

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 1:00 pm
MetroCOG Conference Room Bridgeport, Connecticut

Name	Representing
Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy)	Bridgeport
Michael Tetreau, First Selectman, Chairman	Fairfield
Adam Dunsby, First Selectman	Easton
Ken Kellogg, First Selectman	Monroe
Laura Hoydick, Mayor (via teleconference)	Stratford
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman	Trumbull
Colleen Kelleher, Deputy Finance Director	MetroCOG
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Allison Brown, Intern	MetroCOG
Mark Goetz	MetroCOG
Larry Ciccarelli	MetroCOG
Sara Radasci	CTDOT
Daphne Dixon	Sustainable Fairfield County
Mary Hogue	Sustainable Fairfield County
Jeanne Davies	RC&D
Eileen Lopez Cordone	UI

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I. Call to Order:

This was a regular meeting of the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments. It was called to order by the Chairman, First Selectman Tetreau, at 1:26 PM.

II. Public Participation: There was no public participation.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

a. May 31, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting was made by First Selectman Kellogg and seconded by First Selectman Dunsby. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Action Items:

Item b. was taken out of order.

a. Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program: Revised cost estimates & new project.

Mr. Fulda explained that the resolution was to approve the updated LOTCIP. He noted that there were cost increases in Trumbull and Stratford.

Mr. Flatto asked if the funding allocation was filled for the next several years.

Mr. Fulda explained that there was funding through 2022 but the COG has not programed anything in 2021 or 2022. The COG is currently programed at or above.

First Selectman Tesoro noted that she was in favor due to the interest in Trumbull.

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

b. Connecticut Resource Conservation & Development Area, presentation by Jeanne Davies

Mr. Fulda announced that the presentation was a request from the previous meeting and introduced Ms. Davies.

Ms. Davies explained the purpose of the project. Ms. Davies could have gone to a different COG but chose MetroCOG due to their expertise in GIS.

First Selectman Dunsby requested more information on the agriculture GIS needs analysis.

Ms. Davies explained that through stakeholder input MetroCOG would look at a host of what geospatial data sets are needed resulting in a report leading to an application for a larger grant.

Mr. Flatto expressed concern regarding the staff time that would be involved.

Ms. Davies explained that MetroCOG would be a facilitator and funding covers staff time.

First Selectman Dunsby asked Ms. Davies if she felt that the project would directly benefit the six COGs.

Ms. Davies noted that the project would help define MetroCOG as a region and would provide long term planning.

There was a brief discussion regarding long term benefits of the project and information it can provide to enhance economic development in the region.

First Selectman Tetreau noted that this project would put MetroCOG in a good position to receive future funding and it wouldn't cost the COG anything.

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

c. Town of Monroe MS4 GIS Mapping Project.

Mr. Fulda explained that MetroCOG would like to sign a Professional Services Agreement with the Town of Monroe for contractual GIS mapping of the catch basins and storm water sewer network.

Mr. Flatto inquired if MetroCOG has considered regional planning work.

Mr. Fulda explained that some work would be Monroe specific but that part of it would be regional and available to all of the towns.

First Selectman Kellogg noted that the work was for MS4 compliance and using MetroCOG would be efficient and cost effective.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by First Selectman Dunsby and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

Mr. Fulda noted that 2013 aerial photography identified catch basins in the region and MetroCOG had that information available.

The motion carried unanimously.

d. FY19 Regional Services Grant Spending Plan

Mr. Fulda explained that OPM is set to accept the RSG grant for FY2019. Mr. Fulda noted that the services does not only supplement staff time but helps to reduce town costs as well.

There was a brief discussion regarding town dues and what RSG covers.

A motion to approve the spending plan was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Kellogg. The motion carried unanimously.

e. MetroCOG FY19 Budget

Mr. Fulda explained that there was a surplus expected in next years budget.

First Selectman Tetreau requested that a budget committee be set up to go over the budget line by line.

Mr. Flatto made a motion to add a contingency line to balance the budget. The motion was seconded by First Selectman Kellogg. A motion to approve the budget carried unanimously.

V. Communications and Announcements:

a. Sustainable Fairfield County Presentation by Mary Hogue

Ms. Hogue explained the mission of Sustainable Fairfield County.

Mr. Fulda introduced Ms. Brown, and inter from Sustainable Fairfield County who will be with MetroCOG for the summer.

b. Financials

Mr. Fulda briefly presented the financials.

V. Other Business

- a. Mr. Fulda provided an update on MetroCOG activities.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 pm.

Respectively submitted,

First Selectman Adam Dunsby
MetroCOG Secretary