

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.

Mayor Moccia called for a moment of silence in memory of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, who died in a car accident two weeks ago.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Council at Large:	Mr. Douglas Hempstead	
Mr. Richard McQuaid		Mr. John Tobin
District A:		Mr. David Jaegar
District B:		Mr. Travis Simms
District C:		Ms. Laurel Lindstrom
District D:	Mr. Clyde Mount	
District E:	Mr. Andrew Conroy	Ms. Nora King
Mayor Richard A. Moccia		
Attorney Robert Maslan, Corporation Counsel		
Ellen Wink, City Clerk		

Ten members were present, five members were absent (Bonenfant, Hilliard, Kydes, Romano, and Straniti).

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – October 26, 2010

**** MR. BONDI MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 26, 2010 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Moccia announced the rules for public participation and asked all those who signed up to speak to limit comments to a length of three minutes, and to keep comments relevant to the agenda.

Larry Riley, Assistant Fire Chief, stated that he was there to acknowledge the accomplishment of Jeff Patnaude, a 15 year old Norwalk resident and a member of Scout Troop 19 who has achieved the rank of Life Scout; and has undertaken a service project associated with his effort that has involved more than 200 hours devoted to painting 103 fire hydrants in the City and has mentored the efforts other scouts who have contributed to the hydrant painting project. Assistant Fire Chief Riley added that Jeff is an outstanding young man, and he congratulated him on his accomplishment and stated that the painting of the hydrants is a tremendous improvement to the city and his efforts are greatly appreciated.

City Clerk Wink asked if there was anyone who had intended to make public comments; and hearing none the public participation portion of the meeting was closed at 8:15 p.m.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT: Alan Jeffrey Mathis, Fair Housing Advisory Commission

Mayor Moccia stated that this is a mayoral appointment, and noted Mr. Mathis's resume and highlighted his experience as Chief Executive Officer for addition treatment agencies and foundations brings a great deal of experience to the Commission.

**** MR. CONROY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ALAN JEFFREY MATHIS TO THE FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

REAPPOINTMENT : Linda M. Guliuzza, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Mayor Moccia asked Corporation Counsel to comment on the reappointment, and Attorney Maslan stated that Attorney Guliuzza is an asset to the office and has accomplished a great deal of litigation work on tax appeals and is always very efficient. Mayor Moccia added that she has a great deal of knowledge and understanding of the tax appeal process, and he welcomes her reappointment to the position.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LINDA M. GULIUZZA TO THE POSITION ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Moccia stated that he had attended the Old Timer's Athletic Association dinner where eight former athletes were honored, and over 500 people were in attendance.

Mayor Moccia stated that he had attended a Norwalk Mentoring Association event organized by Darlene Young and noted this worthwhile organization with involvement by Reverend Dancy, the YMCA and others. He passed around a flyer seeking to encourage more adults into the mentoring program and stated that there is a City Hall Mentoring Challenge as an incentive to increase involvement and recruit mentors. He added that he has mentored youth from middle school age through high school and it is a very rewarding experience, one that he highly recommends, especially during these recent times of gang prevention efforts in the City.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS - Resolution of Jeff Patnaude

Mr. Hempstead read the resolution (as listed at the end of the minutes on pages 9-10) and asked Jeff Patnaude to come forward to the Council to be acknowledged for this outstanding contribution to the City for this achievement of painting the fire hydrants. Mr. Hempstead stated that it is rare to have achieved the rank of Life Scout; and in addition he has undertaken a service project associated with his effort that has involved more than 200 hours devoted to painting 103 fire hydrants in the City and added that Jeff is an outstanding young man. Mr. Hempstead congratulated him on his accomplishment and stated that this is a tremendous improvement to the city and his efforts are greatly appreciated; and Jeff was acknowledged with applause and a standing ovation from the members and audience.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

VII. A 1, 2, 3, 4; B1, 6, 7a. 7b. (consent to add to agenda); C1, 4a. 4b.
** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Note: The following items on consent are listed in bold type:

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- 1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all documents between the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, in connection with the Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 04154 on Perry Avenue over the Norwalk River, FAP No. 6102(010), State Project No. 102-319, Utilizing Federal and Municipal Funds. This project is 80% Federal Funds and 20% City Funds.**

2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Amendment to the Contract for Construction Engineering Services with Tighe & Bond, Inc. for services on the West Avenue Roadway Improvement Project for the additional sum not to exceed \$120,647.00. AcctNo.090209105777CO241(Norwalk Redevelopment Capital Account)
3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement to provide Engineering Services for Street Lighting design for the Cedar Street Streetscape Improvements Project with Tighe & Bond, Inc. for a sum not to exceed \$9,900.00. Acct No. 09104021-5777-C0443 (Fairfield Avenue/Cedar Street Capital Account)
4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute a 3rd Amendment to the agreement with Milone & MacBroom to provide Engineering Services for the design of an access culvert to the Northeast Utilities tower as part of the Keeler Brook - Rowayton Avenue Culvert Replacement Project for a sum not to exceed \$35,500.00.
Acct. No. 09094027-5777-C0395 (Keeler Brook Capital Account)

B. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to sign any and all documents from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, relating to contracting, accepting grant funds and implementing the Gang Prevention and Intervention Program. Amount: \$219,159.00 with no matching funds required.
6. Adopt annual application fees of \$150 for massage establishments and \$70 for massage therapist.

C. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 4a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all documents necessary with CL&P for the application and implementation of the Roosevelt Center - Norwalk Senior Center Lighting Retrofit Project. Projected pay-back period is 36 months.
- 4b. Approve to utilize energy cost savings to offset installation costs through monthly billings from CL&P. There is no initial capital cost outlay by the City.

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. Public Works Committee

5. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an amendment to the agreement with City Carting, Inc. for Transfer Station Operation, Transport and Disposal Services

for Municipal Solid Waste to reduce the transfer station fee to \$750,000 per year for calendar years 2011, 2012 and 2013 and reduce the transport and disposal fee to \$79.90 per ton for CY 2011, \$83.90 per ton for CY 2012 and \$86.00 per ton for CY 2013.

Account No. 014042 5298

Mr. Conroy moved the item and stated that the challenge to all Department Heads has been to identify areas of the operating budget where reductions can be achieved, and this is one example of such savings, and said "hats off" to Mr. Alvord. Mr. Jaeger stated that he agrees that the DPW has done a great job with this contract savings, but added that he has a concern over the reduction in hours and if the clean-up time is at risk.

Mr. Alvord came forward and addressed the concerns and stated that there is nothing at risk, as Norwalk Transfer Station is open longer hours than any other city in the state. He explained that the demand for the transfer station usage is negligible at the two ends of the operating day and adjusting the hours increases the overall efficiency, by avoiding the overtime involved with the work day hours. Ms. King stated that at the Public Works Committee meeting the focus was on dollars not hours, and questioned the clean up time on Saturdays. Mr. Alvord replied that a two hour clean up time on Saturdays was not necessary and that with this recommendation, they will be able to staff the transfer station with two Weigh Masters, each working five 8-hour days per week and one position will be converted to a Mason position.

Mayor Moccia stated that this is significant savings of over \$117,000 and he applauds the DPW management for identifying this savings without significant changes to City services.

**** MR. CONTROY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CITY CARTING, INC. FOR TRANSFER STATION OPERATION, TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE TO REDUCE THE TRANSFER STATION FEE TO \$750,000 PER YEAR FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2011, 2012 AND 2013 AND REDUCE THE TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL FEE TO \$79.90 PER TON FOR CY 2011, \$83.90 PER TON FOR CY 2012 AND \$86.00 PER TON FOR CY 2013. ACCT NO. 014042 5298**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Mount requested the following items be moved as one and asked Sgt. Susan Zecca to come forward to address questions:

2. Authorize the Purchasing agent, Gerald Foley, to execute a purchase order on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to Fleet Auto Supply, terms and conditions as per bid #2986, for the purchase and installation of emergency lighting and interior fit-up, for Eight (8) Ford police vehicles for the amount not to exceed \$69,000.00 from acct #01-3053-5731.

3. Authorize the Purchasing agent, Gerald Foley, to execute a purchase order on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to Motorola Inc, sole bidder per bid #2976, for the purchase of 8 Motorola XTL5000 mobile radios, for the amount not to exceed \$19,500.00 from account # 01-3053-5731.
4. Authorize the Purchasing agent, Gerald Foley, to execute a purchase order on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to the low bidder, Utility Communication, terms and conditions as per bid #2976, for the purchase and installation of eight (8) Motorola CDM1250 radios, Phantom antennas and VHF antennas, for the amount not to exceed \$6,700.00 from account #01-3053-5731.

Mr. Conroy asked about the value of the inventory and what the disposal process was and if any of the items can be reused by other departments. Sgt. Zecca replied that the equipment is ten to twelve years old and cannot be retrofit into the vehicles. Mr. McQuaid stated that on behalf of Mr. Bonenfant, these items did go through the Committee and bid process and the supporting documentation that is provided was thoroughly evaluated for approval. Mayor Moccia added that the Police Commission has reviewed all the documentation and has assured that all information is properly vetted, and all expenditures are justified as a necessity for the safety of the City. He added that if Council members have questions in the packet to e-mail the Committee chairs in advance to address questions.

Mr. Hempstead stated that he supports the items and thanked Sgt. Zecca for providing all the supporting documents in detail and reminded the members that issues surrounding "911" involving radio communications are critical for the safety of the public. Ms. King added that she agrees with Mayor Moccia to comply with the increase in technology for improved radio communications is critical for the safety of our citizens. Mayor Moccia added that the items had been delayed for over a year due to budget constraints, and have been now represented as required and necessary expenditures.

**** MR. MOUNT MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, GERALD FOLEY, TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO FLEET AUTO SUPPLY, TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS PER BID #2986, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY LIGHTING AND INTERIOR FIT-UP, FOR EIGHT (8) FORD POLICE VEHICLES FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$69,000.00 FROM ACCT #01-3053-5731, AND**

TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, GERALD FOLEY, TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO MOTOROLA INC, SOLE BIDDER PER BID #2976, FOR THE PURCHASE OF 8 MOTOROLA XTL5000 MOBILE RADIOS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,500.00 FROM ACCT# 01-3053-5731,AND

TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, GERALD FOLEY, TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO THE LOW BIDDER, UTILITY COMMUNICATION,

TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS PER BID #2976, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EIGHT (8) MOTOROLA CDM1250 RADIOS, PHANTOM ANTENNAS AND VHF ANTENNAS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,700.00 FROM ACCOUNT #01-3053-5731.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Mount moved the item for discussion.

5. Authorize the Purchasing agent, Gerald Foley, to execute a purchase order on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to Motorola Inc., under state contract #A-99-001, for the purchase of eighty one (81) Motorola XTS2500 portable radios, charger, spare battery and programming, for the amount not to exceed \$171,000.00 from account #35309A-5743.

Mr. Bondi asked if Motorola currently supports the equipment, and Sgt. Zecca replied that they currently do have 42 radios in operation supported but that with new analog system, will now longer be supported. She added that with new digital capabilities and encrypted channels, the old technology does not support the digital capabilities.

**** MR. MOUNT MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, GERALD FOLEY, TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO MOTOROLA INC., UNDER STATE CONTRACT #A-99-001, FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHTY ONE (81) MOTOROLA XTS2500 PORTABLE RADIOS, CHARGER, SPARE BATTERY AND PROGRAMMING, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$171,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT #35309A-5743.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Hempstead stated that for the record, the following items have been added to the agenda on short notice due to the need for the items for use during the Thanksgiving holiday traffic season, and stated that the CT DOT provided federal grant funds through the Highway Safety Program for support of DUI enforcement initiatives. He added that this will provide for an additional two officers on patrol fifty-three nights as well as sobriety checkpoints on three nights targeting DUI law violators. The authorizations are as follows:

Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to sign any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept grant funds from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation under the Highway Safety Project, FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement program. The program will be funded with 75% grant funds of \$40, 950 and 25% City funds of \$13,650 to be taken out of the police overtime or asset forfeiture accounts.

Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments and amendments thereto as may be necessary to implement a Comprehensive DUI Enforcement program, pursuant to such grant funding.

- ** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECT, FY 2011 COMPREHENSIVE DUI ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM WILL BE FUNDED WITH 75% GRANT FUNDS OF \$40,950 AND 25% CITY FUNDS OF \$13,650 TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE POLICE OVERTIME OR ASSET FORFEITURE ACCOUNTS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE DUI ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO SUCH GRANT FUNDING.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to E-Plus Technology Inc. for Elementary Schools Switching/Wireless Infrastructure for a total not to exceed \$306,745.82. Funds are available in accounts #0909/10/11 5010-5777-C0112.

Mr. Conroy asked about the data base for the inventory of computers in order to track the aging and replacement of equipment, and Mr. Hopp replied that it has been done, and he will provide an updated inventory list as requested. Mr. Conroy asked what is done with old equipment, and Mr. Hopp said they will negotiate trade in value towards new equipment, and that most likely the high school computer labs can use some of the equipment. Mr. Bondi asked why an updated computer inventory was never provided, and Mr. Hopp replied that he will send it to him. Mr. Hempstead clarified that the intention is not to question each item, but to ensure that the Board of Education has a process of inventory management for replacement of equipment purchases, particularly for lap tops and big ticket items.

- ** MR. BONDI MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO E-PLUS TECHNOLOGY INC. FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS SWITCHING/WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$306,745.82. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCOUNTS #0909/10/11 5010-5777-C0112.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There was no action taken or discussion of the following items:

- 2a. Authorized to increase the Change Order Allowance for Stamford Wrecking Company's contract for the demolition of the old Police Headquarters for an additional amount of \$45,000.00. Acct. #09117100-5777-C0368 **No action taken.**
- 2b. Authorize the Norwalk Facilities Construction Commission (NFCC) to issue Change Orders on Contract for an additional total not to exceed \$45,000.00. **No action taken.**

3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to New England Energy Controls, Inc. to provide Retro-Commissioning (building energy conservation services) for the Police Headquarters, to include Phase I – Data Collection (\$3,800), Phase II – Identify and Prioritize Conservation Opportunities (\$6,900) and Phase III – Implement Selected Energy Conservation Improvements (total not to exceed \$31,300) Funds in the amount of \$42,000 is available from EECBG, Acct. #350175-5258.
No action taken.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

Mr. Hempstead stated that he two additional comments to include. The first is a “Coffee with the Council” at West Rocks Middle School on Monday November 15, which is part of the on-going plan to reach out to citizens to address issues from the public.

Mr. Hempstead stated that the next Council meeting will be held at Mill Hill Historical Society. Mayor Moccia stated that it would be difficult to accommodate these locations at meeting sites, due to FOI compliance of notification and handicapped accessibility.

Attorney Maslan replied that 24 hour notice was required for meeting notification changes, and as long as it was posted on the website, FOI compliance would be achieved.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

Attorney Maslan suggested there should be a motion to suspend the rules to announce a location change for at the next meeting, on the condition that the City Clerk verify that the building is in compliance with ADA regulations and FOI procedures.

- ** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOTIONED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING BE HELD AT MILL HILL HISTORICAL CENTER BUILDING, ON THE CONDITION THAT THE CITY CLERK VERIFY THAT THE BUILDING IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ADA REGULATIONS AND FOI PROCEDURES.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Jeff Patnaude, is a 15 year old Norwalk resident and a member of Scout Troop 19 who has achieved the rank of Life Scout; and

WHEREAS, he has undertaken a service project associated with his effort to achieve the distinction of Eagle Scout and that project has involved more than 200 hours devoted to painting 103 fire hydrants in the City; and

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WHEREAS, he has mentored the efforts of 11 year old Tenderfoot Scout Leo Chambers who has contributed to the hydrant painting project; and

WHEREAS, he has undertaken the effort to encourage other members of Troop 19 to expand the project until each of Norwalk's nearly 1,600 hydrants are painted; and

WHEREAS, it has been documented by fire authorities that freshly painted hydrants are more visible and contribute to the ability of fire personnel to respond quickly to fires, thus contributing to the health and safety of all Norwalk residents, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that Jeff Patnaude be recognized as a good citizen of the City of Norwalk, exemplifying the spirit of giving to the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, that the Mayor and the Common Council of the City of Norwalk do hereby commend Jeff Patnaude for his contributions to the betterment of our City, do wish him well in his work to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, and on behalf of the City of Norwalk residents express profound appreciation and sincere thanks to him and Scout Troop 19 for their service. Dated this 9th day of November, 2010.

X. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox
Telesco Secretarial Services