

**BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION MEETING ACTIONS**

**CITY OF NORWALK  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION  
MARCH 3, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Fred Wilms, Chairman; James Feigenbaum; Leo Mellow; Mayor Richard Moccia; Michael Lyons; Stuart Wells.

STAFF: Tom Hamilton, Finance Director; Ossie Lewis, Manager of Budgets & Systems; Mary Roman, City Clerk.

OTHERS: Fire Chief McCarthy; Mike Scobbo, Facilities Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING**

The following correction was made: On page 1, under "Attendance", the spelling of Mr. Mellow's name was corrected.

**\*\* THE CHAIRMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED.  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS AGENDA**

**\$19,415 TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO FUND THE LOCAL MATCH OF THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT**

Mr. Hamilton reviewed Mr. Lewis's memo and recommended approval.

**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED: RESOLVED THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$19,415 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO FUND THE LOCAL MATCH OF THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT. (ACCOUNT NOS. 01-3140-5272 & 01-3120-5790).**

Mayor Moccia said, given the amount of traffic on the highways and the heavier vehicles, this is needed. Chief McCarthy spoke about a trailer truck that recently went off of the highway. Rescue of the driver necessitated assistance from the Westport Fire Department.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### TRANSFER AGENDA

There were no transfers.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF THE BALANCE OF AN EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECT RELATING TO THE BEN FRANKLIN HEATING SYSTEM CONVERSION PROJECT BY \$79,990 AND RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$79,990 FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE CITY HALL COOLING TOWER

Mr. Hamilton reviewed his memos relating to these resolutions.

Mr. Sgobbo said that the project will include two cooling towers. One unit is inoperable and the other is in very poor condition. The increase came about because of the high increase in steel costs.

**\*\* MR. WILMS MOVED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF THE BALANCE OF AN EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECT RELATING TO THE BEN FRANKLIN HEATING SYSTEM CONVERSION PROJECT BY \$79,900 (PROJECT ACCOUNT NO. 0907-4071-5777 CO388) AND A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$79,900 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CITY HALL COOLING TOWER (PROJECT NO. 0908-4071-5777-CO416).**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

REVIEW OPINION FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL REGARDING CHARTER SECTION 1-518 AND 1-519

**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO RECEIVE THE MEMO, DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2008.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Mr. Hamilton reviewed the status of wage accounts in the Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Communications. Overall, they are in good shape. The Police Department is projecting to be over in the overtime accounts, based on January information, by \$395,000 for the year. \$230,000 of that is related to the DROP plan. Money has been included in the contingency plan for DROP exposure. In response to a question from Mr. Lyons, Mr. Hamilton said that they have pretty much taken the hit they are going to take. Mayor Moccia said they continue to monitor the asset forfeiture fund, but they have not received as much as anticipated. In the next two years, 40 officers can exercise the DROP plan. Regarding use of police cars, they will look at a policy where

they charge contractors for the use of the cars. This is being done in Wilton. If they do that, the money could be used to offset vehicle acquisition and maintenance.

\*\* MR. WILMS MOVED TO ADJOURN.

\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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