

Regular Council Meeting: Thursday, June 25th, 2020, 10:00AM

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

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The meeting will be recorded

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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
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
Doug Holcomb	GBT
Sara Radasci	CTDOT
Meg Haffner	Kennedy Center
Eileen Lopez Cordone	UI
Ellen Graham	Blumenthal

Minutes

I. Call to Order (MetroCOG Officer)

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, First Selectman Kellogg, at 10:03am

First Selectman Kellogg performed a roll call of the MetroCOG Board members, all were present except First Selectman David Bindelglass from Easton and Mayor Hoydick from Stratford. 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

Ms. Graham representing Senator Blumenthal's office and Ms. Radacsi representing the Connecticut Department of Transportation announced their participation.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. A motion to approve the minutes from May 28th, 2020 was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by Ms. Bertolone. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Presentation – GBT Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (Doug Holcomb, CEO)

Mr. Holcomb presented Greater Bridgeport Transit's Public Transportation Safety Plan. Mr. Holcomb announced GBT as a recipient for the Golden Award for Safety and acknowledged GBT's commitment to identifying and addressing risks.

First Selectman Kellogg thanked Mr. Holcomb for his time.

V. Action Items

- a. FY 2021 RSG Spending Plan

A motion to adopt the 2021 RSG Spending Plan was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

Mr. Fulda explained that MetroCOG was required to provide a workplan and anticipated receiving the same funding allocation as FY2020.

The motion carried unanimously.

- b. FY 2021 Budget

A motion to approve the 2021 budget was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by Mr. Flatto.

Mr. Fulda explained the budget and noted that it was similar to last year's budget with an exception of two new grants and potential new money.

First Selectman Kellogg inquired about becoming the Region 1 Fiduciary agent. Mr. Fulda responded that those talks seem to have cooled off.

There was a brief discussion regarding the status of the current fund balance.

Mr. Flatto inquired if there was an uncertainty with future revenue.

Mr. Fulda noted that MetroCOG's largest funding source was safe and OPM does not anticipate holding any funding back.

The motion carried unanimously.

c. Education Assistance

A motion to approve education assistance for Mr. Devin Clarke, Regional Planner, was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by Ms. Bertolone.

First Selectman Kellogg noted that the board recently adopted a bylaw change with education assistance guidelines.

Mr. Fulda commented that the first year's allocation was built into the budget.

First Selectman Tesoro expressed her support and acknowledged that it was a great opportunity.

The motion carried unanimously.

d. Executive Director Contract FY21

A motion to extend the Executive Director's contract for one year was made by Ms. Bertolone and seconded by Mr. Flatto.

First Selectman Kellogg expressed his appreciation for Mr. Fulda's unsolicited offer to extend his current contract for 1 year based on its current terms.

First Selectman Tesoro and Mr. Flatto also expressed appreciation for Mr. Fulda's services.

The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Other Business

a. COVID19 Long Term Recovery

Mr. Fulda explained the coordination of the Regional Steering committee. He offered MetroCOG's assistance in local recovery efforts for any towns not currently receiving it.

b. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)

Mr. Fulda commented that the EDA grant was extended through June 20, 2021.

- c. Procurement of Legal Counsel
Mr. Fulda explained that the current legal counsel has moved to a new firm and Mr. Carleton drafted an RFP to acquire new legal.
- d. Hazardous Waste Collection
Mr. Fulda commented that Stratford reached out to MetroCOG to set up a regional hazardous waste collection day.

First Selectman Kellogg noted that the collection was well received in Monroe and he welcomed the opportunity to evaluate from a regional lense.

Mr. Fulda was encouraged to reach out to Public Works Departments.

- e. Next Meeting Dates:
 - i. July 30, 2020 (immediately after the meeting of the GBVMPO)
 - ii. August 27, 2020

VII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.

First Selectman Vicki Tesoro
MetroCOG Secretary