



Regular Meeting
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
Thursday, July 25th, 2019 at 10:00 am
MetroCOG Conference Room Bridgeport, Connecticut

Name	Representing
Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy)	Bridgeport
Adam Dunsby, First Selectman, Secretary	Easton
Michael Tetreau, First Selectman, Chairman (Teleconference)	Fairfield
Laura Hoydick, Mayor, Vice-Chair (Teleconference)	Stratford
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman	Trumbull
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Devin Clarke, Regional Planner	MetroCOG
Colleen Kelleher, Deputy Finance Director	MetroCOG
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG
Zach McKeown	CCM

Minutes

I. Call to Order:

First Selectman Tetreau deferred to First Selectman Dunsby to run the meeting. The meeting was called to order by the Secretary, First Selectman Dunsby, at 10:53 AM.

II. Public Participation: There was no public participation

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- a. **June 27, 2019:** First Selectman Tesoro made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Flatto. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Action Items:

- a. **Regional Services Grant FY2020**

Mr. Fulda explained that a draft was submitted on July 1st but did not include the funding allocation. Mr. Fulda continued to explain changes in the allocation of funds to cover the cost of a new hire and the cost of a cooperative for the region to assist with public works costs.

Mr. Fulda noted that joining the cooperative as a COG did not hold the towns to anything, it was just an added benefit.

A motion to approve the resolution as presented was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by First Selectman Tetreau. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Communications & Announcements:

- a. **Subcommittee for Lease Renewal**

Mr. Fulda announced that Randy Vidal has been hired to represent MetroCOG in its lease renewal. Another meeting will be scheduled to go over the next steps.

- b. **Subcommittee on Staffing**

- c. First Selectman Tesoro explained that she met with Mr. Fulda and First Selectman Kellogg and spoke for a long time on the benefits of adding a new staff member.

Mr. Fulda presented the board with a chart that explained how the benefits, fringe and operations charges billed directly to a grant will make up for the loss of certain operation funds.

Mr. Flatto inquired why the lost piece of funding could not be reallocated to other staff members.

Mr. Fulda explained that other than himself and Ms. Kelleher, everyone was billing all of their available hours to grants. He noted that every day this person was not working the COG would be losing billable hours.

Mr. Fulda explained that he would like to hire an intern as a full time Regional Planner who could start immediately.

VI. Other Business:

a. Executive Director Update on MetroCOG Activities:

i. Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Mr. Fulda announced that the Hazard Mitigation Plan has State and FEMA approval after the Town of Easton adopted it. It will be put on the other town agendas over the next few months.

Mr. Fulda expressed gratitude to Milone & MacBroom and Mr. Carleton who were able to complete the plan in 8 months.

ii. County Equivalency Update

Mr. Fulda noted that there was no timeline, but the Governor is in favor and it will be moving forward.

VII. Meeting Dates:

First Selectman Kellogg noted that he would be unavailable to attend the July meeting.

VIII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by Mr. Flatto. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.



First Selectman Adam Dunsby
MetroCOG Secretary