

Regular Council Meeting: Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 10:00AM

\*\*\*\* ALL ATTENDEES ATTENDED REMOTELY \*\*\*\*

Meeting access was remote only, consistent with provisions specified in Executive Order No. 7B.

The meeting will be recorded

Please join via web or phone as follows:

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Name	Representing
Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy)	Bridgeport
Brenda Kupchick, First Selectwoman (Jackie Bertolone, Proxy)	Fairfield
Ken Kellogg, First Selectman, Chairman	Monroe
Laura Hoydick, Mayor	Stratford
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman	Trumbull
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director	MetroCOG
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG
Jennifer Carrier	FHWA
Sara Radasci	CTDOT
Meg Haffner	Kennedy Center
Eileen Lopez Cordone	UI

## Minutes

### I. Call to Order (MetroCOG Officer)

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, First Selectman Kellogg, at 10:28 AM.

First Selectman Kellogg performed a roll call of the MetroCOG Board members, all were present except First Selectman David Bindelglass from Easton. Mr. Flatto was acting as proxy for Mayor Ganim of Bridgeport. Ms. Bertolone was acting as proxy for First Selectwoman Brenda Kupchick.

First Selectman Kellogg performed a roll call of the MetroCOG staff, all staff anticipated to be in attendance were present.

### II. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

### III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

#### a. April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by Mr. Flatto. The motion carried with First Selectman Tesoro and Ms. Bertolone abstaining.

### IV. Action Items

#### a. Bylaw amendment, MetroCOG Education Assistance Policy

A motion to amend the bylaws as presented was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by Mr. Flatto.

Mr. Fulda noted that a concrete education policy was necessary and now included a callback provision. The motion carried unanimously.

#### b. Memorandum of Understanding, Regarding Transportation Planning & Funding in the Bridgeport/Stamford Transportation Management Area (TMA)

A motion to approve the MOU was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by Mayor Hoydick.

Mr. Fulda explained that the MOU is between the COGs, requested by DOT to coordinate planning and is an update of the existing MOU from 2002.

The motion carried unanimously.

c. MetroCOG FY2021 Healthcare

A motion to approve the FY2021 healthcare plan as presented was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

Mr. Fulda noted that he spoke with MetroCOG's broker who could not offer a cheaper plan due to the size of the group. Mr. Fulda noted that considering the plans offered, the current plan is the best option.

**V. Other Business**

a. COVID19 Long Term Recovery

Mr. Fulda offered MetroCOG's assistance sitting on the town's calls regarding COVID19 long term recovery.

First Selectman Kellogg inquired if MetroCOG had any staff members sitting on the regional steering committee.

Mr. Fulda confirmed that himself and Francis Pickering were on the committee.

Mayor Hoydick commented that she always learns something new speaking to the group and having a discussion regarding education would be helpful for the region's CEOs and Superintendents. Mayor Hoydick noted that it would be beneficial to work as a region to determine best practices for reopening.

First Selectman Kellogg concurred with Mayor Hoydick and noted that consistency will make constituents feel more comfortable.

First Selectman Tesoro echoed those feelings and expressed frustration with changing information.

There was a brief discussion regarding inconsistencies in government reporting of unemployment and COVID statistics.

Mr. Fulda noted that he would draft a letter on behalf of the board to send to the entire delegation regarding the inconsistencies in information provided to the towns.

Mayor Hoydick made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to draft a letter to send to the legislative delegation. The motion was seconded by First Selectman Tesoro and carried unanimously.

Mayor Hoydick expressed concern and reiterated the need for accurate information from the state.

- b. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)  
Mr. Fulda announced that staff was in the process of drafting an RFP to hire a consultant to perform a SWOT analysis and recommendation.
- c. Next Meeting Dates:
  - i. June 25, 2020
  - ii. July 30, 2020 (immediately after the meeting of the GBVMPO)

Mr. Fulda noted that there would be a special GBVMPO meeting held in the near future.

Mr. Fulda announced the board had originally approved a 3-year cost share between the towns for Pictometry flights, MetroCOG will now be covering the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the town's share.

First Selectman Kellogg requested that Mr. Fulda send an update to the towns with their updated responsibilities.

#### **VI. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by First Selectman Kellogg and seconded by Mr. Flatto. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05am.

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First Selectman Vicki Tesoro  
MetroCOG Secretary