

*Common Council Actions*

**AUGUST 12, 2008**  
**8:00 P.M. EST**  
**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 Mayor requested a moment of silence in memory of Larry Anastasia, who recently passed away. Mayor Moccia said that in his younger years, he had run against Mr. Anastasia and Mr. Anastasia, a true gentleman, won that election.

**I. ROLL CALL**

**Ms. Roman called the roll.**

**PRESENT:**

**Fred Bondi Amanda Brown**

**Michael Geake Douglas Sutton**

**Steven Serasis Andrew T. Conroy**

**Carvin Hilliard Rev. Phyllis Bolden**

**Kelly Straniti William Krummel**

**Laurel Lindstrom Douglas Hempstead**

**Richard Bonenfant**

**Absent:** Nicholas Kydes and Richard McQuaid

Ms. Roman announced that there were thirteen (13) members present and two (2) absent.

The Mayor welcomed Norwalk Babe Ruth All Stars Team who won the fourteen-year-old division World Series and will be playing the final Championship game in

Massachusetts. Mayor proclaimed August 12, 2008 as Norwalk Babe Ruth Day. He then presented the coaches and team players with copies of the resolution.

Mr. Bondi then congratulated Mark Koler who has put this program together as the head of Norwalk Athletic League. Mr. Bondi said that he was the State Commissioner for Babe Ruth Baseball and was proud that Norwalk had done so well in the play offs.

Mr. Hempstead thanked the coaches and the parents because there often has been a negative focus on the youth, but that this was a positive thing.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

### **Regular meeting – July 22, 2008**

#### **\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT BONDI MOVED THE MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2008.**

The following corrections were noted:

Page 1, **ROLL CALL**, paragraph 3, line 2: Please change the following from:

“The Mayor announced that Mr. Conroy was in the hospital.”

To “The Mayor announced that he was happy that Mr. Conroy was no longer in the hospital.”

Page 6, Motion to appoint Robert Keyes to Zoning Commission: Please change the following from:

**Robert Keyes – Zoning Commission**

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. ROBERT KEYES TO THE ZONING COMMISSION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE IN FAVOR (BONDI, BROWN, GEAKE, MCQUAID, BONENFANT, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD, CONROY AND KRUMMEL) AND TWO ABSTENTIONS (SUTTON AND STRANITI).**

**TO:**

**Robert Keyes – Zoning Commission**

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. ROBERT KEYES TO THE ZONING COMMISSION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH ELEVEN IN FAVOR (BONDI, BROWN, GEAKE, MCQUAID, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM,**

**HEMPSTEAD, CONROY AND KRUMMEL) AND THREE ABSTENTIONS  
(BONENFANT, SUTTON AND STRANITI).**

The discussion then moved to Mr. Serasis' remarks on page 11 and it was decided that the audiotape of the meeting would be checked for accuracy. Mr. Sutton also requested a review of his remarks and Mr. Krummel stated that Ms. Brown's remarks on page 13 needed to be verbatim.

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2008  
UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.**

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

### **III. Public Participation**

*Let it be noted that the following comments and remarks by all speakers have been summarized and are not necessarily verbatim.*

Mr. Tim Currie, of Currie Tires came forward. He said that he was here to address the rumors that were flying around about Currie Tires. He said that he did not believe that one letter and one meeting in thirteen months was negotiation. Mr. Currie said that he had attended all the meetings he was requested to be at and that he was willing to negotiate. He then said that the Redeveloper has not made an attempt to purchase the

Atty. John Louizos, of Curtis, Barrett and Brinkerhoff came forward and distributed a letter to the Council Members. He said that he was submitting the letter in relation of Agenda Item. Atty. Louizos then read the letter to the Council members and respectfully requested that the developer be made to negotiate with the property owners.

Mr. Doug Adams, the Vice President for Seligson Properties, came forward and thanked the Council for reviewing the tabled resolution. He said that there had been negotiations with all the property owners. The Agency has received letters from the majority of the property owners who have been concluded negotiations with Seligson.

## **MAYOR**

### **A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Resignations:**

#### **Victor Cavallo – Norwalk Parking Authority**

Mayor Moccia explained that Mr. Cavallo was resigning to take an appointment on another Board or Commission

#### **James Murphy – Norwalk Pension Board**

Mayor Moccia thanked Mr. Murphy for his long service on the Pension Board and said that the Norwalk Pension was well managed and is in good standing because of Mr. Murphy's efforts over the long term. Mayor Moccia said that he was working on finding someone for the appointment but that it would be impossible to replace Mr. Murphy.

**Appointments: There were no new appointments to consider at this time.**

**Reappointments:** There were no new appointments to consider at this time.

**B. REMARKS**

The Mayor simply reminded everyone that both Mr. Adams and Mr. Currie had spoken earlier.

1. **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

1. **GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

1. Approve Public Hearing and Special meeting minutes dated: June 18th, June 24th, & July 17th, 2008

**June 18, 2008 Public Hearing**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT BONDI MOVED THE MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2008 PUBLIC HEARING.**

The following correction was noted:

Page 1, Under **ATTENDANCE**, please change the following from:

**ATTENDANCE:** Council President Fred Bondi, Richard McQuaid, Richard Bonenfant, Amanda Brown, Steven Serasis, Carvin Hilliard, William Krummel, Andrew Conroy, Rev. Phyllis Bolden, Douglas Hempstead, Douglas Sutton, Laurel Lindstrom, Michael Geake

To:

**ATTENDANCE:** Council President Fred Bondi, Richard McQuaid, Richard Bonenfant, Amanda Brown, Steven Serasis, Carvin Hilliard, William Krummel, Andrew Conroy, Rev. Phyllis Bolden, Douglas Hempstead, Douglas Sutton, Laurel Lindstrom, Michael Geake, Kelly Straniti

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE IN FAVOR (BONDI, GEAKE, SUTTON, BONENFANT, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD, STRANITI, CONROY AND KRUMMEL) AND ONE ABSTENTION (BROWN).**

### **June 24, 2008 Common Council Special Meeting**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT BONDI MOVED THE MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING.**

The following correction was noted:

Page 1, Under **STAFF**, please change the following from:

**STAFF:** Hal Alvord, Director of Public Works

To:

**STAFF:** Hal Alvord, Director of Public Works; Lisa Bardon, Public Works Operations Manager

Mr. Krummel also noted that one of the attorneys had spoken, but his name was not immediately available.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING AS CORRECTED PASSED WITH ELEVEN IN FAVOR ((BONDI, GEAKE, SUTTON, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD, STRANITI, CONROY AND KRUMMEL) AND TWO ABSTENTIONS (BROWN AND BONENFANT).**

July 17, 2008 Public Hearing

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT BONDI MOVED THE MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2008 PUBLIC HEARING.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH TEN IN FAVOR (BONDI, GEAKE, SUTTON, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD, CONROY AND KRUMMEL) AND THREE ABSTENTIONS (STRANITI, BONENFANT AND BROWN).**

1. **Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with UHY Advisors, Inc. to perform a preliminary feasibility study on the creation of a Public Power Authority in the City of Norwalk for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Account No. 01-4030-5298.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT BONDI MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Krummel objected to Council President Bondi introducing the resolution and said that he thought Ms. Straniti, as the Chair of that committee, should have introduced the item. Council President Bondi pointed out that item was listed on the agenda as Council Business.

Mr. Krummel then made a short comment about the two applicants, UHY and Navigant who gave presentations. He felt that Navigant had a much stronger background in public power.

Ms. Straniti then thanked everyone for their input and efforts with such a tight dead line.

Ms. Lindstrom said that she had attended the interviews and agreed with Mr. Krummel's assessment about Navigant.

1. **\*\* THE MOTION TO Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with UHY Advisors, Inc. to perform a preliminary feasibility study on the creation of a Public Power Authority in the City of Norwalk for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. (Account No. 01-4030-5298) PASSED WITH TEN IN FAVOR (BONDI, GEAKE, BONENFANT, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD, STRANITI, CONROY AND KRUMMEL) AND THREE AGAINST (SUTTON, SERASIS AND BROWN).**

1. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT BONDI THEN MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

## **VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **A. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**1. Technical correction: To the November 13, 2007 Common Council Action, item no. VII.A.1 to correct the name of the contracting entity.**

**Original item:**

**1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with the Ahlbin Rehabilitation Centers for Project Number 2554, Development, Staffing, Administration and Implementation of a Fitness/Wellness Program for the Norwalk Fire Department for a sum not to exceed \$30,650.**

**Corrected item to read follows:**

**1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with the Bridgeport Hospital for Project Number 2554, Development, Staffing, Administration and Implementation of a Fitness/Wellness Program for the Norwalk Fire Department for a sum not to exceed \$30,650.**

## **B. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

- 1. Approve the use of the Show Mobile by the Norwalk Seaport Association for the Annual Oyster Festival to be held September 5, 6, & 7, 2008.**
- 2. Approve the use of the Show mobile by the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency for a concert to be held on Washington Street, Saturday, September 20, 2008.**
- 3. Approve the use of Ryan Park by the Norwalk Police Department for their Annual “Norwalk National Night Out” to be held Wednesday, August 13, 2008 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Estimated attendance 200.**
- 4. Technical Correction: To the May 27, 2008, Common Council Action, item no. VII.A.5a to reflect corporate name change.**

### **Original item:**

**5a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into a sole source agreement with Field Turf Tarkett for installation and removal of the artificial surface at the Shea-McGrath Complex at Norwalk High School for a sum not to exceed \$457,560.00. Capital Project 2008-09 account to be determined.**

### **Corrected item to read as follows:**

**5a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to enter into a contract with a sole source provider, Fieldturf USA, Inc., for installation and removal of the artificial surface at the Shea-McGrath Complex at Norwalk High School for a sum not to exceed \$457,560.00. Capital Project 2008-09 account to be determined.**

- 5. Technical Correction: To the June 10, 2008, Common Council Action, item no. VII.C.3.**

### **Rescind action:**

**3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an amendment to Partners for Architecture/engineering design services contract for the Calf Pasture Restroom Project, in order to expand the existing scope of services to include the Bathhouses, for an additional amount not to exceed \$23,900.00. Account #09076030-5777-C0292.**

### **Corrected item should read as follows:**

**3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with Partners For Architecture Inc., for the design of the Calf Pasture Bathhouse Project, for an amount not to exceed \$23,900.00. Account #09076030-5777-C0292.**

## **C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to the W.I. Clark Company for the purchase of a 2008 John Deere 710J backhoe-loader with extendible dipper stick for a sum not to exceed \$139,855.00. Account No. 09 07/08/09 4031 5777 C0313**

**AND TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM FROM HEALTH WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY REGARDING A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Following the approval of the consent calendar, Rev. Bolden announced that Annual “Norwalk National Night Out” would be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm in Ryan Park. She invited everyone to attend.

Council President Bondi then announced that there would be a Housing Summit Conference in Hartford on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 to discuss creative solutions for housing.

### **Health Welfare and Public Safety Committee**

**Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to sign and all documents for the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs relating to contracting, accepting funds and implementing the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant Program FY08, the amount of \$22,656.**

**\*\* MR. GEAKE MOVED THE AGENDA ITEM.**

Mr. Geake said that this had been presented to the Committee for their information in June of 2008. However this resolution request arrived after the July Committee meeting.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE Authorizing the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to sign and all documents for the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs relating to contracting, accepting funds and implementing the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant Program FY08, the amount of \$22,656 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **D. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with CCM to provide drug testing for the City’s DOT CDL Drug and Alcohol Program for a term of three (3) years commencing on September 1, 2008, with an annual amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 per year. Account No. 01-40-10-5251.**

**\*\* Mr. Bonenfant moved the item.**



Mr. Krummel said he had spoken with Mr. Haselkamp about the program and felt that there should be more information presented on the program. He then gave a brief overview of the program. Mr. Haselkamp then said that these federal regulations had been in place for several years and the City was just changing vendors. Mr. Krummel had several questions about the details of the program, as did Ms. Brown, which Mr. Haselkamp answered.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE IN FAVOR (BONDI, GEAKE, BONENFANT, BROWN, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD, STRANITI, CONROY, SUTTON AND KRUMMEL) AND ONE ABSTENTION (SERASIS)**

**July 8, 2008 Common Council agenda item VII.B.1, Planning Committee.**

1. Authorize the Agency to give all required State notification, and further authorize the Agency to go back to the Developer and demand they make a good faith effort to negotiate or renegotiate with each outstanding property owner in the Waypointe and West Wall Street Project.

It was noted that the resolution should read "Waypointe and Wall Street Project".

**\*\* Rev. Bolden moved to suspend the rules to enter Executive Session REGARDING THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH ELEVEN IN FAVOR (BONDI, GEAKE, BONENFANT, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD, STRANITI, CONROY, SUTTON AND KRUMMEL), ONE OPPOSED (SERASIS) AND ONE ABSTENTION (BROWN).**

**RECESS**

In order to allow the public to leave the chambers in an order fashion, the Mayor declared a recess at 8:56 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**\*\* REV. BOLDEN MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Council, Atty. Maslan and representatives from the Redevelopment Agency entered into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. and returned into public session at 10:14 p.m. No actions were taken during the executive session.

**RECESS**

Mr. Krummel requested a recess at 10:15 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 10:20 p.m.

**\*\* REV. BOLDEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY to undertake negotiations with the private property owners listed on the attached Exhibit A and the Redeveloper.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH SEVEN IN FAVOR (BONDI, GEAKE, BONENFANT, BOLDEN, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD AND STRANITI); FOUR AGAINST (SUTTON, SERASIS, CONROY AND KRUMMEL) AND TWO ABSTENTIONS (BROWN AND HILLIARD).**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. GEAKE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

