



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Town Council Committee of the Whole

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Mayor James L. Streeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Streeter called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Town Attorney Eileen Duggan, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Office Assistant Lori Watrous.

3. NEW BUSINESS

2010-0172 FYE 2012 Budget

A motion was made by Mayor Streeter, seconded by Councilor Monteiro, that the members of the Town Council, along with Town Manager Mark Oefinger and Town Attorney Eileen Duggan enter into executive session pursuant to General Statutes 1-200(6)(b) at 6:32 p.m. to discuss strategy and/or negotiations relating to pending claims concerning the Town's appropriation of funds to its political subdivisions.

The motion carried unanimously

Discussed

The executive session concluded at 7:43 p.m.

2011-0069 Setting the Referendum Date and Form of the Question on Thames Street Rehabilitation Program Bond Ordinance

A motion was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Watson, that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution.

The motion carried unanimously

2011-0070 Authorization of Thames Street Rehabilitation Program Bond Ordinance Original (Full) Version

Recommended for a Resolution

The Town Clerk stated that a shortened version of the ordinance was prepared by the bonding attorney but it wasn't much shorter than the original (full) version. She recommended that the original (full) version be submitted for publication in the newspaper.

The Town Manager noted that there would not be enough savings to warrant using the shortened version, as it would need to be reviewed by the Town Attorney before publication.

A motion was made by Councilor Monteiro, seconded by Councilor Sheets, to authorize the language for the ordinance appropriating \$6,375,505 for the Thames Street Rehabilitation Program in the original (full) version form.

The motion carried unanimously

2011-0071 Setting the Referendum Date and Form of the Question on the Phase II School Facilities Program Bond Ordinance

Recommended for a Resolution.

The Town Manager noted that this resolution sets the date of the referendum and how the question will appear on the ballot.

The motion carried unanimously

2011-0072 Authorization of Phase II School Facilities Program Bond Ordinance Original (Full) Version Recommended for a Resolution

A motion was made by Councilor Monteiro, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, to authorize the language for the ordinance appropriating \$133,481,150 for the Phase II School Facilities Program in the original (full) version form.

The motion carried unanimously

2011-0073 Authorization for Explanatory Texts for Thames Street Rehabilitation Project and Phase II School Facilities Program Bond Ordinance Referenda

Discussed

Time is of the essence as the explanatory text must be completed by April 1, 2011, to be available for absentee ballots.

The Town Clerk stated that the explanatory text will be a tri-fold document with the questions that will appear on the ballot on the front, information about those questions inside, and an appropriate space for mailing information on the back. The explanatory text will be available at all Town buildings, schools, and both the Town website and the Board of Education website.

The Town Manager will check the rules of engagement for Facebook to see whether information regarding elections is allowed.

Discussion ensued whether to mail out this document. By consensus, the Town Council would like the explanatory text mailed to each household.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Sheets, that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution.

The motion carried unanimously

4. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Monteiro, seconded by Councilor Flax, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m..

The motion carried unanimously.