

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.

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:	Mr. Clyde Mount	Ms. Kelly Straniti
District E:	Mr. Andrew Conroy	Ms. Nora King (8:03 p.m.)

Mayor Richard A. Moccia
Attorney Robert Maslan, Corporation Counsel
Ellen Wink, City Clerk
Fourteen members were present.

Mayor Moccia stated that Mr. McQuaid had an announcement and asked those present to stand for a moment of silence. Mr. McQuaid stated that he was very saddened to report the news of the sudden death of Rowayton School teacher, Eliza Oliver. He added that her loss is one that touches the lives of Rowayton School students as well as all staff of the Norwalk Public Schools.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – September 14, 2010

**** MR. BONDI MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 14, 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.

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

Ms. Tammy Langalis, 1188 Indian Spring Road, Rowayton, stated that she represented the Sixth Taxing District along with fellow Commissioner, Mr. John Ignieri and they were here in support of the Norwalk Land Trust item 6a. She stated that they are strongly in favor of approval of the authorization for the \$155,000 from Open Space Account to complete the final funding package for completion of the Hart Property acquisition.

Mr. David Westmoreland, 50 Elmwood Avenue, Norwalk, stated that he was representing the Norwalk Historical Society and as a member of the Norwalk Historical Commission was here to support the Mill Hill improvements on item 7 and adoption of the Mill Hill Master Plan.

Mr. Todd Bryant, 23 Morgan Avenue, Norwalk, stated that he was a member of the Norwalk Historical Commission was here to support the Mill Hill improvements on item 7 and adoption of the Mill Hill Master Plan. He added that he was also in support of item 6A the Norwalk Land Trust and stated that they are strongly in favor of approval to complete the final funding package for the Hart Property acquisition.

Mr. Seeley Hubbard, 28 Bryan Road, Rowayton, stated that he represented the Norwalk Land Trust and was strongly in favor of approval of the authorization for the \$155,000 from Open Space Account to complete the final funding package for completion of the Hart Property acquisition. He added that this very special project has taken over four years and they have been able to raise over \$4.5 million, which at the time seemed like an “impossible dream” that has now come to fruition. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and gave an overview of the acquisition which will provide a nature preserve, trails, and open space for the City and for the future of many generations to come.

Mr. Michael Mushak, 50 Elmwood Avenue, Norwalk stated that he appreciated the patience of the Council and was not here to discuss signs on poles, etc, but that the lack of action with City Departments has resulted in a continuing frustration. Mayor Moccia asked Mr. Mushak to abide by the rules of public participation and to limit his comments relevant to the agenda items. Mr. Mushak apologized for deviating from the item that he was there to speak on, which was the support of the Mill Hill improvements on item 7 and adoption of the Mill Hill Master Plan, and 9a-9b Matthews Park Lighting. He added that energy efficient lighting should be recommended with the project for item 9a and 9b, and the use of full cut-off fixtures that do not shine into the sky or glare should be installed. He added that Calf Pasture is not in compliance with the emergency efficiency plan as outlined by the state and he referred to the CT ordinance that is contained in the website, DarkSky.org. He asked that the Calf Pasture and Frieze Park lights be dimmed down and to do the green thing, which is the right thing for the City and the environment.

Ms. Anna Veccia, Norwalk stated that she was in support of the Mill Hill plan to provide more parks and it was foolish for the City to sell of part of the property in a previous plan. She added that she was also in support of the acquisition of the Hart property.

City Clerk Wink stated that there were no other names on the public participation sign-up sheet, and Mayor Moccia asked if there was anyone else in attendance that planned to speak. Hearing none, he stated that public participation of the meeting would be closed at 8:18 p.m..

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - None

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Moccia made a statement of condolences on behalf of the City, Council and Dr. Marks to the family of Ms. Oliver.

Mayor Moccia stated that he received a letter from Darien's First Selectman David Campbell and he read the letter stating that the authorization for Darien's share of removal of the Tokeneke Bridge has been approved and a check for \$65,400 will be sent to the City. He added that we will stay in tune with their interest in further action in building the pedestrian bridge. He added that there is a historical plaque that the Darien Historical Society would like to have and asked Mr. Alvord and the DPW to be sure that the proper action is taken to save this plaque.

He stated that last week America's Promise recognized Norwalk as one of one hundred cities in the country that have been successful in implementing programs for the City's youth. He especially thanked the Carver Center and added that the Hour has covered this award, and it is a tribute to the Council members that have worked hard to support Neon and other programs in the City that are improving the lives of our youth from preschool to high school, mentoring and after school programs. He added a statement of acknowledgement to the Carver Foundation who brought this program to fruition and helped coordinate with Kathryn, the grants coordinator, the application process and Novelette Peterkin-Campbell from Carver who represented us in Washington. He stated that it's a great tribute to the council, elected officials and non profits, boards and agencies. Mayor Moccia stated that while we do have problems with our youth, we are being recognized for our efforts that we are putting forth. He thanked the members of the various non-profit organizations and many elected officials that have been instrumental with the youth programs in Norwalk.

*Note: At the end of the meeting, Mayor Moccia made a statement as an addition to his remarks to acknowledge the residents of Raymond Terrace for inviting him to their annual block party. He thanked Ms. Lindstrom for including him on the list, and added that the residents truly displayed the neighborly sentiment of Norwalk. He added that they even had visits to an elderly neighbor who could not attend the party, which was a very neighborly thing to do, and the kind of thing just should not go unnoticed.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Remarks

Mr. Hempstead made a statement of thanks to Darien for seeing the light relative to the Tokeneke Bridge demolition, and he thanked the Mayor, Mr. Conroy, Ms. King and Mr. Alvord, for a great job in getting this done. He added that it's been lingering for about twenty years, if not longer, and that it was a symbol of extending a hand shake across the river.

Mr. Hempstead stated that the many events going on in Norwalk such as the Inside/Out Norwalk Arts Tour and the In-Water Boat Show are another reflection of the positive sentiment currently in place with the many efforts involved by the Departments and Committees. He added that the Arts Show did a wonderful show, as well as the Silvermine House tour held this weekend. He stated that in this economy, the Boat Show still happened, which is evident that a lot of great things are going on in Norwalk, adding that the Antique Show will be at the Mansion this weekend. He thanked the Exchange Club for their efforts with this year's Boat Show which represented an event that provided revenue for the City with the parking and volunteer opportunities for community service groups within the Exchange Club.

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

VI.1-2, VII.A.1-5, VII.A.7-8, VII.A.10-12, VII.B.1-4, VII.C.1-7.

Mr. Bondi requested an amendment to item 9a and 9b to incorporate public comments relative to energy efficient lighting, and Mayor Moccia stated that since the item was approved on consent, suggested the item be returned to committee for further review.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MODIFIED HIS MOTION TO MOVE ITEMS 9A AND 9B AS
CONSENT TO RETURN BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW.**

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

Consent Calendar items are in bold type as follows:

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Estimate and Taxation:

FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

1. **RESOLVED**, that a sum not to exceed \$65,000 be and the same is hereby transferred from Contingency to the Fire Department to cover the re-instated Fire Inspector position. (Account No. 01-3130-5110).

FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

2. **RESOLVED**, that a sum not to exceed \$8,000 be and the same is hereby transferred from Increased Estimated Revenues to the Recreation and Parks Department to defray the cost of the Summer Concert Series. (Acct. No. 01-6021-5258).

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Greenwich Kennel Club, Inc. for the use of Taylor Farm Park for the 79th Greenwich Kennel Club AKC all breed Dog Show Obedience and Rally Trials to be held Saturday, June 11, 2011 and June 12, 2011 from 8:30AM to 6:30PM. Set-up to take place 12:00 noon on June 9, 2011 and take down by noon Monday, June 13, 2011. Estimated attendance 1,000+.
2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Exchange Club of Norwalk to provide parking at the 2010 International In-Water Boat Show, Thursday through Sunday, September 23, 24, 25, 26. For a sum not to exceed \$7,000. Account # 016027-5258.
3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Rowayton School PTA for use of the grounds at Rowayton School for their Spring Carnival to be held May 13, 2011 from 6:00 to 10:00PM and May 14, from 11 to 6:00PM. Set-up to take place May 12, at noon and take down by Monday, May 16, by 10:00AM. Estimated attendance 500+.
4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Team Mossman Events, LLC to use Calf Pasture Beach July 9, 2011 from 7:00AM to 10:00AM for the annual Mini Mossman Youth Triathlon. Estimated attendance 175. Set-up to take place July 8, after noon.
5. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Team Mossman Events, LLC to use Calf Pasture Beach July 10, 2011 from 5:00AM to 10:00AM for the Annual Mossman Sprint Triathlon. Set-up July 9, 2011 at noon, take down July 11, 2011 by noon. Estimated attendance 600+.

7. Approve the Mill Hill Master Plan through the Redevelopment Agency, Norwalk Historical Society and the Norwalk Historical Commission with the removal of the Head of the Harbor Development within the Park Property Plan.
8. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with TJJ Industries, LLC (dba; Dalton Track & Tennis) project # 2959 – Tennis & Basketball Court crack repair, color coating & striping for a sum not to exceed \$84,019.00. Account #'s 09076030 – 5777-CO321, 09096030-5777-CO321, 09116030-5777-CO321.
9. A. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Shock Electric Contractors, Inc. for Project # 2960 lighting Tennis Courts/Pedestrian Trail at Matthews Park for a sum not to exceed \$65,300. Account #'s 09096030-5777-CO132 and 09106030-5777-CO132.

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9. B. Authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to issue Change Order for the Lighting Tennis Courts/Pedestrian Trail at Matthews Park for a sum not to exceed \$6,500. Account #'s 09096030-5777-CO132 and 09106030-5777-CO132.

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10. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to enter into an agreement with Morande Ford Project # 2977 for a 2011 Ford F-550 4X2 for a sum not to exceed \$37,520, Account # 09116030-5777-CO486.
11. Authorize the Mayor Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Stepping Stones Museum for the use of Matthews Park and Heritage Trail for a fundraiser “Cycle, Step & Stroll” to be held on September 18, 2010 from 6:30AM to 1:30PM. Estimated attendance 150+.
12. Approve the use of the Silvermine School Parking by the Norwalk Association of Silvermine Homeowners for their Annual Historical Silvermine House Tour to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM. Estimated attendance 150.

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Accept and approve the Report of the Claims Committee dated: August 12, 2010 and September 9, 2010.

2. For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report dated: July 31, 2010 and August 31, 2010.
3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute a contract with InTech Health Ventures to provide administrative services to the City of Norwalk relative to the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program, at a cost of \$1,500.00 for one-time initial start up, and an on-going cost of \$3.00 per month per retiree. Account No. 71340-5258.
4. For informational purposes only: Narrative on Tax Collections dated: September 23, 2010.

C. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all documents and amendments necessary to facilitate the provision of and or payment for services provided by the Norwalk Health Department. NO MATCHING FUNDS
2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for a Public Health Emergency Response program for the period of August 10, 2010 to August 9, 2011 in the amount up to \$164,911. NO MATCHING FUNDS
3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments or amendments as may be necessary to implement a Public Health Emergency Response program for the period August 10, 2010 to August 9, 2011.
4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute all documents necessary to apply for and accept funds from the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health to implement a lead poison *prevention* program for the period September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$22,342.00. NO MATCHING FUNDS
5. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments as may be necessary to implement a Public Health Emergency Response program for the period September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.
6. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for the preventive health block grant program for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$12,303. NOT MATCHING FUNDS

7. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments or amendments as may be necessary to implement the preventive health block grant program for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

9a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute a grant agreement together with any and all documents necessary with Norwalk Land Trust to provide \$155,000 from the City's Open Space Capitol Budget account (\$176,000 currently available) for Norwalk Land Trust to complete final acquisition funding package for the property currently known as the "Hart Property" as conservation land, account # 03-000-2640.

Mr. McQuaid moved the item and asked the Mayor for permission to speak on behalf of the Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee. He stated that through the magic of Seeley Hubbard the Norwalk Land Trust has reached their goal with this jewel property. He added that he has never seen a group work so hard with such passion about a City property, and he is in full 100% support of the grant agreement for the funding package for the land acquisition.

Ms. Straniti thanked the members of the Norwalk Land Trust for their work with this project, and stated that she had the privilege to tour the land area four years ago and witnessed the beauty of the land. She added that at the time it seemed impossible to raise the amount of money needed, and she congratulates those involved with this amazing accomplishment.

Mr. Conroy made a statement of congratulations on the hard work of the group, and added that it was a very wise move to combine efforts with the Land Trust, and all their hard work had paid off with a great achievement for the City.

Ms. King stated that she is totally impressed with this small group and how much of a donation campaign that was needed is a truly amazing accomplishment. She added that she admires the passion and commitment that this group has had in working toward this wonderful goal for the City and for generations to come.

Mr. Hempstead stated that something like this that comes together over time is truly a remarkable accomplishment, and one like this that preserves open space is especially remarkable. He added that he is astounded with the amount of money that was raised and stated "hats off" to those involved.

Mr. Bondi echoed the comments made by Mr. Hempstead and others with acquiring this property which is truly a magnificent crown jewel of the City, with spectacular views. He added that it was amazing to see this fundraising plan come to fruition, and it was also a pleasure to make a personal donation to the Farm Creek campaign.

Mr. Bonenfant stated that he was impressed with the partnership that was established with the City, and he thanked the group for the educational process that was involved.

Ms. Lindstrom stated that she also wanted to thank the group for all their hard work and to congratulate them on this wonderful accomplishment for the City. She encouraged all members to go out to the Farm Creek preserve, and it is a great walk on the trails with open space and great views.

Mayor Moccia stated that thanks are extended to Seeley for the vision, passion and commitment to this project. He added that four years ago he was asked to look into the archives, and they dug out an old dusty file with about three papers in it, and with the help of Mr. Michael Coffey, who was instrumental, they were able to put a plan in place. He added that remarkably the project came to fruition, and the City has gained a tremendous piece of land with the Hart property with much open space.

**** MR. MCQUAID MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY WITH NORWALK LAND TRUST TO PROVIDE \$155,000 FROM THE CITY'S OPEN SPACE CAPITOL BUDGET ACCOUNT (\$176,000 CURRENTLY AVAILABLE) FOR NORWALK LAND TRUST TO COMPLETE FINAL ACQUISITION FUNDING PACKAGE FOR THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY KNOWN AS THE "HART PROPERTY" AS CONSERVATION LAND, ACCOUNT # 03-000-2640. AND TO:
AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO EXECUTE/ACCEPT A CONSERVATORY PUBLIC ACCESS EASEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY.**

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.
None

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE
None

X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox
Telesco Secretarial Services
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