

Common Council Actions

AUGUST 9, 2005

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.

The Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Norwalk was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. Mayor Alex A. Knopp called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

Kenneth Baker Bruce Kimmel
Fred Bondi Richard McQuaid
Michael Coffey Matthew Miklave
Carvin Hilliard Douglas Sutton
Douglas Hempstead Jeanette Olmstead-Sawyer (8:10 p.m.)
William Krummel Peter Wien (8:05 p.m.)

There were ten (10) members present at Roll Call.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING – July 26, 2005

The following correction was made to the minutes:

Correct spelling from Callas to Callis, throughout.

** MR. BONDI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR (4) ABSTENTIONS (MR. BAKER; MR. MIKLAVE; MR. KIMMEL AND MR. SUTTON

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Common Council this evening.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Reappointment:

Purchasing Agent – Gerald Foley

Mayor Knopp said that he recommended the re-appointment of Mr. Foley. He has done a terrific job of handling an extraordinary number of procurements and bids. He said that he reports to Mr. Hamilton who gives him his highest recommendation.

Mr. Hempstead asked if he could vote on this reappointment, or if it would be a conflict of interest. He was told that he could vote on this item.

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO REAPPOINT GERALD FOLEY AS PURCHASING AGENT
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Richard Booth – Fair Rent Commission

Mayor Knopp said that Mr. Booth has served on the Fair Rent Commission for a number of years. He also participated on the Blue Ribbon Panel.

Mr. Wien arrived at 8:05 p.m.

**** MR. MCQUAID MOVED TO REAPPOINT RICHARD BOOTH TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Wendell Simms, Jr. – Fair Rent Commission

**** MR. SUTTON MOVED TO REAPPOINT WENDELL SIMMS, JR. TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Barbara Amodio – Human Relations

Mayor Knopp said that Dr. Amodio served as the Chair for the Human Relations Commission for the past year and a half. She is a long term member of the Commission and a strong advocate of human rights.

**** MR. KRUMMEL MOVED TO REAPPOINT BARBARA AMODIO TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Rahoul Dupervil – Human Relations

Mayor Knopp said that Mr. Dupervil served on the interview committee for the new director.

**** MR. KRUMMEL MOVED TO REAPPOINT MR. DUPERVIL TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Vicky Su – Human Relations

Mayor Knopp said that Ms. Su has served on the Human Relations Commission for less than a year, but has played a positive role during that time. She is a leader in the Chinese-American cultural community.

**** MR. SUTTON MOVED TO REAPPOINT VICKY SU TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. REMARKS

Mayor Knopp said that he would reserve his comments until the end of the agenda.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

**** MR. BONDI MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION

1. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$122,205 be and the same is hereby transferred from Increased Estimated Revenues (FEMA Reimbursement) to various departments to pay for overtime expenses for the Snowstorm in January 2005 (Account No. Various).

2a. RESOLUTION, authorizing a Special Supplemental Capital Budget Appropriation of \$100,000 for Norwalk Harbor Dredging Project. Account No. 09006410-5777-C0281

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION (Continued:)

2b. RESOLVED, THAT THE APPROVAL IS ALSO IN ACCORDANCE WITH section 8-24 of the Conn. General Statutes and that it complies with the Coastal Management requirements.

3. RESOLUTION, authorizing a Special Supplemental Capital Budget Appropriation of \$3,454,920 for Nathaniel Ely Child Care Center. Account No. 09064071-5777-C0346

B. NORWALK FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an agreement with TLB Architecture of Chester, CT to provide architectural and engineering design services for the Volk Fire Station and the Fire Support Services Building renovation projects in the not-to-exceed amount of \$375,055.00 (Acct. # to be determined).

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to Fair Auto Supply to provide Emergency lighting for 7 new Police vehicles in the amount of \$43,997.10 pursuant to the accepted bid. Funds to be drawn from Acct. # 013053 5731
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to Ford of Branford to provide 7 new Police vehicles in the amount of \$150,758.00 pursuant to the accepted bid. Funds to be drawn from Acct. # 0130535731
3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to East Coast Sign and Supply to provide decals for 7 new Police vehicles in the amount of \$2,415.00 pursuant to the accepted bid. Funds to be drawn from Acct. # 0130535731
4. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to Northeastern Communications to provide emergency radios and accoutrements for installation for 7 new Police vehicles in the amount of \$26,901.00 pursuant to the accepted bid. Funds to be drawn from Acct. # 0130535731

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

B. OTHER GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Ms. Olmstead-Sawyer arrived at 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Kimmel announced that tomorrow he would be submitting his resignation from the Common Council, effective tomorrow. He thanked the current and former Common Council members, Mayors Esposito and Knopp and the City Hall staff. He said that they made the last eight years among the most interesting in his life.

Mayor Knopp, said that on behalf of the City, he wanted to thank Mr. Kimmel for his service on the Common Council.

Mr. Bondi said that it was a pleasure to serve with Mr. Kimmel for the last six of his eight years. He said that Mr. Kimmel was one of the better Councilmembers he has had the pleasure of serving with. He said that he hopes that his wisdom will serve the City as a member of the Board of Education.

Mr. McQuaid said that he wished Mr. Kimmel the best. He said that Mr. Kimmel was nothing but a perfect gentleman and leader and it has been a pleasure to serve with him.

Mr. Wien toasted Mr. Kimmel with a cup of coffee.

Mr. Hempstead said that although they have disagreed, they do the best they can for their district. He said that it has been a pleasure working with him and that he hopes that Mr. Kimmel will take his perspective from here upstairs.

Mr. Sutton said that it has been nice having Mr. Kimmel represent his district. He thanked him for what he has done for his district and for the City.

Ms. Olmstead-Sawyer said that when she first came on the Common Council, Mr. Kimmel was a mentor to her and she will miss him.

Mayor Knopp announced that the Democratic Town Committee appointed Mr. Lee Levy to represent District D on the Common Council.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were no resolutions.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were no motions postponed to a specific date.

IX. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were no suspensions of the rules.

X. ADJOURNMENT

** MR. BONDI MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Pam Start, City Clerk

