

**BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION MEETING ACTIONS**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2006**

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

**STAFF:** Mary Roman, City Clerk; Thomas Hamilton, Director of Finance; Ossie Lewis, Director of Management and Budgets

**OTHERS:** Hal Alvord, DPW Director; Alan Lo, Buildings and Facilities Manager, Fire Chief Denis McCarthy

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Wilms called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Roman called the roll and announced that all were present.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

October 2, 2006 – Regular Meeting

The following correction was noted:

Page 1, under ATTENDANCE: Please change “Frederick Wilms” to “Fred Wilms”

**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 2, 2006 REGULAR MEETING AS CORRECTED.**

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

**2. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS AGENDA (SECTION A)**

**LIST OF RESOLUTIONS**

**ADVERTISED ITEM -1**

Ms. Roman read the advertised item.

**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLVED THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$6,623 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM INCREASED APPLICATION FEE REVENUE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT’S OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ACCOUNT TO**

COVER THE COST OF THE ORAL SEGMENT OF THE ENTRY LEVEL FIREFIGHTER'S EXAMINATION. (ACCOUNT NO. 01-3140-4509).

Mr. Lewis presented the request to the Board. He explained that the appropriation is offset by \$6,623 in application fees from the Application Fee revenue account and there is no additional cost to the taxpayer.

\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## REPORT ON SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

### JUSTIFICATION/BACK-UP MATERIAL.

#### 3. TRANSFER AGENDA ( SECTION B)

Ms. Roman read the request for transfer.

Mr. Hamilton stated that he was recommending that the item be tabled until the next meeting. Then Mr. Alvord was asked to explain his reasons for applying for the transfer at this time. Mr. Alvord explained that the \$7,000 currently in the account will only cover about two and half weeks of salary for the temporary workers. The next meeting of the Board will be after the money is used. By submitting the request now, the Department will avoid layoffs.

\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

THAT THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REGULAR WAGE ACCOUNT #01-4021-5110 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TEMPORARY WAGE ACCOUNT # 01-4021-5130.

\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 4. OTHER BUSINESS (SECTION C)

Ms. Roman read the resolution from the Department of Public Works.

\*\* MR. CLARK MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION, APPROPRIATING \$80,181.50 FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE FORT POINTE INTERCEPTOR SEWER FROM WPCA FUND BALANCE (PROJECT ACCOUNT NO. 22-4062-5298)

Mr. Alvord reviewed the project with the Board regarding a partially collapsed sewer pipe that is a major feed line for all of East Norwalk to the sewer treatment plant. A

bypass line has been installed at this time to handle the flow. The total footage of replacement pipe is 400 feet.

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

Ms. Roman read the next resolution regarding the South Norwalk Public Library.

**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION, APPROPRIATING \$38,000 FOR FINAL COSE OUT EXPENSES ON THE SOUTH NORWALK LIBRARY ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT FROM CAPITAL FUND BALANCE (PROJECT ACCOUNT NO. 09-076210-C0153).**

Mr. Lo presented the request for additional funds to the Board and explained that there had been some unexpected challenges with the renovation. Mayor Moccia stated that considering the lack of blueprints and other problems, along with the scope of the project, a 1% cost over run was not much at all.

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

The Mayor commented that he had sent out a letter to all the Departments informing them that this coming budget year will be a tight fiscal year. Debt service has increased and there is no indication as to what the request from the Board of Education will be.

The Mayor also asked if the financial settlement from CL&P had arrived. Mr. Alvord said that there had been a problem in that CL&P insisted that they could only pay the settlement in installments rather than a lump sum.

#### 5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (SECTION D)

Oak Hills Park Financial Status – July 2006

Oak Hills Park Financial Status – August 2006

Oak Hills Park Financial Status – September 2006

Mr. Hamilton reported that he has been working with the Oak Hills Park management in order to produce the financial statements on time. He pointed out that there were a number of loans listed on the statements that had not been there the year before. He suggested that the Board consider asking the Oak Hills Park management to attend a meeting in order to determine the exact nature of the loans. The Board agreed that this was a good idea and Mayor Moccia asked that Mr. Hamilton request that the Oak Hills management attend the next meeting.

Mr. Hamilton reported that the Oak Hills management had recently sent the City a check in the sum of \$50,000, which is the second of their three payments to the City. The third and final payment of \$50,000 is due in July 2007.

Summary of Special Appropriations – FY 2006-07  
Status of Contingency – FY 2006-07  
Capital Budget Report  
Financial Reports  
Year-to-date Capital Budget Report (FY 2006-07)  
Year to date Operating Budget Report (FY 2006-07)  
Board of Education Budget Report (FY 2006-07)  
Salary Accounts  
Dispatch Overtime  
Police Overtime

ADJOURNMENT

\*\* MR. LYONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Service

