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STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Stratford Town Council will conduct a regularly scheduled meeting on June 14, 2021 at 8:00 P.M. in Council Chambers of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT.

PUBLIC FORUM WILL BEGIN AT 6:45 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES —Regular Meeting May 10, 2021 and Special Meeting June 1, 2021

RESOLVED: that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2021 and the Special Meeting of June 1, 2021 be dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously provided to each Council Member and the same be and are hereby approved.

2. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

3. COMMUNICATIONS, BILLS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES

- 3.1 Letters of resignation (for information only)
- Email dated May 16, 2021 from Gladys Ramos – Stratford Library Association Board

3.2 Monthly Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) report.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT, COMMITTEE REPORTS, TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

4.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

4.2 QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR

4.3 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.3.1 The Public Works Committee held a regular meeting on June 8, 2021 and referred the following to Town Council with favorable recommendation:

- A. Town Bid #2021-41 Underground Tank –award of contract to the low bidder, ACV Environmental, in the amount of \$241,331.45 plus unit costs.

RESOLVED: that the award of contract for Town Bid #2021-41 Underground Tank to ACV Environmental be and is hereby approved, and the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into such in form acceptable to the Town Attorney.

4.3.2 The Building Needs Committee held a regular meeting June 8, 2021 and referred the following to Town Council with favorable recommendations:

- A. Bunnell High School - Barrall & Konover Floors Inc. Change Order #1 in the amount of \$362,547.31 for asbestos abatement and flooring replacement.

RESOLVED: that Barrall & Konover Floors Inc. Change Order #1 in the amount of \$362,547.31 for asbestos abatement and flooring replacement be and is hereby approved.

- B. Baldwin Center - Olympus Construction Change Order #1 in the amount of \$11,426.42 for retrofitting twelve existing pendant light fixtures in Main Hall with biax LED lighting.

RESOLVED: that Olympus Construction Change Order #1 in the amount of \$11,426.42 for retrofitting twelve existing pendant light fixtures in Main Hall with biax LED lighting be and is hereby approved.

4.4 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS and/or OLD BUSINESS

6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

6.1 ORDINANCES

6.1.1 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$11,685,000 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 (#21-06)

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

Section 1. The sum of \$11,685,000 is hereby appropriated to meet the estimated costs of the public improvements and equipment set forth below, as more fully described in the narrative description of such public improvements and equipment in the capital improvement program of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, said appropriation to be inclusive of administrative, financing, legal and costs of issuance related thereto:

Town Facilities

Technology – Information, Technology and Communication Equipment	\$ 100,000.00
Technology – Back-up Data Center	\$ 200,000.00
Technology – Network Switch Replacements	\$ 150,000.00

Technology – Fiber Optic Lines \$ 100,000.00

Public Works

Bldg Maint – Shakespeare Park Upgrades	\$ 200,000.00
Parks – Short Beach Tennis/Basketball Courts	\$ 500,000.00
Parks – Wooster Tennis Courts	\$ 450,000.00
Parks – LED Lighting Upgrade & Associated Site Restoration	\$ 400,000.00
Parks – Playground Renovation	\$ 150,000.00

Roads & Sewers

Engineering – Broad Street Bridge Over Ferry Creek Replacement	\$ 250,000.00
Engineering – Surf Avenue Culvert Replacement	\$ 200,000.00
Engineering – Barnum Avenue Culvert Carrying Bruce Brook	\$ 200,000.00
Engineering – Coastal Resiliency	\$ 100,000.00
Engineering – Tanners Brook Widening and Erosion Protection	\$ 50,000.00
Highway – Road Resurfacing & Reconstruction, Paving Lots	\$ 3,000,000.00
Highway – Storm Water Pump Station Renovations	\$ 200,000.00
Highway – Catch Basin and Sweeping Debris Disposal	\$ 250,000.00
Planning & Zoning – Downtown Parking Study	\$ 25,000.00

School Improvements

Bldg Maint – BOE Boiler Replacements in Various Schools	\$ 400,000.00
Bldg Maint – BOE Removal and Replacement of Oil Tanks	\$ 420,000.00
Highway – BOE and Schools Resurface Parking Lots	\$ 500,000.00
Highway – Bunnell Front Stair Replacement and Portico	\$ 50,000.00
Parks – Playground Replacements	\$ 125,000.00
Parks – Bunnell Tennis Courts	\$ 40,000.00
Bldg Maint – Safety and Security Improvements	\$ 250,000.00

Town Facilities

Bldg Maint – Baldwin Center Renovation/Upgrade	\$ 200,000.00
Bldg Maint – Roof Replacement at Birdseye Municipal Building	\$ 1,100,000.00
Bldg Maint – DPW Garage Repairs/Renovation	\$ 500,000.00
Bldg Maint - Renovations at Boothe Park	\$ 100,000.00
Bldg Maint – Renovation to Firehouses	\$ 75,000.00
Bldg Maint - Sterling House Homestead	\$ 750,000.00

Bldg Maint - Town Bldgs – Renovations	\$ 300,000.00
PW Admin. – Preliminary Design Specs for Projects	\$ 50,000.00
Libr - Drop Ceiling, Ductwork, Air Handling Unit & Lighting Repl	\$ 300,000.00

GRAND TOTAL ALL IMPROVEMENT/ EQUIPMENT PROJECTS: \$11,685,000.00

Section 2. Any of the estimated amounts for the public improvements set forth in Section 1 not required to meet the actual cost of such public improvements shall be allocated by the Mayor and Director of Finance as they deem necessary or advisable and in the best interests of the Town to other public improvements previously authorized by the Town Council for bonding, so long as such allocation is consistent with applicable tax and other laws.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after its passage pursuant to Section 2.2.9 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above entitled Ordinance be and is hereby dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously furnished to each member of the Town Council, and that the same be adopted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

6.1.2 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$11,685,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET THE APPROPRIATION FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 AND PENDING ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (#21-07)

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

Section 1. To meet the appropriation of \$11,685,000_made in the ordinance enacted together herewith for various public improvements and equipment in the capital improvement program for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 (the “Projects”), \$11,685,000_bonds of the Town may be issued maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date (the “Bonds”) for the Project and in the amounts as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto.

Section 2. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Mayor and the Director of Finance. The amount of Bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Mayor and the Director of Finance in the amount necessary to meet the Town’s share of the cost of the Projects determined after considering the estimated amounts and timing of State and Federal grants-in-aid for the Projects, provided that the total amount of Bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the Bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for costs of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the Mayor and the Director of Finance, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC, Attorneys-at-Law. The Bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the Bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such Bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The Town shall levy

taxes in each year to meet principal and interest due and payable on the Bonds issued pursuant to this ordinance.

Section 3. The Mayor and Director of Finance are hereby authorized to determine the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, date, maturity, prices, interest rates whether fixed or floating, form, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying registrar and transfer agent, the manner of sale or other terms and conditions of the Bonds, including the terms of any reserve that might be established as authorized herein, and whether any of the Bonds issued will be issued as taxable bonds, all in such a manner as the Mayor and Director of Finance shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town and in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "Connecticut General Statutes"), and to take such actions and to execute such documents, or designate other officials or employees of the Town to take such actions and to execute such documents, as deemed to be necessary or advisable and in the best interests of the Town by the Mayor and Director of Finance in order to issue, sell and deliver the Bonds.

Section 4. The Bonds shall be sold by the Mayor and the Director of Finance in a competitive offering or by negotiation in their discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the Bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. If the Bonds are sold by negotiation, the provisions of the bond purchase agreement shall be approved by the Mayor and Director of Finance.

Section 5. The Mayor and the Director of Finance are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the Bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Mayor and the Director of Finance, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the Director of Finance, be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC, Attorneys-at-Law, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the Director of Finance pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Notes shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or the Bonds, may be included as a cost of the Projects. Upon the sale of the Bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 6. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid prior to and any time after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for each Project with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Bonds") authorized to be issued by the Town. The Bonds shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Director of Finance or her designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and to amend this declaration.

Section 7. The Mayor and Director of Finance are hereby authorized, if they determine it is in the Town's best interests, to acquire, on behalf of the Town, bond insurance or other forms of credit enhancement guaranteeing the Bonds on such terms as the Mayor and Director of Finance determine to be appropriate, such terms to include, but not be limited to, those relating to fees, premiums and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with such credit enhancement, the terms of payment of such expenses and costs and such other undertakings as the issuer of the credit enhancement shall require; and the Mayor and Director of Finance, if they determine that it is appropriate, are authorized, on the Town's behalf, to grant security to the issuer of the credit enhancement to secure the Town's obligations arising under the credit enhancement, including the establishment

of a reserve from proceeds of the Bonds.

Section 8. The Mayor and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”) and to provide notices to the MSRB of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the Bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance. Any agreements or representations to provide information to the MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 9. The Mayor and Director of Finance are hereby authorized to apply for and accept any available State or Federal grant in aid of the financing of the Projects, and to take all action necessary or proper in connection therewith.

Section 10. The Mayor and Director of Finance in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, are hereby authorized to allocate any unused bond proceeds to public improvements and equipment previously authorized by the Town Council for bonding, consistent with the applicable tax and other laws, as deemed necessary or advisable and in the best interests of the Town by the Mayor and Director of Finance.

Section 11. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after its passage pursuant to Section 2.2.9 of the Town Charter.

Exhibit A

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RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above entitled Ordinance be and is hereby dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously furnished to each member of the Town Council, and that the same be adopted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

6.1.3 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING FEE FOR REGISTRATION OF GOLF CARTS (#21-08)

Sponsored by: Hon. Christopher J. Pia, District 1 and Hon. William F. Perillo, District 7

Be it Ordained that the following is hereby adopted as Section 203-15 of the Code:

There shall be established a fee for the registration of golf carts approved for use on the Town Roads pursuant to Section 14-300g of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Regulation concerning the use of golf carts adopted by the Traffic Authority of the Town of Stratford. The amount of said fee is hereby initially set at \$100.00 for each registration period, which amount may be amended from time to time by the Council, upon recommendation from the Traffic Authority. The fees collected pursuant to this section shall be used for the benefit of the activities of the Traffic Division of the Stratford Police Department.

RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above entitled Ordinance be and is hereby dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously furnished to each member of the Town Council, and that the same be adopted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

6.1.4 AN ORDINANCE CREATING AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (#21-09)

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.2.3 of the Charter of the Town of Stratford, the Council may establish by ordinance special funds for specified purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the Town auditors have recommended that the Town establish a special fund for monies received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act; and,

WHEREAS, it is both just and prudent to establish such American Rescue Plan Act Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

That an American Rescue Plan Act Fund is hereby created to receive all monies received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act. The Finance Director shall issue periodic reports to the Town Council detailing the amount of funds on deposit, and all expenditures from the Fund. Said Fund shall be held, managed and administered under the supervision of the Finance Director.

RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above entitled Ordinance be and is hereby dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously furnished to each member of the Town Council, and that the same be adopted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

6.1.5 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING MAYOR'S SALARY (#21-10)

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.2.5 of the Charter of the Town of Stratford, the Council shall fix the salary of the Mayor; and,

WHEREAS, the present Mayoral term will end on the second Monday of December in the year 2021; and,

WHEREAS, it is both just and prudent to set in a timely manner the salary of the Mayor for the term of office commencing on the second Monday of December 2021 and continuing during the four succeeding years, so as to both give notice to those interested in seeking said office and to facilitate the preparation of the budget for the next fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

that the Mayor's salary shall be set initially at \$122,945 per year, and that said salary shall increase, for each succeeding year subsequent to the first year of the Mayor's term, by an amount equivalent to two and one-quarter (2.25) percent of said initial salary. All other benefits currently enjoyed by the Mayor will be kept intact

RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above entitled Ordinance be and is hereby dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously furnished to each member of the Town Council, and that the same be adopted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

6.2 RESOLUTIONS

6.2.1 RESOLUTION REGARDING SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PANEL ARRAY: STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

RESOLVED, that the Stratford Town Council authorizes the Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for a Solar Photovoltaic Panel Array at Stratford High School; and

RESOLVED, that the Town Building Needs Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the Solar Photovoltaic Panel Array project at Stratford High School; and

RESOLVED, that the Stratford Town Council hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Solar Photovoltaic Panel Array project at Stratford High School; and

RESOLVED, that the Stratford Town Council recognizes that it previously appropriated the amount of \$ 125,966,646 for renovations to Stratford High School, of which there remains sufficient funds for the Solar Photovoltaic Panel Array at Stratford High School, up to a cost of \$1,000,000.

6.2.2 RESOLUTION REGARDING 2021 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes 12-632 et seq allows any municipality to submit to the State of CT Department of Revenue Services a list of programs eligible for investment, which programs provide neighborhood assistance, job training, education, community services, crime prevention, or energy conservation; and,

WHEREAS, business firms may engage in any approved program and receive a tax credit from the State of CT after approval from the local municipality; and,

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes 12-632 et seq. allows business firms to provide valuable public assistance while receiving tax credits and such would greatly benefit the Stratford community as local private concerns have expressed an interest in participating; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Stratford to approve the projects which applied for this program and recommend their approval to the CT Department of Revenue Services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

That the Stratford Town Council hereby approves the following projects for submittal to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 12-632 et. seq.

- Sterling House Community Center – Energy and Efficiency Improvements – Exterior Envelope Program at Sterling House: \$150,000

6.2.3 RESOLUTION REGARDING CT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUMMER ENRICHMENT EXPANSION GRANT

Executive Summary: The South End Community Center provides a valuable and effective summer learning program, Summer Soiree, for low and moderate income children from Stratford's south end neighborhood. This grant funds a Certified Teacher/Lead Counselor and a Junior Counselor, three field trips, three on-site enrichment activities, and instructional materials.

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, the Town of Stratford has been awarded a grant from the CT State Department of Education (the CSDE Summer Enrichment Expansion Grant) for the South End Community Center Summer Soiree in an amount not to exceed \$19,022; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Stratford enter into a grant agreement with the CT State Department of Education to accept funding in connection with this grant.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

1. That it is cognizant of the Town's grant application and contract with the CT State Department of Education for the South End Community Center Summer Soiree in an amount not to exceed \$19,022; and,
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor, Laura R. Hoydick, or her designee to execute and deliver such grant application (including any amendments thereto) and/or any and all related documents necessary to apply for and obtain funding from the CT State Department of Education in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Stratford.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Lease with Crown Castle Towers 06-2 LLC of a portion of Town property located on Chapel Street for the construction of a monopole cell tower.

RESOLVED: that the lease with Crown Castle Towers 06-2 LLC of a portion of Town property located on Chapel Street for the construction of a monopole cell tower be and is hereby approved, and the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into such in form acceptable to the Town Attorney.

7.2 Planning Commission request to the Town Council to amend the current Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Metropolitan Council of Governments (currently acting as Regional Project Administrator) to add Phase II preliminary designs with BSC Group (Consultant) and DOT staff.

7.3 Consider and act upon amending Chapter 142 of the Town Code - Town of Stratford Noise Control Ordinance.

7.4 Referred by the Commission on Aging

- Baldwin Center - Increase of non-resident fees from \$10.00 /year to \$25.00/year

RESOLVED: that the Baldwin Center increase of fee for non-residents from \$10.00/year to \$25.00/year be and is hereby approved.

7.7 Stratford High School Turf Field- Executive session requested

8. ADJOURNMENT