



Stratford, Connecticut

MINUTES OF MEETING

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 14, 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 SIXTH DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER AMY WANAMAKER FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of: Public Forum, Regularly scheduled meeting and Executive Session of March 10, 2008 and special meetings of March 3, 11, 19, 24, and 31 with executive session, 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. DEMPSEY SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. COUNCIL MEMBERS RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Brooks — re: Accountability

Mr. Moore — re: Comments concerning Police Dept. leak of personnel information.

Mr. Kubic — re: Comments concerning Police Dept. leak of personnel information.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 LETTERS OF RESIGNATION

3.1.1 FROM: Raymond Barry DATED: March 26, 2008 re: Parks & Recreation Committee

RESOLVED: that the resignation of Raymond Barry from the Parks and Recreation Committee be and is hereby accepted.

3.1.2 FROM: Joel Pleban DATED: March 29, 2008 re: Library Board

RESOLVED: that the resignation of Joel Pleban from the Library Board be and is hereby accepted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. STROOMER SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO ACCEPT THE FOREGOING TWO RESIGNATIONS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT, COMMITTEE REPORTS, TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

4.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

4.1.1 RESOLUTION re: CLOVER FIELD ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS, Change Order #1

sponsored by: The Stratford Town Council

RESOLVED: that the Town Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a change order, change order #1, on the Clover Field Accessible Restroom project to General Builders, LLC, 530 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109, in accordance with their change order proposal dated December 28, 2007 and revised February 6, 2008 for the not-to-exceed amount of \$5,400.00.

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

4.1.2 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (#08-05) — (ordinance appended)

sponsored by: The Honorable Stratford Town Council

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.

MAYOR’S REPORT — continued

ORDINANCE RE: AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (#08-05) — cont’d

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO REFER THE FOREGOING TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.1.3 APPOINTMENTS TO GREATER BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY — § 29-3 of the Stratford Town code and § 8-31a of CGS state that two appointments to the GBRPA are made by the Stratford Town Council. The two appointments will be placed on the Town Council Agenda of May 12.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN 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.

4.1.5 COMMUNICATIONS — Informational items. ACTION NOT REQUIRED.

- A. Memo re: Stratford Library Association Board Application (dated March 27, 2008)
- B. Memo re: Year-to-date Budget Reports (dated March 28, 2008)

4.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.2.3 FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE — The Finance and Claims Committee conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on March 24, 2008 with the following referred to Council:

4.2.3.1 CLAIMS

- A. Travelers aso Glass for \$3,101.18. D/I 1/24/08.
Description of Claim: 2008 Cadillac struck by Baldwin Center bus pulling up to the curb on Main Street. Cadillac was legally parked and unoccupied.

RESOLVED: that the claim of Travelers aso Glass for the amount not to exceed \$3,101.18 be and is hereby granted/~~denied~~.

COMMITTEE REPORTS — continued

FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE — continued

- B. referred with FAVORABLE recommendation: Eric Mazarella for \$5,212.00. Description of Claim: seeking reimbursement for damage to house caused when tree fell through roof. Claimant seeking out-of-pocket expense.

RESOLVED: that the claim of Eric Mazarella for an amount not to exceed \$5,212.00 be and is hereby granted/~~denied~~.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DEMPSEY SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING TWO CLAIMS (A. AND B.). THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.2.3.2 TAX SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS — REFERRED WITH FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF 2003 ARREARS TAX ACCOUNTS TO THE TAX SUSPENSE ACCOUNT PENDING FURTHER ACTION

WHEREAS; The Town of Stratford Town Charter Chapter 14, Article VII specifies the tax collection policies of the Town for the collection of arrears taxes and,

WHEREAS; The Tax Collector has followed the policy by providing required notices of taxes due and made several attempts to contact arrears taxpayers as required by local and state law and,

WHEREAS; Certain accounts have been in arrears since 2003 and all efforts to date to collect on these accounts have produced no response for at least the past two years and,

WHEREAS; Continued expenditure of public funds to collect these accounts is not a cost effective use of public funds and, therefore, the Tax Collector recommends that Town Council approve the transfer of the accounts to suspense pending further collection of said accounts.

RESOLVED: Town Council of the Town of Stratford authorizes the Tax Collector to transfer to the Tax Suspense Account accounts totaling \$637,238.55 for the 2003 Grand Lists amounts shown below.

<u>GRAND LIST YEAR</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2003	Motor Vehicle	\$207,978.98
2003	Supplemental Motor Vehicle	41,660.70
2003	Personal Property	<u>387,598.87</u>
	Total	\$637,238.55

COMMITTEE REPORTS — continued

FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE — continued

TAX SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS — continued

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

4.2.13 BOOTHE PARK COMMISSION — The Boothe Park Commission’s regularly scheduled meeting of March 12, 2008 was not conducted.

Ms. Wanamaker reported that major improvements are forthcoming. The Commission is in the process of receiving a \$200,000 grant.

4.2.14 BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE — The Board of Education Liaison Committee did not conduct the regularly scheduled meeting of March 20, but conducted a special meeting on March 27, 2008 re: Board of Education Budget overview.

Mr. Forrester reported on the Board of Education’s PowerPoint presentation.

4.2.22 BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE — The Beautification Committee’s regularly scheduled meeting of March 4 and a special meeting of March 12, 2008 was conducted.

Mr. Stroomer stated that the Beautification Committee is conducting “Project Greensweep”, a town-wide cleanup on Saturday, May 3 at 9:00 a.m. commencing at Town Hall. Connecticut Boaters’ Association will assist.

4.2.26 BLIGHT COMMITTEE (a.k.a. Property Maintenance Review Committee per § 161-7 of Stratford Town Code) — Information regarding this committee is not available for the month of March 2008.

Mr. Forrester expressed concern regarding the Blight Committee’s agenda items and pointed out that the Committee has not conducted a meeting in several months.

4.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

4.3.1 AIRPORT PURCHASE — No business furnished.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT — continued

4.3.2 CORY GENETSKI V TOWN OF STRATFORD

4.3.3 CHAD MAESSE V OFFICER ROSATI, ET AL

Attorney Buturla requests taking the foregoing two items (4.3.2 and 4.3.3) 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. Buturla would like that motion to include members of the Stratford Town Council, the Mayor, and himself.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN, SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF THIS MEETING AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS THE FOREGOING TWO CASES FOR THE REASON STATED ABOVE WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.3.4 TOWN OF STRATFORD V VINCENT QUINTO — Mr. Buturla reported on the status of the property in question.

4.3.5 RACHEL LOZADO V TOWN OF STRATFORD, ET AL

Attorney Buturla 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. Buturla would like that motion to include members of the Stratford Town Council, the Mayor, Special Assistant Attorney Dougiello and himself.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER, SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF THIS MEETING AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS THE FOREGOING TWO CASES FOR THE REASON STATED ABOVE WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.3.6 WEST LONG BEACH

Attorney Buturla requests taking the foregoing item into executive session for the purpose being a property acquisition that 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. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER 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.

4.3.7 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Julian — re: WPCA Public Hearing re: setting the budget

Mr. Forrester — re: Blighted property on 471 Patterson Avenue

Mr. Henrick — re: Resolution re: taxes on vacant land.

5. QUESTIONS TO MAYOR OR STAFF

Mr. Kubic — re: Lights left on at Bunnell Field, Striping on Hawley Lane

Mr. Moore: — re: Repaved road on Warner Hill needs to be restriped.

Ms. Wanamaker — re: Fire truck situation, recent vandalism at Wooster Park, Wooster Park is waiting for lighting to be installed.

Mr. Dempsey — re: Hole in roof at Stratford High School

Mr. Forrester — re: Status report for EMS Building, Work at RR Station, Hazardous Waste, Trash receptacle is full at Longbrook Park, political affiliations for the members you appoint to Boards/Commissions, live webcast.

Mr. Henrick — re: Public Hearing notice for this year's CDA program

Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 8:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Henrick — re: Tax Lien

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 SAEP — No business furnished.

6.2 TABLED ITEMS

6.2.1 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. (tabled during Council meeting of Feb. 11, 2008)

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

Mr. Julian disseminated a draft agreement of sale to Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County and Affordability and Occupancy Covenants and Right to repurchase for Habitat for Humanity.

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COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS, INC.'S PROPOSAL — continued

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

6.2.2 OVERFLOW PARKING LEASE — tabled during special Council meeting of February 25, 2008.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.2.3 SCHEDULING OF SHORT-LISTED CANDIDATES re: PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM PERSPECTIVE CONSULTANTS AND/OR OPERATORS FOR THE AMERICAN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL THEATER — tabled during Special Council Meeting of March 31, 2008.

RESOLVED: that KKP LLC, Theater-By-The-Sea, Paige Newmark, Frank Tobin Enterprises and Stratford Festival Theater further present their proposals for American Shakespeare Festival Theater to the Stratford Town Council at a meeting with date to be determined.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO SELECT THE FOREGOING FIVE (5) PERSPECTIVE CONSULTANTS FOR FURTHER PRESENTATIONS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.3 TABLED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

6.3.2 ORDINANCE re: HOUSATONIC RIVER ESTUARY COMMISSION (#07-15)

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

After Mr. Forrester was reassured that a Liaison from Stratford would be appointed to the regional Commission, A MOTION WAS MADE BY FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS — continued

TABLED ITEMS — continued

6.3.3 RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY ACTION TO CORRECT EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT — (Tabled during Council meeting of March 10, 2008)

Submitted by: Councilwoman Amy Wanamaker, District 6

~~Where as the Town of Stratford Fire Department's Engine 3 is functioning at an unacceptable level not limited to but including rusted doors that must be held closed by firefighters on route to calls, the engine not starting when responding to a call as well as other deficiencies.~~

Therefore, the Town Council authorizes the Mayor to work with the Bond Council to create the necessary documents needed for Council approval of an emergency bond authorization of \$450,000 to replace engine 2 to be forwarded to the Council in a timely matter to be considered at the regularly scheduled Council meeting in April 2008.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. STROOMER SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 7 IN FAVOR AND 3 OPPOSED.

6.3.4 RESOLUTION re: SALE OF 145 HOLMES STREET

sponsored by: Hon. Stratford Town Council

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS — continued

6.4 TABLED APPOINTMENTS

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

A. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Stratford Library Association. (Term of Kathleen Ritchie expired Dec. 31, 2006)

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O’NEAL SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPOINT BETH DAPONTE TO THE FOREGOING POSITION. THE MOTION FAILED WITH 4 IN FAVOR AND 6 OPPOSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O’NEAL SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPOINT ANTHONY SMITH TO THE FOREGOING POSITION. THE MOTION FAILED WITH 4 IN FAVOR AND 6 OPPOSED.

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

B. RESOLVED: that JOHN HUTCHINSON of 135 TORSEY STREET be and is hereby appointed a member of the Stratford Library Association. (Term of Jonathan Roper expired Dec. 31, 2008)

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. STROOMER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO APPOINT JOHN HUTCHINSON OF 135 TORSEY STREET TO THE FOREGOING POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

TABLED APPOINTMENTS — continued

6.4.4 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE — appointed by Council, terms concurrent

6.4.4.1 Alternate members: (2 – one from each political party)

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed alternate member (Democrat Representative) of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

RESOLVED: that MARIANNE ANTEZZO of 367 WINDSOR AVENUE be and is hereby appointed alternate member (Republican Representative) of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O’NEAL SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT (REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVE) FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O’NEAL SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPOINT MARIANNE ANTEZZO OF 367 WINDSOR AVENUE TO THE FOREGOING POSITION AS THE REPUBLICAN ALTERNATE MEMBER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.4.5 FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE — 2-year term concurrent with Council

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO REMOVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS FROM THE TABLE (6.4.5.1 A. AND B., 6.4.5.2 A., B., C., D., AND E.). THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.4.5.1 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES FROM FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

A. REPUBLICAN COUNCIL PERSON

RESOLVED: that JOHN DEMPSEY of DISTRICT FIVE be and is hereby appointed the Republican Council member from the Finance and Claims Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO APPOINT JOHN DEMPSEY TO THE FOREGOING POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL PERSON

RESOLVED: that AMY WANAMAKER of DISTRICT SIX be and is hereby appointed the Democrat Council member from the Finance and Claims Committee.

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE — continued

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

6.4.5.2 CITIZEN MEMBERS (5 CITIZENS)

- A. RESOLVED: that ROBERT SAMMIS of 107 MARGHERITA LAWN be and is hereby appointed a member of the Financial Advisory Committee.
- B. RESOLVED: that ARTHUR K. STENDEL of 85 HINMAN STREET be and is hereby appointed a member of the Financial Advisory Committee.
- C. RESOLVED: that ED W. RODRIGUEZ of 533 ALLYNDALE DRIVE be and is hereby appointed a member of the Financial Advisory Committee.
- D. RESOLVED: that RUSSELL J. HAYDEN of 125 SUNFLOWER AVENUE be and is hereby appointed a member of the Financial Advisory Committee.
- E. RESOLVED: that THOMAS G. ANGELO of 175 WASHINGTON PARKWAY be and is hereby appointed a member of the Financial Advisory Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPOINT ROBERT SAMMIS, ARTHUR K. STENGAL, ED W. RODTIGUEZ, RUSSELL J. HAYDEN, AND THOMAS G. ANGELO TO THE FOREGOING POSITIONS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7.1 RESOLUTION re: AMENDING THE CREATION OF A FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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 **and up to five (5) three (3) alternate members (no more than 2/3 of the alternates from the same political party)** 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. Appoint-ments will be based upon qualifications and without regard to political affiliation. The Committee qualifications for members to hold an MBA, CPA or government work experiences in public administration of 10 years or more or 10 years of equivalent work experience. The committee may also include ad-hoc, non voting member(s) as needed or requested by the committee.

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE — continued

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING AMENDED RESOLUTION AND FURTHER AMEND TO REFLECT:

- Third line, “and 3 alternate members”
- Sixth line, The committee qualifications for members to hold an MBA or government work experiences in public administration or 10 years of equivalent work experience

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED.

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ALTERNATE MEMBERS

A. RESOLVED: that SHERYL A. DECILIO of 160 TIMBER RIDGE ROAD be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Financial Advisory Committee.

B. RESOLVED: that CHRISTIAN LOBAN of 1837 ELM STREET be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Financial Advisory Committee.

C. RESOLVED: that GEORGE MULLIGAN of 429 HOUSATONIC AVENUE be is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Financial Advisory Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. MOORE TO NOMINATE SHERYL A. DECILIO, CHRISTIAN LOBAN, AND GEORGE MULLIGAN AS ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O’NEAL SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO FURTHER AMEND THE AMENDED RESOLUTION BY ADDING “NO MORE THAN 2/3 OF THE ALTERNATES FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY”.

THE MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED WITH 9 IN FAVOR AND 1, MR. HENRICK, OPPOSED.

7.2 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2008, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2009, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$175,532,956 IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; (#08-02)

Sponsored by: The Stratford Town Council

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. *(appended)*

ORDINANCES — continued

7.3 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX RATE OF 30.87 MILLS ON THE DOLLAR ON THE GRAND LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT, ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2007. (#08-03)

Sponsored by: The Stratford Town Council

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. *(appended)*

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO REFER THE FOREGOING TWO ORDINANCES TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.4 ORDINANCE re: Chapter 161 – Property Maintenance (#08-04) — (appende)

sponsored by: Gavin B. Forrester, Third District Council member

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 MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO REFER THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 DISCUSSION ITEM — Breach of security and release of confidential information.

8.2 APPOINTMENTS

8.2.1 WATERFRONT HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Waterfront Harbor Management Commission (unexpired term of Richard T. Rhatigan ending June 30, 2010)

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

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 SHAKESPEARE THEATER — Meeting for further presentations tentatively scheduled for May 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 9:45 p.m.

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

ACTION TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.3.2 CORY GENETSKI V TOWN OF STRATFORD

4.3.3 CHAD MAESSE V OFFICER ROSATI, ET AL

4.3.5 RACHEL LOZADO V TOWN OF STRATFORD, ET AL

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O’NEAL SECONDED BY MS. BROOKS TO ACCEPT THE TOWN ATTORNEY’S RECOMMENDATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING THREE CASES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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. O’NEAL, SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN, IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:38 P.M.

ATTESTED BY:

Carol Cabral

Carol Cabral, Council Clerk

An Ordinance Regarding Automatic External Defibrillators

WHEREAS, according to the American Heart Association each year, more than 250,000 people of all ages die from sudden cardiac arrest; nearly one death every two minutes; and

WHEREAS, sudden cardiac arrest cases are usually due to abnormal heart rhythms called arrhythmias, the vast majority of which are ventricular fibrillation. Ventricular fibrillation is a condition in which the heart's electrical impulses suddenly become chaotic, causing the heart to cease pumping blood effectively; and

WHEREAS, victims of sudden cardiac arrest collapse and quickly lose consciousness, often without warning and unless a normal heart rhythm is restored, death will follow within a matter of minutes; and

WHEREAS, in addition to causing personal tragedy, these incidents of sudden cardiac arrest are a leading cause of disability and health care costs; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross state that most effective way to revive them is with CPR and Automated External Defibrillators or AEDs the quicker the response, the greater the chance of survival; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has set forth the cardiac chain of survival as a series of four critical steps. All four steps of the chain must be present to help ensure survival from sudden cardiac arrest. The four steps are:

- Step one: Early access to care (calling 9-1-1 or another emergency number)
- Step two: Early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Step three: Early defibrillation
- Step four: Early advanced cardiac life support, as needed

WHEREAS, the third step, delivering an electrical shock to the heart, which is known as defibrillation, is recognized as the most critical step in restoring cardiac rhythm and resuscitating a victim of sudden cardiac arrest; and

Accordingly, the Stratford Town Council hereby adopts an ordinance regarding Automatic External Defibrillators

SECTION 1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

The Town of Stratford is committed to ensuring its residents, employees, those employed in the Town of Stratford and those that visit and or conduct business in the Town of Stratford are provided with an opportunity to have automatic external defibrillation should they be stricken with sudden cardiac arrest.

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SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this section the following words are defined:

A. Automatic External Defibrillator: An Automated External Defibrillator is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.

B. AED: An acronym for Automated External Defibrillator.

C. Municipal buildings: Any Town of Stratford owned building that houses municipal employees or is open to the general public, including Town of Stratford schools.

D. Health Club: Any health club, as defined in section 21a-216 of the Connecticut General Statutes, that is located within the Town of Stratford.

E. Dining Establishments: Any establishment within the Town of Stratford that is licensed pursuant to section 105-4 of the Code of the Town of Stratford with a seating capacity of 50 or more persons.

F. Lodging Establishments: Any establishment within the Town of Stratford such as a hotel, motel, inn or other similar facility that rents or leases 10 or more rooms to the general public.

G. Retail Establishments: Any retail store that employs more than 50 persons and or that has a public occupancy of greater than 250 persons.

SECTION 3. INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.

A. All AED devices must be FDA approved.

B. All AED devices, where required, shall be installed in sufficient numbers and in locations so that an AED device shall be accessible, at a minimum, within one (1) minute in the event of an emergency.

C. All AED devices shall be maintained and tested in accordance with the operational guidelines of the manufacturer. Each place where an AED device is installed must adopt an Automatic External Defibrillator Maintenance Checklist, that can be obtained from the Town of Stratford.

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D. All AED devices must identify an individual responsible for inspecting the AEDs at regularly scheduled intervals, as recommended by the AED manufacturer.

SECTION 4. ACTIVATION OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE.

The Emergency Medical Service System shall be activated immediately upon the discovery of a situation in which the use of an AED is anticipated. Activation will be via the 911 emergency telephone system. The activation of the Emergency Medical Service System must not be delayed due to the actual or anticipated use of an AED.

SECTION 5. REGISTRATION.

A. Each AED device shall be registered with the Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services. Each person and or entity required to install an AED device shall complete an AED Registry Form, which can be obtained from the Town of Stratford, for each AED unit.

B. A copy of the form required to be filed with the state in Section 5 (A) shall also be filed with the Town of Stratford Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services.

SECTION 6. INSPECTIONS.

All AED installations shall be subject to periodic inspections by the Stratford Fire Department or its designee.

SECTION 7. PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE.

Any person or entity that fails to comply with any portion of this ordinance shall be subject to:

1. A fine of \$100.00 per day of violation
2. Withholding of any Town of Stratford new or renewal license and or permit issuances

SECTION 8. IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY.

Persons who use an AED to render emergency care shall be immune from liability pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 52-557b.

SECTION 9. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Stratford, Connecticut, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY.

If any part, section, or subdivision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

SECTION 11. Effective Date.

A. This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2009 for those facilities identified in Section 2 (D); 2(F) and 2 (G).

B. This ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2009 for those facilities identified in Section 2 (C); and 2 (E).

ORDINANCE re: Chapter 161 – Property Maintenance (#08-04)

BE IT ORDAINED: By the Town Council of the Town of Stratford that the Stratford Municipal Code, Chapter 161 – Property maintenance is hereby amended as follows: .

Chapter 161

ANTI-BLIGHT PROGRAM

Sections:

- 161-1 Declaration of policy.
- 161-2 Definitions.
- 161-3 Prohibition against creating or maintaining blighted premises.
- 161-4 Enforcement.
- 161-5 Anti-blight administrative procedures.

Section 161-1 Declaration of policy.

It is found and declared that there exist within the Town of Stratford a number of real properties which contain vacant and blighted buildings, and/or properties and/or vacant parcels that are poorly maintained, and that the existence of such poorly maintained properties and/or vacant parcels, and/or vacant and/or blighted buildings contributes to the decline of neighborhoods. It is further found that the existence of poorly maintained properties and/or vacant parcels, vacant and blighted buildings adversely affects the economic well-being of the Town and is inimical to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town. It is further found that many of the vacant and blighted buildings can be rehabilitated, reconstructed or reused so as to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing and ancillary commercial facilities, and that such rehabilitation, reconstruction and reuse would eliminate, remedy and prevent the adverse conditions described. It is further found that the abatement of the blight of poorly maintained properties and/or vacant parcels is a benefit to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town.

Section 161-2 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed as follows:

"Blighted premises" means any vacant building or structure, or any vacant portion of a building or structure that is a separate unit, or any vacant parcel, in which at least one of the additional following conditions exist:

1. It is determined by the Town that existing conditions pose a serious or immediate danger to the community; i.e. a life threatening condition or a condition which puts at risk the health or safety of citizens of the Town;
2. It is not being maintained; the following factors may be considered in determining whether a structure or building is not being maintained: missing or boarded windows or doors; a collapsing or missing wall, roof or floor; siding that is seriously

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damaged or missing; fire damages; a foundation that is structurally faulty; or garbage, trash or abandoned cars situated on the premises (unless the premises is a legal junk yard) or that the outside of the property is not being maintained in accordance with the standards set forth in this chapter;

3. It is becoming dilapidated;
4. It is attracting illegal activity;
5. It is a fire hazard;
6. It is a factor that is materially depreciating property values in the neighborhood because of its poorly maintained condition;
7. It is a factor creating a substantial and unreasonable interference with the reasonable and lawful use and enjoyment of other space within the building or of other premises within the neighborhood.
8. The outside of the building and/or the property fails to meet the standards set forth below:
 - A. The exterior and areas exposed to public view of all commercial and residential property and premises shall be kept free from deterioration and shall be in a good state of repair. The property shall be maintained so that they reflect a reasonable level of maintenance in keeping with the standards of the community and not constitute a blighting factor for adjoining property owners, or an element leading to the progressive deterioration of the neighborhood. Such maintenance of the outside of the property shall include, without limitation, the following:
 1. All surfaces shall be maintained free of broken glass, crumbling stone or brick or other condition reflective to deterioration or inadequate maintenance.
 2. The maintenance and appearance of the grounds and yards of premises shall be such that they reflect the level of upkeep of surrounding premises and properties. This shall include but not be limited to grass that has been allowed to go to seed, severely overgrown bushes and trees, dead trees and trash, rubbish, and dilapidated equipment or abandoned vehicles on the grounds. All equipment is to be in good working condition.
 3. No dumpster or other refuse container usually used on a construction site may be kept in a residential area unless a construction or improvement project, which may include the disposal of household items, is to commence within two (2) weeks of the installation of a dumpster or it has been within two (2) weeks of the completion of the project, for a total time frame not to exceed thirty (30) days. A permit is required from the Director of Public Facilities for the placement of a dumpster for the purpose set forth in item 3, above, in the public right of way. The Enforcement Officer may take into account other information it deems relevant in determining whether a dumpster is improperly placed.

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- 4. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize any encroachment on streets, sidewalks or other parts of the public domain.

"Blight Enforcement Officer" means the position as established within the Zoning Department of the Town.

"Dilapidated" means a building or structure which has been vacant for a period of sixty (60) days or longer and/or run down.

"Enforcement Officer" means the Town Health Director or his/her designee, the Town housing code enforcement officer or his/her designee, the Blight Enforcement Officer, or any Town employee, who has statutory authority to enter onto private property for the purpose of inspecting said property, and is appointed by the Mayor to issue fines for violations of this chapter.

"Legal occupancy" means occupancy that is legal by virtue of compliance with state building, state fire safety, local zoning, housing codes and all other pertinent codes, which habitation must be substantiated by a bona fide lease agreement, a rent receipt or a utility statement.

"Neighborhood" means an area of the Town comprised of all premises or parcels of land any part of which is within a radius of eight hundred (800) feet of any part of another parcel or lot within the Town.

"Unit" means any space within a building that is or can be rented by or to a single person, household or entity for his/her or its sole use, and is intended to be a distinct space.

"Vacant" means a period of sixty (60) days or longer during which a building or a portion thereof is not legally occupied.

"Vacant parcel" means a parcel of land with no structures thereon.

Section 161 - 4 Prohibition against creating or maintaining blighted premises.

Any owner of real property in the Town shall not cause or allow blighted premises to be created, nor shall any owner allow the continued existence of blighted premises.

Section 161-4 Enforcement.

A. The blight enforcement officer shall cause regular inspections of certain of the blighted premises to be referred to the Enforcement Officer for the purpose of documenting continuous blight and additionally; may cause to be imposed a penalty of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each day that building or structure or unit or part thereof, is in violation of this chapter, except for persons described in Section 161-5 of this chapter. Each day that a building or structure or unit or part thereof, is in violation of this chapter shall constitute a

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separate offense. The blight enforcement officer shall cause the imposition of said penalty by notifying the owner by certified mail at the start of the period in which fines are levied. All fines imposed for violations of this section shall be paid to a fund maintained by the Town. If at a later date a Connecticut General Statute is amended or passed permitting the Town to place a lien as a security for the penalty then the blight enforcement officer is empowered to place said lien in the same manner as specified for placing fines. The blight enforcement officer may waive and release said penalties and liens in the event the Town acquires the property or at the time of the sale of the blighted premises if, in his/her opinion, it is determined that the buyer has the financial ability, and the intention to immediately rehabilitate said blighted premises; and/or

B. Violators of this chapter shall have the right to appeal within fifteen (15) days from the date of the imposition of the fines. Payment of fines shall be stayed until the appeal has been heard and ruled on by the hearing officer. If dissatisfied with the findings, the violator may appeal to Superior Court in accordance with Section 152c of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

C. The mayor shall appoint one or more hearing officer(s) (the "officer").

D. Officer(s) shall not be a police officer, or employees or persons who issue citations or fines, or a person employed by any department which comprises the anti-blight or condemnation committee. Officer(s) shall serve for a term of two years or part thereof, which term shall commence from date of approval by the common council and shall end on December 31st of every odd year. Officer(s) may be compensated by the Town with the funds appropriated for this purpose as recommended by the mayor.

E. Hearing Procedure.

1. In scheduling formal appeal hearings, the violator shall be notified by mail of the place and time of the hearing. Such notice shall be provided at least fifteen (15) days but not more than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

2. The procedure for the hearing shall be informal as to the rules of evidence, but testimony shall be taken under oath or affirmation.

3. In considering an appeal, the hearing officer may consider all relevant facts and circumstances and may require personal appearance of the violator and the blight enforcement officer or his/her designee.

F. Take the necessary steps to acquire the blighted premises pursuant to the Urban Homesteading Act, Connecticut General Statute Sections 8-169(o) et seq. as it may be amended from time to time.

G. Take necessary steps to pursue tax foreclosure on those properties owing back taxes to the Town.

ORDINANCE #08-04 — continued**Section 161-5 Anti-blight administrative procedures.**

A. The blight enforcement officer shall convene an anti-blight committee consisting of the zoning administrator, planning administrator, community and economic development representative, the local fire marshal, the director of health, the municipal building official, the tax collector, a member of the Stratford Town Council as designated by the Council, and may require the assistance of any other Town staff as deemed appropriate by the committee.

B. The blight enforcement officer shall produce an annual list of vacant buildings and/or vacant parcels and a monthly list of properties reported to the Town for investigation, as well as, the status of each case pending. The anti-blight committee shall add any blighted buildings and/or vacant parcels that are poorly maintained that they are aware of to this list. The anti-blight committee shall review the list of vacant and blighted buildings, and/or vacant parcels that are poorly maintained, and select those properties for which specific strategies may be developed. Strategies may include:

1. Fines for Blight.

a. The anti-blight committee may refer buildings and/or vacant parcels that are poorly maintained to be fined in accordance with the anti-blight ordinance codified in this chapter to the Town Attorney who will send a certified letter to the owner instituting daily fines as provided for in this chapter. Blight enforcement officer through the Enforcement Officer shall conduct regular inspections to document that the blight persists. The blight enforcement officer shall within thirty (30) days work with the Town attorney to convert the fines to liens and initiate foreclosure or institute legal proceedings to collect the fines.

b. Once foreclosure is complete, the anti-blight committee shall refer disposal of the properties in a timely manner through the Stratford Town Council or any Re-Development organization created by ordinance.

2. Tax Foreclosure.

a. The committee may refer blighted buildings and/or vacant parcels that are poorly maintained to be taken by tax foreclosure to the Town attorney for assignment to an outside legal firm hired by the Town to do tax foreclosures. The Town attorney shall keep the anti-blight committee informed on a quarterly basis as to the status of foreclosures of referred buildings.

b. Once foreclosure is complete, the anti-blight committee shall determine how to dispose of the properties in a timely manner.

3. Rehabilitation. The committee may refer blighted buildings that are suitable for rehabilitation to the mayor and town council for acquisition and rehabilitation through the urban home-steading program or other appropriate rehabilitation programs as resources permit.

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a. The committee may refer blighted properties that are in violation of the property maintenance standards set forth in Section 8.76.20.8 to DOH for the abatement of said violations through an appropriate rehabilitation program as resources permit. The abatement of said violations by the Town may occur upon: a written complaint of any person having an interest in said property in accordance with Section 19a-210 of the General Statutes of Connecticut; or the permission of the property owner, or the issuance of a Court Order in accordance with Section 19a-206 of the General Statutes of Connecticut; the procedures for any tenement, lodging or boarding house or property upon which buildings are situated as set forth in Section 47a-53 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, when appropriate. The blight enforcement officer shall work with the Town attorney to convert the cost of abatement of said violations to liens and institute all legal proceedings necessary to collect said costs from the property owner(s).

b. Special Consideration. Special consideration shall be given to individuals that are elderly or disabled in the Town's effort to correct blighted conditions. If it is found by the Enforcement Officer that an individual can not maintain a reasonable level of upkeep of the owner-occupied residence because the individual is elderly or disabled and no capable person resides in the residence, the Enforcement Officer shall suspend fines to give the person adequate time to correct the problem. Except as noted below, where the individual is a low-income individual and owns and occupies a residence that is designated as blighted, the Enforcement Officer shall give special consideration to the person by providing adequate time to correct the problem. If items designated as blighted have to do with lawn and shrub maintenance, painting and keeping grounds free from rubbish and debris, the Enforcement Officer will not provide additional time to correct the problem.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2008, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2009, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$175,532,956 IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; (#08-02)

WHEREAS, the Mayor has prepared and submitted to the Town Council the annual operating budget for the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, in accordance with the Stratford Town Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has given consideration thereto and has conducted public hearings in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount of current expenses, permanent improvements, and other lawful charges of the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, is **\$175,532,956**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

That the budget attached hereto and made a part hereof be and is hereby adopted as the operating budget for the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009; and

That the sum of **\$175,532,956** is hereby appropriated for the current expenses, permanent improvements, and other lawful charges for each department and each division thereof of the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, all in accordance with the provisions of the budget attached hereto and made a part hereof.

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX RATE OF 30.87 MILLS ON THE DOLLAR ON THE GRAND LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT, ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2007. (#08-03)

WHEREAS, the Mayor has prepared and submitted to the Town Council the annual operating budget for the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, according to law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has given consideration thereto and has conducted public hearings in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the estimated revenues of the Town of Stratford other than by taxation for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, are \$38,009,719; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has adopted an operating budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a tax levy at the rate of 30.87 mills on the dollar on the Grand List of taxable property in the Town of Stratford on October 1, 2006, is necessary to meet the appropriations, less the estimated amount of revenue from other sources as permitted by law to be raised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

That a tax rate of 30.87 mills on the dollar on the Grand List be and is hereby levied against all taxable property in the Town of Stratford on the Grand List of October 1, 2007;

That said tax shall be due and payable in two equal installments, one half thereof on July 1, 2008, and the second half thereof on January 1, 2009, provided, however, that any tax, the aggregate amount of which shall not exceed \$100.00 shall be due and payable in one payment on July 1, 2008.