

Common Council Actions

OCTOBER 26, 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, October 26, 2004, in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. The Mayor Alex A. Knopp called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm and asked Chief Harry Rilling and Officer Rafael Fonseca to lead the assembly into the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Knopp requested that they take the agenda out of order. He stated that on Friday afternoon he and Chief Rilling had learned that Officer Fonseca had been called up for duty to serve in Iraq. Mayor Knopp said that Officer Fonseca is the first Norwalk city employee to be called up as a reserve to serve and his expectation is that he will leave around November 4, 2004, noting that he was not given very much time. Mayor Knopp stated that Officer Fonseca was invited here tonight to know that he would have the complete support of the city of Norwalk;. He read some background information on Officer Fonseca saying that during his career in Norwalk he had amassed an extremely impressive resume including numerous awards and commendations; the Mayor also noted that Officer Fonseca is one of the most outstanding members of the Police Department.

Mayor Knopp acknowledged Officer Fonseca's wife and brother in the audience. He presented Officer Fonseca with a token in the form of a gold pin with a seal of the City of Norwalk in the hope that this would help him to remember how strongly they all are behind him and how they will all be there to welcome him home. He wished him a safe journey and to come home safely.

There was a round of applause for Officer Fonseca.

Officer Fonseca thanked the Mayor and members of the Common Council. He said the support is key and was glad that his wife was pointed out; as that is the face he would need to remember.

Mayor Knopp said he had spoken with Mayor Fabrisi (Bridgeport) and they would do all they could to support Mrs. Fonseca and her family at home.

Chief Rilling said on behalf of all the men and women of the Norwalk Police Department, he thanked the Mayor who immediately spoke with Officer Fonseca and

took great pain to express to him his best wishes and to let him know he would take care of his family and to ease any of his concerns.

I. ROLL CALL

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

There were thirteen (13) members present at Roll Call.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – October 12, 2004

**** MR. COFFEY MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

The following correction was made:

Page two, under Public Comment, in the first line of Ms. Lauricella's comments the last word should be corrected to LEED (delete the word lead).

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

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to comment this evening.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Appointment: Richard Bartoli – Shellfish Commission

Mayor Knopp stated that the city recently suffered a loss after one of its most committed members of the Shellfish Commission, Robert Searles sadly passed away. He indicated that it had been a privilege to know Mr. Searles who had been a resident of Norwalk for many years; he listed all of his interests in the city especially with regard to him sitting at the Wastewater Treatment Plant watching the trucks go in and not have their permits checked; because of this the city will be implementing a control measure.

The Mayor said he had spoken with John Frank the Chairman of the Shellfish Commission, he recommended Richard Bartoli be appointed who is currently Chairman of the Building Board of Appeals.

**** MR. PORUBAN MOVED TO APPOINT RICHARD BARTOLI TO THE NORWALK SHELLFISH COMMISSION.**

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

B. REMARKS

Mayor Knopp thanked Chief Rilling for his kind words and indicated that the Chief has been very active in making sure that Officer Fonseca and his wife receive all the necessary benefits and will continue to receive support.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

3. For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report dated September 30, 2004.

4. Narrative on Tax Collections dated October 8, 2004 – Receive Report and discuss

5. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Tyler Technologies, a sole source provider, for the renewal of the annual maintenance and support agreement for the City's MUNIS financial system (accounting, budgeting, general ledger, accounts payable, purchasing, payroll, personnel, tax) software, for a sum not to exceed \$65,091.30.

6. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to sign an amendment to the Milliman, USA contract to authorize Milliman, USA to perform an analysis for the City on the best way to integrate the upcoming Medicare Prescription Drug coverage into the City's retiree medical program for an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

1. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an agreement with the AAA Emergency Supply Company, Inc., to purchase and supply to the Norwalk Fire Department various Scott Self Contained Breathing apparatus (SCBA) and equipment. That purchase to include 42 SCBA with and without tanks, 82 SCBA regulators and masks and various spare parts and maintenance items at a cost not to exceed \$210,000.00. Acct. # 09053110-5777-C0310

C. RECREATION AND PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp to execute an agreement with NEON Early Childhood Program for the expansion of the existing playground area at Nathaniel Ely School at 11 Ingalls Avenue.

2. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an agreement with Tri-Fitness LLC for the 3rd Annual Mossman Triathlon event to be held Sunday July 17, 2005 from 6:30 AM until 12:00 Noon. Set up to take place Saturday, July 15, 2005 after 12:00 Noon. Breakdown on July 18, 2005 by 12:00 Noon.

3. Approve the use of the Showmobile by the American Legion Post 12 for their annual Christmas Tree Lighting to be held on Sunday November 28, 2004.

4. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an agreement with Cristino Associates Inc. for the electrical design of the floating docks at Veterans Park. For a total not to exceed \$5,000.00. Acct. # 09026030-5777-C0095

5. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an agreement with Norwalk Marine Contractors Inc. for the installation of mooring equipment for the visitor's docks at Veterans Park. For a total not to exceed \$19,300.00. Funds for this project are available from the State Department of Environmental Protection and Boating Infrastructure grant. Acct. # 09036030-5777-C0095 and Acct. # 09026030-5777-C0095.

D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. RESCIND Common Council action of August 24, 2004, Item VII. A. 7 which authorized the following:

“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 the 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”.

2. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an agreement with Kohler Ronan, LLC to provide engineering design services for the installation of fire suppression systems for the City's and Board of Education's IT department equipment rooms for a total not to exceed \$5,300.00 (including \$300 allowance for reimbursable expenses). Acct. # 09047100 5777 C0296 and 09057100 5777 C0323.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Accept and Approve the Report of the Claims Committee dated September 9, 2004.

2. Accept and Approve the Report of the Claims Committee dated October 14, 2004.

** MR. KIMMEL MOVED APPROVAL OF BOTH ITEMS.

Mr. Miklave and Mr. Poruban recused themselves and exited the Council Chambers.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Miklave rejoined the meeting.

Mayor Knopp indicated that before the second meeting of the Common Council in November there will be a Thanksgiving Service and suggested that this meeting be delayed until 8:30 pm to allow Council members to attend. He also noted that the second meeting in December is just before Christmas and if there is no pressing business they would cancel the meeting. He commented that a resolution would be before the Council at the next meeting regarding the second meeting in November.

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. MIKLAVE MOVED TO ADJOURN.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Pam Stark, City Clerk

