

Common Council Actions

COMMON COUNCIL

ACTION

AUGUST 24, 2004

NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 8:00 PM 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 24, 2004, in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. The Mayor Alex A. Knopp called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm and led the assembly into the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

Betsy Bain (absent) Bruce Kimmel
Kenneth Baker Richard McQuaid (absent)
Fred Bondi Matthew Miklave
Michael Coffey (absent) Jeanette Olmstead-Sawyer
Carvin Hilliard Kevin Poruban
Douglas Hempstead (absent) Douglas Sutton
William Krummel Peter Wien
Leona Williams (absent)

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – August 10, 2004

** MR. BONDI MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.
** MOTION PASSED EIGHT (8) VOTES IN FAVOR, TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MS. OLMSTEAD-SAWYER, MR. KIMMEL).

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak this evening.

IV. MAYOR

Resignations

Mayor Knopp announced the resignations of Lesley Eisenberg from the Human Relations Commission, David Watts from the Human Relations Commission at the same time noting his appointment to the Zoning Commission and Derick DeMarche from the Zoning Commission.

Re-appointments

Mayor Knopp stated that he was happy to put forth Mary T. Brown to be re-appointed to the Human Relations Commission. Ms. Brown has served on the Commission for the last two months to fill a term that has now expired; he said that Ms. Brown has made every effort to attend the meetings and will be a great asset to the Commission.

**** MR. HILLIARD MOVED TO RE-APPOINT MARY T. BROWN TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.**

Mr. Hilliard said this is a very good appointment and they are fortunate to have someone with her background in civil rights on the Commission.

Mr. Bondi noted that it is a pleasure to see Ms. Brown come back to serve on the Human Relations Commission – he wished her all the best.

Ms. Olmstead-Sawyer echoed previous comments adding that Ms. Brown loves Norwalk as she has done so much to overcome her condition and still be able to attend the meetings.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

Mayor Knopp put forward the name of Dr. Charles Stabinsky noting that he is a well-known retired physician and is very active in the community.

**** MS. OLMSTEAD-SAWYER MOVED TO RE-APPOINT DR. CHARLES STABINSKY TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

Appointments

Mayor Knopp indicated that the appointment for James Murray was a council appointment and recognized Mr. Kimmel for nomination.

**** MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO APPOINT JAMES MURRAY TO THE OAK HILLS PARK AUTHORITY.**

Mayor Knopp commented that Mr. Murray's nickname is Sugar and that he had played golf with him a number of times at Oak Hills; he said that being an active user he would add great personal commitment.

**** MOTION PASSED NINE (9) VOTES IN FAVOR, ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. BONDI) BY VOICE VOTE.**

The Mayor noted that Anastasios Savvaides is currently an alternate on the Zoning Commission and upon recommendation of the chairman he will now be a full member.

**** MR. BAKER MOVED TO APPOINT ANASTASIOS SAVVAIDES AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMISSION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

Mayor Knopp noted that Sara Sikes has played an active role in civic activities over the last twenty years and will bring a lot of perspective to the Human Relations Commission.

**** MR. SUTTON MOVED TO APPOINT SARA SIKES TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.**

Mr. Sutton indicated that he had served with Ms. Sikes in the past, noting that she is a loyal citizen and was pleased to see her continue to promote the best interests of the city.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

Finally, Mayor Knopp put forth the name of Sarah Mann as a member of the Human Relations Commission noting that she is very active in the community and was the director of the RSVP, a program for seniors. He said she would bring a new perspective to this important Commission.

**** MS. OLMSTEAD-SAWYER MOVED TO APPOINT SARAH MANN TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

B. REMARKS

There were none this evening.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

**** MR. KIMMEL MOVED APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. NORWALK FACILITIES CONSTRUCTIONS COMMISSION

3a. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute a contract with East Coast Haz Mat Removal, Inc. of Patterson, NJ for hazardous material abatement services at the South Norwalk Library for a total not to exceed \$40,600.00. Account No.

3b. Authorize the NFCC to issue change orders on contract for a total not to exceed \$5,000.00.

4. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an amendment to Schoenhardt Architects' contract for South Norwalk Library to provide hazardous materials abatement monitoring services through their sub-consultant EnviroScience Consultants Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$9,405.00. Acct. #0900/03/046210 5777 C0153

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Purchasing Department to issue Purchase Order to Apple Computer for computer equipment for photography classroom at Brien McMahon High School for a total amount not to exceed \$27,729.00. Acct #09035010 5777 C0112

2. Authorize the Purchasing Department to issue Purchase Order to Aztec for printers for photography classroom at Brien McMahon High School for a total amount not to exceed \$1,598.00. Acct #09035010 5777 C0112

3. Authorize the Purchasing Department to issue Purchase Order to W B Mason for chairs for photography classroom at Brien McMahon High School for a total amount not to exceed \$1,049.44. Acct # 09035010 5777 C0112

4. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute a lease agreement with Valentine Dowd for Unit #1 at the Old Smith Street Jail for a period of two years beginning on July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2006. Lease payment from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 shall be \$475.per month and from July 1, 2005 to June 30,2006 shall be \$500 per month.

5. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute a lease agreement with Richard A. Winfield for Unit #2 at the Old Smith Street Jail for a period of two years beginning on July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2006. Lease payment from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 shall be \$475 per month and from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 shall be \$500 per month.

6. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an agreement with Hibbard & Rosa Architects, L.L.C. for Meadow Street Fire Station roof replacement project for a fee not to exceed \$5,000. Acct. #09053110 5777 C0312

7. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an agreement with Charles D. Fleischman, Engineers to provide engineering design services for the installation of fire suppression systems for City and Board of Education IT departments' computer rooms for a total not to exceed \$4,400.00. Acct. #09047100 5777 C0296 and 09057100 5777 C0323

8. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an amendment to Service Management Group, LLC's (SMG) contract for building engineering and janitorial services to provide an additional building engineer for a total not to exceed \$72,600.00. Funding in part from Police Station construction account #0902/034031 5777 C0137 and Operating Budget account # to be determined by Finance Department.

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

2. For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report Dated July 31, 2004.

3. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to sign an amendment to the Milliman, USA contract for Other Post Employment Benefits (medical and insurance costs for retirees) valuation for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

4. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute a contract with Advanced Corporate Networking, Inc. (d/b/a Digital BackOffice) for the implementation of the Metropolitan Area Network Project for a ten-year lease term, for an amount not to exceed \$4,829,969. The Common Council authorizes the City to proceed with the entire project with the understanding the project will only go to Phase II if the expected e-rate approval is given. Various Accounts.

5. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute a contract for Community Video Program to e-Lock/Link/CGI/Communications at no cost to the City.

C. RECREATION AND PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an amendment to the current agreement between the City of Norwalk and the National Marine Manufacturers Association to add the following: The National Marine Manufacturers Association will reimburse the City of Norwalk \$5.00 for each free parking card presented at the gates. The city will present the cards with an invoice after the show.

2. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an agreement with the Norwalk Exchange Club for the Parking of vehicles at Calf Pasture, Taylor Farm and Marvin School for the 2004 In-Water Boat Show - September 23, 24, 25 & 26 for a fee of \$8,400.00. Acct. # 016027- 5258

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

B. OTHER GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

There was no other general council business this evening.

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. NORWALK FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION

1. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an agreement with Silver Petrucelli & Associates to provide architectural and engineering design services for the Kendall School Renovation Project for a total amount not to exceed \$381,700.00. Account # 09035010 5777 CO259.

**** MR. KRUMMEL MOVED APPROVAL OF THE ITEM.**

Mr. Krummel indicated that this is a most significant step. Having completed the re-roofing of the schools and now they are embarking upon the re-building of the schools so that they are in top-notch shape. He commended everyone involved with this especially the program manager for putting together the Facilities Audit adding that they have been able to look at the Kendall School and recognize that it is most in need of an update. Mr. Kimmel said that he was pleased to note that the fee for the architect is within budget and he was looking forward to the completion of the project.

Mr. Krummel stated that this project is long overdue as there have always been a variety of reasons to push this work off. An objective look has been taken at the schools with Kendall being at the top of the list. He commended the PTO and staff for being persistent adding that this was done in a very constructive manner.

Mayor Knopp agreed with previous comments adding that the city has adopted an 8-9 year plan for renovation of classrooms that is budgeted for over \$200 million. In order to make sure that the Kendall project is moved along as expeditiously as possible the ed specs were actually submitted to the state prior to adoption of the Facilities Plan. Rather than pulling them back and re-doing them they decided to continue with the ed specs that were submitted with the understanding that school projects that are submitted can always be revised later on and that will be done for Kendall school. The ed specs that were submitted describe alterations that are not in the Facilities Plan and at some point this will need to be addressed; for now they do not want to delay the project any further and they are proceeding knowing there will be some reconciliation later on. The Mayor said he had mentioned this so there is no feeling of disappointment when not everything included in the ed specs is done.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

2. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp to execute any and all documents relating to the CL&P's Energy Efficiency Services agreement for energy rebate at the Brien McMahon High School.

**** MR. KRUMMEL MOVED APPROVAL OF THE ITEM.**

Mr. Krummel stated that this is a compliment to the work being done at the Brien McMahon High School. Connecticut Light and Power (CL&P) are offering the city close to a \$250,000 in response to the energy efficient measures that have been taken in the design of the school. The school committee has been forced to give up some of their expectations for their project in order to be on budget and he hoped that the money they would be getting from CL&P will be able to be ear-marked for use by the Brien McMahon High School.

Mayor Knopp agreed with Mr. Krummel in that they appreciated the work of Gilbane, Stuart Opdahl in trying to make the school buildings as energy efficient as possible. He said they would consider saved funds to be put into the school with the understanding that this is a citywide construction plan and all schools have serious needs.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Accept and Approve the Report of the Claims Committee Dated August 12, 2004.

**** MR. KIMMEL MOVED APPROVAL OF THE ITEM.**

Mr. Miklave recused himself and exited the Council Chambers.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were none this evening.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were none this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

** MR. BAKER MOVED TO ADJOURN.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Mary Roman, Assistant City Clerk

