



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL

JANUARY 28, 2008

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF TOWN HALL, 2725 MAIN STREET, STRATFORD, CT PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY POSTED.

I. 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, Mr. John Dempsey, Ms. Amy Wanamaker, Mr. William Stroomer, Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Joseph Kubic, Mr. Michael Henrick

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: none

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

Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 8:00 p.m.

Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 9:13 p.m.

II. PROPOSAL FOR PERRY HOUSE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT — Unfinished Business from Council meeting of Sept. 11, 2006. Mr. Killeen, Town Planner and member of Perry House Foundation, presented an update of the resolution below and asked that line item #7 be deleted.

The Perry House Foundation, in partnership with the Town of Stratford, would like to manage the project and proposes the following guidelines in order to expedite the application:

1. The Perry House Foundation will interview and hire the architect and general contractor or construction manager for the project.
2. The Perry House Foundation will appoint a renovation committee to include two Council Members – one from each party, to manage the renovation of the Perry House.
3. The Perry House Foundation has set the priorities of the renovation as:
 - a. Catering kitchen
 - b. Handicapped bathrooms

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- c. Utility Closet
 - d. Storage closet
 - e. Keeping room chimney liner
 - f. Reclaiming of the driveway
 - g. Renovating the second floor to include electricity and plumbing
4. The funds will be passed through Perry House Foundation with the Town of Stratford serving as the fiduciary agent. The Perry House Foundation will authorize the construction and payment requisitions which will then be forwarded to the Finance Department for payment. Upon completion of all work, the Town will seek reimbursement for the project funds.
 5. The Town of Stratford will offer the services of the Grant Coordinator to assist the Perry House Foundation with the administration of the grant contract and renovation project.
 6. The Perry House Foundation will pay up to \$4,000 for DECD attorney fees for grant administration.
 7. ~~To assure compliance with the contractual requirements on a daily basis, the foundation would employ the Town's project manager through the grant.~~

RESOLVED: that the Council members Michael Henrick (R) and Alvin O'Neal (D) are hereby appointed to the Perry House Foundation as cited in Line item 2 and the foregoing resolution is hereby readopted and affirmed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBERS MICHAEL HENRICK AND ALVIN O'NEAL AS CITED IN LINE ITEM 2. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO READOPT AND AFFIRM THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. CREATION OF A CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION — (Postponed from regularly scheduled Council Meeting of January 14, 2008)

sponsor: Hon. Michael Henrick 10th District Council member

WHEREAS, many citizens of the Town of Stratford have voiced their opinion that the Town of Stratford should open its Town Charter and determine if any changes should be made to the Town Charter; and

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WHEREAS, a group of citizens have solicited a petition seeking the creation of a Charter Revision Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Council has the power, pursuant to Chapter 99 of the Connecticut General Statutes to create a Charter Revision Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Council is desirous of creating a Charter Revision Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Stratford Town Council, acting pursuant to the powers given it by state law, does hereby create, empower and authorize a Charter Revision Commission to review the Stratford Town Charter and make recommendations as to any changes, amendments, modifications or clarifications that the Commission, in the Commission's opinion, should be considered by the Town Council and the people of the Town of Stratford; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission shall be comprised of 3 Republicans, 3 Democrats and 3 Unaffiliated registered voters, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission is hereby commanded to provide the Town Council with a draft report no later than June 2, 2008

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. MOORE TO MOVE THE QUESTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 9 IN FAVOR AND 1, MS. WANAMAKER, OPPOSED.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED WITH 7 IN FAVOR AND 3 OPPOSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. JULIAN — YES, MR. O'NEAL — NO, MR. FORRESTER — YES, MS. BROOKS — NO, MR. DEMPSEY — YES, MS. WANAMAKER — NO, MR. STROOMER — YES, MR. MOORE — YES, MR. KUBIC — YES, MR. HENRICK — YES.

IV. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no further discussion in connection with the above item, Chairman Henrick called for a motion to adjourn. ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. FORRESTER, SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN, IT WAS VOTED 10 TO 0 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:50 P.M.

Carol Cabral
Carol Cabral, Council Clerk