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Minutes Special Meeting Greater Bridgeport Regional Council

Wednesday, June 6, 2012
Greater Bridgeport Regional Council, Conference Room
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Name	Representing
<p>Thomas A. Herrmann, First Selectman, GBRC Chairman Bill Finch, Mayor Mike Tetreau, First Selectman Steve Vavrek, First Selectman Timothy Herbst, First Selectman</p>	<p>Easton Bridgeport Fairfield Monroe Trumbull</p>
<p>Brian Bidolli, Executive Director Meghan Sloan, Transportation Planner</p>	<p>GBRC GBRC</p>

Minutes

I. Call to Order

This was a regular meeting of the GBRC. It was called to order by First Selectman Herrmann, Chairman, at 10:10 am. A quorum was declared. As the Secretary, Mayor Harkins was not present, First Selectman Vavrek was appointed as the Secretary *pro tem*.

II. Public Participation

First Selectman Herrmann asked if there was anyone from the public who wanted to address the GBRC. Hearing none, the GBRC proceeded to the next item.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the RCEO special meeting held on Wednesday, April 12, 2012 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mayor Finch and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek to accept the minutes.

IV. Communications and Announcements

1. FY 2012 Unified Work Program Status/Financial Report

Mr. Bidolli presented the Financial Report to the board. Details were provided for the Barnum Station Feasibility Study (Sustainable Communities Initiative Program), Travel Time Surveys, the Realignment of Lafayette Circle Feasibility Study (the public outreach component) and the Pequonnock River Trail (obligation deadline, branding and reimbursement from the Connecticut Department of Transportation). Mayor Finch commented that extension of the trail on Route 1 may not be appropriate and expressed preference for Noble Street and Knowlton Park.

Mayor Finch and First Selectman Tetreau discussed the Ash Creek Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study. Bicycle access, property values and the neighborhood's development potential were viewed as important components of the study.

2. DEMHS Region 1 Update

As the presenter for this item was not available, the item was tabled for the next meeting.

V. Action Items

1. Authorizing Resolution – Unified Planning Work Program/FY 2013 Budget

Mr. Bidolli presented the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program to the GBRC. He explained that the program covered projects and tasks for a two year period (2013 and 2014), and was developed through input from municipal staff.

Mr. Bidolli explained the program's funding sources and changes to the program's budget. The overall budget increase reflects new special projects and associated consultant costs. The operations budget was reduced.

Council members expressed interest in regional GIS. Mr. Bidolli explained that a grant application for a regional GIS project had been submitted to the State of Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management. A response to this proposal is anticipated within the next month. The Council briefly discussed the advantages of regional GIS.

On a motion made by First Selectman Herbst and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek, the resolution was unanimously approved.

After the resolution was approved, the GBRC discussed the role of the Regional Planning Commission.

2. Authorizing Resolution – Professional Services Agreement: Stratford/GBT TOD Pilot Project

Mr. Bidolli explained the purpose of the Professional Services Agreement for the Stratford/GBT TOD Project. This agreement will allow for FHWA funding for the East Bridgeport

Development Corridor to be flexed to FTA funding through Greater Bridgeport Transit. Mayor Finch verified that Mayor Harkins approved of the agreement.

On a motion made by Mayor Finch and seconded by First Selectman Herbst, the resolution was unanimously approved.

IV. Other Business

Mr. Maurice McCarthy, the Director of Public Works for the Town of Stratford arrived as a proxy for Mayor Harkins.

Having no further business a motion was made by First Selectman Vavrek to adjourn. First Selectman Herbst seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Respectively submitted



Steve Vavrek, First Selectman
GBRC Secretary *pro tem*