

**COMMON COUNCIL ACTION JANUARY 25, 2011**  
**NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 8:00 P.M. EST. 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**

Mayor Moccia called the meeting at 8:18 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for the passing of Tim Scheibel who was a past Director of Recreation and Parks.

I. **ROLL CALL:** 14 present (Absent: Hilliard, C.)

II. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting:** January 11, 2011

III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** NONE

IV. **MAYOR**

A. **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**RESIGNATIONS: NONE**

**APPOINTMENTS: NONE**

**MAYOR'S REMARKS:** Thank you to the Council Members for coming early for the presentation of the Draft Greater Norwalk Ten Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. Great questions, and if you have more, email them. It is not an easy task - homelessness is across this Country and crosses all economic barriers. There are many, many people that came from affluent homes that are homeless now and some are homeless for reasons beyond their control. It is an important first step. Bridgeport, Stamford and Danbury already have their homelessness plan which we put in quite a while ago and we learned from that and we put in our plan.

V. **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

A. **GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

B. **CONSENT CALENDAR: VII.A.3, VII.B.1, VII.B.2, V11.B.3, VII.B.4, VII.C.1, VII.C.2, VII.C.3, VII.C.4, VII.C.5, VII.C.6, VII.C.7, VII.D.1, VII.E.1**

VI. **REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:** NONE

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**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to Coastal Fire Systems, 410 Sunrise Highway, West Babylon NY 11704, for the purchase of seven (7) TFT pumper intake valves for a total cost not to exceed \$10,500. \$9,012.03 to be paid from capital account #09-1131105777C0478, and then the remaining \$1,487.97 from operating account #0131-20-5764. **AUTHORIZED**
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to Municipal Emergency Services, 66 Fireman's Way, Poughkeepsie NY 12603, for the purchase of fifty-five (55) 100 foot lengths of large diameter fire hose and assorted adapters, for a total not to exceed \$30,987.97 to be paid from capital account #09-1131105777C0478. **AUTHORIZED with corrections**
3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement with the South Norwalk Boat Club for winter berthing of the fire department boat. This is a renewal of last year's agreement. **AUTHORIZED**

**B. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

1. Accept and approve the Report of the Claims Committee dated: January 6, 2011. **ACCEPTED AND APPROVED**
2. **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY:** Monthly Tax Collector's Report dated: December 31, 2010 **ACCEPTED**
3. **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY:** Narrative on Tax Collections dated January 13, 2011 **ACCEPTED**
4. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue purchase orders to ePlus Technology for the supply, engineering, installation and training for a storage area network system for the City of Norwalk and Board of Education per RFP #2917 response and quotation 21174384 for an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, accounts (BOE: 09105010-5777-C0112, \$60,000 and City 09070600-5777-C0375, \$65,000. **AUTHORIZED**

**C. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

1. A. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for the use of Calf Pasture Beach for their "Light the Night Walk" to be held Friday, October 14, 2011 from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Set up Friday, October 14, 2011 at 11:00 AM with tear down by 10:30 PM. Estimated attendance 500+. **AUTHORIZED**
- B. Approve the use of the Show Mobile by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for their event held at Calf Pasture Beach Friday, October 14, 2011. **APPROVED**

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2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Norwalk Karting Association for the use of Calf Pasture Beach for their Spring & Fall Racing Season.

Spring: March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 21, 30, May 7, 15, 21(no rain date), 2011  
Fall: October 1(no rain date), October 8(no rain date), October 15, 22, 29, 2011  
November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2011  
Estimated attendance 100+.

**AUTHORIZED**

3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Tri-fitness for the use of Calf Pasture Beach for their "Tri-fitness Women's Triathlon" to be held Sunday, August 28, 2011 from 6:30 AM – 9:30 AM. Set up to take place Saturday, August 27, 2011 at 5:00 PM with tear down Sunday, August 28, 2011 at Noon. Estimated attendance 400..

**AUTHORIZED**

4. A. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for the use of Calf Pasture Beach for their "Walk to Cure Diabetes" to be held on Sunday, October 9, 2011 from 6:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Estimated attendance 1,100.

**AUTHORIZED**

B. Approve the use of the show Mobile for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for their event held at Calf Pasture Beach, October 9, 2011.

**APPROVED**

5. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to apply for and receive the Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grant (HPTAG) through the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation on behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks regarding a Master Plan for the Gallaher Estate in Cranbury Park. The Grant is a 1-1 match with a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$20,000. Match account #09116030-5777-C0366. Grant application for \$20,000.

**AUTHORIZED**

6. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to apply for the National Trust Preservation Funds (NTPF) on behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks regarding a Master Plan for the Gallaher Estate in Cranbury Park. The grant range is \$500 - \$5,000. The match is a 1-1 match account #09116030-5777-C0366. Grant application for \$5,000.

**AUTHORIZED**

7. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to apply for and receive the Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation Grant through the National Trust for Historic Preservation on behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks regarding a Master Plan for the Gallaher Estate Cranbury Park. The grant is a 1-1 match with a minimum of \$2,500 - \$10,000. Match account #09116030-5777-C0366. Grant application for \$5,000.

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**D. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

1. The Agency, operating as the City's CDBG Administrator, deems the Norwalk Housing Authority's Application to the federal Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities Program to be consistent with the City's current Consolidated Plan and seeks Council approval for the Mayor to execute the required Certificate of Consistency that must accompany this document when submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) subject to the submission to the City of any award notifications and reports as required by HUD and presentation of an annual progress report to the City.

**APPROVED**

**E. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

1. Approve and adopt new Section 42A-5 of the Norwalk Code of Ordinances, which is entitled, "Approval of Rates and Fees," and will authorize the establishment of a schedule of fees for permits issued by and services performed by the Norwalk Fire Marshal's Office.

**APPROVED**

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL**

Whereas, The State of Connecticut Educational Cost Sharing grant system is Connecticut's primary education equalization aid program; and

Whereas the ECS formula is designed to allocate grant funds to school districts to fairly reflect student need as a function of poverty, test performance and limited English proficiency as well as district wealth, and

Whereas, it is the contention of the Common Council of the City of Norwalk that, when compared with other Connecticut municipalities of similar sociological composition, the ECS grant allocation to the City of Norwalk is substantially smaller; and

Whereas, the Council sites as example the following data:

The growth of Norwalk's percentage of students from non-English Language homes from 24.3% in the year 2000-2001 to 35.0% in the year 2005-2006, and the growth in the percentage of non-English language speaking students from 7.7% to 12.5% during the same period (while the across the State comparable percentage increased from only 3.7% to 5.2%).

The growth in numbers of Norwalk children eligible for free or reduced priced meals from 23.1% in 2004-2005 to 39.9% in 2009-2010 (while the comparable State-wide percentages increased from 26.4% to 32.9%).

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The percentage of Norwalk’s educational costs derived from Connecticut Educational Cost Sharing Grants decreased from 11.7% to 11.1% between 2001 and 2008, ranking Norwalk second-to-last in the percentage category and last in actual revenue sharing dollars received among Connecticut’s cities as demonstrated in the following chart:

District	% of School Revenues Provided By State	2007-2008 Budget (\$ millions)	State Portion (\$ millions)
Bridgeport	68.2	268	183
Danbury	69.2	119	83
Hartford	63.2	364	230
New Britain	60.4	137	83
New Haven	60.9	312	189
Norwalk	11.1	160	18
Stamford	8.8	234	21
Waterbury	56.2	232	130

Pastoral communities without apparent urban challenges often receive comparatively higher ECS support than the City of Norwalk.

District	ECS % 2007-2008
Canterbury	46.5
Canton	18.2
Hebron	35.0
Mansfield	33.3
Watertown	35.6
Wethersfield	18.5
Wolcott	44.7
Woodstock	35.4
Norwalk	11.1

and, Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Norwalk, lacking more conclusive argument that the allocation of grants resulting from State ECS formula has been adjusted to reflect rapid sociological and demographic changes of the past decade, and that these changes would increase Norwalk’s portion of the State Grant allocation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved: The Norwalk Common Council respectfully requests, on behalf of the citizens of Norwalk, that Connecticut Education Cost Sharing Grants be reviewed and appropriately revised to reflect recent changes in sociological, economic and demographic information; and adjusted favorably to account for such changes.

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- IX.    MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE:                      None
- X.    SUSPENSION OF RULES:    None
- XI.   ADJOURNMENT at 8:59 p.m.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**NONE**

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**REAPPOINTMENTS**

**NONE**