

**APPROVED Council Minutes**

for the 02/17/2022 Meeting  
Held via Zoom Webinar

*Chairman Rudolph Marconi*

*Vice Chair- Julia Pemberton/Treasurer -Lynne Vanderslice/ Secretary Kevin Moynihan*

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Bethel..... First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker  
Bridgewater..... First Selectman Curtis Read  
Brookfield ..... First Selectman Tara Carr  
Danbury ..... Mayor Dean Esposito  
Darien ..... First Selectman Monica McNally  
Greenwich..... Selectman Lauren Rabin  
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 Caroline Simmons  
Weston..... First Selectman Samantha Nestor  
Westport..... Absent  
Wilton ..... Absent

**OTHERS ATTENDING**

HARTransit CEO Rick Schreiner, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, Senator Will Haskell, Senator Julie Kushner, Rep. Mitch Bolinsky, Rep. Lucy Dathan, Rep. Anne Hughes, Rep. Jonathan Steinberg, and Rep. Stephanie Thomas. WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Charles Vidich, Kristin Floberg, Todd Fontanella, Nicolas Trabka, Nicole Sullivan, Betsy Paynter, Victoria Ricks, Cricket Carpenter, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Also in attendance were Special Assistant to the Mayor and Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs at the City of Stamford Lauren Meyer, Diane Lauricella from Norwalk, Paul Hearn from Baralmar Advisors LLC, April Chaplin from the Kennedy Center, and David Allen.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** No members of the public offered comment when asked to do so.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Approval of January 20th 2021 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Darien First Selectman Monica McNally the minutes of January 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting were unanimously approved with an abstention made by Westport First Selectman Jen Tooker.

**Resolution for Banking Authority and Resolution for Pension Plan Trustees:** WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco the Resolution for Banking Authority and the Resolution for Pension Plan Trustees was unanimously approved.

**Adoption of the Strategic Vision and Plan:** Francis provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Darien First Selectman Monica McNally the Adoption of the Strategic Vision and Plan was unanimously approved.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**Regional Services Update:** Francis provided an update.

**ARPA/IIJA Coordination Update:** Francis provided an update.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** No Other business was discussed.

**Next Meeting:** MPO & COG Meeting Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion duly made the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:37 p.m.