



Stratford, Connecticut

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007 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 James Feehan

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Michael Julian, Mr. Alvin O'Neal, Mr. Gavin Forrester, Mr. Angelo Stavola, Mr. Raymond Barker, Mr. John Miranda, Mr. William Stroomer, Mr. Robert Camillo, Mr. Jim Feehan, Mr. Michael Henrick

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: — none

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

### PRESENTATIONS

- STRATFORD VFW POST #9460 POSTED THE COLORS.
- FIRE AND EMS PERSONNEL WERE HONORED FOR SAVING A LIFE.

INVOCATION BY SECOND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER ALVIN O'NEAL FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** — Minutes of: Regularly scheduled meeting and public forum and executive session of October 9, 2007.

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. BARKER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. MR. HENRICK MADE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO PAGES 5 AND 6, CHANGE ORDER FOR STERLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS – THE CHANGE ORDER WAS NOT APPROVED. THE ITEM WAS TABLED. THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WAS ACCEPTED. THE MOTION TO APPROVE AS AMENDED PASSED 9 TO 0 WITH MR. STAVOLA ABSENT.

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

Mr. Miranda — re: children attending school on Veterans' Day.

Mr. Stroomer — re: appointments to Commissions and Boards.

*STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING PROCEEDED IN THE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:*

**7.1 AVALON BAY**

Special Assistant Attorney Kelly requests taking the foregoing item into executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or litigation toward the town or a member thereof as a party. Mr. Kelly would like that motion to include members of the Stratford Town Council, the Mayor, and himself.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER, SECONDED BY MR. HENRICK TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ASSISTANT TOWN ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS THE FOREGOING ITEM FOR THE REASON STATED ABOVE WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS. THE MOTION CARRIED 9 TO 0 WITH MR. STAVOLA ABSENT.

*Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 8:20 p.m.*

*Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 8:40 p.m.*

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MIRANDA SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO ACCEPT THE TOWN ATTORNEY'S RECOMMENDATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING ITEM (7.1). THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0 WITH MR. STAVOLA ABSENT.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS** — None.

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

**4.1 MAYOR’S REPORT**

**4.1.1 RESOLUTION RE: STERLING HOUSE BUILDING AND SITE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Sponsor: Stratford Town Council

RESOLVED: That the Stratford Town Council approve, and authorize the Mayor to execute a change order, Change Order #4, on the Sterling House Building and Site Drainage Improvements Project to be funded out of the Community Development Block Grant, to All Phase Construction, Inc., 480 Bunnell Street, Bridgeport, CT 06607, in accordance with their change order proposal, dated October 30, 2007, for the not to exceed figure of \$5,576.52.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O’NEAL SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0 WITH MR. STAVOLA ABSENT.

**4.1.2 RESOLUTION RE: BOOTHE HOMESTEAD ROOF – CHANGE ORDER #3**

Sponsor: Stratford Town Council

RESOLVED: That the Stratford Town Council approve, and authorize the Mayor to execute a change order, Change Order #3, on the Boothe Homestead Roof Project to Silktown Roofing, Inc., 27 Pleasant Street, Manchester, CT 06040, in accordance with their change order proposal, dated July 3, 2007, for the not to exceed figure of \$5,050.98.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CAMILLO SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

**4.1.3 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS – SHAKESPEARE THEATRE (CONSULTANT/OPERATOR)**

The RFQ was referred to the Town Attorney for review. A special Council meeting will be conducted after Council members review the document.

MAYOR'S REPORT — continued4.1.4 COMMUNICATIONS — Informational items.

- a) Memo re: Environmentally Friendly Roofing Systems (October 10, 2007)
- b) Memo re: New York Times Neglecting Tourism Editorial and Article from the Fairfield County Visitor's Bureau (October 15, 2007)
- c) Email re: Potential Site for Animal Control Facility (October 19, 2007)
- d) Email re: Newsletter re: 1.2 Million Dollar Savings and Surplus (10/26/07)
- e) Memo re: Fire Pension Arbitration Award (October 29, 2007)

4.1.5 PROCLAMATIONS — Informational item.

- Christ Episcopal Church of Stratford Day (November 4, 2007)

4.1.6 RESOLUTION RE: 2009 NATIONAL ASA WOMEN'S MAJOR FAST PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Sponsor: Stratford Town Council

RESOLVED: That the Town of Stratford is committed to providing the following actions in support of the National ASA Women's Major Fast Pitch Tournament:

1. To permit use of DeLuca and Short Beach Fields for the duration of the tournament event. The Town will be responsible for installing temporary fencing around the perimeter of the ballfield complex at DeLuca Field and Short Beach Park. The Town will be responsible for installing additional bleacher seating as needed. The Town will be responsible for providing staff at DeLuca Field and Short Beach Park and will allow volunteers to assist in the preparation and maintenance of the fields for all tournament events.

2. To provide police traffic control services as follows: One (1) officer to be stationed at Deluca Field for approximately four (4) hours for opening and closing nights of the event.

3. To provide staff to operate and maintain the public address system at Short Beach Field as follows: four (4) hours of coverage for each of the four (4) days scheduled for Short Beach Field.

4. To provide suitable practice fields during the daytime at Birdseye School, Johnson House and Longbrook Park for the duration of the tournament event.

MAYOR'S REPORT — continuedRESOLUTION RE: 2009 NATIONAL ASA WOMEN'S MAJOR FAST PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT — continued

5. To make available staff of, and office space within, the Recreation Department as a distribution center for information concerning the tournament. The Town acknowledges that the Recreation Department will serve as a ticket outlet as well.

6. To provide material, equipment and staff, as the Director of Public Works and Superintendent of Recreation see fit given staffing and other work responsibilities, to prepare DeLuca and Short Beach Park Fields for national tournament level play.

7. To permit Stratford Softball Tournaments Inc. to sell souvenirs at DeLuca Field and Short Beach Fields for the duration of the tournament event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is mutually acknowledged by Stratford Softball Tournaments Inc. and the Town of Stratford, that:

1. The Town of Stratford will be recognized for the above contributions as a major sponsor of the Tournament Event.

2. The estimated cost of providing the above services and support to the Tournament Committee for this event will not exceed \$5,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to provide such support to Stratford Softball Tournaments, Inc.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. MIRANDA TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

4.1.7 RESOLUTION RE: 2008 TEAM USA OLYMPIC TOUR

Sponsor: Stratford Town Council

RESOLVED: That the Town of Stratford is committed to providing the following actions in support of the Team USA Olympic Tour:

MAYOR'S REPORT — continuedRESOLUTION RE: 2008 TEAM USA OLYMPIC TOUR — continued

1. To permit use of DeLuca Field for the duration of the event. The Town will be responsible for installing temporary fencing around the perimeter of the ballfield. The Town will be responsible for installing additional bleacher seating as needed. The Town will allow volunteers to prepare and maintain DeLuca field during the event.

2. To provide police traffic control services as follows: Two (2) officers to be stationed at Deluca Field for approximately seven (7) hours the day of the event.

3. To make available staff of, and office space within, the Recreation Department as a distribution center for information concerning the event. The Town acknowledges that the Recreation Department will serve as a ticket outlet as well.

4. To provide material, equipment and staff, as the Director of Public Works and Superintendent of Recreation see fit given staffing and other work responsibilities, to prepare DeLuca for national tournament level play.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is mutually acknowledged by Stratford Softball Tournaments Inc. and the Town of Stratford, that:

1. The Town of Stratford will be recognized for the above contributions as a major sponsor of the Special Event.

2. The estimated cost of providing the above services and support to the Tournament Committee for this event, as in the past, will not exceed \$5,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to provide such support to Stratford Softball Tournaments, Inc.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. MIRANDA TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0 WITH MR. CAMILLO ABSENT.

4.1.8 APPOINTMENT OF ZONING COMMISSION (TO REPLACE THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF EDWARD MCDONALD).

Chairman Feehan ruled this line item out of order as a letter of resignation or declaration of vacancy on the Zoning Commission was not received by Council Members.

MAYOR'S REPORT — continued

4.1.9 PERSONNEL MATTER — Mayor Miron requests executive session for the purpose of discussion concerning a personnel matter. Mr. Miron would like executive session to include members of the Stratford Town Council, the Town Attorney and himself.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MEETING AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURPOSE STATED ABOVE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

4.1.10 QUESTIONS TO MAYOR OR STAFF

Mr. O'Neal — re: handicapped sign in front of a residence.

Mr. Stavola — re: curb on Honeyspot Road, flooding on West Ave.

Mr. Barker — re: Traffic at Stonybrook Co-op

Mr. Miranda — re: light at Wooster Park, a road not repaved properly after utility Company work, tree on Main Street

Mr. Stroomer — re: curbing destroyed at 4260 Main Street when High-speed line was installed.

Mr. Camillo — re: reconstruction of streets

Mr. Henrick — re: dumping on Quail Street, train station parking

Mr. Feehan — re: Bear Paw Road, Wigwam Park, Beaver Dam Road

4.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.2.1 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE — The Ordinance Committee conducted a regularly scheduled meeting and public hearing on October 22, 2007 with the following referrals to Council:

4.2.1.1 WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

- A. AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE SALE OR DISPOSITION OF TOWN OWNED REAL PROPERTY (#03-09) (*Appended as page 16*)

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.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FOR FINAL PASSAGE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0 VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS — continuedORDINANCE COMMITTEE — continued

MR. JULIAN — YES, MR. O'NEAL — YES, MR. FORRESTER — YES, MR. STAVOLA — YES, MR. BARKER — YES, MR. MIRANDA — YES, MR. STROOMER — YES, MR. CAMILLO — YES, MR. HENRICK — YES, MR. FEEHAN — YES.

B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §§22-8 AND 22-9 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD RE: TOWN HISTORIAN (#06-23) (Appended as page 17)

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.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FOR FINAL PASSAGE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0 VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. JULIAN — YES, MR. O'NEAL — YES, MR. FORRESTER — YES, MR. STAVOLA — YES, MR. BARKER — YES, MR. MIRANDA — YES, MR. STROOMER — YES, MR. CAMILLO — YES, MR. HENRICK — YES, MR. FEEHAN — YES.

C. ORDINANCE TO AMEND § 14-41 OF THE STRATFORD TOWN CODE RE SUBSEQUENT YEAR TAX RELIEF (#07-09) (Appended as page 18)

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.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FOR FINAL PASSAGE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0 VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. JULIAN — YES, MR. O'NEAL — YES, MR. FORRESTER — YES, MR. STAVOLA — YES, MR. BARKER — YES, MR. MIRANDA — YES, MR. STROOMER — YES, MR. CAMILLO — YES, MR. HENRICK — YES, MR. FEEHAN — YES.

D. AN ORDINANCE re: ENERGY MANAGEMENT SERVICES (#07-22) (copy of Ordinance on hard copy of minutes on file in Office of the Town Clerk)

Sponsored by: Hon. Gavin Forrester, Council Member — District 3  
Hon. Michael Henrick, Council Member — District 10

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE — continuedAN ORDINANCE re: ENERGY MANAGEMENT SERVICES (#07-22) — continued

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.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FOR FINAL PASSAGE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0 VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. JULIAN — YES, MR. O'NEAL — YES, MR. FORRESTER — YES, MR. STAVOLA — YES, MR. BARKER — YES, MR. MIRANDA — YES, MR. STROOMER — YES, MR. CAMILLO — YES, MR. HENRICK — YES, MR. FEEHAN — YES.

4.2.1.2 WITH FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATIONORDINANCE RE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD: AIR POLLUTION (#07-21)

Sponsor: Councilman Raymond Barker, Fifth District

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. CAMILLO TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

4.2.5 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE — This committee conducted the regularly scheduled meeting of October 25, 2007.

Mr. Miranda, Chairman of Parks and Recreation Committee distributed the document *Parks and Recreation Five-Year Master Plan 2008-2012* to Council Members.

SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MIRANDA SECONDED BY MR. CAMILLO TO SUSPEND THE COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER TO ADD THE ITEM ENTITLED "*Parks and Recreation Five-Year Master Plan 2008-2012*". THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 1 (Mr. Feehan opposed).

PARKS AND RECREATION FIVE-YEAR MASTER PLAN 2008-2012

Mr. Miranda stated that the Committee, at their October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, recommended favorable approval by Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS — continued

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE — continued

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee is accepted and the Parks and Recreation Five-year Master Plan be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MIRANDA SECONDED BY MR. BARKER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING PLAN. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 9 IN FAVOR AND 1, MR. FEEHAN, OPPOSED.

4.2.22 EMS FUNDING COMMITTEE — This committee's regularly scheduled meeting of October 24, 2007 was conducted at which time the following was referred to Council with favorable recommendation:

Request for reimbursement: The request for photo ID system with laminated cards and clips for the amount of \$727.95.

RESOLVED: the recommendation of EMS Funding Committee is accepted and the amount of \$727.95 for the photo ID system be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING REQUEST. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO SUSPEND THE COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER TO ADD THREE ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR APPROVAL ENTITLED: (1) \$12,000 FOR JACKETS (2) \$15,000 FOR EXPENSES (3) \$15.50 REIMBURSEMENT TO RESIDENT. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

- (1) \$12,000 FOR JACKETS — At a previous meeting, the Committee approved, at the request of the Association, the purchase of 125 3-season jackets with funds from public donations.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the EMS Funding Committee is accepted and the purchase of 125 3-season jackets for the amount of \$12,000 be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING PURCHASE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS — continuedEMS FUNDING COMMITTEE — continued

- (2) \$15,000 FOR EXPENSES — The Committee approved, at the request of the Association, the amount of \$15,000 for education and other expenses.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the EMS Funding Committee is accepted and the request for the amount of \$15,000 as stated above be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING EXPENDITURE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

- (3) \$15.50 REIMBURSEMENT TO RESIDENT — The Committee approved the reimbursement to Stratford Resident.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the EMS Funding Committee is accepted and the request for the amount of \$15.50 to reimburse Stratford resident be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. STAVOLA TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING REIMBURSEMENT. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

4.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT4.3.1 AIRPORT PURCHASE — continuing item

Attorney Buturla requests taking the above referenced item into executive session to discuss the sale or purchase of real estate by the Town which would result in the disclosure of information and communications privileged by the attorney/client relationship. Mr. Buturla would like that motion to include members of the Stratford Town Council, the Mayor, and himself.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. MIRANDA TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MEETING AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS THE AIRPORT FOR THE REASON AS STATED ABOVE WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS. THE MOTION CARRIES 10 TO 0.

Ad Hoc Committee to Discuss Pilot Agreement: Council Chairman Feehan appoints the following Council Members to this Committee to discuss agreement prior to repairs to the airport: Messrs. Julian (Chairman), Henrick and O'Neal. Item to be included on agenda for special Council meeting.

#### 4.3.2 WEST LONG BEACH

Attorney Buturla requests taking the foregoing item into executive session to discuss the sale or purchase of real estate by the Town and for the purpose of discussion regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or litigation toward the town or a member thereof as a party. Mr. Buturla would like that motion to include members of the Stratford Town Council, the Mayor, and himself.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF THIS MEETING AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS THE FOREGOING ITEM FOR THE REASON STATED ABOVE WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS. THE MOTION CARRIED 10 TO 0.

#### 4.3.3 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY — None

### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 5.1 COUNCIL AGENDA — Final version adopted April 10, 2006.

5.2 SAEP — Mayor presented progress report re: this week's bidders conference, time line for bidding and auction requirements.

#### 5.3 TABLED ITEMS

##### 5.3.1 LETTER FROM PLANNING COMMISSION (Correspondence previously forwarded) DATED: May 7, 2007

RE: § 8-24 Review of Proposed wireless facilities at Bunnell High School and Wooster Park or Wooster Middle School (Tabled during Council meeting of May 14, 2007) At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission of April 24, 2007, the Planning Commission reviewed the subject matter as referred from Council Meeting of April 11, 2007. The Commission voted to DISAPPROVE the proposal.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. CAMILLO TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

TABLED ITEMS — continued

5.3.2 SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR SHAKESPEARE THEATER THROUGH RFQ PROCESS (draft forwarded) — tabled during Council Meeting of Oct. 9, 2007 — No business furnished.

5.3.3 CHANGE ORDER FOR STERLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS — tabled during Council Meeting of October 9, 2007

RESOLVED: that the change order submitted by AllPhase Construction for repair/rebuild brick wall at Sterling House for the amount of \$6,241.68 be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. CAMILLO TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. CAMILLO TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

5.4 TABLED ORDINANCES

5.4.2 ORDINANCE RE HOUSATONIC RIVER ESTUARY COMMISSION (#07-15)

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.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. MIRANDA TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

After discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO RETURN THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

5.5 TABLED APPOINTMENTS

5.5.1 RAYMARK CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE, RATIFICATION OF — established April 10, 2000 (tabled during Council meeting of February 14, 2006)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. STAVOLA TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENTS FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS — continuedTABLED APPOINTMENTS — continued

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. STAVOLA TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENTS FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED 10 - 0.

5.5.7 APPOINTMENTS FOR ECONOMIC TASK FORCE (ETF) — Per Ordinance #07-14 passed May 14, 2007. Composition of Task Force to Include: **One Town Councilman from each party**, Director of Finance (exofficio), member of Planning Dept. (exofficio), rep. from Economic Development Commission, Stratford resident member of AARP (exofficio).

5.5.7.1 MEMBER OF AARP, STRATFORD RESIDENT (AD HOC)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENTS FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HENRICK SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENTS FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED 10 - 0.

**6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS** — None.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

7.2 APPOINTMENTS

7.2.1 WATERFRONT HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, REGULAR MEMBER, 5-year term

RESOLVED: that \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ be and is hereby a appointed a regular member of the Waterfront Harbor Management Commission. (vacated term of Mark Cody expires May 31, 2008)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O'NEAL SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO PLACE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

*Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 9:55 p.m.*

*Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 10:35 p.m.*

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

4.1.9 PERSONNEL MATTER — This matter, regarding vacation time, is referred to special Council Meeting.

4.3.1 AIRPORT PURCHASE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO ACCEPT THE TOWN ATTORNEY’S RECOMMENDATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

4.3.2 WEST LONG BEACH

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. BARKER TO ACCEPT THE TOWN ATTORNEY’S RECOMMENDATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. THE MOTION PASSED 7 TO 2.

ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no further discussion in connection with the above agenda items or further business, Chairman Feehan called for a motion to adjourn. ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. CAMILLO, SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL, IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:40 P.M.

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Cabral, Council Clerk

ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE SALE OR DISPOSITION OF TOWN OWNED REAL PROPERTY (03-09)

Sponsored by:           Honorable R. Calzone, Councilman at Large

Sections 35-1, 35-2, 35-3 and 34-3 of the Stratford Code are hereby repealed and the following ordinance is hereby enacted.

**Section 35-1**

Upon receiving an offer to purchase town owned real property the, Town Council or the Town Administration shall forward to the Stratford Planning Commission a request for a report in compliance with Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Town Administration shall also submit a report to the Town Council making a recommendation regarding any proposed sale. The Town Council may by majority vote approve or reject any proposal regarding the sale of town owned real property.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §§22-8 AND 22-9 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD RE: TOWN HISTORIAN (#06-23)

SPONSORED BY: Hon. Alvin O'Neal, Second District Councilman

WHEREAS, the electors of the Town of Stratford voted by referendum to revise the Charter of the Town of Stratford at the General Election held on November 4, 2003; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1.1 of the revised Charter, the Mayor is now the chief executive officer of the Town; and

WHEREAS, said Charter became effective, pursuant to section 9.5.1(a) thereof, on December 12, 2005, at 8:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager no longer exists in the government of the Town of Stratford;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL that the Code of the Town of Stratford be, and hereby is, amended as follows (deletions are indicated by [~~striking out text in brackets~~] and additions are indicated by UNDERLINING TEXT IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS):

§ 22-8. Term of office and method of appointment.

A. The Town Historian and Assistant Town Historian shall be appointed to terms of four years and until a successor is appointed and qualified. They shall be appointed by the [~~Town Manager~~] MAYOR and confirmed by the Town Council. The same persons may be reappointed to additional terms.

B. A vacancy in the office of Town Historian or Assistant Town Historian shall be filled by the [~~Town Manager~~] MAYOR and confirmed by the Town Council for the unexpired portion of the term vacated.

§ 22-9. Duties and responsibilities.

A. The Town Historian shall:

(1) Act to promote an awareness of and an appreciation for the Town's history, through research, writing and public speaking; through publications projects, exhibits, displays, celebrations and commemorations; through the establishment and maintenance of plaques, markers and monuments; and through the preparation of classroom aids, guides, workshops and training.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND § 14-41 OF THE STRATFORD TOWN CODE RE SUBSEQUENT YEAR TAX RELIEF (#07-09)

Sponsored by: The Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, the current unreserved fund balance of the Town of Stratford is approximately 4.4% of the Town's current operating budget; and

WHEREAS, municipal finance experts recommend an unreserved fund balance of not less than ten percent (10%) of a municipality's operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stratford has been advised that any use of the Town's unreserved fund balance will result in a lowering of the Town's bond rating; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to section 14-41 of the Code of the Town of Stratford would allow the use of the unreserved fund balance for subsequent year tax relief when the unreserved fund balance exceeds ten percent (10%) of the operating budget for the ensuing year;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL that section 14-41 of the Code of the Town of Stratford be, and hereby is, amended as follows (deletions are indicated by [striking out text in brackets] and additions are indicated by UNDERLINING TEXT IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS):

ARTICLE XIII, Tax Relief Account

§ 14-41. Transfer of funds to account; percentage to offset tax levy.

Any funds in the Town of Stratford's general fund balance that are not reserved or designated for specific purposes shall be transferred to the unreserved fund balance in an account titled, "Designated for Subsequent Year Tax Relief." In each fiscal year, the Town Council of the Town of Stratford may apply an amount of 40% to 60% of the balance in the Designated for Subsequent Year Tax Relief Account to offset the tax levy required to fund the adopted budget for the ensuing fiscal year, BUT ONLY IF THE UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE WILL REMAIN GREATER THAN TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AFTER SUCH AMOUNT IS SO APPLIED.