

ALL COMMON COUNCIL ACTIONS TAKEN AT THIS MEETING TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS OR TO ACCEPT BIDS AND OTHER PROPOSALS REQUIRING THE EXPENDITURE OF CITY FUNDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. and led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. King, the City Clerk, read the notice stating that the meeting was being videotaped and audio recorded for public broadcast. She also stated that assisted listening devices were available.

ROLL CALL.

Ms. King called the roll.

Council at Large:	Mr. Richard Bonenfant Mr. Bruce Kimmel	Mr. Michael Corsello Mr. Nick Sacchinelli
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. Steven Serasis
District B:	Ms. Phaedrel Bowman	
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Michelle Maggio
District D:	Ms. Shannon O'Toole-Giandurco	Mr. Michael DePalma
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	Mr. John Igneri

There were thirteen (13) present and two (2) absent (Hempstead, Simms)

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mr. Tod Bryant of Morgan Avenue came forward to speak about the Norwalk Preservation Trust possibly leasing an office at Fodor Farm. He said that the group is very excited about possibly renting at the farm. He thanked Mr. Mocciae's vision and for his working so hard on this project. Other areas of the country have been interested in the level of horticulture, conservation, health education and preservation. Having an office for the Trust at Fodor Farm along with other organizations would create some new synergy.

Mr. Bryant noted that Agenda Item VII-A-8a listed the Norwalk Preservation Trust, Inc. as the "Norwalk Preservation & Trust", which was incorrect.

Mr. Michael Mushak of Elmwood Avenue came forward to address the new Council. He said that he wanted to speak in favor of renting Fodor Farm. This project has received national recognition and had received an award from the National Conference of Mayors.

He added that the barn was rentable for \$100/hour and can seat up to 80 people. Mr. Mushak said that the staff carpenters did a fabulous job on the barn. Having a private/public partnership is great. He said that the farm was almost made into a subdivision, but due to the actions of a number of people who show up and speak about different issues, such as Diane Lauricella, the 350 year old farm was saved through a private/public partnership. Now there are community gardens and there will be offices on the property. Norwalk is at the forefront of this kind of partnership. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and said "May the Force be with you."

Mr. Cesar Ramirez, a Norwalk resident, came forward to speak to the Council. He said that he was a pro-active member of the Latino community and he was present to support the re-appointment of Mr. Felix Serrano. He thanked the Council for their time.

Mr. John Maling of Seabreeze Place came forward to speak to the Council. He said that he was present in support of Fodor Farm.

Mr. Maling said that the land trust now has about 28 properties in the City and they are all surrounded by neighbors. The neighbors now can come together to talk about how the open space affects them. He thanked the Council in advance for their approval of this agenda item.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Maling for all that the Land Trust had done and said that it was important to preserve open spaces in Norwalk.

MAYOR.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resignations: Michael Skiber, Zoning Board of Appeals

Mayor Rilling announced the resignation of Mr. Michael Skiber from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Appointments: Laoise King, Board of Estimate and Taxation

**** MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LAOISE KING TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION.**

Mr. Kimmel said he had known Ms. King for a long time and that he was pleasantly surprised to discover how knowledgeable Ms. King was about municipal affairs. Ms. King is a lawyer and works in education in New Haven. She is well versed in budgetary proceedings.

Mayor Rilling said that Ms. King's resume was very impressive. He added that after all the appointments were concluded, the oath of office would be administered to the newly appointed Board members.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

James Hendrickson - Pension Board

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. JAMES HENDRICKSON TO THE PENSION BOARD.**

Mr. Igneri said he was pleased to nominate Mr. Hendrickson and had known him for about 10 years. Mr. Igneri said that he had introduced Mr. Hendrickson to the Chairman of the Pension Board and the conversation went on for two hours.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Reappointments:

James Page – Board of Estimate and Taxation

Mayor Rilling informed everyone that the paperwork incorrectly listed Mr. Page as a Democrat but he is actually an unaffiliated voter.

**** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JAMES PAGE TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION.**

Mr. Sacchinelli said that Mr. Page was very passionate about getting things done and has a very strong resume.

Ms. Bowman said that she supported Mr. Page in this appointment and had known his wife for many years.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

James Feigenbaum – Board of Estimate and Taxation

Mayor Rilling noted that this re-appointment would require a 2/3rds majority because it is Mr. Feigenbaum's third term.

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JAMES FEIGENBAUM TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION.**

Mr. Bonenfant said that he knew that Mr. Feigenbaum cares deeply about Norwalk and was please to present his re-appointment.

Mayor Rilling said that during the past two years when he worked with Mr. Feigenbaum, Mr. Feigenbaum was very thorough and clear in his decisions.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Paul Cifatte – Oak Hill Park Authority

**** MR. CORSELLO MOVED TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF PAUL CIFATTE TO THE OAK HILL PARK AUTHORITY.**

Mr. Corsello spoke about how Mr. Cifatte had served in many different capacities. The Oak Hill Park was not just a golf course but also had tennis courts. Mr. Cifatte is a tennis player and brings that perspective to the Authority. He is a hard worker and gets things done.

Ms. O'Toole-Giandurco said that she would like to support the re-appointment of Mr. Cifatte. She said she had served with him on the Authority and the perspective of a tennis player was needed on the Board. She added that Mr. Cifatte had done a significant amount of work and put in a large amount of time on the Park.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Frank Nash – Pension Board

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF FRANK NASH TO THE PENSION BOARD.**

Mr. Igneri said that Mr. Nash has served on the Pension Board for 10 years and that he is a highly experienced investor. He looks towards the future and the economic impacts on the City. Mayor Rilling said that he concurred with Mr. Igneri's summary of Mr. Nash's contributions to the Pension Board.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Felix Serrano Redevelopment Agency

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. SERRANO TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.**

Mr. Kydes thanked Mayor Rilling for putting Mr. Serrano's name forward as a candidate. Sometimes, it is difficult for a Mayor to appoint someone from a different party. Mr. Kydes spoke about all the excellent qualities that Mr. Serrano brought to the Redevelopment Agency.

Mr. Kimmel agreed and said that Mr. Serrano had worked very hard behind the scenes during the meeting about the Mall.

Ms. Maggio said that Mr. Serrano had done a great job during the work on the GGP project. She added that Mr. Ramirez's comments summed up Mr. Serrano's contributions. She said that Mr. Serrano had done a great job and was pleased that he was being re-appointed.

Ms. O'Toole-Giandurco said that she had gotten to know Mr. Serrano during the last term with the GGP project. She said that she was pleased to call him a friend.

Mr. Igneri said that he was not on the Planning Committee, but when he had a question, he would call Mr. Serrano and Mr. Serrano would provide him with the Redevelopment Agency viewpoint, and the GGP viewpoint along with his own personal viewpoint. He was very bipartisan, which allowed Mr. Igneri to make an informed vote on the issues.

Mr. Bonenfant said that he knew Mr. Serrano very well and would vote for him anyway.

Mayor Rilling said that he had met with Mr. Serrano a number of times to discuss development in Norwalk.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Lee Levey – Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate)

**** MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MR. LEVEY AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

Mr. Kimmel said that Mr. Levey was an architect and brought a lot of information to the ZBA.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Rilling said that he wanted to remind everyone that the Council Members and the Committee members spend a great deal of time working on the various tasks. He said that there were 11 Democrats, and 4 Republicans on the Council, there were 4 Republicans, 3 Democrats and 1 unaffiliated candidates presented for appointment. The City wants talented people in the right jobs.

City Clerk King then called the various candidates forward to be sworn in to office and administered the oath of office to the newly appointed and re-appointed Board members that were present.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Rilling said that the 23rd Annual Mayor's Ball will be held on Friday, January 29th, 2016 at the Continental Manor. The beneficiaries this year will be the Open Door Shelter and The Human Services Council. Both organizations serve many people in the community who are in need of food, shelter and clothing.

December 24th will be the start of the Mayor's Small Business Visits. Every Wednesday he will be visiting a small business with The Hour. The Hour will showcase the business in the following Sunday's edition.

He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year. He requested everyone remember those members of the military who would not be able to be with their families this year. He also encouraged everyone to reach out to someone in Norwalk who is less fortunate. While ending World Hunger is a lofty goal, but we all can reach out to someone in the community.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Kimmel pointed out that the Charter Revision was moving along.

Mr. Simms joined the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

He said that the Council was working on having a meeting about Charter Revision in January.

Mr. Kimmel then spoke about a small agenda item from Parks and Recreation. There will be a Road Race in Veteran's Park. He spoke about the fact that this would be the SoNo Half Marathon/5 K Kids Fun Run. He said that this type of event can grow into a full weekend festival.

The Winter Solstice has passed us and the days are getting longer.

Mr. Kimmel then gave a brief overview of what the Consent Calendar is and the process that the various agenda items go through to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

VII. Common Council Committees

**** MS. O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

A. RECREATION, PARKS AND & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER OF MID-FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016 FROM 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM FOR A POLAR BEAR PLUNGE. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS 75-100.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCKWOOD-MATHEWS MANSION MUSEUM FOR THE USE OF THE GROUNDS AT MATHEWS PARK, SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016 FROM 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM FOR THEIR ICE CREAM SOCIAL. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016 FROM 6:00 AM AND WILL BE BROKEN DOWN BY 6:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE: 1,000.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCKWOOD-MATHEWS MANSION MUSEUM FOR THE USE OF THE GROUNDS AT MATHEWS PARK FOR AN OLD FASHIONED FLEA MARKET TO BE HELD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 FROM 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 6:00 AM AND WILL BE BROKEN DOWN BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, BY 12:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 2,000.

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT VALLEY REGION-PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA FOR THE USE OF THE PAVILION AND GROUNDS OF CRANBURY PARK FOR THEIR ANNUAL CONCOURS TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2016 FROM 8:00 AM-3:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE JULY 17, 2016 6:30 AM AND WILL BE BROKEN DOWN BY 5:00 PM, JULY 17, 2016. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 125.

5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JS ENDURANCE, LLC FOR THE USE OF VETERANS PARK FOR THE SONO HALF MARATHON/5K/KIDS FUN RUN TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016 FROM 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016 AT 9:00 AM- AND WILL BE BROKEN DOWN BY 12:00 NOON, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,400.

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GORDON FINE ARTS OF THE USE OF THE GROUNDS AT MATHEWS PARK TO HOST THE NORWALK ARTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD JUNE 25-26, 2016 FROM 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

EACH DAY. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH 9:00 AM AND WILL BE BROKEN DOWN BY MONDAY, JUNE 27TH AT 12:00 NOON. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000.

7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK CARTING ASSOCIATION TO REQUEST THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THEIR KART RACING EVENT AT CALF PASTURE BEACH:

2016 SPRING SEASON: MARCH 19TH, 26TH, APRIL 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, AND 23RD, MAY 1ST, 7TH (NO SUNDAY 8TH) AND 14TH.

2016 FALL SEASON: SEPTEMBER 17TH, (NO SUNDAY 18TH), OCTOBER 1ST, 8TH, 22ND, AND 29TH, NOVEMBER 5TH, 12TH.

9A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PROJECT #3629 ACCESSIBILITY ALTERING GALLAHER MANOR HOUSE-PORTE COCHERE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$77,950.00. ACCOUNT #09166030-5777-C0366.

9B. AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS PROJECT #3629 ACCESSIBILITY ALTERING GALLAHER MANOR HOUSE-PORTE COCHERE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,800.00. ACCOUNT #09166030-5777-C0366.

10. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SPORT TECH CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR PROJECT #3619, NATHANIEL ELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL COURT IMPROVEMENT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$129,800.00. ACCOUNT #0916-6030-5777-C0321.

TECHNICAL CORRECTION: - AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SPORT TECH CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR PROJECT #3619, NATHANIEL ELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL COURT IMPROVEMENT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED\$129,800.00. ACCOUNT #'S 0916-6030-5777-C0321 AND 0916-6030-5777-C0131 .

C. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

1. APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR DIRECTOR OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

Mr. Kimmel asked if there were any additions or deletions from the Consent Calendar. Hearing none, Mr. Kimmel requested a vote.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS READ INTO THE RECORD PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Bonenfant and Ms. Maggio left the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

The Council then considered the remaining items.

8a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a License Agreement with Norwalk Preservation & Trust for portion of Fodor Farm Main Farmhouse.

Terms of Agreement shall include:

- **Period of 5 year (with one 2-year option) beginning on February 15, 2016 for \$150 per month.**
- **60-day Termination Clause with written notice by either party.**
- **Space to be occupied by the Licensee shall be as agreed upon with the Director of Recreation and Parks.**
- **City will be responsible for building operation expenses and Licensee will be responsible for its operating expenses and janitorial services.**
- **Licensee, or in conjunction with other user groups, will be responsible to implement an annual fundraiser for the benefit of the preservation of Fodor Farm House.**

**** MR. SIMMS MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Bonenfant rejoined the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Mr. Igneri said that when he was Chairman of Recreation and Parks about five years ago, Committee five years ago, the construction started on Fodor Farm. He said that he was pleased to see this happening and this was a great use of the space.

Mr. Kimmel said that when he ran for the Council the first time in 1997, the issue of Fodor Farm was on the docket. The disagreements over putting low income housing on Fodor Farm ended up leading to the Open Space Fund. The city has come so far in the last 20 years regarding its Open Space policy and the city should be proud of this.

Mr. Livingston said that he wanted to add his support of all three items. He said that he endorsed the use of space and drives by the site every day. There is great public participation in the community gardens.

Mr. Kydes said that he had taken several tours of the property and there is a waiting list for the garden plots. He then suggested that the correct of name of the Norwalk Preservation Trust, LLC be made on the floor.

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 8A FROM:**

8A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK PRESERVATION & TRUST FOR PORTION OF FODOR FARM MAIN FARMHOUSE. TERMS OF AGREEMENT SHALL INCLUDE:

- **PERIOD OF 5 YEAR (WITH ONE 2-YEAR OPTION) BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 15, 2016 FOR \$150 PER MONTH.**
- **60-DAY TERMINATION CLAUSE WITH WRITTEN NOTICE BY EITHER PARTY.**
- **SPACE TO BE OCCUPIED BY THE LICENSEE SHALL BE AS AGREED UPON WITH THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS.**
- **CITY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING OPERATION EXPENSES AND LICENSEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OPERATING EXPENSES AND JANITORIAL SERVICES.**
- **LICENSEE, OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER USER GROUPS, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT AN ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PRESERVATION OF FODOR FARM HOUSE.**

TO:

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- **PERIOD OF 5 YEAR (WITH ONE 2-YEAR OPTION) BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 15, 2016 FOR \$150 PER MONTH.**
- **60-DAY TERMINATION CLAUSE WITH WRITTEN NOTICE BY EITHER PARTY.**
- **SPACE TO BE OCCUPIED BY THE LICENSEE SHALL BE AS AGREED UPON WITH THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS.**
- **CITY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING OPERATION EXPENSES AND LICENSEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OPERATING EXPENSES AND JANITORIAL SERVICES.**
- **LICENSEE, OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER USER GROUPS, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT AN ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PRESERVATION OF FODOR FARM HOUSE.**

Mr. Serasis said that when he was previously on the Council, he served on Recreation and Parks Committee. Mr. Mocciae had the vision then and now it is nice to see the project coming into fruition.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM VII-A-8a AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8b. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a License Agreement with Norwalk Land Trust for portion of Fodor Farm Main Farmhouse. Terms of Agreement shall include:

- **Period of 5 year (with one 2-year option) beginning on February 15, 2016 for \$150 per month.**
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- **Space to be occupied by the Licensee shall be as agreed upon with the Director of Recreation and Parks.**
- **City will be responsible for building operation expenses and Licensee will be responsible for its operating expenses and janitorial services.**
- **Licensee, or in conjunction with other user groups, will be responsible to implement an annual fundraiser for the benefit of the preservation of Fodor Farm House.**

8c. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a License Agreement with Norwalk Grows for portion of Fodor Farm Main Farmhouse. Terms of Agreement shall include:

- **Period of 5 year (with one 2-year option) beginning on February 15, 2016 for \$150 per month.**
- **60-day Termination Clause with written notice by either party.**
- **Space to be occupied by the Licensee shall be as agreed upon with the Director of Recreation and Parks.**
- **City will be responsible for building operation expenses and Licensee will be responsible for its operating expenses and janitorial services.**
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**** MR. SIMMS MOVED AGENDA ITEMS VII-A-8b AND 8c.**

Mr. Simms said that the building would be utilized in a positive way by having the non-profits in the building. He thanked Mr. Mocciae for the upkeep that has been done on the building. Mayor Rilling concurred. He noted that many of the items on agenda were for recreational items, so the residents would have opportunities for recreation and open space.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS VII-A-8b AND 8c PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Finance Committee

1. Approve attached Resolution regarding State reimbursement for tax abatement.

2. Authorize the Mayor to execute a Master Assistance Agreement by and between the State of Connecticut and the City of Norwalk for Kings Daughters & Sons Housing and St. Paul's Housing, whereby the City will be reimbursed for real property taxes abated for low and moderate income housing pursuant to C.G.S. § 8-215.

**** MR. KIMMEL MOVED AGENDA ITEMS VII-B-1 & 2.**

Mr. Kimmel noted that the City has a number of these types of Master Agreements with the State for terms of about 40 years. When they expire, the City needs to renew the agreement.

Ms. Bowman asked if there was a conflict if someone lives in one of the complexes. Atty. Coppola said that he did not think so.

Mr. Bonenfant said that he had a number of questions and requested the Assistant Tax Collector to come forward.

Mr. Paul Palumbo came forward to answer Mr. Bonenfant's questions. Mr. Palumbo said he had been the Assistant Tax Collector for 25 years. He gave a brief overview of how the process works and how the payments are made. The City has no control over the amount of money the State will allocate to the City. The amount has been reduced by the State over the years but the subsidy really helps the projects.

Mr. Bonenfant asked if the properties pay taxes. Mr. Palumbo said that they do. He explained that the City collects the full of amount of taxes. The difference is that the State is paying part of the tax bill for each of the individual projects.

Mr. Simms pointed out that the St. Paul's residents own the property and there are approximately 8 units that are Section 8 units.

Atty. Coppola asked Mr. Simms if he was an owner. Mr. Simms said that he was. Atty. Coppola suggested that Ms. Bowman and Mr. Simms recuse themselves from the item.

Mr. Simms and Ms. Bowman recused themselves from the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Simms and Ms. Bowman rejoined the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were no motions postponed to a specific date at this time.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were no issues requiring a suspension of the rules at this time.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services