

Council Minutes

for the 06/21/2018 Regular Meeting

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

*Chairman Jayme Stevenson - Vice Chairman Rudolph Marconi
Treasurer Lynne Vanderslice- Secretary Julia Pemberton*

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco
New Milford Mayor Pete Bass
Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal
Norwalk..... Mayor Harry Rilling
Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton

Ridgefield Absent
Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe
Stamford Absent
Weston..... First Selectman Chris Spaulding
Westport First Selectman Jim Marpe
Wilton..... Absent

OTHERS ATTENDING

WestCOG staff members in attendance were, Patricia Payne, Jamie Bastian, Nicole Sullivan, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Michael Towle, Elizabeth Esposito, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. WestCOG interns in attendance were Collin Donovan, Leonardo Abreu, and Michael Wang. Also in attendance were; Chief of Staff Michael Pollard of the City of Stamford, Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit, Caroline McKay and Sara Harris of Westport, Andrea Ryan of Western CT Health Network, Kristyn Gorton of CTrides, James Root of Danbury, Matthew Dormor of Newtown, Jess LeClair of Sustainable CT, Victoria Hoyland and Adam Whelchel of the Nature Conservancy, Samantha Sojka and Tracey Alston of Eversource, and Billy Taylor from the office of Congresswoman Esty.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:48pm by Chairman Jayme Stevenson.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

State Representative Jonathan Steinberg spoke regarding legislative matters.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There was none stated.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of May 22, 2018 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by First Selectman Julia Pemberton, the minutes of the 05/22/2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the Treasurer, the Treasurer's Report was postponed until the next meeting.

Approval of FY18-19 Draft WestCOG Budget-Revised: Finance Director Patricia Payne presented the Revised FY18-19 Draft WestCOG Budget. The Operating Expense and Revenue Source summaries were reviewed. On a motion made by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by First Selectman Chris Spaulding, the Revised FY18-19 Draft WestCOG Budget was unanimously approved.

Approval of LOTCIP adjustment: The proposed LOTCIP program adjustments include, "removing internal sub-allocation of LOTCIP funds, instating project milestone deadlines, instating requirements, for program eligibility, and adjusting prioritized projects to close out Fiscal Year 2014" (RE: LOTCIP Program Adjustments, 6/13/2018). After discussion, it was decided to table the action item until the next meeting.

FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

Director of Science TNC-CT Chapter Adam Whelchel and Environmental Engineer Victoria Hoyland of the Nature Conservancy presented the *Southwest Connecticut Regional Framework for Coastal Resilience* to the COG. They updated the COG on community resilience building and the coastal resilience tool.

Energy Technical Specialist Jessica LeCLair of Sustainable CT presented the program to the COG. She noted the certification requirements and communities in participation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

CRS update: Planner Michael Towle updated the COG on the FEMA program for flood mitigation activities.

WUCC update: Planner Michael Towle updated the COG on the Water Utility Coordinators Committee. He discussed water supply connection issues with the COG.

WestCOG Foundation approved 501(C)(3) status: Executive Director Pickering updated the COG on the WestCOG Foundation's approved 501(C)(3) status.

CEDS update: Associate Planner Elizabeth Esposito updated the COG on the federally approved CEDS. Furthermore, she reviewed the Economic Development District application process.

Tree Canopy Analysis Brief: Associate Planner Elizabeth Esposito discussed the economic and environmental benefits of tree canopy enhancement with the COG.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The next COG meeting will be held on July 19th. On a motion made by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by First Selectman Jim Marpe the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:55pm.