty- Six Dollars and Fifty Cents) to be paid from FY2020 Operating Funds.

Deputy Mayor Beckford moved Councilor Depot seconded a motion to approve R-19-10-142. Mayor Hedrick said this is the same as the previous resolution but for the Building Department. Motion carried.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor McCabe moved Deputy Mayor Beckford seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

**Mayor Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

**Debra Patrick  
City Clerk**