



Stratford, Connecticut

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009 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, Ms. Amy Wanamaker, Mr. William Stroemer, Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Joseph Kubic, Mr. Michael Henrick

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. John Dempsey

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor James Miron, Special Assistant Town Attorney Warren Holcomb, CAO Suzanne McCauley, Finance Director John Norko.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE PRESENTED BY SIXTH DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER AMY WANAMAKER.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** — Minutes of: Public Hearing, Public Forum, Regularly scheduled meeting and executive session of January 12 and special meeting of January 26, 2009.

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. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO APPROVE AND TO AMEND THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2009, PAGE 1, ROLL-CALL VOTE TO REFLECT MR. HENRICK VOTED FOR 24 KENNELS. THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED.

**2. COUNCIL MEMBERS RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Julian — re: Tax revaluation, Architectural Review Board, flooding on South Main Street.

Mr. O'Neal — re: Senior Citizen tax relief program

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS — continued

Mr. Forrester — re: Longbrook Park Commission Appointments.

Mr. Stroomer — re: Longbrook Park Commission Appointments.

Mr. Moore — re: Tax revaluation, motorcycle noise ordinance, Flooding on South Main Street

Mr. Kubic — re: Shakespeare Theater

Mr. Henrick — re: Firefighter Pension program, Economic Development Corporation

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

**3.1 LETTERS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION** — Dated January 16, 2009 (Letters previously forwarded)

A. Re: Section 8-24 review – request for abandonment along Hawley Lane (North Town Center). The Planning Commission voted to approve of the proposed abandonment, subject to the following conditions recommended by the Town Engineer:

- (1) Property owner shall grant a 10’ easement along the edge of Hawley Lane to allow for sidewalks and street trees along the entire frontage of property.
- (2) Property owner will install street trees along the length of Hawley Lane.
- (3) Owner must execute an indemnification agreement for the town of Stratford to protect against any liability claims arising from the existing stone retaining wall located within the town right-of-way. Town should verify this has already been done or require the execution of such an agreement if it does not already exist.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Planning Commission is accepted and the abandonment of the foregoing parcel, along with the above-mentioned conditions, be and is hereby approved/~~denied~~.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING REQUEST. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Re: Section 8-24 review – request for abandonment of terminus of Goodwin Place. The Planning Commission voted to approve of the proposed abandonment, subject to the establishment of utility easements as contained in note #6 on subject map.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Planning Commission is accepted and the abandonment of the foregoing parcel, along with the above-mentioned conditions, be and is hereby approved/~~denied~~.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING REQUEST. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**4. MAYOR'S REPORT, COMMITTEE REPORTS, TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORTS****4.1 MAYOR'S REPORT**

4.1.1 C.A.R.E. Report — Mr. Russell Payton and Ms. Wanda Corriea introduced those members of the Leadership Action team that were present and presented the highlights of the report.

4.1.2 Resolution Re: Senior Services/Section 5310 Elderly & Disabled Transportation Grant  
(appended as page 15)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O'NEAL SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. MR. O'NEAL OFFERED A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AS FOLLOWS:

- Fourth paragraph: change \$55,000 to \$40,000
- Fifth paragraph: change \$15,000 to not to exceed \$10,000.

MR. KUBIC ACCEPTS MR. O'NEAL'S FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED.

4.1.3 Economic Development Corporation (*appended as pages 17-18*)

Mr. Neil Sherman, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission, presented a brief report with question-answer period.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MS. BROOKS TO SUPPORT FURTHER RESEARCH INTO THE PROJECT. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 8 IN FAVOR AND 1, MR. JULIAN, OPPOSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ITEM ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 8 IN FAVOR AND 1, MR. JULIAN, OPPOSED.

4.1.4 Amendments to Senior Tax Relief Program (#09-03) — Ms. Melinda Fonda, Tax Assessor, conducted a presentation with question-answer period following.

Sponsored by: Hon. Gavin B. Forrester, Third district Council Member

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. (*Ordinance printed on hard copy*)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. WANAMAKER SECONDED BY MS. BROOKS TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE.

*Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 9:35 p.m.*

*Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 9:42 p.m.*

MAYOR'S REPORT — continuedAmendments to Senior Tax Relief Program (#09-03) — continued

MS. WANAMAKER AND MS. BROOKS WITHDRAW THE MOTION AND THE SECOND TO THE MOTION.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. WANAMAKER SECONDED BY MS. BROOK TO REFER THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TO ADDRESS SAID ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 6 IN FAVOR AND 3, MESSRS. KUBIC, JULIAN, AND HENRICK, OPPOSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. BROOKS SECONDED BY MS. WANAMAKER TO REFER THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING:

- Line item 4.1.5 — (#09-04)
- Line item 4.1.6 — (#09-05)
- Line item 4.1.7 — (#09-08)
- Line item 4.1.8 — (#09-09)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION INTO TWO SEGMENTS, **SEGMENT #1** BEING Line item 4.1.5 — (#09-04), Line item 4.1.6 — (#09-05), Line item 4.1.7 — (#09-08), AND **SEGMENT #2** BEING Line item 4.1.8 — (#09-09). THE MOTION TO DIVIDE PASSED WITH 6 IN FAVOR AND 3 OPPOSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. JULIAN — YES, MR. O'NEAL — YES, MR. FORRESTER — NO, MS. BROOKS — NO, MR. DEMPSEY — ABSENT, MS. WANAMAKER — NO, MR. STROOMER — YES, MR. MOORE — YES, MR. KUBIC — YES, MR. HENRICK — YES.

*Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 10:10 p.m.*

*Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 10:15 p.m.*

**SEGMENT #1**4.1.5 Hybrid/Alternative Fuel Vehicle Tax Incentive Ordinance (#09-04)

Sponsored by: Hon. Gavin B. Forrester, Third district Council Member

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. (*Ordinance printed on hard copy*)

MAYOR'S REPORT — continued

SEGMENT #1 — continued

4.1.6 Local Motor Vehicle Tax Amnesty Program (#09-05)

Sponsored by: Hon. Gavin B. Forrester, Third district Council Member

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. (*Ordinance printed on hard copy*)

4.1.7 Veteran Property Tax Exemption Ordinance (#09-08)

Sponsored by: Hon. Gavin B. Forrester, Third district Council Member

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. (*appended as page 14*)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. WANAMAKER SECONDED BY MS. BROOKS TO REFER THE FOREGOING THREE ORDINANCES, #09-04, #09-05, AND #09-08, TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 6 IN FAVOR AND 3, MESSRS. KUBIC, JULIAN AND HENRICK, OPPOSED.

SEGMENT #2

4.1.8 Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Accumulated Interest Earnings from Fund 51 to the General Fund and to the Bunnell High School Football Field Project and Amending an Ordinance Appropriating \$11,687,000 (as previously amended) for Various Public Improvements in the Capital Improvement and Equipment Program for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (#09-09)

Sponsored by: Hon. Gavin B. Forrester, Third district Council Member

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. (*appended as page 16*)

SEGMENT #2 — continued

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO REFER THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.1.9 Christ Church Parking Lot Agreement - Requested Revision

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ABOVE-CITED ITEM FOR THE REASON AS STATED ABOVE WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS. THE MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

*Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 10:20 p.m.*

*Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 10:25 p.m.*

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGREEMENT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.1.10 Proclamations — INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 19, 2009)
- b) Susan E. Koperwhats Day (January 27, 2009)
- c) Black History Month (February 1, 2009)

4.1.11 Communications

- a) Memo Re: Longbrook Park Commission Nominations (January 27, 2009). AFTER DISCUSSION, MR. MIRON WITHDRAWS THE PREVIOUSLY NOMINATED NAMES OF MS. JANICE ANDERSON AND MS. ANN BAKER
- b) Memo Re: Veteran Property Tax Exemption Ordinance (January 27, 2009)
- c) Memo Re: Short Beach Commission Nominations (January 30, 2009)

4.1.12 Amendment to Noise Ordinance (#09-10)

Sponsored by: Hon. Alvin O'Neal, Second District Council Member

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.  
*(ordinance printed on hard copy)*

MAYOR’S REPORT — continued

Amendment to Noise Ordinance (#09-10) — continued

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO REFER THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.1.13 Arts Commission — Mr. Sib Law, Chairman of the Arts Commission, distributed and verbally highlighted the Stratford Arts Festival – Summer Budget 2009. A question-answer period followed.

4.1.14 Monthly Personnel Report for Period Ending January 31, 2009 — INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

4.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS — NO BUSINESS FURNISHED.

4.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

4.3.1 AIRPORT PURCHASE — No business furnished.

4.3.2 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Forrester — re: Sale of Peace Street property, agreement with Mr. Haney.

**5. QUESTIONS TO MAYOR OR STAFF**

Mr. Forrester — re: request for report, SAEP meeting, Christmas tree in gazebo at Paradise Green

Ms. Brooks — re: tax amnesty on motor vehicle ordinance

Mr. Stroomer — re: anonymous correspondence received in connection with a personnel matter.

Mr. Moore — re: Flood gates, list of Shovel-ready project in connection with removal of the cottages at Longbeach West for \$5,000,000.

Mr. Kubic — re: forward a list of bonds with status and remaining balances.

Mr. Henrick — re: Raymark ballfield, list of the 7 properties that the Town of Stratford may gain possession of, salaries for Mayoral assistants.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6.3 TABLED ITEMS

6.3.3 TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM BUNNELL FIELD PROJECT — Placed on the table during Special Council meeting of December 15, 2008.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS — continued

TABLED ITEMS — continued

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM BUNNELL FIELD PROJECT — continued

After discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO RETURN THE FOREGOING ITEM TO THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 6.3.4 GREATER BRIDGEPORT SOLID WASTE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT — Tabled during Council meeting of January 12, 2009.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPROVE THIRD SECTION OF THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.4 TABLED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 6.4.4 ~~AMENDMENTS TO SENIOR TAX RELIEF PROGRAM (#09-03)~~ — Tabled during Council meeting of January 12, 2009.

- 6.4.5 ~~HYBRID/ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE TAX INCENTIVE ORDINANCE (#09-04)~~ — Tabled during Council meeting of January 12, 2009.

- 6.4.6 ~~LOCAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM (#09-05)) (#09-04)~~ — Tabled during Council meeting of January 12, 2009.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING THREE ORDINANCES FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Since the above-cited three ordinances were referred to public hearing during the Mayor's portion of the agenda, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING THREE ITEMS FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.5 TABLED APPOINTMENTS

- 6.5.3 WATERFRONT HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION— § 210-3 OF Town code, appointed by Council

UNFINISHED BUSINESS — continued

TABLED APPOINTMENTS — continued

6.5.3.1 REGULAR MEMBERS — 5-YEAR TERM

RESOLVED: that RICHARD FREDETTE of 1563 STRATFORD AVENUE be and is hereby appointed a member of the Waterfront Harbor Management Commission (unexpired term of Richard T. Rhatigan ending June 30, 2010)

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 MR. O’NEAL TO APPOINT RICHARD FREDETTE OF 1563 STRATFORD AVENUE TO THE FOREGOING POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

7.1 ORDINANCE — TAX RELIEF ON INTEREST: PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY (09-06)

sponsored by: COUNCIL MEMBER ALVIN O’NEAL

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. (*appended as pages 11-12*)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O’NEAL SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO REFER THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.2 ORDINANCE : MOTORCYCLE NOISES (#09-07)

sponsored by: COUNCIL MEMBER ALVIN O’NEAL

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. (*appended as page 13*)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O’NEAL SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO REFER THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 APPOINTMENTS**

8.1.1 **EMS FUNDING COMMITTEE, EMS REPRESENTATIVES** — appointed upon recommendation of EMS Association, term concurrent with Council.

Laurie Meyers  
Mat White  
Kevin Giasullo  
Helen “Bunny” McQuilton  
James DiPisa

RESOLVED: that LAURIE MEYERS, MATTHEW WHITE, KEVIN GIASULLO, HELEN “BUNNY” McQUILTON and JAMES DiPISA be and are hereby appointed as EMS representatives of the EMS Funding Committee for a term concurrent with Council.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. MOORE TO APPOINT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PERSONS AS EMS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EMS FUNDING COMMITTEE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**9. OLD BUSINESS** — None

**10. 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. FORRESTER, SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL, IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:15 P.M.

ATTESTED BY:

*Carol Cabral*  
Carol Cabral, Council Clerk

ORDINANCE — TAX RELIEF ON INTEREST: PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY (#09-06)

PURPOSE: To help Town Residents and Town Businesses that may be encountering a problem paying their real and personal taxes. Therefore creating a hardship to pay interest on unpaid taxes that is accruing with interest payments monthly. This will give them a one time interest forgiveness payment.

This will help to insure that our Town Residents and Town Business remain in Stratford.

ORDINANCE: The Town Council shall create an Interest Tax Relief Committee.

This committee shall meet once a month, if there is business to be conducted, regarding applications requesting hardships relating to interest payments on real and personal property in the Town of Stratford.

This committee shall hear **each** case and determine if the applicant should be granted forgiveness on the interest owed on taxes of real and personal property owed to the Town.

Town Residents and Town Businesses shall go to the Tax Assessors Office where they will be able to get an application and said completed application shall be returned to Tax Assessors Office. Application (s) to be heard once a month shall be returned by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for a hearing to be heard by the Interest Tax Relief Committee. Date of such hearing will be set by the Chairman of the Interest Tax Relief Committee. This hearing, once set by the Chairman, will be scheduled every month on the same day and time. The Chairman shall at his/her discretion call for a special meeting if it is required.

Results of the hearing shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector's and the Tax Assessors Office the next business day following said hearing. The Tax Assessors Office shall have up to 10 days to record the results of the hearing held by the Interest Tax Relief Committee. Changes shall be incorporated to the records of the Town Resident or Town Business by the Office of the Tax Collector and the Tax Assessors.

Any Town Resident or Town Business that is approved can not come before the Interest Tax Relief Committee for a period of two years from the date they were granted their forgiveness.

Any Town Resident or Town Business that has been denied may reapply 6 months from said denial date.

Any Town Resident and or Town Business that has been denied shall have an opportunity to appeal if they feel the process was not a fair process. This appeals process will be with the Interest Tax Relief Committee and the **Mayor** of the Town of Stratford at a time determined by the Mayor.

COMMITTEE: The committee shall be comprised of 6 Members

- (1) Council Member from the Majority Party, (1) Council Member from the Minority Party, Tax Assessor or designee, (1) Member from the Senior Community, (1) Non Political Party Member (1) Member from Business Community (ie. Town Business , Stratford Chamber of

TAX RELIEF ON INTEREST : PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY (#9-06) — continued

Commerce, Member of the Economic Development Department) (1) Tax Collector or their designee, (1) Tax Assessor or their designee.

(2) CRITERIA: Shall be set by the committee and Stratford Town Legal Department/  
Town Attorney

(3) This Committee shall serve the term of the present Council

**ORDINANCE : MOTORCYCLE NOISES (#09-07)**

Purpose: To remind Motor Cycle drivers that the revving of motorcycle engines in residential areas in the late evening/early morning hours is unacceptable and just plain rude. It is further understood that sometimes the noise of their motorcycle is their first line of defense against automobiles. With the era of cell phones, text messaging, etc., many motorists are distracted and many of them just don't see motorcycles.

This ordinance does not pertain to instances where motorcycle riders have to rev their engines to get the attention of a person behind the wheel of an automobile.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE PROHIBITION OF UNNECESSARY ENGINE OR NOISE CREATING DEVICE NOISES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD CONNECTICUT:

Section 1:

That Section 142-\_\_\_ of the Town of Stratford Municipal Code

142-\_\_\_\_\_ Unnecessary engine **OR MOTOR VEHICLE / MOTOR CYCLE** noises prohibited.

- A. It is unlawful for the operator of any Motor Cycle vehicle in the Town of Stratford to unnecessarily race his or her engine or backfire same or cause any other unnecessary engine noise.
- B. NO PERSON SHALL OPERATE ANY MOTOR CYCLE VEHICLE IN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE NOISE CREATED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THIS PROVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY NOISE CREATED BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENITY IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS OFFICAL DUTY.
- C. Violations and Penalties see section 142-10 of the Town of Stratford Municipal Code

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VETERAN'S PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Stratford wishes to honor and assist its veterans who have served in the Armed Services of the United States of America,

THEREFORE, the Town of Stratford hereby establishes the following ordinance, authorized pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-81f, establishing a property tax exemption for veterans:

**1. Exemption**

Any veteran entitled to an exemption from property tax in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-81(19) shall be entitled to an additional exemption, provided such veteran's qualifying income does not exceed the maximum amount set forth in 191-5.3 of the Code of the Town of Stratford. The exemption provided for under this ordinance shall be applied to the assessed value of an eligible veteran's property in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars.

**2. Surviving Spouse**

The exemption provided for in this ordinance shall be available to the surviving spouse of such veteran, provided the surviving spouse's qualifying income does not exceed the maximum amount set forth in 191-5.3 of the Code of the Town of Stratford. The exemption provided for under this ordinance shall be applied to the assessed value of an eligible surviving spouse's property in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars.

**3. Application for exemption**

Applications for such exemption shall be filed with the Town Assessor's office, in such manner and including such information as shall be required by the Town Assessor, no later than September 30 immediately prior to the assessment date with respect to which such exemption is claimed. The provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-81f shall apply with respect to eligibility and notification.

**4. Term**

This section shall be applicable with respect to the assessment year which commences October 1, 2009.

**Resolution Re: Senior Services/Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Transportation Grant**

**SPONSORED:** Stratford Town Council

**WHEREAS**, the *CT Department of Transportation* is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and,

**WHEREAS**, this funding has been made possible through the *Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 FY 2008 grant program* for transportation services for elderly persons and person's with disabilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, funds under this grant will be used to support the *Town of Stratford's Transportation Program*, which provides the elderly and disabled of Stratford who no longer are able to drive with door-to-door transportation services to medical and supportive programs that enable them to improve their health and quality of life; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in the public interest that the *Town of Stratford* submit an application to the *CT Department of Transportation* in an amount not to exceed ~~\$55,000~~ \$40,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new 10-person van with wheelchair lift capability to replace one of the program's aging vehicles; and,

**WHEREAS**, the *Town of Stratford* will provide ~~\$15,000~~ not to exceed \$10,000 in matching funds from the General Fund to support the purchase of the new vehicle; and,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town Council:**

1. That it is cognizant of the Town grant application and contract to the *CT Department of Transportation/Section 5310 FY 2008 grant program* for transportation services for elderly persons and person's with disabilities for the purchase of a replacement van to support the Town's elderly and disabled transportation program; and,
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor or his designee to execute and file such application with the *CT Department of Transportation*, to provide such additional information and to execute such other contracts and documents as maybe necessary under this program.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF ACCUMULATED INTEREST EARNINGS FROM FUND 51 TO THE GENERAL FUND AND TO THE BUNNELL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD PROJECT AND AMENDING AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$11,687,000 (AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 (#09-09)**

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to transfer accumulated interest earnings in the amount of \$470,000 from Fund 51 to the Town's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to transfer accumulated interest earnings in the amount of \$80,000 from Fund 51 to fund additional project costs for the public improvement project "Bunnell High School Football Field" (the "Bunnell HS Football Field Project") as set forth in 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)" enacted by the Town Council on September 10, 2007, as previously amended (the "2007-2008 Capital Budget Appropriation Ordinance");

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:**

Section 1. The amount of \$470,000 of accumulated interest earnings in Fund 51 is hereby transferred to the General Fund.

Section 2. The amount of \$80,000 of accumulated interest earnings in Fund 51 is hereby transferred to the Bunnell HS Football Field Project.

Section 3. The caption of the 2007-2008 Capital Budget Appropriation Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of the appropriation set forth therein by \$80,000 from \$11,687,000 (as previously amended) to \$11,767,000.

Section 4. Section 1 of the 2007-2008 Capital Budget Appropriation Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the appropriation for the Bunnell HS Football Field Project set forth therein by \$80,000 from \$250,000 to \$330,000, said additional appropriation to be paid for from accumulated interest earnings transferred from Fund 51.

Section 5. This ordinance shall repeal any previous resolution or ordinance adopted with respect to the allocation of accumulated interest earnings from Fund 51.

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after its passage pursuant to Section 2.2.9 of the Town Charter.

**Resolution By the Stratford Economic Development Commission Requesting Stratford's Town Council To Authorize The Creation of a Stratford Economic Development Corporation**

Cities and Towns throughout Connecticut, indeed the country, have utilized a unique organization mechanism to pursue, foster, plan and cause economic development for their communities. Called Economic Development Corporations, these public/private partnership organizations have been developed to facilitate economic growth by developing programs facilitating their communities' growth.

Economic Development Corporations utilize public and private sector investment to pursue economic development success in their communities by creating programs uniquely suited to the needs of their individual communities. To that end, Economic Development Corporations develop, facilitate and pursue a variety of programs to foster, cause, encourage and support economic development, including:

- Business/Industry Technical Support to foster expansion and relocation, including financial and aid, subject to the approval of local Town/City Councils
- Programs to encourage housing and community development
- Facilitation of public/private partnerships pursuing economic development success
- Site Location Assistance
- Real Estate Acquisition and Development
- Planning and Zoning Consultation
- Grant Preparation, Writing and Administration, including fundraising for Brownfield Redevelopment and other Economic Development Projects
- Liaison to Town, State, and Federal Agencies
- Property Management
- Business Promotion and Marketing
- Economic Development Planning

The Stratford Economic Development Commission, after studying Connecticut Economic Development Corporations has agreed that such an organization should become a primary tool for the Town of Stratford to pursue economic development success. To that end, the Commission would like to suggest the following to the Stratford Town Council:

1. The Town Council and the Mayor cause the creation of an independent, not-for-profit Corporation called the Stratford Economic Development Corporation.
2. The Town Council, as well as the private sector, upon the Corporation's creation of a Program of Work should provide both initial and long term funding for the Corporation. The Program of Work could include, but should not be limited to:
  - i. Coordination and enhancement of Stratford's economic development and revitalization;
  - ii. Promotion and marketing of economic and redevelopment opportunities;
  - iii. Planning and fostering economic development growth and retention;

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- iv. Planning, fostering and encouraging industrial, commercial and retail growth in Stratford;
  - v. Encouraging, designing and facilitating improvement in pedestrian facilities, traffic circulation, parking and streetscaping to improve infrastructure and image thus encouraging retail growth and improving Stratford's quality of life;
  - vi. Encouraging and developing government/private sector funding/grants;
  - vii. Focusing on, causing and administering Brownfield redevelopment.
3. The Town Council and Mayor, in partnership with the business community will appoint a Board of Directors to meet regularly to develop/pursue the goals of the Corporation. The Board would then be responsible for hiring an Executive Director of the Corporation; The Board of Directors would be responsible for governing and oversight of the Executive Director's activities.
  4. A public/private partnership between the Stratford and the private sector will be developed to fund the activities of the Economic Development Corporation.
  5. The Executive Director's initial activities would be the development of by-laws and the incorporation of the organization as a not-for-profit. The Executive Director, working under the leadership and at the behest of the Board of Directors, would be responsible for the creation of an annual program of work for presentation to the Town Council.
  6. Activities by the Corporation requiring acquisition of land or bonding are under the total purview (authorization) of the Stratford Town Council.