

COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA **APRIL 12, 2011**
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 8:00 P.M. 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

Mayor Moccia called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Beggan called the Roll:

Present:	Mr. Richard McQuaid	Absent:	Mr. Travis Simms
	Ms. Kelly Straniti		
	Mr. Carvin Hilliard		
	Mr. Fred Bondi		
	Ms. Joanne Romano		
	Mr. John Tobin		
	Mr. Douglas Hempstead		
	Mr. David Jaeger		
	Mr. Richard Bonenfant		
	Mr. Nicholas Kydes		
	Ms. Laurel Lindstrom		
	Mr. Clyde Mount		
	Mr. Andrew Conroy		
	Ms. Nora King		

There were fourteen (14) Councilmembers present and one (1) absent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting:

MARCH 22, 2011

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

FEBRUARY 22, 2011

- ** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Robert Burgess thanked the Council, especially Mrs. Duleep, Mr. Hilliard, Mr. McQuaid and Mayor Moccia for their commitment to improve Ryan Park and for allocating \$25,000 for those improvements.

Ms. Ruby Watkins, on behalf of the Friends of Ryan Park thanked the Council. She said that this is a milestone for the Park and that she would be back next year to report of their progress.

There were no other members of the public who wished to speak.

MAYOR

Mayor Moccia announced that Ms. Wink, City Clerk resigned her position for personal reasons. He thanked her and wished her success. He said that he would be reviewing resumes for her replacement. Mayor Moccia said that Ms. Beggan, Assistant City Clerk would be filling in. Mayor Moccia said that Ms. Wink did a terrific job and would be missed.

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS:

There were no resignations this evening.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mark Berns, Water Pollution Control Authority

- ** MR. MCQUAID MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK BURNS TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

Mr. McQuaid said that Mr. Burns works behind the scenes on a number of projects.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

Lewis Clark, Water Pollution Control Authority

- ** MR. CONROY MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LEWIS CLARK TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

Mr. Conroy said that Mr. Clark has a good bit of knowledge and he is happy to put his name forward.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

John Federici, Parking Authority

- ** MR. TOBIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN FEDERICI TO THE PARKING AUTHORITY**

Mr. Tobin said that Mr. Federici does a great job on the Parking Authority and he fully supports his nomination.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Patrick Devito, Shellfish Commission

- ** MR. BONDI MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF PATRICK DEVITO TO THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION**

Mr. Bondi said that he did a great job in his previous term and it pleases him to see him be reappointed. He said that he knows the waters off of Calf Pasture Beach and the Sound.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Moccia welcomed the contingency from Jefferson School.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. McQuaid wished everyone a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**** MR. MCQUAID MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with Sealcoating, Inc. for Project No. PM 2011-3, Proposed Crack Sealing at Various Locations, for a sum not to exceed \$181,300.00.

1b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to Sealcoating, Inc. for Project No. PM 2011-3, Proposed Crack Sealing at Various Locations, for a sum not to exceed \$18,130.00.
Account No. 0911 4021 5777 C0021

2. Rescind authorization of March 8, 2011:

VII.A.4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, on behalf of the City of Norwalk, to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for a grant for the “Engineering Design and Permitting for the Removal of the Flock Process Dam on the Norwalk River”.

Certified Resolution:

Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the City of Norwalk to enter into contracts with the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for grants for the “Engineering Design and Permitting for the Removal of the Flock Process Dam on the Norwalk River”.

In furtherance of this resolution, Mayor Richard A. Moccia is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the City of Norwalk. Richard A. Moccia currently holds the Office of Mayor of the City of Norwalk and has held that office since 2005. The Mayor is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by local, state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto.

3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, on behalf of the City of Norwalk, to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for a grant to study the pros and cons of the possible retention or removal of the Flock Process Dam on the Norwalk River.

Certified Resolution:

Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the City of Norwalk to enter into contracts with the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for grants to study the impacts of the Flock Process Dam on the Norwalk River. In furtherance of this resolution, Mayor Richard A. Moccia is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the City of Norwalk. Richard A. Moccia currently holds the Office of Mayor of the City of Norwalk and has held that office since 2005. The Mayor is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by local, state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto.

4. Technical Correction to the Common Council Action of December 14, 2010, item VII. C. 4. as follows:

As authorized

4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an amendment to the agreement with FGB Construction for Project No. PM 2009-1, Proposed Pavement Management program, for a sum not to exceed \$65,500.00.
Account No. **0909 4021 5777 C0021**

Amended resolution for approval

4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an amendment to the agreement with FGB Construction for Project No. PM 2009-1, Proposed Pavement Management program, for a sum not to exceed \$65,500.00.
Account No. 0911 4021 5777 C0021

B. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1a. RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Norwalk authorizes the Norwalk Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the construction and addition project at Rowayton Elementary School

1b. RESOLVED, that in accordance with Code of the City of Norwalk, Ordinance Chapter 30-16, the Norwalk Facilities Construction Commission (NFCC) is the designated School Building Committee with regard to the construction & addition project at the Rowayton Elementary School.

1c. RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Norwalk hereby authorizes ~~at least~~ the preparation of schematic drawings and outline

specifications for the construction & addition project at the Rowayton Elementary School.

2a. RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Norwalk authorizes the Norwalk Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the construction and addition project at Naramake Elementary School

2b. RESOLVED, that in accordance with Code of the City of Norwalk, Ordinance Chapter 30-16, the Norwalk Facilities Construction Commission (NFCC) is the designated School Building Committee with regard to the construction & addition project at the Naramake Elementary School.

2c. RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Norwalk hereby authorizes ~~at least~~ the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the construction & addition project at the Naramake Elementary School.

3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Amendment to Pacheco Ross Architects, P.C.'s contract for the new Fire Headquarter to provide additional services relating to relocation of equipment and permanent improvement to the Westport Avenue Fire Station. Fee breakdown shall be as follows:

Architectural - \$38,500
Civil subconsultant - \$ 8,300
Mechanical subconsultant - \$18,400
Environmental subconsultant - \$ 2,825
Geotechnical subconsultant - \$ 3,300
Survey - \$ 6,500

4a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with Aegis Restauro, LLC for monument conservation of 10 headstones at Brookside Cemetery for a total not to exceed \$8,100. Acct. # 09096310-5777-C0294

4b. Authorize the Historical Commission to issue Change Orders on Contract for a total not to exceed \$4,856 in order to restore additional headstones at Brookside Cemetery and/or Pine Island Cemetery.

5. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Amendment to CSC Holdings, Inc. f/k/a Cablevision Systems Corporation's lease for the Cross Street parking lot. Lease period shall be extended from August 1,2011 and ending October 31, 2017. Annual rental payment shall be \$21,000 and prorated for the last three months. All remaining lease terms to remain unchanged.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Mr. McQuaid left the Council Chambers.

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH MRC VENTURES LLC D/B/A BULL'S HEAD MARKET AS THE VENDOR FOR CITY HALL NEWSSTAND/CONCESSION FOR THREE YEARS. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

**July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 - \$4,000/yr
July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 - \$6,000/yr
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 - \$7,000/yr**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. McQuaid returned to the Council Chambers.

C. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Hempstead thanked Ms. Wink for her services. He said that she was very responsive and cooperative when he was a first term Council President.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE FY12 CAPITAL BUDGET AS PRESENTED WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES AS RECOMMENDED BY PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

1. Move \$25,000 to Project #C0364 School & Park Playgrounds bringing this total recommendation to \$235,000.

Reduce item C0365 Calf Pasture Beach reducing that recommendation to \$75,000. The additional allocation of \$25,000 to Project #C0364 is to be restricted to Ryan Park.

2. Move \$75,000 from Project # C0441 Safe Routes to School, reducing this recommendation of \$125,000 and move \$75,000 from Project #C0468 Bikeway Plan reducing that recommendation to \$125,000. Increase Project # New F-3 Footpath Replacement to \$150,000.

3. Move \$75,000 from Project #C0471 East Avenue Roadway/Bridge reducing that recommendation to \$225,000 to Project # New F-4 Sidewalk and Curb – Cudlipp Avenue increasing that recommendation to \$75,000.

4. Modify Project #C0375 Citywide IT Projects to include the requirement that the departmental utilization of these funds must include multi-media presentation upgrades and WIFI Internet access to both the Common Council Chambers and the public meeting rooms in City Hall.

Mr. Hempstead thanked the Mayor, Finance Committee, Planning Committee, the Common Council and this Administration for putting money into the City's infrastructure. He noted that there is money for playgrounds at Wolfpit and Jefferson Schools as well as Ryan Park. He said that most importantly is the Fire Headquarters. He said that this is the last one of the City's support buildings that had nothing done to it. He said that he was glad they had the ability to fund the Fire Department Headquarters. Mr. Hempstead said that this budget spreads the funds appropriately.

Mayor Moccia thanked the Planning Committee. He said that they may be able to get non-taxpayer money for Ryan Park.

Mr. Hilliard thanked Mr. Burgess and Ms. Watkins for coming out in support of Ryan Park. He also thanked Mrs. Duleep and the Friends of Ryan Park.

Mr. McQuaid thanked Mr. Hilliard for his support of Ryan Park as well as Mr. Burgess and Ms. Watkins. He told the representatives from Jefferson School that if they voice their opinion and get to the right people, good things can happen.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT**

DECREASE CITYWIDE GIS TECHNOLOGY FROM \$80,000 TO \$0.00 AND INCREASE RECREATION AND PARKS FODOR FARM FROM \$0.0 TO \$80,000

Mr. Hempstead said that they have to keep the Fodor Farm project moving forward.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were none.

MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Karin A. Beggan, Assistant City Clerk