

Regular Council Meeting: Thursday, September 30, 2021, 10:00 am

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Name	Representing
Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy)	Bridgeport
David Bindelglass, First Selectman	Easton
Brenda Kupchick, First Selectwoman (Jackie Bertolone, Proxy)	Fairfield
Kenneth Kellogg, First Selectman, Chairman	Monroe
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman	Trumbull
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director	MetroCOG
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG
Sara Radacsi	CTDOT
Meg Haffner	Kennedy Center
Rebecca Bunnell	Fairfield

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, First Selectman Kellogg at 10:01 am. Mr. Fulda performed a roll call; the following were present:

From the board:

First Selectman Kellogg, Monroe

First Selectman Tesoro, Trumbull

Ms. Bertolone, Fairfield

Mr. Flatto, Bridgeport

First Selectman Bindelglass, Easton (joined at 10:05)

From MetroCOG:

Mr. Fulda, Executive Director

Mr. Carleton, Deputy Director

Ms. Kelleher, Finance Director

Ms. Sloan, Planning Director

II. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. June 24th, 2021

A motion to approve the June 24th meeting minutes was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

A roll call vote was taken:

First Selectman Tesoro – yes

Mr. Flatto – yes

First Selectman Kellogg – yes

Ms. Bertolone – Abstained

The motion carried with 3 yeses and 1 abstention.

IV. Action Items

a. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

A motion to adopt the resolution as presented was made by First Selectwoman Tesoro and seconded by Ms. Bertolone.

Mr. Fulda reminded the board of the CEDS process and informed them of the 30-day public comment period that ended on September 30th. Mr. Fulda noted that few comments were received.

Mr. Fulda explained that the final steps are board approval, followed by approval by

the State and US EDA.

Approval will allow MetroCOG and municipalities to apply for more US EDA funding.

The motion carried unanimously.

b. Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP)

A motion to adopt the resolution as presented was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

Mr. Fulda announced that some funds were being reprogrammed due to changes additional projects. Mr. Fulda explained that the Noble Avenue Roundabout/Beardsley Zoo project application was stalled by CTDOT and that improvements to Seaview and Barnum Avenues required more funding.

Mr. Fulda also noted that there was a bridge replacement in Stratford would not be funded and would be replaced with the 2nd phase of the Stratford Complete Streets project.

Mr. Flatto thanked Mr. Fulda and noted that the Seaview Avenue project was a top priority for Bridgeport.

First Selectman Kellogg inquired if the resolutions needed to indicate the swaps.

Mr. Fulda responded that swaps were not typically indicated in the resolutions but could be amended if necessary. He also noted that the schedule/spreadsheet would be appropriately updated.

Mr. Flatto made a motion to amend the resolution to refer to the attached schedule. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bertolone. The motion and amended resolution carried unanimously.

c. Stratford Complete Streets Design Phase 2 – Project Management

A motion to adopt the resolution as presented was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by First Selectman Bindelglass.

Mr. Fulda explained that the resolution authorizes MetroCOG to enter into a contract with the Town of Stratford to perform professional services, with a not to exceed of \$25,000.

The motion carried unanimously.

d. Trumbull Grant Writing Technical Assistance

A motion to adopt the resolution and PSA for grant writing for the Town of Trumbull was made by First Selectman Bindelglass and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

Mr. Fulda explained that MetroCOG would be working with Trumbull to provide grant writing services as a contingency in the event that Trumbull had excess work.

First Selectman Tesoro noted that Trumbull wanted to be prepared if an abundance of grants went through.

The motion carried unanimously.

V. Other Business

a. Financials

Ms. Kelleher explained that as the new fiscal year had just begun there were no concerns to express to the board.

Mr. Fulda added that MetroCOG was still waiting for RSG funding, but he was not concerned, since OPM was making administrative adjustments to the process.

b. MetroCOG FY2021 Audit

Mr. Fulda noted that the Audit was completed and that he would send the report to the board for review prior to an October presentation. Mr. Fulda explained highlights including an addition to the fund balance, a level indirect rate and zero money owed back to CTDOT.

First Selectman Kellogg acknowledged the accomplishment of getting the fund balance up to a comfortable level and inquired if there were any findings.

Mr. Fulda responded that there were no findings in the audit.

c. FEMA Federal Grant Technical Assistance

Mr. Fulda noted that the CARES Act and ARPA are funding projects in addition to FEMA projects. Mr. Fulda was not sure of opportunities but would keep the board updated.

Mr. Fulda explained that there was an October 7th deadline for project submissions.

There was a brief discussion about setting up a call to discuss potential projects.

d. EDA COVID-19 Funding

Mr. Fulda commented that as of September 27th EDA gave notice of award to DECD The next step is review by the Attorney General. and the Governor’s signature.

Mr. Fulda does not anticipate funding until December.

h. Next Meeting Dates:

- i. October 28th, 2021
- ii. November 18th, 2021

VI. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by Mr. Flatto. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

First Selectman Vicki Tesoro
MetroCOG Secretary