



Stratford, Connecticut

MINUTES OF MEETING

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF TOWN HALL, 2725 MAIN STREET, STRATFORD, CT. PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY POSTED.

CALL TO ORDER: 8:06 p.m.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman Thomas Malloy

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Christian Barnaby, Ms. Stephanie Philips, Mr. Matthew Catalano, Mr. Jason Santi, Mr. John Dempsey, Ms. Kimberly Meuse, Mr. James Connor, Mr. Thomas Malloy, Mr. Paul Hoydick

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Scott Potter

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Harkins, Town Attorney Timothy Bishop

INVOCATION PRESENTED BY SECOND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER HON. STEPHANIE PHILIPS FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of Public Forum and regularly scheduled meeting November 8 (recessed to November 10), 2010 and public hearing, special meeting and executive session of November 1, 2010.

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. BARNABY SECONDED BY MS. MEUSE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

2.1 Recognition of Second Hill Lane School who won the Long Pine Foundations academic Gain Award. The award is for sustained Academic Growth over a 3-year period. Second Hill Lane School was chosen from a group of 150 schools in Connecticut.

MAYOR JOHN HARKINS AND COUNCIL MEMBER PAUL HOYDICK PRESENTED THE AWARD.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS — continued

2.2 Pop Warner Cheerleaders and Staff — certificates presented to:

Head Coach & Cheer Coordinator	Jodie Paul-Arndt
Assistant Coach	Stephanie Baldelli
Assistant Coach	Raquel Carrasquillo-Torres
Assistant Coach	Porsha Young
Team Mom	Sarita Malloy
League President	Trevor Scofield

Cheerleaders

Keishera Aldonza	Lauren Anderson	Madeline Anderson	Niyyah Brooks
Crisstal Cabrera Rodas	Danielle Caselli	Kalea Coles	Marissa Dacruz
Marisa Jane Decker	Alize Francis	Marjae Jackson	Shelley Jackson
Juliana Ricco	Trevaun Ricketts	Aleksandra Salamon	Emily Sanchez
Lynn Schneider	Tracie Slade	Rachel Steinberg	Brittany Torres
Kylee Vitka-Lainey	Tajea Walton	Laura Zapata	

MAYOR HARKINS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BARNABY AND MEUSE PRESENTED THE CERTIFICATES.

3. COUNCIL MEMBERS RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Catalano — re: Tree removal and tree trimming in Historic District and the removal of Town shade trees in general.

Mr. Santi — re: Shade tree removal

Ms. Meuse — re: Shade tree alliance, school safety zones

Ms. Philips — re: Removal/replanting shade trees at Boothe Park

4. COMMUNICATIONS, BILLS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES

4.1 LETTER OF RESIGNATION: Building Needs Committee (Letter previously forwarded)
FROM: Robert Lozanov

RESOLVED: that the resignation of Robert Lozanov, from the Building Needs Committee, be and is hereby accepted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DEMPSEY SECONDED BY MR. BARNABY TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESIGNATION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMUNICATIONS, BILLS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES — continued

4.2 PROPOSED PLAN AND PROFILE. Letter from: PLANNING COMMISSION dated: December 6, 2010 (support documentation forwarded to Council Members)

At the Planning Commission meeting conducted June 29, 2010, it was voted to recommend your approval of the plan and profile as shown on a map entitled Plan and Profile, Clinton Avenue Estates, dated May 20, 2010 prepared by AM Engineering and approved by the Engineering Department in accordance with “An Ordinance providing for the Manner of Acceptance of New Streets, Boulevards Highways or Public Ways and Establishing Certain Specifications therefore, in the Town of Stratford, CT.” adopted July 14, 1947.

CLINTON AVENUE — beginning at the centerline of Hurd Avenue, running in a southwesterly direction for approximately 300 feet to a dead-end with turnaround Street width – 50 ft. Pavement Width – 26 ft.

Curbs and Sidewalks will be constructed on all street frontages of this subdivision.

RESOLVED: that the proposed plan and profile on the aforesaid street, as above described and as approved and recommended by the Planning Commission and the Town Engineer, be approved and adopted in accordance with said recommendations.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BARNABY SECONDED BY MR. CATALANO TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING PLAN AND PROFILE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

5.1 MAYOR’S REPORT

5.1.1 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

A. Commission on Aging — reappointment of Robert Hargus for a 3-year term ending Nov. 30, 2013.

RESOLVED: that the reappointment of Robert Hargus to the Commission on Aging be and is hereby ratified.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BARNABY SECONDED BY MR. CATALANO TO RATIFY THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS — continued

- B. Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority — reappointment of Laurie Goodsell for a 4-year term ending Dec. 31, 2014.

RESOLVED: that the reappointment of Laurie Goodsell to the Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority be and is hereby ratified.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BARNABY SECONDED BY MR. CATALANO TO RATIFY THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.1.2 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD MEMBERSHIP IN THE GREATER BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS (#10-35)

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Stratford:

Section 1: The Town of Stratford recognizes that formation of a Regional Council of Elected Officials will improve the continued operation of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency (the “Agency”) as the designated regional planning organization of the Greater Bridgeport Planning Region (the “Region”) by providing a policy board to guide the Agency regarding the study of issues of mutual concern to two or more members. The Region is comprised of the municipalities of Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford and Trumbull.

Section 2: In accordance with the provisions of Sections 4-124c through 4-124h, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Town of Stratford hereby agrees to form and join a regional organization know as the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council of Elected Officials as the designated policy board to guide the Agency.

Section 3: This ordinance shall become effective upon the enactment and approval of a similar ordinance by all other members of the Region that will comprise the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council of Elected Officials.

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.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. PHILIPS SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO REFER THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYOR'S REPORT — continued

5.1.3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDING NOT TO EXCEED \$56,000 TO PAY ARTS CONSULTING GROUP, INC. FOR PART OR ALL OF "PHASE I [STEPS 1, 2 & 3]: NEEDS ASSESSMENT" RELATED TO THE POTENTIAL REVITALIZATION OF THE STRATFORD FESTIVAL THEATRE FOR WORK PERFORMED BETWEEN DECEMBER 2010 AND JUNE 30, 2011.

Sponsored by: The Honorable Town Council

WHEREAS: The Stratford Town Council has authorized Mayor Harkins to enter into a contract with the Arts Consulting Group, Inc. to perform part or all of a five phase project [I.) Needs Assessment; II.) Market Analysis; Facility & Program Recommendations; III.) Cost Estimates; IV.) Community Engagement Process; and V.) Fundraising Feasibility Study]; and

WHEREAS: Mayor Harkins has entered into this contract with the Arts Consulting Group, Inc. to perform part or all of a five phase project; and

WHEREAS: The FY2011 Operating Budget does not include the funding source for the costs of Phase I totaling \$56,000:

- \$30,000 - Step 1: Form Community Advisory Task Force
- \$15,000 - Step 2: Gather & Analyze available data, reports, studies
- \$11,000 - Step 3: Assess existing facilities and site

RESOLVED: The Town Council authorizes the appropriation of funding not to exceed \$56,000 to pay Arts Consulting Group, Inc. for part or all of "Phase I [Steps 1, 2 & 3]: Needs Assessment" related to the potential revitalization of the Stratford Festival Theatre for work performed between December 2010 and June 30, 2011, with the funds restored to fund balance in FY2012.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CATALANO SECONDED BY MS. MEUSE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 8 IN FAVOR AND ONE OPPOSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. BARNABY — YES, MS. PHILIPS — YES, MR. CATALANO — YES, MR. SANTI — YES, MR. DEMPSEY — YES, MR. POTTER — ABSENT, MS. MEUSE — YES, MR. CONNOR — NO, MR. MALLOY — YES, MR. HOYDICK — YES.

5.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.2.2 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE — This committee did not schedule a meeting for the month of November 2010.

A. During the regularly scheduled meeting of October 27, 2010, the following was referred to Council with favorable recommendation:

Increase in swimming-lesson fees at Flood Pool by \$5.00 effective January 1, 2011. ½ -hour lesson is currently \$25.00 and will increase to \$30.00; 1-hour lessons are currently \$30.00 and will increase to \$35.00.

RESOLVED: the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee is accepted and the \$5.00 increase for swimming-lesson fees at Flood Pool be and is hereby approved/denied.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HOYDICK SECONDED BY MR. CATALANO TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING FEE INCREASE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. During the special meeting of December 8, 2010, the following was referred to Council with favorable recommendation:

Allowing dogs on Longbeach from December 1 through March 31 — Dogs MUST be leashed and owners MUST clean up after their animals.

~~RESOLVED: the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee is accepted and allowing dogs on Longbeach with criteria as described above be and is hereby approved/denied.~~

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HOYDICK SECONDED BY MR. BARNABY TO REFER THE FOREGOING ITEM TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO LOOK AT ALLOWING DOGS ON ALL PUBLIC BEACHES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

5.3.1 CLAIMS REPORT — No business furnished.

5.3.2 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY — No questions.

6. QUESTIONS TO MAYOR OR STAFF

Ms. Philips — re: Assistance for those home owners who received tax delinquent letters.
Mr. Santi — re: School maintenance project as identified in Building Needs Committee.

Stratford Town Council recessed: 9:10 p.m. Stratford Town Council reconvened: 9:20 p.m.

WAIVER OF COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BARNABY SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO WAIVE THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE TO ADD: "MAYOR'S BENEFIT PACKAGE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 22, 2010". THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYOR'S BENEFIT PACKAGE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 22, 2010

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BARNABY SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING/PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED MAYOR'S PACKAGE – APPENDIX A. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. BARNABY — YES, MS. PHILIPS — YES, MR. CATALANO — YES, MR. SANTI — YES, MR. DEMPSEY — YES, MR. POTTER — ABSENT, MS. MEUSE — YES, MR. CONNOR — YES, MR. MALLOY — YES, MR. HOYDICK — YES.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS and/or OLD BUSINESS

7.1 SAEP — No business furnished.

7.2 FINAL APPROVAL BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

WHEREAS: this Council, in accordance with § 6.2.5 of the Town Charter at its meeting held November 8, 2010 and recessed to November 10, 2010 directed the Clerk to post on the Public Sign Post a notice setting forth that it is proposed to make a transfer of certain funds in the budget appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 as hereinafter enumerated:

WHEREAS, pursuant to said direction, said public notice was duly posted on the Sign Post on November 17, 2010;

RESOLVED: that said transfer be and is hereby authorized and made as follows:

FY2009-2010 Interdepartmental Budget Transfers / Appropriations

Exhibit A:
Inter-Departmental Budget Transfers -
REVENUES:

		<u>From</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>To</u> <u>Revenue</u>
01100	General Fund Revenue	\$ 278,069	

01107	Town Clerk		\$	(42,378)
01111	Planning		\$	(25,285)
01301	Finance Administration		\$	(47,377)
01352	Health Department		\$	(27,335)
01353	Recreation Department		\$	(6,040)
01354	Senior Services		\$	(4,132)
01402	Building Inspection		\$	(6,584)
01404	Public Works Engineering		\$	(579)
01407	Parks	\$	36,619	
01408	Public Works Refuse		\$	(97,303)
01409	Conservation		\$	(10,174)
01471	Police Administration		\$	(23,468)
01551	Board of Education		\$	(24,033)
	Total	\$	314,688	\$ (314,688)
	Net Impact			\$ -

Exhibit A (continued):

**Inter-Departmental Budget Transfers -
EXPENSES:**

		<u>To</u> <u>Expense</u>	<u>From</u> <u>Expense</u>
01101	Council Clerk		\$ (78,786)
01102	Office of the Mayor		\$ (3,057)
01103	Human Resources	\$ -	
01104	Town Attorney	\$ 52,963	
01105	Chief Administrative Officer	\$ 7,238	
01106	Registrar of Voters		\$ (308)
01107	Town Clerk		\$ (51,139)
01108	Town Buildings	\$ 8,540	
01109	Agencies		\$ (23,643)
01111	Planning	\$ 15,389	
01151	Contingency		\$ (90,582)
01201	Debt Retirement	\$ 400,000	
01251	Employee Benefit		\$ (97,300)
01301	Finance Administration		\$ (43,347)
01302	Finance Accounting	\$ 27,665	
01303	Finance Purchase	\$ 6,213	
01304	Tax Assessment		\$ (4,993)
01305	Tax Collector		\$ (17,700)
01306	Computer Services		\$ (17,989)
01351	Community Services	\$ 5,279	
01352	Health Department	\$ 21,732	
01353	Recreation Department	\$ 66,434	
01354	Senior Services		\$ (12,992)
01358	Economic Development		\$ (3,968)

01361	Short Beach		\$	(2,488)
01401	Public Works Administration	\$	173,377	
01402	Building Inspection	\$	14,457	
01403	Public Building Maintenance	\$	40,956	
01405	Public Highways		\$	(82,111)
01406	Town Garage	\$	29,203	
01407	Parks	\$	73,473	
01408	Public Works Refuse		\$	(33,042)
01461	Fire Administration		\$	(155,279)
01462	Fire Fighting	\$	442,546	
01463	Fire Prevention		\$	(55,852)
01471	Police Administration	\$	118,686	
01473	Police Investigation		\$	(122,187)
01474	Police Patrol		\$	(480,339)
01475	Communication Center		\$	(20,688)
01476	Police Records		\$	(10,546)
01477	Police Traffic	\$	12,636	
01478	Police Professional Standards		\$	(108,451)
	Total	\$	2,049,487	\$ (2,049,487)
	Net Impact			\$ -

Exhibit B:			
Appropriate Excess Revenues:			
		From	To
		Revenue	Expense
01100	General Fund Revenue	\$ -	
01____			\$ -
	Total	\$ -	\$ -
	Net Impact		\$ -
Exhibit C:			
Appropriate Police Private Duty Revenues:			
		From	To
		Revenue	Expense
01474-4314	Police Private Duty Revenue	\$ 29,056	
01474-6015	Police Private Duty Expense		\$ (29,056)
	Total	\$ 29,056	\$ (29,056)
	Net Impact		\$ -

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HOYDICK SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO APPROVE FOR FINAL PASSAGE THE FOREGOING BUDGETARY TRANSFERS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

FINAL APPROVAL BUDGETARY TRANSFERS — continued

MR. BARNABY — YES, MS. PHILIPS — YES, MR. CATALANO — YES, MR. SANTI — YES, MR. DEMPSEY — YES, MR. POTTER — ABSENT, MS. MEUSE — YES, MR. CONNOR — YES, MR. MALLOY — YES, MR. HOYDICK — YES.

7.3 TABLED ITEMS — none

7.4 TABLED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7.4.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION — Tabled during Council Meeting of February 9, 2009. — NO ACTION TAKEN.

7.4.2 REORGANIZATION OF BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE ORDINANCE (#10-31) — TABLED DURING COUNCIL MEETING OF OCT. 10, 2010. — ACTION NOT TAKEN.

7.5 TABLED APPOINTMENTS — ALL TABLED APPOINTMENTS REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS — None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 APPOINTMENTS

9.1.1 GREATER BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY — appointed by Council, 2-year term — ACTION NOT TAKEN

A. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency (term of Joseph Vecsey expired September 20, 2010)

B. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency (vacancy — expired September 20, 2010) — PLANNING COMMISSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. PHILIPS SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO PLACE THE FOREGOING TWO APPOINTMENTS ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS — continued

9.2. LIBRARY BOARD — appointed by Council, 3-year term

RESOLVED: that SHIRLEY WRIGHT of 117 SHANLEY STREET be and is hereby appointed a member of the Stratford Library Board (term of Karla Glad expires December 30, 2010)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. PHILIPS SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO APPOINT SHIRLEY WRIGHT OF 117 SHANLEY STREET TO THE FOREGOING LIBRARY BOARD POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no further discussion in connection with the above agenda items or further business, Chairman Malloy called for a motion to adjourn. ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. CATALANO, SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK, IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:30 p.m.

ATTESTED BY: Carol Cabral
Carol Cabral, Council Clerk