

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on March 22nd, 2013 were reviewed. A motion was made by First Selectman Herbst and seconded by Mayor Harkins to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved by four members. First Selectman Tetreau abstained from the vote.

IV. Communications and Announcements

1. Committee Reports

Mr. Bidolli introduced Ms. Lemay. Ms. Lemay described the purpose of the GBRC's Conservation Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC). The CTAC has difficulty getting a quorum, so she presented proposed revisions to the CTAC bylaws. First Selectman Tetreau explained that his Conservation staff was having extensive meetings with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and thus could not attend the CTAC meetings. First Selectman Herrmann stated that the Council would review the proposed changes and formulate questions for the next meeting.

Mr. Bidolli highlighted First Selectman Herbst's role in DEMHS Region 1.

2. FY 2013 Unified Work Program Status/Financial Report/2014 Budget

Mr. Bidolli explained the UPWP to the Council. Specific projects highlighted included the Pequonnock River Trail website and the Business Analyst Online application.

First Selectman Herbst expressed concern about the Pequonnock River Trail's intersection with Route 111, between Monroe and Trumbull. His public works, engineering and police departments were concerned about the safety of people crossing the intersection, as there was not a traffic light. The Town of Trumbull plans on contacting ConnDOT about the issue. First Selectman Herbst requested that GBRC assist. Mr. Bidolli explained that a project to look at the intersection is planned for next year.

First Selectman Tetreau suggested that future agendas include an update on the Regional GIS project and Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Bidolli provided a brief update on the Regional GIS Project to the Council. All Fairfield maps were scanned. Over the next six months, staff will work on building parcels. The GIS for Trumbull and Stratford will be complete first. The Fairfield, Easton and Monroe GIS would be available in January or February of 2014. Mr. Bidolli mentioned that he should meet with each municipality's department heads to explain the application. First Selectman Herrmann specified that each municipality would decide how much information is available to the public.

Mr. Bidolli proceeded to present the 2014 budget to the Council. Because First Selectman Herrmann requested that administrative costs be allocated to projects, there was a carryover of \$127,422 in the planning budget. Mr. Bidolli suggested that this carryover be used toward a Regional Plan of Conservation and Development.

3. Data Utility Agreement

Mr. Bidolli explained that this agreement will release the GBRC from any liability if the public gets access to utility information provided by the GBRC to a member municipality.

4. Legislative Update

Mr. Bidolli provided the Council with a brief update on H.B. 6706.

V. Action Items

1. H.B. 6706 Implementation

Mr. Bidolli explained that recent legislation requires the GBRC transition from a Council of Elected Officials to a Council of Governments. This change is administrative only, as the GBRC currently operates as a Council of Governments. First Selectman Vavrek remarked that some members of the legislative delegation may not have supported this bill.

First Selectman Tetreau requested that “Council of Elected Officials” be struck from the third paragraph in the resolution. First Selectman Herbst made a motion that the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council be reconstituted as a regional council of governments. Mayor Harkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Geospatial Technical Advisory Committee:

First Selectman Herbst made a motion to authorize the formation of a Geospatial Technical Advisory Committee. First Selectman Tetreau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Memorandum of Understanding – South Windsor GIS

First Selectman Herbst made a motion to adopt the Memorandum of Agreement for GIS data and technology sharing between the Town of South Windsor and the GBRC. First Selectman Vavrek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Other Business

There was no further business.

VII. Adjourn

Having no further business, First Selectman Herrmann made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by First Selectman Herbst.

Respectively submitted,



John Harkins, Mayor,
GBRC Secretary