Western Connecticut
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

APPROVED Council Minutes
for the 10/17/2019 Regular Meeting
Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut

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

MEMBERS ATTENDING
Bethel.................................. Absent
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............................ Absent
Norwalk............................ Absent
Redding............................ First Selectman Julia Pemberton

Ridgefield......................... First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman............................ Absent
Stamford......................... Mayor David Martin
Weston............................... First Selectman Chris Spaulding
Westport.......................... First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton............................... First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

OTHERS ATTENDING
WestCOG staff members in attendance were Kristin Hadjstylianos, Charles Vidich, Kevin Mahoney, Nicole Sullivan and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Josh Hughes from Capitol Consulting, Kate Cannie from Public Service Retirement Agency, Harry Carey and Chris Andruszkiewicz of External Affairs at AT&T, James Root, Rich Schreiner and Alex Dashev of HARTransit, as well as Westport Operations Director Sara Harris were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 12:36pm by Chairman Jayme Stevenson.

FEATURED SPEAKER:
This featured speaker was postponed.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Kate Cannie from Public Agency Retirement Services presented on management services for municipalities.

Harry Carey and Chris Andruszkiewicz of External Affairs at AT&T presented information on the Smart Cities Technology.

INFORMATION ITEMS
Planning for the Internet of Things (5G): WestCOG Project Manager Charles Vidich provided an update on a 5G Task Force that is being created to develop a coordinated strategy that will work towards making our region a digital leader.

FY 18-19 Quarter 4 Adjusted Balance Sheet: Executive Director Pickering provided a correction to the Quarter 4 balance sheet that was approved last month.

NYNJHAT Study: Executive Director Pickering provided a brief update on the Tributaries Study.

Regional Services Update: Executive Director Pickering provided a brief update.

ACTION ITEMS
Approval of July 19, 2019 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Stamford Mayor David Martin, the minutes of the 7/19/2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Approval of September 19, 2019 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Westport First Selectman James Marpe and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn, the minutes of the 9/19/2019 meeting were unanimously approved, with a correction of the attendance spelling of Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn’s last name and abstentions made by Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson and New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco.

LOTCIP Adjustment: Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney presented three project cost increases to the COG’s LOTCIP project commitments. The increases will result in a negative balance of the COG’s LOTCIP fund allocation. A discussion ensued regarding the progression of applications. On a motion made by Stamford Mayor David Martin and seconded by Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, the COG unanimously approved the increase of the Greenwich Frontage Road and Delavan Avenue project from $1,080,000 to $1,300,000 and approved the increase of the Brookfield US 202 Streetscape Phase 3 project from $1,060,000 to $1,260,000 and approved the increase in the Weston Pedestrian Safety Improvements project from $1,510,000 to $1,820,000.

FY 19-20 Quarter 1 Financial Report: Due to time constraints, the approval of the Financial Report will be postponed until the November meeting.
ADJOURNMENT
The next COG meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21st. On a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:27pm.