

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 17, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Fred Wilms, Chair; Mayor Richard Moccia,
Leo Mellow, Jim Clark, Michael Kolman, Jim
Feigenbaum (via telephone conference)

STAFF: Thomas Hamilton, Finance Director; Ellen Wink,
City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wilms called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Ms. Wink called the roll, a quorum was present.

Appointment of Auditor for the June 30, 2010 Audit

Mr. Wilms said that after five years, it was time to revisit the auditors. Mr. Hamilton explained that an RFP had been sent out and six responses were received. Three finalists were selected and after some serious evaluation, the ad hoc committee recommended that the City continue with McGladrey and Pullan. Mr. Hamilton said that it was clear that McGladrey had experience with large municipalities with annual revenues of 100 million or more. The cost of the services is within the basic range. McGladrey lowered their price for the first year and will hold that price for the remaining four years on the contract. Mr. Hamilton then reviewed the figures for the other two respondents.

Mr. Hamilton said that the Charter indicates that the Board of Estimate is the appointing authority and this appointment needs to be done before June 1st. The resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with McGladrey and Pullan on the next agenda. A discussion then followed about what would happen if the Council refused to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE MCGLADREY AND PULLAN AS THE AUDITOR FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK FOR THE JUNE 30, 2010 AUDIT.**

Mr. Clark asked about the bid by CCR. Mr. Hamilton said that the largest municipality in Connecticut CCR is working with is Enfield, but there were concerns about the number of estimated hours.

Mr. Clark asked about the best practices about having the same group as the auditors for any given time frame. Mr. Hamilton said that there was no requirement in the State Statutes or the Charter about rotating auditors. There are many different opinions on the subject. This has also been discussed with the auditors. McGladrey and Pullan said that they would be willing to rotate the staff assigned to the project. Mr. Hamilton said that there are some advantages to having a group that already familiar with the City. Mr. Wilms said that on the audit committee, the committee members looked at the RFP respondents very carefully. Mr. Clark said that he liked the idea of having the auditing staff rotating. The discussion then moved to whether this would be a

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ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
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