



Stratford, Connecticut

MINUTES OF MEETING

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008 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 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

INVOCATION: PRESENTED BY FOURTH DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER EMMA BROOKS.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY STRATFORD BOY SCOUT TROOP #72.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of: Public Forum, regularly scheduled meeting and executive session of January 14, 2008 and special meeting of January 28, 2008.

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. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. COUNCIL MEMBERS RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Julian — re: pensions, Airport expansion

Mr. O'Neal — re: Renaming of Stratford Ave., Airport expansion

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 CORRESPONDENCE FROM REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE

DATED: Jan. 18, 2008

RE: Resident of Ellington, CT William Corriea (Board of Assessment Appeals Member)

RESOLVED: that the foregoing communication is accepted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO ACCEPT THE FOREGOING COMMUNICATION AND VACANCY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WAIVER OF COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO WAIVE THE COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER TO ADD TO THE AGENDA THE APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS TO REPLACE WILLIAM CORRIEA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS — APPOINTMENT

RESOLVED: that DOUGLAS A. ZIMAN of 585 HILLTOP DRIVE be and is hereby appointed a regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals. (Term of William Corriea expires December 31, 2008)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO APPOINT DOUGLAS A. ZIMAN OF 585 HILLTOP DRIVE TO THE FOREGOING BOARD. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3.2 RESIGNATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION, ALTERNATE MEMBER

From: Thomas Moore

Dated: January 16, 2008 (previously forwarded)

RESOLVED: that the resignation of Thomas Moore as a Planning Commission alternate member be and is hereby accepted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO ACCEPT THE FOREGOING RESIGNATION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT, COMMITTEE REPORTS, TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORTS**4.1 MAYOR'S REPORT****4.1.1 RESOLUTION RE: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FARM VIABILITY GRANT**

SPONSOR: Stratford Town Council

RESOLVED, by the Stratford Town Council, that as of February 11, 2008, James R. Miron, Mayor of the Town of Stratford, or Bill Rock, Chairman of the Stratford Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission, as his designee is empowered to execute and deliver in the name of, and on behalf of the Town of Stratford, a contract with the **State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture** for a *Farm Viability* Grant.

Mayor James R. Miron, or Chairman Bill Rock, as his designee, are hereby further authorized, as of February 11, 2008, to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state government in connection to said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

The Town Clerk is authorized to impress the seal of the Town of Stratford on any such amendment, rescission, or revision.

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

4.1.2 RESOLUTION RE: RENAMING OF STRATFORD AVENUE

SPONSOR: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. William O. Johnson was born December 1, 1928 in Philadelphia, PA. He was educated in the elementary public school and graduated from Central High School in Philadelphia, PA. Reverend Johnson received a Bachelor of Arts degree and other degrees from Virginia Union University in Richmond, Crozier Theological Seminary in Chester, PA, and Hartford Seminary in Hartford, CT. He is listed in the Who's Who book at Virginia Union University and graduated with a 4.0 GPR.

WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson began his pastorate at the First Baptist Church of Stratford on the first Sunday in September in 1954. He served first Baptist Church as its Pastor for 43 years until his retirement on December 31, 1997. During that time he had 27 Ministers under his leadership.

WHEREAS, during Reverend Johnson's Tenure as Pastor of First Baptist Church of Stratford, the church's membership grew from 200 to 1,200, a Parsonage was built, a new house of worship was expanded, a building was purchased for the administrative needs of the congregation, and a two-family house was purchased.

MAYOR’S REPORT — continued

RESOLUTION RE: RENAMING OF STRATFORD AVENUE — continued

WHEREAS, under Pastor Johnson’s leadership, the First Baptist Church Development Corporation, the First Baptist Church Credit Union and the Agape Food Pantry were formed. In addition more than 200 youth have been helped and more than \$200,000 had been given. There is a scholarship given in his name – The William O. Johnson Scholarship of Excellence.

WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson’s community ties and involvements are long, extensive and impressive. For 30 years Reverend Johnson worked for Action for Bridgeport Community Development (ABCD), the area’s anti-poverty agency, serving as its Executive Director for 18 years. Due to Reverend Johnson’s tireless efforts and determination for social action, and to see social justice, many projects in the Bridgeport area were begun and continue to this day.

WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson was a member of the Stratford Clergy Association and the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance.

WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson served as Adjunct Professor and Area Director for Alternative Degree Programs for Hofstra, Shaw and Virginia Union Universities.

WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson was a civil rights activist who marched with Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King.

WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson authored the book Forty Plus and Still Counting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: ~~Stratford Avenue be renamed for the Rev. Dr. William O. Johnson or, alternatively, to have~~ Stratford Avenue maintain it’s name but underneath it to allow a ceremonial or other designation for Rev. Dr. William O. Johnson and that the State of Connecticut act, forthwith, to implement such honor.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O’NEAL SECONDED BY MS. BROOKS TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. MR. JULIAN OFFERED A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO DELETE “Stratford Avenue be renamed for the Rev. Dr. William O. Johnson or, alternatively, to have” FROM THE LAST PARAGRAPH. MR. JULIAN’S FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WAS ACCEPTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED.

4.1.3 STRATFORD COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS, INC.’S PROPOSAL FOR ACQUISITION OF 145 HOLMES STREET

Proposal to acquire 145 Holmes Street House has been submitted by F. Paul Kurmay, President Emeritus of the Stratford Coalition for the Homeless, Inc., which outlines a plan for remediation by Habitat for Humanity.

MAYOR’S REPORT — continued

STRATFORD COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS, INC.’S PROPOSAL FOR ACQUISITION OF 145 HOLMES STREET — continued

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO REFER THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A MANDATORY REVIEW PURSUANT TO § 8-24 OF THE CONN. GEN. STATS. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO PLACE THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.1.4 COMMUNICATIONS — None

4.1.5 PROCLAMATIONS AND OTHER RECOGNITION

- a) Black History Month
- b) Stratford Veterans — Certificates were previously presented to the following members of the Armed Forces who have returned from Iraq:

Juan P. Bedoya	Army
John F. Carrano, Jr.	Marine
Joseph J. Cassone	Navy
John Coppola	Army
Matthew Fedak	Army National Guard
Kurt Fritz	Army National Guard
Robert J. Goetz	Marine
Daniel Gorton	Marine Corp
Gregg Howard	Marine
Andrew McConnell	Army
Michael A. Mangan	Army Reserve
Richard M. Navarrete	Army National Guard
James N. Ortoli	Army
Christopher Santos	Army National Guard
Ashley Stephen	Navy
Brendan J. Sullivan	Navy

MAYOR'S REPORT — continued

4.1.6 OVERFLOW PARKING LEASE

Town Attorney Buturla requests taking the foregoing item into executive session for the purpose that it is a property acquisition and disclosure of the facts and circumstances may result in a value increase. Mr. Buturla would like that motion to include members of the Council, the Mayor, Attorney Kent Miller and himself.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MEETING AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS THE ABOVE CITED ITEM WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.2.8 SHORT BEACH COMMISSION — The Short Beach Commission conducted a meeting on January 8, 2008. At the Regularly scheduled meeting of February 5, 2008, the following was referred to Council:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF STRATORD

Sponsor: Hon. Michael Julian, First District Council Member

WHEREAS; The Connecticut Bond Commission has approved grant funding of \$250,000 for the Town of Stratford to construct improvements to the baseball complex at Short Beach and,

WHEREAS; The Town Engineer will oversee the improvements with assistance from the Stratford Little League, Inc and,

WHEREAS; The Stratford Little League, Inc is a partner with the Town of Stratford in these baseball complex improvements project, and,

RESOLVED: The Town of Stratford hereby authorizes James R. Miron, Mayor to execute an Open Space Grant Agreement for \$250,000 with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to assist the Stratford Little League with improvements to the Short Beach baseball complex.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the Town Charter, Chapter 5, (5.6.3), accounts shall be kept by the Department of Finance recording all transactions of revenue and expenditures affecting the assets of the Town of Stratford.

COMMITTEE REPORTS — continued

SHORT BEACH COMMISSION — continued

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF STRATORD — continued

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

4.2.11 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY — The Water Pollution Control Authority conducted a meeting on January 28, 2008.

The Change Order procedure for the upgrade of the Water Pollution Control Facility was discussed.

4.2.18 ROOSEVELT FOREST COMMISSION — The regularly scheduled meeting of January 28, 2008 was conducted.

Mr. Kubic, member of the Commission, pointed out that the Forest sign needs to be posted at the corner of Peters Lane and James Farm Road.

4.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

4.3.1 AIRPORT PURCHASE

4.3.2 LONGBEACH WEST

Town Attorney Buturla requests taking the foregoing items into executive session for the purpose that it is a property acquisition and disclosure of the facts and circumstances may result in a value increase. Mr. Buturla would like that motion to include members of the Council, the Mayor, and himself.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MEETING AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS THE ABOVE CITED ITEMS WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.3.3 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. O’Neal — re: December Council agenda.

Mr. Stroomer — DiVinci Driveways

Mr. Henrick — re: Road paving by Utility Companies

5. QUESTIONS TO MAYOR OR STAFF

Mr. Forrester — re: List of district complaints

Mr. Henrick — re: Forward a list of new hires in the Town for the last year.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 SAEP — Mr. Miron stated that the auction is still in process.

6.3 TABLED ORDINANCES

6.3.2 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. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

After discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FOR FINAL PASSAGE. MESSRS. FORRESTER AND JULIAN WITHDRAW THE MOTION AND SECOND.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO RETURN THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.3.3 ORDINANCE RE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD: AIR POLLUTION (#07-21)

Sponsor: Councilman Raymond Barker, Fifth District

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. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS — continued

TABLED ORDINANCES — continued

ORDINANCE RE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD: AIR POLLUTION (#07-21) — continued

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. MOORE TO DENY THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 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.

6.4 TABLED APPOINTMENTS

6.4.2 WATERFRONT HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, appointed by Town Council

6.4.2.1 ALTERNATE MEMBER, 2-year term of Office

RESOLVED: that AMY WANAMAKER of 185 FREEMAN AVENUE be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Waterfront Harbor Management Commission. (term of Robert Sammis expired May 30, 2006)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O’NEAL SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O’NEAL SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER AMY WANAMAKER TO THE FOREGOING POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.4.3 LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, 3-year terms, appointed by Council

B. RESOLVED: that ELIZABETH BUCKMIR of 125 KRUEGER LANE be and is hereby appointed a member of the Library Association. (Term of Karla Glad expired December 31, 2007)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPOINT ELIZABETH BUCKMIR OF 125 KRUEGER LANE TO THE FOREGOING POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS — continued

TABLED APPOINTMENTS — continued

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION — continued

C. RESOLVED: that ELAINE WATSON of 185 LANTERN ROAD be and is hereby appointed a member of the Library Association. (Term of Elaine Watson expired December 31, 2007)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO REAPPOINT ELAINE WATSON TO THE FOREGOING POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.4.4 ASSESSMENT APPEALS, BOARD OF, REGULAR MEMBER — 4-year term in accordance with § 5-77 of Stratford Town code adopted 3/13/00, appointed by Council.

RESOLVED: that SHAYLE ROBINS of 619 ERIE LANE be and is hereby appointed a regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals. (Term of Thomas Moore expired January 1, 2008)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO APPOINT SHAYLE ROBINS OF 619 ERIE LANE TO THE FOREGOING POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.4.5 PLANNING COMMISSION, ALTERNATE MEMBER — 3-year term, appointed by Council

RESOLVED: that EDWARD GOODRICH of 2320 ELM STREET be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Planning Commission. (Term of John Lopez expires January 2008)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO APPOINT EDWARD GOODRICH OF 2320 ELM STREET TO THE FOREGOING POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7.1 RESOLUTION re: CREATING A FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sponsored by: Hon. Thomas Moore, Eighth District Council Member

The Stratford Town Charter provides that the Town Council has the financial responsibility of reviewing the Mayor’s Annual Budget proposal for approval; and,

WHEREAS, in order to undertake the review of the Mayor’s Annual Budget, the Town Council must evaluate the appropriations recommended by the Mayor’s Office, the current ~~expenses~~ expenditures and effectiveness of the Town’s Departments, review the taxes received in the current fiscal year and the estimated tax revenue projected for the next upcoming fiscal year, and understand the financial condition of the Town to properly set the mill rate for the Town of Stratford each fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council is responsible for the acquisition of real and personal property, the sale, leasing, management, improvement and control of Town property, and the appropriation of moneys of the Town; and,

WHEREAS, the decisions made by the Council in the budget approval process have a major financial impact on all Stratford residents; and.

WHEREAS, the importance to make informed decisions with regard to the Annual Budget and it’s approval and the setting of the mill rate is critical to the short and long term success of our Town’s economic policy; and,

WHEREAS, within the population of Stratford are citizens with exceptional academic, business and financial experience who may wish to volunteer as members of an advisory committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council, as the duly authorized financial authority under the Town Charter needs the proper resources, accurate information and supporting expertise and experience to better enable the Council to undertake its financial responsibilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a Financial Advisory Committee will be established to aid, assist and support the Town Council.

The committee shall have the authority to review, analyze, and report to the Town Council on the results of the Town’s financial operations and the effectiveness of the Town’s Departments. The committee shall review the Town’s current expenses, appropriations and revenue. The committee shall also evaluate and report on the condition of the Town’s assets and capital improvements. ~~The committee shall also meet with the Town’s outside auditing firm and report to the Town Council its findings. The committee shall possess all the authority and power as provided to the Town Council under the provisions of section 2.2.15 of the Town Charter.~~ The committee

RESOLUTION re: CREATING A FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE — continued

shall have complete access to the Town’s financial information and shall report to the Town Council quarterly or more frequently if necessary.

The Town Council will solicit resumes and qualifications from town residents expressing an interest in serving on this committee.

The committee shall be comprised of one (1) Republican Councilperson and one (1) Democratic Councilperson from the Finance & Claims committee and five (5) citizen volunteers. Members appointed to the committee will serve a term not to exceed two years, concurrent with the term of the Town Council which appointed that individual. Appointments will be based upon qualifications and without regard to political affiliation. The Committee qualifications for members to hold an MBC, CPA or government work experiences in public administration of 10 years or more. The committee may also include ad-hoc, non voting member(s) as needed or requested by the committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS: (1) change name from “Board” to “Committee” (2) paragraph #2 the word “expenses” to “expenditures” MR. O’NEAL OFFERS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO STRIKE THE VERBIAGE “The committee shall also meet with the Town’s outside auditing firm and report to the Town Council its findings. The committee shall possess all the authority and power as provided to the Town Council under the provisions of section 2.2.15 of the Town Charter.” THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WAS ACCEPTED.

Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 9:15 p.m.
Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 9:20 p.m.

MS. WANAMAKER OFFERED AN AMENDMENT, SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO INCLUDE IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH “THE COMMITTEE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERS TO HOLD AN MBA, CPA OR GOVERNMENT WORK EXPERIENCES IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF 10 YEARS OR MORE.” MS. WANAMAKER WITHDRAWS THE AMENDMENT. MS. WANAMAKER OFFERS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT FOR COMMITTEE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERS TO HOLD AN MBA, CPA OR GOVERNMENT WORK EXPERIENCES IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF 10 YEARS OR MORE. MESSRS. MOORE AND STROOMER ACCEPT THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

As discussion ensued, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO CALL THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6 TO 4 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 — NO, MR. HENRICK — YES.

MAYOR MIRON VETOS THE RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION re: CREATING A FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE — continued

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO OVERRIDE THE MAYORAL VETO. THE MOTION PASSED 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.

7.2 RESOLUTION re: SALE OF HOLMES STREET — (Resolution forthcoming)

sponsored by: Hon. Michael Julian, First District Council Member

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO PLACE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 APPOINTMENTS

8.1.1 PLANNING COMMISSION, ALTERNATE MEMBER — appointed by Council, 3-year term.

RESOLVED: that ROBERT KILTON of 553 NORTH TRAIL be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Planning Commission. (term of Thomas Moore expires January 2010)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPOINT ROBERT KILTON OF 553 NORTH TRAIL TO THE FOREGOING COMMISSION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.1.2 BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE — appointed by Council, terms concurrent with Council. Previously:

8.1.2.1 Electorate members: (2)

A. RESOLVED: that JAMES BONFIETTI of 2364 NICHOLS AVE. be and are hereby appointed an electorate member of the Building Needs Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO REAPPOINT JAMES BONFIETTI OF 2364 NICHOLS AVENUE TO THE FOREGOING COMMITTEE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS — continued

APPOINTMENTS — continued

BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE — continued

B. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and are hereby appointed an electorate member of the Building Needs Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO PLACE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.1.2.2 Board of Education representative: (1)

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed Board of Education member representative of the Building Needs Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.1.3 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE — appointed by Council, terms concurrent with Council, § 7-9 of Town Code

8.1.3.1 Electorate members: (7)

RESOLVED: that (A) WILLIAM O’BRIEN of 151 FLAGLER AVENUE, (B) RAYMOND BARRY of 72 MARY AVENUE, (C) PAUL HOYDICK of 55 CASTLE DRIVE and (D) WALTER STELMACK of 4140 MAIN STREET be and are hereby appointed electorate members of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO APPOINT WILLIAM O’BRIEN, RAYMOND BARRY, PAUL HOYDICK AND WALTER STELMACK TO THE FOREGOING COMMITTEE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

F. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee

G. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee

NEW BUSINESS — continued

APPOINTMENTS — continued

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE — continued

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO PLACE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENTS E., F., AND G. ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.1.3.2 Alternate members: (2 – one from each party)

RESOLVED: that (2) _____ of _____ be and are hereby appointed alternate members of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO PLACE THE FOREGOING TWO APPOINTMENTS ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.1.4 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE — appointed by Council, terms concurrent with Council, previously:

8.1.4.1 Electorate Members: (4)

RESOLVED: that ROBERT YAKOUBIAN of 280 SECOND HILL LANE, ALEC VOCCOLA of 390 MT. PLEASANT AVENUE, JENNIFER HILLGEN-SANTA of 92 PARK BOULEVARD, and ROSE BLACKWELL of 290 MCKINLEY AVENUE be and are hereby reappointed electorate members of the Public Safety Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO REAPPOINT ROBERT YAKOUBIAN, ALEC VOCCOLA, JENNIFER HILLGEN-SANTA, AND ROSE BLACKWELL TO THE FOREGOING COMMITTEE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.1.5 CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION (per Resolution of January 28, 2008)

8.1.5.1 Republican Electorate members: (3)

RESOLVED: that JOHN A. FLOREK of 264 VICTORIA LAWN, ERIC W. BOOTH of 81 MERCER STREET, and BENJAMIN S. PROTO of 2090 CUTSPRING ROAD be and are hereby appointed Republican electorate members of the Charter Revision Commission.

NEW BUSINESS — continuedAPPOINTMENTS — continuedCHARTER REVISION COMMISSION — continuedRepublican Electorate members — continued

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO NOMINATE JOHN A. FLOREK, ERIC W. BOOTH, AND BENJAMIN S. PROTO TO THE FOREGOING COMMISSION. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O'NEAL SECONDED BY MS. WANAMAKER TO NOMINATE BARRY C. KNOTT TO THE FOREGOING COMMISSION.

- MR. FLOREK WAS APPOINTED 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.
- MR. BOOTH WAS APPOINTED WITH 8 IN FAVOR AND 2 OPPOSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. JULIAN — YES, MR. O'NEAL — YES, MR. FORRESTER — YES, MS. BROOKS — NO, MR. DEMPSEY — YES, MS. WANAMAKER — NO, MR. STROOMER — YES, MR. MOORE — YES, MR. KUBIC — YES, MR. HENRICK — YES.
- MR. PROTO WAS APPOINTED WITH 8 IN FAVOR AND 2 OPPOSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. JULIAN — YES, MR. O'NEAL — YES, MR. FORRESTER — YES, MS. BROOKS — NO, MR. DEMPSEY — YES, MS. WANAMAKER — NO, MR. STROOMER — YES, MR. MOORE — YES, MR. KUBIC — YES, MR. HENRICK — YES.
- MR. KNOTT WAS **NOT** APPOINTED WITH 2 IN FAVOR AND 8 OPPOSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. JULIAN — NO, MR. O'NEAL — YES, MR. FORRESTER — NO, MS. BROOKS — YES, MR. DEMPSEY — NO, MS. WANAMAKER — NO, MR. STROOMER — NO, MR. MOORE — NO, MR. KUBIC — NO, MR. HENRICK — NO.

8.1.5.2 Democrat Electorate members: (3)

RESOLVED: that JOHN E. FAHAN of 40 CLARENDON STREET, RICHARD FREDETTE of 1563 STRATFORD AVE., and BETH MCMELLON of 23 HYDE TERRACE be and are hereby appointed Democrat electorate members of the Charter Revision Commission.

NEW BUSINESS — continued

APPOINTMENTS — continued

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION — continued

Democrat Electorate members — continued

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO NOMINATE JOHN E. FAHAN, RICHARD FREDETTE, AND BETH MCMELLON TO THE FOREGOING COMMISSION.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO APPOINT THE ABOVE-NAMED INDIVIDUALS TO THE FOREGOING COMMISSION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 9 IN FAVOR AND 1 (MS. WANAMAKER) OPPOSED.

8.1.5.3 Unaffiliated Electorate members: (3)

RESOLVED: that JON A. AUGUST of 21 MEADOWMERE ROAD, JAMES ORLOWE of 55B BLACKHAWK LANE, and KAREN RODIA of 2115 CUTSPRING ROAD be and are hereby appointed unaffiliated electorate members of the Charter Revision Commission.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO NOMINATE JON A. AUGUST, SUSAN BIRGE, AND KAREN RODIA TO THE FOREGOING COMMISSION.

Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 10:10 p.m.

Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 10:30 p.m.

MS. BIRGE WITHDRAWS HER NAME AS AN APPLICANT/NOMINEE TO THE FOREGOING COMMISSION.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. WANAMAKER SECONDED BY MS. BROOKS TO PLACE THE FOREGOING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION FAILED WITH 3 IN FAVOR AND 7 OPPOSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION AND NOMINATE JAMES ORLOWE TO THE FOREGOING COMMISSION.

NEW BUSINESS — continuedAPPOINTMENTS — continuedCHARTER REVISION COMMISSION — continuedUnaffiliated Electorate members — continued

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO CLOSE NOMINATION TO THE FOREGOING COMMISSION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 8 IN FAVOR AND 2 OPPOSED.

THE ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED (MESSRS. AUGUST AND ORLOWE AND MS. RODIA) PASSED WITH 8 IN FAVOR AND 2 OPPOSED.

CHAIRMAN HENRICK NAMES MR. FLOREK AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION AND DESIGNATES FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2008 AS THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DATE. THE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF STRATFORD TOWN HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

MR. HENRICK SOLICITS SUGGESTIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS re: SUGGESTIONS TO COMMISSION TO REVIEW ITEMS AS FOLLOWS:

- Mr. Forrester — re: possibility of changing the appointment process for the Ethics Commission from the Mayor to the Town Council. In addition, clarify any inconsistencies in the Charter.
- Ms. Wanamaker — re: look at the fact that there should be a larger number of people that have to sign a petition to create a Charter Revision Commission.
- Mr. Stroomer — re: § 2.2.15 – clarify verbiage.
- Mr. Henrick — re: Mayor's ability to veto resolutions.
- Mr. Miron — re: every section of the Charter

9. OLD BUSINESSWAIVER OF COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO WAIVE THE COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER TO ADD TO THE AGENDA: "COMMUNICATION FROM ARTS COMMISSION RE: SHAKESPEARE THEATER". THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMUNICATION FROM ARTS COMMISSION re: SHAKESPEARE THEATER

Mr. Law, Chairman of the Arts Commission, disseminated communication to Council members entitled "Recommendation to the Stratford Town Council regarding the Stratford Summer Festival" and presented a brief overview for the 2008 season.

Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 10:40 p.m.

Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 11:15 p.m.

10. 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. O'NEAL, IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:16 P.M.

STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

February 11, 2008

The Stratford Town Council entered into executive session during regularly scheduled Council meeting of Monday, February 11, 2008 into room 217 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT.

The following items were taken into executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding property acquisition that disclosure of the facts and circumstances may result in a value increase:

4.1.6 OVERFLOW PARKING LEASE

4.3.1 AIRPORT PURCHASE

4.3.2 LONGBEACH WEST

EXECUTIVE SESSION COMMENCED: 10:42 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Julian, Mr. O'Neal, Mr. Forrester, Ms. Brooks, Mr. Dempsey, Ms. Wanamaker, Mr. Stroomer, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kubic, Mr. Henrick.

OTHERS ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Town Attorney R. Buturla, Asst. Attorney Kent Miller, Mayor James Miron

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED: Mr. Miller exited from executive session at 11:10 p.m. Council members and all other persons exited from executive session 11:15 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Carol Cabral

Carol Cabral, Council Clerk