



Stratford, Connecticut

MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF TOWN HALL, 2725 MAIN STREET, STRATFORD, CT PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY POSTED.

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman Michael Henrick

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Michael Julian, Mr. Alvin O'Neal, Mr. Gavin Forrester, Ms. Emma Brooks, Mr. John Dempsey, Ms. Amy Wanamaker, Mr. William Stroemer, Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Joseph Kubic, Mr. Michael Henrick

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor James Miron, Town Attorney Richard Buturla, CAO Suzanne McCauley

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED DURING MEETING

- Letter with attachments from R. Buturla re: Section 32-1 of the Town Code (Term limits)
- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$10,890,000 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 (#08-12)
- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,890,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET THE APPROPRIATION FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (#08-13)
- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$11,087,000 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 (#08-14)
- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$11,087,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET THE APPROPRIATION FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (#08-15)

INVOCATION PRESENTED BY THIRD DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER GAVIN B. FORRESTER FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of: Public Forum and Regularly scheduled meeting and executive session of October 14, 2008 and special meeting of October 27, 2008.

RESOLVED: That the reading of the foregoing minutes be dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously provided to each Council Member and the same be and are hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. STROOMER SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. COUNCIL MEMBERS RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Henrick — re: prevailing wage.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 LETTER OF RESIGNATION — Stratford Library Board. FROM: Doreen Jaekle - forwarded to Council Members October 17, 2008

RESOLVED: that the resignation of Doreen Jaekle from the Stratford Library Board be and is hereby accepted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESIGNATION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3.2 LETTER re: request for abandonment of portion of property at North Town Center – Hawley Lane, Stratford FROM: Atty. Barry Knott DATED: Oct. 21, 2008 (abridged – request that the town abandon any rights it may have for all purposes, including public highway and public utility purposes for that portion of the property northwest of the area designated as “Conservation Easement 1”)

RESOLVED: that the foregoing communication be and is hereby accepted.

3.3 LETTER re: request for abandonment of terminus of Goodwin Place FROM: Atty. Barry Knott Dated: Oct. 30, 2008 (Letter previously forwarded) (abridged – request that the town abandon any rights that it may have to that portion of the road at the terminus of Goodwin Place.)

RESOLVED: that the foregoing communication be and is hereby accepted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO PLACE THE FOREGOING TWO COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS, 3.2 AND 3.3, ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING PROCEEDED IN THE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

4.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.2.1 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE — The Ordinance Committee conducted a public hearing and the regularly scheduled meeting on October 27, 2008 with the following ordinances referred to Council without recommendation:

A. AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 88-1 EMS FUNDING (08-10)

RESOLVED: that the second reading of the above entitled Ordinance be dispensed with as copies thereof have been received by all Council Members and the foregoing be and is hereby approved effective thirty days from passage. (Ordinance appended as page 17)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FOR FINAL PASSAGE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. JULIAN — YES, MR. O’NEAL — YES, MR. FORRESTER — YES, MS. BROOKS — YES, MR. DEMPSEY — YES, MS. WANAMAKER — YES, MR. STROOMER — YES, MR. MOORE — YES, MR. KUBIC — YES, MR. HENRICK — YES.

B. ORDINANCE CREATING ~~ACCESS ROAD~~ GREAT MEADOWS PARK (08-11)

RESOLVED: that the second reading of the above entitled Ordinance be dispensed with as copies thereof have been received by all Council Members and the foregoing be and is hereby approved effective thirty days from passage. (Ordinance appended as page 18)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO AMEND THE NAME OF THE PARK TO GREAT MEADOWS PARK AND APPROVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FOR FINAL PASSAGE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. JULIAN — YES, MR. O’NEAL — YES, MR. FORRESTER — YES, MS. BROOKS — YES, MR. DEMPSEY — YES, MS. WANAMAKER — YES, MR. STROOMER — YES, MR. MOORE — YES, MR. KUBIC — YES, MR. HENRICK — YES.

4.2.2 FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE — The Finance and Claims Committee conducted the regularly scheduled meeting of October 20, 2008 during which time the following claims were referred to Council with favorable recommendation:

A. CLAIM OF: Amy Duprey, 67 Laughlin Rd. East, D/I: 8/7/08 Amount: \$2,500
Summary of Claim: Damage to meter and electrical wires from tree limb. PW had trimmed tree in July, approx. 2 weeks before storm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS — continued

FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE — continued

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Finance and Claims Committee is accepted and the claim of Amy Duprey for an amount not to exceed \$2,500 be and is hereby granted/denied.

B. CLAIM OF: Allstate ASO Clarke, West Haven, D/I: 6/7/08 Amount: \$3,730.97
Summary of Claim: Claimant’s vehicle struck by EMS ambulance pulling out of a driveway on W. Broad. EMS driver thought traffic was stopped. EMS driver received verbal warning from officer.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Finance and Claims Committee is accepted and the claim of Allstate ASO Clark for an amount not to exceed \$3,730.97 be and is hereby granted/denied.

C. CLAIM OF: Lisa Zawadski, 44 Elliot St., D/I: 8/7/08 Amount: \$3,400
Summary of Claim: Large branch of maple tree fell on roof of house. Also damaged gutters and porch ceiling. PW confirms claimant called in beginning of June to request trim of branches overhanging the house. Claimant sent follow-up e-mail on 7/3/08.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Finance and Claims Committee is accepted and the claim of Lisa Zawadski for an amount not to exceed \$3,400 be and is hereby granted/denied.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING THREE CLAIMS (A., B., AND C.). THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. MAYOR’S REPORT, COMMITTEE REPORTS, TOWN ATTORNEY’S REPORTS

4.1 MAYOR’S REPORT

4.1.1 RESOLUTION RE: CT SENIOR CENTERS AND MUNICIPALITIES 2008 SPECIAL FUNDING INITIATIVE

SPONSORED: Stratford Town Council

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of Stratford, James R. Miron, is authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the Town of Stratford with the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services for the amount of \$8,450.00 for Senior Services; \$5,000 under the CT Senior Centers 2008 Special Initiative Funding and \$3,450 under the CT Municipalities 2008 Special Funding Initiative;

MAYOR’S REPORT — continued

RESOLUTION RE: CT SENIOR CENTERS AND MUNICIPALITIES 2008 SPECIAL FUNDING INITIATIVE — continued

to execute any amendments, revisions or rescissions thereto; and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Stratford.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.1.2 EMS BUILDING REFERRAL — Mr. Miron referenced the memo from the Planning Commission of October 31, 2008 stating that the Commission found itself unable to reach a decision for lack of sufficient data.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO OVERRIDE THE REJECTION DECISION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.1.3 OVERFLOW PARKING LEASE – Executive Session Required

Mayor Miron requests taking the foregoing item into executive session for the purpose being it is a property acquisition that disclosure of the facts and circumstances may result in a value increase. Mr. Miron would like that motion to include members of the Town Council, himself, Town Attorney Buturla and Special Assistant Attorney Miller.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE ABOVE STATED REASON TO DISCUSS THE ABOVE CITED ITEM WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 8:15 p.m.

Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 8:29 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

WAIVER OF COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO WAIVE THE COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER TO ADD “OVERFLOW PARKING LEASE” TO THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYOR’S REPORT — continued

OVERFLOW PARKING LEASE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of Stratford, James R. Miron, is authorized to enter in to a contract on behalf of the Town of Stratford with Christ Church for the purchase of its auxiliary parking lot in accordance with the proposed contract and to act as the representative of the Town of Stratford.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MS. BROOKS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AS STATED ABOVE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.1.4 COMMUNICATIONS — Information Items. ACTION NOT REQUIRED.

- a) Memo Re: Connecticut’s Prevailing Wage Statutes (dated October 21, 2008)
- b) Memo Re: Shakespeare Theatre – Base Option Alternates (dated October 29, 2008)
- c) Memo Re: Abandonment of Terminus of Goodwin Place (dated November 4, 2008)

4.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

4.3.1 AIRPORT PURCHASE — continuing item — NO BUSINESS FURNISHED.

4.3.2 SYLVIA GUBERMAN V ROBERT CAMILLO — Attorney Buturla reported that the action was withdrawn.

4.3.3 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ASSIGNMENT OF MUNICIPAL TAX LIENS AND/OR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LIENS

Sponsored by: Hon. Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, the budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008 provides for the collection of delinquent taxes and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §§ 12-195h and 7-254 of the Connecticut General Statutes the Tax Collector intends to assign municipal tax liens and/or water pollution control liens for the purpose of raising much needed revenue for the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Pursuant to §§ 12-195h and 7-254 of the Connecticut General Statutes the Tax Collector of the Town of Stratford is hereby authorized to assign municipal tax liens and/or water pollution control liens in exchange for consideration.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ASSIGNMENT OF MUNICIPAL TAX LIENS AND/OR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LIENS — continued

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

JOHN ORTIZ VS. TOWN OF STRATFORD — Mr. Buturla reported that the Judge ruled in favor of the Town.

WAIVER OF COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO WAIVE THE COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER TO ADD “TERM LIMITS” TO THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 9 IN FAVOR AND 1, MR. KUBIC, OPPOSED.

TERM LIMITS — Mr. Buturla presented an overview of the previously cited document.

4.3.4 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Julian — re: Airport Purchase.

5. QUESTIONS TO MAYOR OR STAFF

Mr. O’Neal — Handicapped parking at a Yarwood Street residence.

Mr. Forrester — re: memo re: Lines place, minority/majority representation on the Economic Development Commission, incorrect name listed for Planning Commissioner, parking Lot at Police Station was expanded, Q-Alert, potholes

Mr. Moore — re: Certificates of appreciation to Service persons returning from Iran and Afghanistan, Longbeach West, “Pony” pickup at Police Station

Mr. Henrick — re: drainage report, cost for BL Companies report of Shakespeare property, info/accident report concerning Town vehicles, Carol Road

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 SAEP — Mr. Miron reported on control struggle for Studio 51 and the Army/EPA remediation plan.

6.2 SHAKESPEARE THEATER ASSESSMENT REPORT — No report.

6.3 TABLED ITEMS

6.3.1 CLAIM REFERRED FROM FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEEETING WITH NO RECOMMENDATION — (tabled during Council meeting of September 8, 2008)

Claim of USAA ASO D. Kleber D/I 03/12/08 Amount of: **\$2,851.58**
Description: seeking reimbursement for damage to insured’s vehicle, which was struck by a police vehicle. Both vehicles had been stopped for a school bus, when officer made sudden left turn from right lane and struck insured’s vehicle, which had started to go.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING CLAIM FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO RETURN THE FOREGOING CLAIM TO THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.3.2 LETTER FROM PLANNING COMMISSION (the approval/denial component for the sale was tabled during Council Meeting of September 8, 2008)

RE: § 8-24 review of Proposed Sale of Town property at 265 Peace Street

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Planning Commission is accepted and the sale of 265 Peace Street for \$25,000 to Habitat for Humanity and/or Stratford Coalition for the Homeless, Inc. with a deed restriction so that it will be recognized as an Affordable Housing Unit under § 8-30g CGS be and is hereby approved/~~denied~~.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O’NEAL SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING COMMUNICATION FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

After discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. BROOKS SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING SALE WITH THE ABOVE-CITED RESTRICTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.5 TABLED APPOINTMENTS

6.5.5 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE —Established per Resolution during Council meeting of August 11, 2008. Comprised of Two Members of the Stratford Town Council (One Republican and One Democratic Member); Both Representatives of the Town of Stratford assigned to the Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority; Two Members of the Current Citizens Metro North Advisory Committee, Two Members of the Greater Stratford Business Community, and the Mayor and or his designee. The Committee will meet a minimum of four times per annum and will report their findings and recommendations to the Stratford Town Council on a minimum of once per annum

UNFINISHED BUSINESS — continued

TABLED APPOINTMENTS — continued

6.5.5.1 CITIZENS METRO NORTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED: that LISA DONNELLY of 269 CALIFORNIA STREET be and is hereby appointed the Citizens Metro North Advisory Committee representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MS. BROOKS TO APPOINT LISA DONNELLY TO THE FOREGOING POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. HENRICK APPOINTS COUNCILOR FORRESTER AS **CHAIRMAN** OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED COMMITTEE.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7.1 RESOLUTION RE:ROOSEVELT FOREST COMMISSION

Sponsored by the Hon. Joseph Kubic, Councilman District 9

- Whereas, The Federal Government established Roosevelt Forest in the 1930’s;
- Whereas, The Roosevelt Commission is charged to oversee the development of this Forest;
- Whereas, This 250 Acre forest was developed and established to provide recreational opportunities for townspeople, and to protect the watershed, wildlife and the mixed deciduous forest;
- Whereas, The Town of Stratford is only one of a few towns in the State of Connecticut that owns a forest.
- Whereas, Being a town park and given the fact that its beauty and naturalness must be preserved;
- Whereas, The creation of the Town logo from Forest to Shore shows the town’s resolve for the Forest;

RESOLUTION RE:ROOSEVELT FOREST COMMISSION — continued

Whereas, The Roosevelt Forest Commission is composed of individuals appointed to their positions by the Town’s elected officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council endorses that the Animal Shelter currently residing on Frog Pond Lane is not relocated to this area. The Forest would be irreparably harmed by the placement of the animal shelter in this location. The rural setting of the Forest would not be conducive to people seeking out these animals for adoption. Furthermore, this commission firmly believes that the forest should be used for passive recreation and for all of the townspeople.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.2 AMENDMENT TO BOND ORDINANCES

7.2.1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$10,890,000 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 (#08-12)

WHEREAS, an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Appropriating \$10,890,000 For Various Public Improvements In The Capital Improvement Program For Fiscal Year 2008-2009 (#08-07)” has been enacted by the Town Council at its meeting on August 5, 2008 (the “Original Appropriation Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to amend the Original Appropriation Ordinance to increase the amount of the appropriation set forth therein;

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

Section 1. The caption of the Original Appropriation Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of the appropriation set forth therein by \$_____ from \$10,890,000 to \$_____.

Section 2. Section 1 of the Original Appropriation Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of the appropriation for the public improvement line item “Vehicle Replacement for Engine 2” set forth therein by \$_____ from \$450,000 to \$_____.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after its passage pursuant to Section 2.2.9 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: That the first reading of the above entitled Ordinance be and is hereby dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously furnished to each member of the Town Council, and that the same be adopted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

AMENDMENT TO BOND ORDINANCES — continued

7.2.2 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,890,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET THE APPROPRIATION FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (#08-13)

WHEREAS, an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of \$10,890,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet The Appropriation For Various Public Improvements In The Capital Improvement And Equipment Program For Fiscal Year 2008-2009 And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose (#08-08)” has been enacted by the Town Council at its meeting on August 5, 2008 (the “Original Bond Ordinance”);

WHEREAS, the Town Council has enacted an amendment together herewith to the ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Appropriating \$10,890,000 For Various Public Improvements In The Capital Improvement And Equipment Program For Fiscal Year 2008-2009 (#08-07)” to increase the amount of the appropriation set forth therein by \$_____ from \$10,890,000 to \$_____; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to amend the Original Bond Ordinance to increase the amount of the bonds and notes of the Town authorized to meet the amended appropriation enacted concurrently herewith;

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

Section 1. The caption of the Original Bond Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of bonds and temporary borrowings set forth therein by \$_____ from \$10,890,000 to \$_____.

Section 2. Section 1 of the Original Bond Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of bonds of the Town that may be issued set forth therein by \$_____ from \$10,890,000 to \$_____.

Section 3. Section 4 of the Original Bond Ordinance shall be applicable to the bond authorization added by this amendment, as of the date of the adoption of this ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after its passage pursuant to Section 2.2.9 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: That the first reading of the above entitled Ordinance be and is hereby dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously furnished to each member of the Town Council, and that the same be adopted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

AMENDMENT TO BOND ORDINANCES — continued

7.2.3 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$11,087,000 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 (#08-14)

WHEREAS, an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Appropriating \$11,087,000 For Various Public Improvements In The Capital Improvement and Equipment Program For Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (#07-17)” has been enacted by the Town Council at its meeting on September 10, 2007 (the “Original Appropriation Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to amend the Original Appropriation Ordinance to increase the amount of the appropriation set forth therein;

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

Section 1. The caption of the Original Appropriation Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of the appropriation set forth therein by \$_____ from \$11,087,000 to \$_____.

Section 2. Section 1 of the Original Appropriation Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of the appropriation for the public improvement line item “Shakespeare Theater” set forth therein by \$_____ from \$2,500,000 to \$_____.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after its passage pursuant to Section 2.2.9 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: That the first reading of the above entitled Ordinance be and is hereby dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously furnished to each member of the Town Council, and that the same be adopted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

7.2.4 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$11,087,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET THE APPROPRIATION FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (#08-15)

WHEREAS, an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of \$11,087,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet The Appropriation For Various Public Improvements In The Capital Improvement And Equipment Program For Fiscal Year 2007-2008 And Pending Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose (#07-16)” has been enacted by the Town Council at its meeting on September 10, 2007 (the “Original Bond Ordinance”);

ORDINANCE (#08-15) — continued

WHEREAS, the Town Council has enacted an amendment together herewith to the ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Appropriating \$11,087,000 For Various Public Improvements In the Capital Improvement And Equipment Program For Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (#07-17)” to increase the amount of the appropriation set forth therein by \$_____ from \$11,087,000 to \$_____; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to amend the Original Bond Ordinance to increase the amount of the bonds and notes of the Town authorized to meet the amended appropriation enacted concurrently herewith;

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

Section 1. The caption of the Original Bond Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of bonds and temporary borrowings set forth therein by \$_____ from \$11,087,000 to \$_____.

Section 2. Section 1 of the Original Bond Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of bonds of the Town that may be issued set forth therein by \$_____ from \$11,087,000 to \$_____.

Section 3. Section 4 of the Original Bond Ordinance shall be applicable to the bond authorization added by this amendment, as of the date of the adoption of this ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after its passage pursuant to Section 2.2.9 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: That the first reading of the above entitled Ordinance be and is hereby dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously furnished to each member of the Town Council, and that the same be adopted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 9:45 p.m.

Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 10:00 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO REFER THE FOREGOING AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCES #07-17+18 AND #08-07+08 (N.K.A. #08-12+13 AND #08-14+15) TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.3 RESOLUTION re: FUNDING ABATEMENT FOR FLOOR COVERING AT STRATFORD SCHOOLS

sponsored by: Hon. Stratford Town Council

FUNDING ABATEMENT FOR FLOOR COVERING AT STRATFORD SCHOOLS — continued

RESOLVED: that the Stratford Town Council authorizes the Stratford Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the abatement of floor covering for Franklin, Lordship and Nichols Elementary Schools.

RESOLVED: that the Building Needs committee is hereby established as the building committee with regards to the abatement of floor covering for Franklin, Lordship, and Nichols Elementary Schools.

RESOLVED: that the Stratford Town Council hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the abatement of floor covering for Franklin, Lordship, and Nichols Elementary Schools.

7.4 RESOLUTION re: FUNDING ABATEMENT FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT AT BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION CENTER

sponsored by: The Hon. Stratford Town Council

RESOLVED: that the Stratford Town Council authorizes the Stratford Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the abatement of the Stratford Board of Education Administration Center Roof.

RESOLVED: that the Building Needs committee is hereby established as the building committee with regards to the replacement of the Stratford Board of Education Administration Center Roof.

RESOLVED: that the Stratford Town Council hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the replacement of the Stratford Board of Education Administration Center Roof.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING TWO RESOLUTIONS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY – Final Site Selection

RESOLVED: that the Honeywell Site (behind DeLuca Field) Option #1 be and is hereby selected as the Animal Control Facility Location.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO APPROVE SITE #3, HONEYWELL SITE (BEHIND DELUCA FIELD) FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS — continued8.2 TOWN VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORT/INFORMATION – PROVIDED BY MAYOR’S OFFICE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ITEM ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.3 DILLON PARK/NORTH END PARK — Potential Change of name

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO REFER THE FOREGOING POTENTIAL CHANGE OF NAME TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO BE RENAMED “CHANDA PARK” WITH THE BALL FIELD AREA TO BE DEDICATED TO JAMES DILLON. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.4 APPOINTMENTS8.4.1 FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ALTERNATE MEMBER — appointed by Council

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Financial Advisory Committee (vacated term of Sheryl DeCilio)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO PLACE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WAIVER OF COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO WAIVE THE COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER TO ADD “STRATFORD BRAKETTES” TO THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

STRATFORD BRAKETTES

Sponsorship and/or matching funds in order to allow the Brakettes to remain in Stratford was discussed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MS. WANAMAKER TO CREATE A MATCHING GIFT OF \$25,000 FROM THE SALE OF PEACE STREET IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE STRATFORD BRAKETTES. A special meeting will be scheduled with the Brakettes Officials, Messrs. Baird, DeLuca, et. al.

STRATFORD BRAKETTES — continued

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ITEM ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. OLD BUSINESS

WAIVER OF COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER

At request of the Town Attorney, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO WAIVE THE COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER TO ADD “WEST LONG BEACH SALE RESOLUTION” TO THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WEST LONG BEACH SALE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Town of Stratford and The Trust for Public Land entered into extensive negotiations concerning the sale of West Long Beach, Stratford, Connecticut to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for inclusion within the Stewart B. McKinney Wildlife Refuge; and

WHEREAS, the option agreement establishes a minimum sale price of \$10,000,000 and the reservation of a public access easement in favor of Stratford residents over the entire premises; and

WHEREAS, subject to meeting all requirements of federal, state and municipal law, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will improve public access through a variety of public infrastructure improvements, including but not limited to the construction of a boardwalk; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Planning Commission has voted to approve the sale of West Long Beach to the United States Fish and Wildlife Services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8.3.1 of the Stratford Town Charter, the Option Agreement has been forwarded to the voters for approval;

WHEREAS, the voters of the Town have approved the sale; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Mayor is authorized to execute the Option Agreement and to take any and all further actions as are required by the Option Agreement to effectuate this transaction.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS — continued

9.1 PONY DELIVERIES

RESOLVED: that the ten Members of the Stratford Town Council will receive a “pony” delivered to their residence via a Constable who will receive a seventy-five dollar (\$75.00) stipend per delivery to be paid from the budgetary line item - Council Contingency.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING DELIVERY AND EXPENDITURE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no further discussion in connection with the above agenda items or further business, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. O’NEAL, SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN, IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:20 P.M.

ATTESTED BY: Carol Cabral
Carol Cabral, Council Clerk

Amendment to Ordinance 88-1 EMS FUNDING (08-10)

88-5 C Membership

(2) Five active volunteer members of Stratford EMS to be appointed by the Town council upon recommendation by the majority vote of all active **Volunteer** members of Stratford EMS, such a vote to be conducted by the Board of Directors of the Stratford Volunteer EMS Association Incorporated, ~~through an election process approved, and certified, by the Town Clerk.~~

General Repealer to change the anywhere in the language of the text of the Ordinance the term “Town Manager” to “Mayor”

Ordinance Creating ~~Access Road~~ Great Meadows Park (08-11)

Sponsored by Alvin O'Neal (D-2); Gavin B. Forrester III (D-3)

Statement of Purpose; Intent;

The Town of Stratford is committed to preserving open space where possible and to provide passive recreation to residents of the Meadowmere Avenue residential district. The Town of Stratford is the owner of a parcel of land as depicted on the map attached to this ordinance which is bordered by the streets known as Access Road; Meadowmere Avenue; Philo Street; Ketcham Road; Woodend Road; and the adjacent property owners along the Southwestern transverse of the parcel. The property serves as a natural barrier between commercial development and the residential property owners and will provide an area of refuge for area residents and wildlife.

Restrictions on development

No structures can be constructed in the Park without the approval of the Town Council and Administration of the Town of Stratford, notwithstanding, improvements such as landscaping; plantings to include trees, shrubs or flowers; benches or walkways maybe be added with the approval of the Parks and Recreation Committee of the Town Council.

Restrictions on usage

All conditions on usage imposed in parks located within the Town of Stratford shall apply to activities within the ~~Access Road~~ Great Meadows Park.