

APPROVED Council Minutes

for the 11/21/2019 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..... Selectman Rich Straiton
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..... Public Works Director Tiger Mann
New Fairfield..... First Selectman Pat Del Monaco
New Milford..... Absent
Newtown..... First Selectman Dan Rosenthal
Norwalk..... Chief of Staff Laoise King
Redding..... Absent

Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman..... First Selectman Don Lowe
Stamford..... Chief of Staff Michael Pollard
Weston..... First Selectman Chris Spaulding
Westport..... First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton..... Absent

OTHERS ATTENDING

WestCOG staff members in attendance were Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Patricia Payne, Vicky Ricks and Executive Director Francis Pickering. New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, Joan Polzin, John Nuzzi, James Root, Paska Nayden, Rich Schreiner and Alex Dashev of HARTransit, Dan Giungi from CCM, as well as Tracey Alston and Samantha LaBonne from Eversource were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:35pm by Chairman Jayme Stevenson. Chairman Stevenson thanked Greenwich First Selectman Peter Tesei for his years of service and presented him with a Resolution of Appreciation.

FEATURED SPEAKER:

John Devine from the Ridgefield Local Economic Development Commission gave a brief presentation about Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations. Electric Vehicles are becoming increasingly popular and installing charging stations in central locations could be beneficial for economic development for your community

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joan Polzin from Brookfield spoke about health concerns regarding wireless technology. John Nuzzi from Brookfield also spoke about 5G health concerns, property value and aesthetic concerns.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of October 17, 2019 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, the minutes of the 10/11/2019 meeting were unanimously approved with abstentions made by Bethel Selectman Rich Straiton, Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and Norwalk Chief of Staff Laoise King.

FY 19–20 Quarter 1 Financial Report: After review by WestCOG Financial Manager Patty Payne and on a motion made by Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, the minutes of the Quarter 1 financial report was unanimously approved.

DEHMS Pre-Disaster Mitigation Resolution: After review of the resolution and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, the resolution was unanimously approved.

LOTICIP Adjustment: Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney presented a project cost increase to the COG's LOTICIP project commitments. The increases will result in a negative balance of the COG's LOTICIP fund allocation. On a motion made by Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, the COG unanimously approved the increase of the Brookfield US 202 Streetscape Phase 3 project from \$1,260,000 to \$1,360,000 .

INFORMATION ITEMS

Regional Transportation Priorities: WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos provided a quick survey to the members to rank our transportation priorities for the region and compared these results to our current LOTICIP committed projects. The survey is going to be reset and sent to the municipalities for additional input.

TOD Task Force: Francis Pickering provided an update on Governor Lamont's Transit-Oriented Development Task Force.

CT2030: Francis Pickering provided an overview of the CT 2030 transportation initiative.

Regional Plan of Conservation and Development: Francis Pickering provided an update on the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development Public Meetings being held on December 4th at the Greenwich Audubon and December 5th at Highstead in Redding.

5G Task Force: Francis Pickering provided a status update of the 5G Task Force.

Annual Report: Francis Pickering provided an overview of WestCOG's Regional Services Grant Progress Report for fiscal year 2018-2019. A copy of the report has been provided for review.

Nominating Committee: Francis Pickering provided an overview of the status of the Nominating Committee which will need to be approved at the December COG meeting.

Proposed 2020 Meeting Schedule: Francis Pickering provided an overview of the 2020 Meeting Schedule. It will need to be approved at the December COG Meeting.

Legislative Committee Update and Reception: Francis Pickering provided an update on the Legislative Committee and 2020 Reception, which is tentatively scheduled for February 13th in Hartford.

ADJOURNMENT

The next COG meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19th. On a motion made by Stamford Chief of Staff Michael Pollard and seconded by Bethel Selectman Rich Straiton, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:27pm.