

**Regular Council Meeting: Thursday, June 24, 2021, 10:00 am**

Meeting access was in person and remote , consistent with provisions specified in Executive Order No. 7B.

**Web:** <https://zoom.us/j/98509167881> **Meeting ID:** 985 0916 7881

**Phone:** 1 929 205 6099 **Access Code:** 985 0916 7881

Name	Representing
Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy)	Bridgeport
David Bindelglass, First Selectman	Easton
Ken Kellogg, First Selectman, Chairman	Monroe
Laura Hoydick, Mayor	Stratford
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman	Trumbull
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Devin Clarke, Regional Planner	MetroCOG
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director	MetroCOG
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG
David Murphy	Resilient CT
Sara Radacsi	CTDOT
Paula Anthony	Berchem Moses
Meg Haffner	Kennedy Center

## Minutes

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, First Selectman Kellogg at 10:04 am.  
Mr. Fulda performed a roll call, the following were present:

From the board:

First Selectman Kellogg, Monroe  
Mayor Hoydick, Stratford  
First Selectman Tesoro, Trumbull  
First Selectman Bindelglass, Easton  
Mr. Flatto, Bridgeport

From MetroCOG:

Mr. Fulda, Executive Director  
Mr. Carleton, Deputy Director  
Ms. Kelleher, Finance Director  
Ms. Sloan, Planning Director  
Mr. Clarke, Regional Planner

From the public:

Mr. Murphy, Resilient CT  
Ms. Radacsi, CTDOT  
Ms. Haffner, Kennedy Center

### II. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

### III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

#### a. May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Bindelglass. A roll call vote was taken:

Mayor Hoydick - yes  
First Selectman Tesoro - yes  
First Selectman Bindelglass - yes  
First Selectman Kellogg - yes  
Mr. Flatto – yes

The motion carried unanimously.

### IV. Presentations

#### a. Resilient Connecticut Update, Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation Mr. Fulda introduced Mr. Murphy and explained that he was working with CIRCA to

develop and update the second phase of planning.

Mr. Murphy explained that Resilient CT was at a milestone point and had come up with 8 or 9 opportunity areas. Risk zones were developed between Fairfield and Stratford and Mr. Murphy would be setting up meetings with towns to determine interest.

Mr. Flatto inquired if Bridgeport was contacted.

Mr. Murphy responded that Bridgeport was reached out to but would appreciate assistance getting the discussions going.

First Selectman Kellogg understood that areas along the coast are significant but would like to have meetings to discuss inland flooding and expressed concern regarding the silence on the inland communities.

First Selectman Tesoro expressed the same concern and would like to take Mr. Murphy up on his offer to set up a meeting.

Mr. Murphy noted that because the hazard mitigation grant was finalized so recently, many of the projects that were mentioned were already well positioned for FEMA grants.

Mr. Fulda commented that the project was not constrained to the coast and some inland information was not included in the presentation, but he would set up meetings for Monroe, Trumbull and Easton.

## **V. Action Items**

### **a. Corridor/Planning Study prioritization**

Mr. Fulda explained that MetroCOG solicited requests from the municipalities and two potential studies were prioritized. Mr. Fulda noted that in the past two proposals had been submitted and both were approved by CTDOT.

Mr. Fulda explained the two studies, one for Bridgeport and one for Stratford. Mr. Fulda noted that both projects had a significant regional advantage and safety issues were looked at as a priority.

Mayor Hoydick commented that based on safety and total crashes she would recommend that Bridgeport be prioritized first.

A motion to adopt the resolution ranking Bridgeport 1 and Stratford 2 was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro. A roll call vote was taken:

Mayor Hoydick - yes  
 First Selectman Tesoro - yes  
 First Selectman Bindelglass - yes  
 First Selectman Kellogg - yes  
 Mr. Flatto – yes

The motion carried unanimously.

b. Regional Services Grant FY2022 Work Plan

A motion to approve the RSG Work Plan was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Bindelglass.

Mr. Fulda explained that the work plan was for the annual RSG grant through OPM. He noted that the formula had been revised and was included in the budget. Mr. Fulda explained minor differences from the previous work plans.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mayor Hoydick - yes  
 First Selectman Tesoro - yes  
 First Selectman Bindelglass - yes  
 First Selectman Kellogg - yes  
 Mr. Flatto – yes

The motion carried unanimously.

c. Employee Education Reimbursement FY22: Devin Clarke

A motion to approve Mr. Clarke's education reimbursement for the FY22 year was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

First Selectman Kellogg noted there was a letter from Mr. Clarke outlining his completed credits and future coursework.

Mr. Fulda explained that the education assistance program required annual approval of courses for the next year and would allow Mr. Clarke to complete his program.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mayor Hoydick - yes  
 First Selectman Tesoro - yes  
 First Selectman Bindelglass - yes  
 First Selectman Kellogg - yes  
 Mr. Flatto – yes

The motion carried unanimously.

d. MetroCOG FY2022 Draft Budget

A motion to approve the FY2022 budget was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by Mr. Flatto.

Mr. Fulda commented that the budget included the full RSG amount and new planning studies. A non-binding commitment letter had been received for EDA Covid funding.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mayor Hoydick - yes  
 First Selectman Tesoro - yes  
 First Selectman Bindelglass - yes  
 First Selectman Kellogg - yes  
 Mr. Flatto – yes

The motion carried unanimously.

- e. Executive Director Employment Agreement  
 First Selectman Kellogg explained that a special meeting was held to discuss Mr. Fulda's employment agreement and offered another opportunity to go into executive session.

A motion to approve the agreement was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by First Selectman Bindelglass. A roll call vote was taken:

Mayor Hoydick - yes  
 First Selectman Tesoro - yes  
 First Selectman Bindelglass - yes  
 First Selectman Kellogg - yes  
 Mr. Flatto – yes

The motion carried unanimously.

## VI. Other Business

- a. Financials  
 Mr. Fulda briefly went through June's financials noting that expenses were recorded for the year and revenue would be updated as soon as all of June's timesheets were in.
- b. SustainableCT Intern – Julia Stevenson  
 Mr. Fulda introduced Ms. Stevenson as a new intern being paid for by Sustainable CT. Ms. Stevenson would be available to assist the municipalities put together information as needed.
- c. EDA COVID-19 Funding  
 Mr. Fulda noted that he has already discussed receiving the non-binding commitment letter and would keep the board updated.

- h. Next Meeting Dates:
  - i. July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - ii. August 26, 2021

**VII. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52.

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First Selectman Vicki Tesoro  
MetroCOG Secretary