

**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.

Following the pledge the Mayor asked for a moment of silence to pay respect to the country of Norway following the tragedy and loss of lives with events that recently took place there.

I. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Halsey called the roll. The following Council Members were present:

Council at Large:	Mr. Douglas Hempstead	Mr. Fred Bondi
Richard McQuaid	Mr. John Tobin	Ms. Joanne Romano
District A:	Mr. Richard Bonenfant	Mr. David Jaegar
District B:	Mr. Carvin Hilliard	Mr. Travis Simms
District C:	Ms. Laurel Lindstrom	Mr. Nicholas Kydes
District D:		Ms. Kelly Straniti
District E:	Mr. Andrew Conroy	Ms. Nora King

Mayor Richard A. Moccia, Attorney Robert Maslan, Corporation Counsel

Erin Halsey, City Clerk

Fourteen members were present; one member were absent (Mount)

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – July 12, 2011

Ms. Romano noted a correction on page six under the consent calendar that the motion was made by Ms. Straniti and not Mr. McQuaid.

**\*\* MR. BONDI MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 12, 2011 MEETING, AS AMENDED WITH CORRECTION NOTED. \*\*  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Moccia asked if there was anyone in attendance who wished to speak on an agenda item, and hearing none, stated the public participation of the meeting was closed at 8:10 p.m.

MAYOR:

COMMENTS: Mayor Moccia welcomed Mr. McQuaid back after his recent hospital stay following his being struck by lightening.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Remarks: Mr. McQuaid thanked everyone for their outpouring of concern for him and his family during the recent ordeal of the lightening strike. He added that the care by the paramedics, police and fire department personnel was top-notch, and that Norwalk is well cared for by its professional emergency response team.

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

RE-APPOINTMENTS: Donna King, Maritime Authority - Term Expires: 07/01/2016

Mr. McQuaid stated that he has known Ms. King as one of the hardest working chairwomen, and a very active member of the authority, and he is pleased to recommend her for this reappointment. Mr. Jaeger stated that he also wanted to acknowledge her hard work and experience with the authority and was pleased to support the recommendation on her behalf. Mayor Moccia stated that he echoed the comments made on behalf of Ms. King, and added that she has a record of handling things in a professional, non-partisan way.

**\*\* MS. ROMANO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF  
DONNA KING TO THE MARITIME AUTHORITY.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Kathleen Nagle, Maritime Authority - Term Expires: 07/01/2016

Mr. Hilliard stated that he has known Ms. Nagle as a hard working professional and a very active member of the authority, and he is pleased to recommend her for this reappointment. Mr. Jaeger stated that he also wanted to acknowledge her hard work and experience with the authority and was pleased to support the recommendation on her behalf.

Mr. Bonenfant added that he has experienced only good things regarding these individuals and is proud to support these reappointments. He noted that each year the City pays over \$1,685 million in debt service and hopefully there will be a commitment from the authority to pay back the city loan.

Mayor Moccia stated that he echoed the comments made on behalf of Ms. Nagle, and that he admires the passion with which she handles her volunteering with the authority.

- \*\* MR. HILLIARD MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHLEEN NAGLE TO THE MARITIME AUTHORITY.**  
**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. McQuaid stated that it has been past practice to cancel the second Council Meeting in August, and announced that the August 23, 2011 Council Meeting would be cancelled.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- \*\* MR. MCQUAID MOTIONED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**  
**VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.B.1 (CONSENT TO TABLE BACK TO COMMITTEE)**  
**VII.B.2, VII.B.3, VII. B.5, VII.B.6, VII. B.10a. 10b. VII. B.11, VII. C1.**  
**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS: NONE

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

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 1. Accept and Approve the Report of the Claims Committee dated: July 14, 2011.**
- 2. For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report dated: June 30, 2011.**

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

***THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS TABLED BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW:***

- 1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with TPA Design Group RFP#3033 Creation of a Comprehensive Master Plan for Veterans Park for a sum not to exceed \$30,000. Account #09096030-5777-C0367.**
- 2. Approve the use of the Show Mobile by "Kayak for a Cause" for their annual event to be held Saturday, July 30, 2011.**
- 3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Norwalk Hospital for the annual Whittingham Cancer Center Walk/Run to be held Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Estimated attendance 2,000.**

Consent Calendar – continued

**5. Approve the use of the Show Mobile by the SONO Arts Celebration for their annual event to be held Friday, August 5, Saturday, August 6, and Sunday, August 7, 2011.**

**6. Approve the use of Mathews Park by “Wilton Go Green” for the “Moving Planet – NRVT (Norwalk River Valley Trail) Bike Ride” to be held Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Estimated attendance 500.**

**10a. Authorize to increase the contingency allowance to Wernert Construction Management, LLC for the Fodor Farm Rehabilitation Project for an additional total not to exceed \$20,000.00. Account #09126030-5777-C0462.**

**10b. Authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to issue a change order to Wernert Construction Management, LLC for an additional total not to exceed \$20,000. Account #091626030-5777-C0462.**

**11. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with McCormack Masonry & Construction Bid #3055 for the Reconstruction – Hungary Memorial Monument for an amount not to exceed \$26,000.00. Account #'s 0911603-5777-C0488 for 15,000.00 and Account #016031-5585 for \$4,100.00. Redevelopment/Freeze Park/North East Utilities Project Account for \$6,900.00.**

**C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**Approve the technical correction of Item VII.A.1. of the Common Council meeting of July 12, 2011:**

*As authorized on July 12, 2011:*

**1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for “On-Call Traffic Engineering Services” with RBA of Connecticut, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.**

**Account No. 014030 5258  
014031 5343**

*Technical correction for approval:*

**1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for “On-Call Traffic Engineering Services” with RBA Group of Connecticut, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.**

**Account No. 014030 5258/014031 5343**

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

3a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to amend and Agreement with Andrews Technology (NOVATIME SYSTEM) for a Time and Attendance System for time collection, recording for Phase 2 of the project not to exceed \$263,260.00 (Approved in Capital Budget Account 09120600-5777-C0375) and

3b. Authorize the Comptroller to issue change orders on the contract for a total not to exceed \$25,240.00.

Mr. Kydes asked Mr. Hamilton to address the Council to field questions, and he explained that the City began the project in March 2010 and went “live” with the first departments in June 2010, which was for 1,000 users covering all City employees with the exception of the School system. He stated that this represents the extension of the system now used by the Comptroller’s office and is the implementation of the next phase for the Norwalk Public Schools.

Mr. Bondi asked how the system is working and Mr. Hamilton replied that the City pays about 3,500 employees including full and part-time employees with many pay rules and various accruals of sick, vacation, personal and other accrual types, and has been successfully implemented for close to 500 employees and continues to add employees.

Mr. Bondi asked if this will take the place of sign out sheets, and Mr. Hamilton replied yes and added that this phase is important because the school system does not currently have a complete system to account for sick and vacation balances. The system will also help alleviate the intense effort made by school staff to pay people each pay day

Mayor Moccia asked how many employees will be covered by the Board of Education and Mr. Hamilton replied approximately 2, 500.

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO AMEND AND AGREEMENT WITH ANDREWS TECHNOLOGY (NOVATIME SYSTEM) FOR A TIME AND ATTENDANCE SYSTEM FOR TIME COLLECTION, RECORDING FOR PHASE 2 OF THE PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED \$263,260.00 (APPROVED IN CAPITAL BUDGET ACCOUNT 09120600-5777-C0375) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COMPTROLLER TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$25,240.00. \*\***  
**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute an agreement with Jaffe Holden of Norwalk for audio visual design services for the Common Council chambers (RFP #3022) for an amount not to exceed \$17,000 (Accounts 09110600-5777-C0375 and 09041361-5777-C0286).

Mr. Kydes asked Ms. Del Vecchio to address the Council to field questions, and she explained that the goal of the project is to obtain a comprehensive design plan that introduces state-of-the-art audio-visual capabilities to the Chambers while making use of existing equipment where possible.

Mr. Hempstead stated that he was glad to see this finally going forward and that this was much needed for the Council and other Committees as well.

Ms. Straniti asked if this will be the platform to then re-design other rooms such as 101 and 231, and Ms. Del Vecchio replied that yes, they expect to apply learning from the Chambers to other locations in improving technology capabilities throughout City Hall.

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH JAFFE HOLDEN OF NORWALK FOR AUDIO VISUAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS (RFP #3022) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000 (ACCOUNTS 09110600-5777-C0375 AND 09041361-5777-C0286).**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

4. Approve the use of Shady Beach by the Shiloh Baptist Church for a “Waterfront Worship” to be held Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Est. attendance 150.

Ms. Romano asked what the program will entail and a minister from the Shiloh Baptist Church came forward and replied that this was just a worship service. Mayor Moccia stated that if there were any baptisms, it needed to be noted for insurance liability purposes.

**\*\* MR. MCQUAID MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE USE OF SHADY BEACH BY THE SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH FOR A “WATERFRONT WORSHIP” TO BE HELD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 FROM 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. EST. ATTENDANCE 150.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Concrete Creations L.L.C. Project #3058 for the Supply & Installation of Playground Equipment at Wolfpit Elementary School for a sum not to exceed \$103,309.00. Acct #09126030-5777-C0364.

Mr. Jaeger stated that both this and the Jefferson item were great projects, and wanted to know the reason that the lowest bid was not accepted. Mr. Mocciae stated that the submitted bids were not qualified and were not comprehensive bids to adequately complete the job.

Mayor Moccia stated that for future projects it should be noted when lowest bids are not qualified, and a comment of explanation should be included in the supporting documents in the agenda packet for the Council members to review.

**\*\* MR. MCQUAID MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CONCRETE CREATIONS L.L.C. PROJECT #3058 FOR THE SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT WOLFPIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$103,309.00. ACCT #09126030-5777-C0364.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Concrete Creations L.L.C. Project #3059 for the Supply & Installation of Playground Equipment at Jefferson Elementary School for a sum not to exceed \$103,108.60. Account #09126030-5777-C0364.

Mr. Conroy stated that he encourages parent involvement to keep school playground projects on track and designed to meet their objectives of the school and PTOs. Mr. Kydes added that both projects are paramount in getting children outdoors using playground facilities and to encourage exercise and fresh air, as opposed to watching videos and playing video games.

Mayor Moccia thanked Mr. Mocciae for all the work done on the playground projects with the schools.

**\*\* MR. MCQUAID MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CONCRETE CREATIONS L.L.C. PROJECT #3059 FOR THE SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$103,108.60. ACCOUNT #09126030-5777-C0364.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Turf products Project #3064 Toro Groundskeeper 5910 Mower for a sum not to exceed \$92,149.00. Account #016031-5585 and #09126030-5777-C-0468.

Mr. McQuaid noted that the item had been reduced by \$300.

**\*\* MR. MCQUAID MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TURF PRODUCTS PROJECT #3064 TORO GROUNDSKEEPER 5910 MOWER FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$92,149.00. ACCT #016031-5585, #09126030-5777-C-0468.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**D. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

1. Approve and adopt proposed amendments to Chapter 18A of the Norwalk Code of Ordinances.

Ms. Straniti stated that the item was generated from the Health Department with the objective to adopt technical standards, policies and inspection procedures to assure proper sanitary maintenance. She stated that the Tattoo shops welcomed these changes and were very much in favor of having regulations in place.

Ms. King stated that she would like to pay a compliment to Ms. Straniti for her hard work with researching the subject, and as Chair of the Committee has done a great job with this ordinance amendment.

Mr. Hilliard echoed the comments made to acknowledge the work done by Ms. Straniti. He added that in terms of authority, the ordinance gives one person the authority to come up with a policy and enforce it, and he finds this unusual. He added that although this appears to be the standard in the regulatory statutes, but he will petition legislators to change this to provide scrutiny and to spread out the power and authority to the Board of Health and not solely on the Director.

**\*\* MS. STRANITI MOTIONED TO APPROVE AND ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 18A OF THE NORWALK CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL – None

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE - none

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES- none

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox,  
Telesco Secretarial Services