

Regular Council Meeting: Thursday, September 24<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

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Name	Representing
Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy)	Bridgeport
Brenda Kupchick, First Selectwoman (Jennifer Carpenter, 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
Sara Radasci	CTDOT
Maribeth Wojenski	CTDOT
Garrett Eucalitto	CTDOT
Kim Lesay	CTDOT
Jennifer Carrier	FHWA
Joseph Gresko, Representative	121st District

## Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, First Selectman Kellogg, at 10:13am

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. Carpenter 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. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. A motion to approve the minutes from June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by Ms. Carpenter.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Flatto – Yes

Ms. Carpenter – Yes

Mayor Hoydick – Yes

First Selectman Tesoro – Yes

First Selectman Kellogg – Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

### III. Action Items

Action Items were taken out of order.

- a. Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP)  
Mr. Fulda briefly explained the LOTICIP projects.

A motion to approve the resolution authorizing the allocation of LOTICIP funds was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by Mr. Flatto.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Flatto – Yes

Ms. Carpenter – Yes

Mayor Hoydick – Yes

First Selectman Tesoro – Yes

First Selectman Kellogg – Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

First Selectman Kellogg clarified that the voting items were being discussed first because some board members had to leave early.

b. Legal Services

First Selectman Kellogg noted that there was a place holder in the resolution so Mr. Fulda could explain the process and for the Council to entertain a motion.

Mr. Fulda explained the solicitation process, acknowledging that seven firms responded to the RFP. MetroCOG formed a selection committee consisting of the Agency's Directors and interviewed all seven qualified firms. Rankings of firms and fee schedules were provided in the agenda package.

First Selectman Kellogg thanked Mr. Fulda for the overview and inquired if the board wanted to approve the selection at the current meeting.

All members supported approving a firm.

Mayor Hoydick made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation of Berchem Moses. First Selectman Tesoro seconded the motion.

Mr. Flatto noted that Berchem Moses did outside work for the City of Bridgeport but did not see a conflict.

Mayor Hoydick confirmed that Berchem Moses did work for Stratford as well.

Mr. Fulda confirmed that one of the major interview questions was regarding work done with member towns and conflict of interest.

First Selectman Kellogg noted for the record that Cohen and Wolf represented Monroe.

First Selectman Tesoro commented that for the record Berchem Moses represents Trumbull's Board of Education, however they are not the town attorney.

First Selectman Kellogg responded that the motion was to adopt the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreement for legal services and insert Berchem Moses into the resolution.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Flatto – Yes

Ms. Carpenter – Yes

Mayor Hoydick – Yes

First Selectman Tesoro – Yes

First Selectman Kellogg – Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**V. Presentations**

a. Deputy Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto, CTDOT

Mr. Eucalitto, Deputy Commissioner of DOT introduced Kim Lesay as the new Bureau Chief for Policy and Planning, replacing Tom Maziarz.

Mr. Eucalitto presented to the board and provided updates regarding activities at CTDOT, including the return of roadway traffic, public transit and the loss in special transportation funds.

CTDOT is currently working remotely when possible and preparing for the legislative session.

First Selectman Tesoro noted that installation of the light at Route 111 has been expedited, but Trumbull needs it expedited faster as the process has been going on since 2015.

Mr. Eucalitto responded that he would get a status update.

b. Lake Success/Former Remington Site – Representative Joe Gresko (121<sup>st</sup> District)  
Representative Gresko provided a brief presentation on the status of the Remington Woods remediation. He wanted to make MetroCOG aware of what was happening and was making himself available to answer any questions.

Mr. Flatto confirmed that it was a great project.

**VI. Other Business**

a. Financials (Attachment F)

Ms. Kelleher noted that as the fiscal year just started, MetroCOG was on budget, did not anticipate any issues and was available for questions.

Mr. Fulda explained that MetroCOG was still awaiting final confirmation for the COVID funding but would keep the board updated.

b. MetroCOG FY20 Audit

Mr. Fulda explained that a draft of the audit should be available at the next meeting.

Mr. Flatto inquired if the new auditor was working out and everything that MetroCOG hoped for.

Mr. Fulda confirmed that the auditors were working out and appreciated the board allowing the COG to continue working with them.

c. Regional Marketing Strategy

Mr. Fulda explained that he was approached by NBC about creating a commercial to advertise the region. He noted that this has been done in Stratford on a smaller scale and wanted to approach the board with the idea before contacting the Economic Development Directors.

First Selectman Kellogg welcomed more fact finding and noted that it will all come down to cost.

d. Regional Hazardous Waste Collection

Mr. Fulda explained that the regional hazardous waste collection was included in the recently accepted RSG plan.

First Selectman Kellogg noted that the coordination would ultimately come down to the desire of each municipality.

e. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Mr. Carleton explained that the CEDS RFP went out in early August. Now that the legal services solicitation have been finalized, staff can begin reviewing the proposals and have something to bring before the body at the next meeting.

f. COVID19 Regional Long-Term Recovery

Mr. Fulda explained that the steering committee and working group meetings have been split up with WestCOG and the state has contracted a consultant. Mr. Fulda has a meeting with the consultant to discuss how we can best position ourselves for the consultant's needs.

g. Next Meeting Dates:

- i. October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- ii. November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**VII. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

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First Selectman Vicki Tesoro  
MetroCOG Secretary