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INTERIM Council Minutes

for the 11/16/2017 Regular Meeting

Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

Chairman Jayme Stevenson - Vice Chairman Susan Chapman
Secretary David Gronbach - Treasurer Patricia Llodra

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bethel..... First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater..... First Selectman Curtis Read
Brookfield..... First Selectman Steve Dunn
Danbury..... Mayor Mark Boughton
Darien..... First Selectman Jayme Stevenson
Greenwich..... First Selectman Peter Tesei

New Canaan..... Absent
New Fairfield..... First Selectman Susan Chapman
New Milford..... Mayor David Gronbach
Newtown..... First Selectman Patricia Llodra
Norwalk..... Director of Economic Development Elizabeth Stocker
Redding..... Absent

Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman..... First Selectman Clay Cope
Stamford..... Chief of Staff Michael Pollard
Weston..... Absent
Westport..... First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton..... First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

OTHERS ATTENDING

WestCOG staff members in attendance were Robert Sachnin, Nicole Sullivan, Patty Payne, Josephine Harvey, Bob Brinton, Kristin Hadjstylianos, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. First Selectman

Elect Dan Rosenthal of Newtown, Rick Schreiner and Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit, Sara Harris of Westport, Garrett Bolella of Stamford, Dan Giungi of CCM, James Root of Danbury, as well as Tracey Alston and Garrett Sheehan of Eversource were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:32pm by Chairman Jayme Stevenson. Chairman Stevenson honored and gave thanks to the dedicated service of Treasurer Pat Llodra, Vice Chairman Susan Chapman, Secretary David Gronbach, First Selectman Clay Cope, First Selectman Nina Daniel, and First Selectman Rob Mallozzi.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

GUEST SPEAKER

First Selectman Rudy Marconi welcomed Liz Fluette of the Ms. President US Program. Ms. Fluette stated that the program is nonpartisan, nonprofit, and community based.

Chairman Stevenson then welcomed Betsy Gara of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) to the meeting. Ms. Gara spoke regarding legislation.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 10/05/2017 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by First Selectman Rudy Marconi, the minutes of the meeting of 10/05/2017 were unanimously approved.

Approval of 2018 COG Meeting Schedule: After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Rudy Marconi and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker the 2018 COG Meeting Schedule was unanimously approved.

Quarterly Financial Report: Treasurer Pat Llodra presented the financial report regarding revenue and expenses. After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Rudy Marconi and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker the Quarterly Financial Report was unanimously approved.

Draft FY18-21 LOTCIP Solicitation: Principal Planner Robert Sachnin introduced the methodology for soliciting the Local Transportation Capitol Improvement Program (LOTICIP) project selection process. Endorsement of the methodology and the decision to sub allocate by MPO was motioned by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by First Selectman Clay Cope with unanimous approval.

WestCOG Bylaws- proposed amendments: There was discussion regarding the timeline for the election of officers. The revision of language in the bylaws was also discussed. On a motion made by First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker the noted language was amended with unanimous approval.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Eversource response to October storm (for discussion): There was discussion with Tracey Alston and Garrett Sheehan of Eversource regarding the technicalities of the October storm.

Nominating Committee: First Selectman Peter Tesei updated the COG on the possible candidates to serve on the Executive Committee.

Legislative Committee: Chairman Stevenson noted that ideas for discussion from the COG at the legislative committee were welcomed.

WestCOG Foundation, Inc. Proposed Bylaws: Executive Director Pickering described the process for the forming of the proposed WestCOG Foundation, Inc.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The next WestCOG meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14th at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association. Then on a motion made by Treasurer Pat Llodra and seconded by First Selectman Steve Dunn, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:09pm.