

Common Council Actions

COMMON COUNCIL

ACTION

JUNE 25, 2002

NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 8:00PM DST, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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.

MAYOR KNOPP CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:10P.M. AND LED THE ASSEMBLY IN RECITING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

I. ROLL CALL

14 PRESENT

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

**A. Regular Meeting June 11, 2002
ACCEPTED AS AMENDED**

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
SPEAKERS**

4

IV. MAYOR

**A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS
NONE**

B. REMARKS

Mayor Knopp stated that he received a memorandum from the Finance Director stating that employees on the Ordinance list

should be entitled to receive the same increase that NASA employees receive. It was on that basis that I submitted my request that all Ordinance employees receive the 3% raise. Subsequent to that memo I learned that there was president in the past for new appointees and new administrators to not receive the same increase. The ordinance that sets up the procedure for raising salaries requires the mayor to submit his ordinance list proposal in April. Obviously after taking office in November only a few months had gone by before the ordinance recommendations have to be made. After listening to comments made at the public hearing and doing some research on past presidents I am recommending to the Council to make the salary increase for the Corporation Counsel, the City Clerk and the Assistant to the Mayor effective one year after their appointment. I requested with the personnel committee work on substantially revising the evaluation process that the City now undertakes of Ordinance employees.

I want to indicate that myself and the Council are deeply disappointed with the process undertaken by the Registrars' office to submit proposals to the Council that do not match and are not based on adequate research or justification, and are difficult to follow in terms of the maps and do not have yet an opportunity for public comment or public hearing. In a statement made earlier tonight, the integrity of future legislature elections is in the hand of the Council. In order to carry out that duty and to protect the integrity of the voting process, I will be recommending that the matter of polling places not be taken up tonight, that it be assigned to a special committee that I will appoint based on recommendations of former elected officials, people with a bi-partisan reputation and recommendation from the two party leaders to evaluate the recommendations made by the registrars to hold a public hearing so that members of the public can comment on some of these extreme proposals that were made. Therefore this Council can act to protect the integrity of legislative elections based on public comment and a review of the bi-partisan group. For that reason I believe the Council will move to add to the agenda the determination of polling places and then will table that item to our next meeting. Under state statute and under the city charter I believe we do have the time at least until the next meeting and possibly beyond in order to carry out this in a responsible and informed manner given the public a chance to comment and trying to reconcile widely different proposals submitted to us in an unprecedented procedure that in my public life, I have never seen before.

V. **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items on consent except the following: VII.A1 & 2, VII.C1, VII.D3, VII.D.1&2 refer back to committee, IX.A consent to be removed from the table, X consent to add V.B1 and to table the item to the next meeting, consent to add item VII.D.4.

B. OTHER GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS NONE

V. REPORTS: DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS NONE

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. Approve Ordinance List salary increases effective July 1, 2002.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

2. Approve Reclassification of Assistant Engineer position, Grade 5 to a Structural Engineer position, Grade 8.

APPROVED

3. Authorize the Mayor to execute Police and Fire Pension Plan documents effectuating amendments in accordance with federal law and Common Council action and to execute any and all future amendments required to maintain qualification under Internal Revenue Code 414(h).

AUTHORIZED

B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1a. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an Agreement with The NY Conn Corp. for Project No. TRF 2002-1, Traffic Signal Improvements at Various Locations, for a sum not to exceed \$164,147.25.

AUTHORIZED

1b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contact to The NY Conn Corp. for Project No. TRF 2002-1, Traffic Signal Improvements at Various

Locations, for a sum not to exceed \$16,415.00

Account No. 01 40 24 5343
(\$15,000)

01 40 24 5269
(\$ 6,000)

09 00 4120 5777 C0050
(\$38,220)

09 00 4120 5777 C0125
(\$15,432)

09 01 4120 5777 C0125
(\$50,000)

09 03 4120 5777 C0254
(\$56,082)

AUTHORIZED

**C. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

1. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an agreement with the Connecticut Sculpture Park/Peter Lundberg to place outdoor sculptures in Heritage and Mathews Park

AUTHORIZED

2. Authorize the Director of Department of Public Works to issue change orders to FGB Construction Inc.'s 4R 2002-1 paving contract to include paving of the parking lot and sidewalk at Taylor Farm along Canfield Avenue for a total not to exceed \$25,100.00. Acct. #09016030 5777 C0198

AUTHORIZED

**D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE**

1. Reject bids for the Naramake School video distribution system.

REFER BACK TO COMMITTEE

2. Authorize the Board of Education/Purchasing Department to rebid the project based on updated specifications.

REFER BACK TO COMMITTEE

3. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an amendment to Westview Group Inc.'s owner representative services contract for West Rocks School Renovation Project in the amount of \$19,420.00. Amendment period shall begin on December 1, 2001 to September 15, 2002. Acct. # 09015010 5777 C0055

AUTHORIZED.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS NONE

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Item tabled from Common Council meeting of June 11, 2002:

Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an Amendment to the Agreement with Fleet Bank to lease space at the South Norwalk Railroad Station for the purpose of an ATM machine in the lobby area for a five-year term, for a sum not to exceed \$4,326 for fiscal year 2002-03 with annual increases of 3% per year.

AMENDED

CHANGE TO:

Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an Amendment to the Agreement with Fleet Bank to lease space at the South Norwalk Railroad Station for the purpose of an ATM machine in the lobby area for a one year extension for a lease payment to the City of Norwalk of \$500.00 per month (\$6,000 per year) for fiscal year 2002-03.

AUTHORIZED

IX. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

A. OTHER GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Determination of location of polling places. **TABLED TO NEXT MEETING**

D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

4a. Authorize the Common Council to award Bid #1958 for Folding Cafeteria Tables

and installation to Equipment Environments, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$85,900.00 (Alternate Bid) representing the lowest responsible bid in accordance with specifications. Funding from Capital Acct. # 090350105777-C0260.

AUTHORIZED

4b. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an agreement to implement the award of the bid.

AUTHORIZED

XI.

ADJOURNMENT 9:00 P.M.

