# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



# **APPROVED** Council Minutes

for the 05/31/2022 Special Meeting

Held at the Ridgefield Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Chairman Rudolph Marconi

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

#### MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bethel..... First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker

Bridgewater..... First Selectman Cutis Read Brookfield..... First Selectman Tara Carr

Danbury ...... Chief of Staff Roger Palanzo

Darien ...... First Selectman Monica McNally

Greenwich...... Selectman Janet Stone McGuigan New Canaan...... First Selectman Kevin Moynihan

New Fairfield ..... Absent

New Milford...... Mayor Pete Bass

Newtown ...... First Selectman Dan Rosenthal

Norwalk.....Absent

Redding..... Absent

Ridgefield...... First Selectman Rudy Marconi

Sherman.....Absent

Stamford ...... Chief of Staff Bridget Fox

Weston..... Absent

Westport..... First Selectman Jennifer Tooker

Wilton...... First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

OTHERS ATTENDING Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise, HARTransit Chief Executive Officer Rick Schreiner, CTDOT Transportation Planner Sara Radacsi, Transit Representative Kimberlee Morton, WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Charles Vidich, Kristin Floberg, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, Betsy Paynter, Victoria Ricks, Cricket Carpenter, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Also in attendance: UCONN CIRCA Director of Resilience Planning John Truscinski and Evan Barr from Westport.

# **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:28 p.m. by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

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

Presentation and Receipt of Affordable Housing Toolbox and Municipal Annexes. Presented by WestCOG Staff members Kristin Floberg and Charlie Vidich.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Approval of April 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and seconded by New Milford First Selectman Pete Bass the minutes of April 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 meeting were unanimously approved with an abstention made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker.

Phase II Resilient Connecticut report (February 2022), UConn CIRCA: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan introduced the Director of Resilience Planning for the Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation John Truscinski. John offered to provide more information at future meetings.

LOTCIP Adjustments: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read the LOTCIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

Appointment of Auditor Selection: WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Darien First Selectman Monica McNally the Appointment of Auditor Selection was unanimously approved.

Resolution for the New Canaan Branch Noise Pollution Abatement Feasibility Study and the Conceptual Development of Congestion Reduction Projects: WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided and overview. After review and on a motion made Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Tara Carr the Resolution for the New Canaan Branch Noise Pollution Abatement Feasibility Study and the Conceptual Development of Congestion Reduction Projects was unanimously approved.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**2022–2023 Draft Budget & Regional Services Grant Spending Plan:** WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an overview.

Economic Development Update: WestCOG Manager Betsy Paynter provided the update.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Next Meeting: MPO & COG Meeting Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 2022

# ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:48 p.m.