

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL

November 23, 2009

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:25 p.m.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman Michael Henrick

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Emma Brooks, Ms. Amy Wanamaker

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Assistant Fire Chief Dan Ross, Town Attorney Richard Buturla

II. FIRE EQUIPMENT/APPARATUS — At the regularly schedule Council meeting of November 9, 2009 the following was favorably voted upon:

That, pending James Miron declaring an emergency pursuant to our purchasing order, that 2 demo fire trucks as presented this evening, be purchased for a total of \$805,000 and the additional \$5,000 above the amount currently allocated be appropriated from Council contingency account with the understanding that the additional understanding to fit out these trucks will be appropriated by this Council in 2 weeks.

The Chair recognized Assistant Chief Ross. Mr. Ross stated that some of Stratford's Fire trucks are 30 years old and when one of the trucks breaks down, trucks are borrowed from other towns – some as far as Westport and Monroe. He went on to say that, in his opinion, an emergency situation exists. Town Council members asked additional questions of Mr. Ross. Mr. Buturla stated that declaring an emergency situation requires executive authority.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent and Chief Ross put a bid together for two trucks that would fit the needs with a short delivery date such as a month.

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

III. STRATFORD POP WARNER FOOTBALL

The Chair recognized Mr. Trevor Scofield, president of Stratford PAL Pop Warner football league. He stated that, should the league win the New England championship this Saturday, November 28, they are eligible to attend the play-off tournament at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

He disseminated an expense sheet to Council Members with a bottom line cost of \$1,090.80 per child. The trip has a potential for 34 players and 8 cheerleaders attending. Council Members posed questions to Mr. Scofield. He is seeking to raise \$40,000 for the trip.

STRATFORD POP WARNER FOOTBALL — continued

RESOLVED: that \$4,000 from Council Contingency account be designated for the aforementioned trip with request to PAL for whatever funds possible to be released for trip contingent upon winning the tournament on Saturday, November 28, 2009.

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

IV. AMENDMENT TO MAKE UP/MEMBERSHIP OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Submitted by: Council member Alvin O'Neal

The Community Development Agency shall consist of at least five (5), but no more than nine (9) members appointed by the Mayor, as follows:

- (a) Town Councilmen, which number shall not exceed a simple majority of the membership of the Agency and whose term of service shall run concurrent with their term on the Town Council, but shall be limited to those Council Member's who represent districts wherein at least 30% of the district's residents reside in United States Census block groups where Community Development Block Grant activities undertaken in accordance with Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, would meet an area benefit national objective of said Act by benefiting low- and moderate-income persons as defined by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- (b) Members of the general electorate that have their permanent residence within the aforementioned Census block groups shall compose the balance of the membership and shall serve terms that run concurrently with that of the Town Council. This class of members may be reappointed over time without limitation, except as provided for in the Town Charter. At least one member shall be a resident of the 2nd, 4th and 5th Council District's as long as they meet requirements set herein.
- (c) Chairman shall consist of Councilman representing the 2nd District, whose term shall run concurrently with the Council's term.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND AMEND THE EXISTING ORDINANCE re: CDA SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. THE MOTION FAILED WITH 5 IN FAVOR AND 3 OPPOSED.

FIRE EQUIPMENT/APPARATUS — continued

RESOLVED: that, within the opinion of this Town Council, based upon the evidence received over the past two years and testimony most recently received as of this evening from an assistant Fire Chief, that an emergency situation does exist for the purposes of replacing and acquiring new fire-fighting apparatus, namely the two trucks.

FIRE EQUIPMENT/APPARATUS — continued

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Mayor Miron, as executive of the Town of Stratford, be and is hereby requested to reconsider and declare an emergency.

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

V. 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. KUBIC, IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:20 P.M.

ATTESTED BY:

Carol Cabral

Carol Cabral, Council Clerk