

## Council Minutes

### for the 07/19/2018 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..... Absent  
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..... Absent  
Newtown ..... First Selectman Dan Rosenthal  
Norwalk..... Mayor Harry Rilling  
Redding..... First Selectman Julia Pemberton

Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi  
Sherman..... First Selectman Don Lowe  
Stamford ..... Mayor David Martin  
Weston ..... First Selectman Chris Spaulding  
Westport..... First Selectman Jim Marpe  
Wilton..... First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

#### OTHERS ATTENDING

WestCOG staff members in attendance were, Patricia Payne, Jamie Bastian, Nicole Sullivan, Kristin Hadjstylianos, William Kenny, Ariana Vera, Kevin Mahoney, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Also in attendance were; Chief of Staff Michael Pollard of the City of Stamford, WestCOG Planning Aide Michael Wang, Zach Murdock of the News-Times, Max Friedman of CCM, James Root of Danbury, Sara Harris of the Town of Westport, and Samantha Sojka of Eversource.

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:34pm by Chairman Jayme Stevenson.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sustainable Fairfield County updated the COG on their role as a resource group.

## ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of June 21, 2018 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Julia Pemberton and seconded by First Selectman Rudy Marconi the minutes of the 06/21/2018 meeting were unanimously approved. An abstention was made by First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report from 3/31 and 6/30:** Treasurer Lynne Vanderslice presented the Treasurer's Report of March 31<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> to the COG members. The Operating Statements for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters were reviewed. On a motion made by First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker the financial reports were 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 Adjustments, 7/9/2018). There was discussion. On a motion made by Mayor Harry Rilling and seconded by First Selectman Don Lowe the proposed LOTCIP adjustments were unanimously approved.

**Approval of Donation to WestCOG Foundation, Inc.:** The initial \$5,000 donation from WestCOG to the WestCOG Foundation, Inc. was proposed. On a motion made by First Selectman Rudy Marconi and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker the initial donation to the Foundation was unanimously approved.

## FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

Director of Business Engagement and Program Services Ed Perzanowski and Commuter Program Manager Kristyn Gorton of CTrides presented *Connecticut's Resource for Commuters* to the COG. They updated the COG on issues with emissions, driving costs in the U.S., and commuting options.

WestCOG Planning Aide Michael Wang presented *Trends in Municipal Finances in CT* to the COG. He noted the changes in per-capita revenues and median household income over time, as well as trends in property tax and state transfers over time.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

**Sodium and Chloride in Well Water:** Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief Drinking Water Section Connecticut Department of Public Health, discussed best practices for the management of public water.

**Regional Services:** The initial subcommittee meeting will be scheduled.

## OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

## ADJOURNMENT

The next COG meeting will tentatively be held on August 16th. On a motion made by First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:11pm.