

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.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moccia called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and requested all to remain standing. He called for a moment of silence and to extend condolences to Mayor Finch and the City of Bridgeport with the loss of lives where two fire fighters, Michael Balik and Steven Velasquez, were killed in a tragic fire. Following the moment of silence, Mayor Moccia stated that this is a sobering reminder of the dangers and risks that emergency response personnel face every day. He added that funeral services will be held on Friday and that a fund has been established for the families of the fallen fire-fighters.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Wink called the roll. The following Council Members were present:

Council at Large:	Mr. Douglas Hempstead	Mr. Fred Bondi
Mr. Richard McQuaid	Ms. Joanne Romano	Mr. John Tobin
District A:	Mr. Richard Bonenfant	Mr. David Jaegar
District B:	Mr. Carvin Hilliard	Mr. Travis Simms
District C:		Ms. Laurel Lindstrom
District D:		Ms. Kelly Straniti
District E:	Mr. Andrew Conroy	

Mayor Richard A. Moccia

Attorney Robert Maslan, Corporation Counsel

Ellen Wink, City Clerk

Twelve members were present. Absent were Nicholas Kydes, Clyde Mount, and Nora King.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – June 8, 2010

**** MR. BONDI MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 13, 2010 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

City Clerk Wink announced the rules for public participation and asked all those who signed up to speak to limit comments to a length of three minutes.

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The following comments are not verbatim and represent a summary of statements made.

Mr. Walter McLaughlin stated that he represented Norwalk Hospital and thanked the City for the use of Calf Pasture Beach for the recent Cancer Walk where over \$300,000 was raised for patients of the Whittingham Canter Center. He added that he hoped the Council would look favorably on their request to again use Calf Pasture Beach for next year's Cancer Walk program scheduled for May 14, 2011.

City Clerk Wink stated that there were no other names on the public participation sign-up sheet, and asked if there was anyone else in attendance that planned to speak and hearing none stated that public participation of the meeting would be closed.

IV. MAYOR

RESIGNATIONS: Ms. Vicky Su, Human Relations Commission

Mayor Moccia stated that Ms. Su's resignation was accepted with regret as she had made many contributions to the Commission with outreach programs to make it a true Human Relations Commission. He added that the Council would be making a recommendation for her replacement and hoped that it would be included on the next meeting agenda.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Moccia stated he had attended an award ceremony where the Norwalk Hospital was presented with a prestigious Health Institution award being ranked among the top 5% of hospitals in the U.S., and one of 216 being acknowledged nationally. He added that the Norwalk Hospital remains in the forefront of medical services and holds impressive statistics on their performance, with the bottom line being that they save lives.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS: - REMARKS:

Mr. Hempstead made a statement of compliment from the Kayak for a Cause organization thanking the Department of Parks and Recreation for their organization and support of the program. He added that the beach is packed and attendance has come back, and he gave an acknowledgement of an outstanding job to Mike Mocciae, and stated that the beach looks great! Mr. Hempstead mentioned the upcoming SoNo Arts Festival and encouraged all to attend.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

The items approved on the Consent Calendar are in bold type as follows:

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOTIONED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE
CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VII. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6a, 6b; B. 1, 2, 3.

Corrections noted: Item A1: Correct the attendance to 50,000.

Item B2: Change execute an agreement to execute a purchase order.

**** THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Norwalk Seaport Association, Inc. for the use of Veteran's Park for the 2010 Oyster Festival to be held Friday, September 10, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Saturday, September 11, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 12, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Set up to take place Saturday, August 21, 2010 with tear down by Thursday, September 30, 2010.

Admission Fees:	General Admission	\$12.00
	Seniors 65+	\$10.00
	Children 5-12	\$ 3.00
	Children under 5	FREE

Estimated Attendance: 50,000

2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to enter into an agreement with Norwalk Hospital for the use of Calf Pasture Beach for their Annual Whittingham Cancer Center Walk/Run to be held Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Set up to take place Friday, May 13, 2011 after 12 noon with tear down no later than 6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 14, 2011. Estimated attendance 2,000.

3. Approve the use of the Show Mobile by Live Green Connecticut to be held Saturday September 18, 2010 through September 19, 2010 at Taylor Farm from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days.

4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Norwalk River Rowing Association to use the Veteran's Park Launching ramps and parking area for "Row for a Cause" to be held on Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.. Estimated attendance 200

5. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an Agreement with Los Cabos Restaurant for the use of Los Cabos Restaurant for the use of Calf Pasture Beach on Sunday, September 19, 2010 from 11:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. for a Mexican Cultural Festival. Estimated attendance 500 – 1,000 A free concert will be provided to the general public.

6. a. Authorize the Mayor Richard A. Moccia to enter into an Agreement with Concrete Creations, LLC. Project #2971 for the supply and installation of Playground Equipment at Cranbury Elementary School for a sum not to exceed \$89,500. Account #09116030-5777-C0365

b. Authorize the Director, Recreation and Parks to issue change orders on contract for the sum not to exceed \$8,500.00. Account #09116030-5777-C-0365.

B. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute an agreement with Resource Management Associates, 17037 South Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park, Illinois 60477, for Fire Department promotional exams for a cost not to exceed \$16,840.00. Account #0131405258.

2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute a purchase order with Bullex Digital Safety, 20 Corporate Circle, Albany, NY 12203, for the purchase of a BullsEye Base Package Smart Extinguisher (training product) for a cost not to exceed \$11,170.23. Account #35317-5764. (Sole source vendor, Fire Department Grant Funds)

3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order, on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department to Crowley Ford, LLC, the low bidder, for the purchase of eight Ford Crown Victoria Police Inceptors, for the amount of \$178,000. Account #0130535462.

C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Approve and adopt Chapter 65 of the Norwalk Code of Ordinances, which is entitled, "Massage Establishments"

Ms. Straniti moved the item and presented the background for the ordinance and explained the research that was done in response to the problems with illegal establishments, and that the ordinance was very much needed to protect the public from potential problems with human trafficking and other violations.

Ms. Straniti added that the Ordinance Committee started back in May with the objective to create an ordinance to promote the public safety and to put a process in place to legitimize professional establishments. She added that the intention was also to provide a clear distinction from those illegal fronts where human trafficking and prostitution take place.

Ms. Straniti asked the Chief of Police, who was in attendance, if he had intended to speak on the item, and Chief Riling responded that he strongly supports an ordinance that will make it more difficult or less likely, that some of these establishments will come to Norwalk and ruins the good name of the massage therapists.

Ms. Straniti again thanked those members of the public for their comments and added that many of the points were very valid and would be taken into consideration and incorporated into the modified wording and clarification of the ordinance. Ms. Straniti added that there was input from the AMTA (American Massage Therapist Association) along with members of the public who were licensed massage therapists who attended last week's public hearing.

Mr. Bonenfant thanked Ms. Straniti and the committee for the work, along with the intern at the Corporation Council office, Ms. Michelle Emond-Breen, who was particularly helpful with research of the state statutes.

Mayor Moccia thanked Ms. Straniti and the committee for their work, and added that the ordinance makes it easier for the licensed massage therapist professional to have a legitimate business, along with cutting down on those illegal operations where human trafficking take place. He added a note of acknowledgement to Police Chief Rilling on the arrests that have been made to those illegal operations and for addressing the City's intention to keep those violators out of Norwalk.

- ** MS. STRANITI MOTIONED TO APPROVE AND ADOPT CHAPTER 65 OF THE NORWALK CODE OF ORDINANCES, WHICH IS ENTITLED, "MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS".**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE There were no motions postponed

X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES There were no suspensions of the rules.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. BONDI MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Moccia reminded the members that there would be no 2nd meeting during the month of August.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox,
Telesco Secretarial Services