

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL

March 23, 2009

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF TOWN HALL, 2725 MAIN STREET, STRATFORD, CT PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY POSTED.

CALL TO ORDER: 9:10 p.m.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman Michael Henrick

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Emma Brooks

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor James Miron, Town Attorney Richard Buturla, CAO Suzanne McCauley, Finance Director John Norko, Director of Human Resources Ned Winterbottom, Director of Public Works Maurice McCarthy

II. FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT — Mr. Norko conducted the report. Council members posed questions to Mr. Norko.

III. BUDGET PROJECTIONS — Questions re: Budget FY2009-2010 — Mr. Henrick read a letter from the Council into the record requesting that the Mayor provide Town Council members with the following information in a timely manner to allow them to debate the merits of the budget in a transparent manner:

- Has any of the town or board's bargaining units agreed to any salary and wage concessions?
- Provide the Council with documentation of all correspondence between you, and your administration, with the bargaining units relative to salary and wage concessions. The documentation should include, but not be limited to, email, letters, memorandums and meeting minutes.
- Should the bargaining units not agree to concessions, please provide a detailed listing of the steps you would take to meet your proposal including the number of positions that would be eliminated from each department and bargaining unit, the cost savings of such eliminations and the affect of the elimination on Town services.

Mr. Miron responded by stating that all inquiries can only be discussed in executive session.

IV. REFERRALS FROM PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2008. The following projects were referred to Council with favorable recommendation:

- A. Huntington Road project — additional expense of \$8,941.76 for revised plans.

The consultant had performed additional services and revisions of the approved plans by the DOT during the bidding of the project including designing a widened temporary lane to show the work necessary to maintain two-way traffic. Several plan sheets had to be revised on the fast track to get this new information to the bidders. The cost proposal from Maguire for actual incurred expenses is **\$8,941.76**.

RESOLVED: The recommendation of the Public Works Committee is accepted and the additional expense of \$8,941.76 for the project as stated above be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. STROOMER SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ADDITIONAL EXPENSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. King Street culvert project — \$19,000 additional design for revisions to approved plan.

The project is near ready to bid. DOT has mandated the engineer perform structural design for the future contractor's temporary shoring underneath the RR culvert in order to get DOT and Metro-North approval of the plan. The method and design of the temporary shoring is typically performed by the contractor and submitted for approval during construction. In order for the design to be completed, additional borings are needed. The cost of the design, preparation of boring bid and inspection of the borings is \$19,000.

RESOLVED: The recommendation of the Public Works Committee is accepted and the additional expense of \$19,000 for the project as stated above be and is hereby approved.

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

- V. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no further discussion in connection with the above agenda items or further business, Chairman Henrick called for a motion to adjourn. ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. FORRESTER, SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER, IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Cabral, Council Clerk