

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.

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:		
District D:	Mr. Clyde Mount	Ms. Kelly Straniti
District E:	Mr. Andrew Conroy	

Mayor Richard A. Moccia; Attorney Linda Guliuzza, Corporation Counsel;
Erin Halsey, City Clerk

Twelve members were present; three members were absent (Kydes, King, Lindstrom)

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – September 13, 2011

**** MR. BONDI MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION (MOUNT).**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Moccia asked if there was anyone 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:

REAPPOINTMENTS: Timothy T. Buzzee, Human Relations Commission
Jessica D. Fogg, Human Relations Commission
Nancy Burke, Fair Housing Advisory Commission
Edward G. Hynes, Pension Board of Trustees
Alan Jeffrey Mathis, Fair Housing Advisory Commission

** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
TIMOTHY BUZZEE TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

** MR. TOBIN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
JESSICA FOGG TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

** MS. ROMANO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
NANCY BURKE TO THE FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

** MR. BONDI MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
EDWARD HYNES TO THE PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

** MR. HILLIARD MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
NANCY BURKE TO THE FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Moccia thanked all those listed for accepting their reappointments, and he acknowledged the hard work that the Committees do for the diverse needs of the City.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Moccia wished all those members of the Jewish community a safe and happy holiday of Rosh Hannah.

Mayor Moccia announced that Mr. Hempstead was receiving an award from NEON and he congratulated him on this well-deserved recognition.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. McQuaid announced the following upcoming City events:

The Fire Department Open House will be held this Saturday, October 1.

The Department of Public World Open House will be held this Saturday, October 1.

The Lockwood Matthews Flea Market/Tag Sale will be held this Sunday, October 2.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- ** MR. MCQUAID MOTIONED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE
CONSENT CALENDAR:
VII. A2, A3, A4, A5, A6a, A6b, A8; B1, B2, B3a, B3b.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Greenwich Kennel Club, Inc. for the use of Taylor Farm for the 80th Greenwich Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show to be held Saturday, June 9, 2012. Set up would begin Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 12:00 Noon with tear down no later than 5:00 PM on Sunday, June 10, 2012. Estimated attendance 1,000+.

3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the United Haitian-American Society for the use of a portion of Veterans Park for the 8th annual CT Haitian-American Day Celebration to take place Saturday, July 14, 2012 from 8:00 AM – 9:30 PM. Set up would begin Friday, July 12, 2012 at Noon with tear down no later than Noon on Sunday, July 15, 2012. Estimated attendance 3,000.

MODIFIED ON CONSENT TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

The applicant will have all permits, certificates of insurance, bonds, executed and completed and fees paid by July 2, 2012.

4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with TriFitness for the use of Calf Pasture and Shady Beach for a Women's Triathlon and Duathlon to be held Sunday, August 26, 2012 from 6:30 AM – 9:30 AM. Set up to take place Saturday, August 25, 2012 at 9:00 AM with tear down no later than Noon on Sunday, August 26, 2012. Estimated attendance 300+.

5. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with C.A.F.E. for the use of a portion of Veterans Park for the Columbian Festival 2012 to be held Sunday, July 22, 2012 from 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Set up would begin Saturday, July 21, 2012 at Noon with tear down no later than Noon on Monday, July 23, 2012. Estimated attendance 3,000+. The applicant will have all permits, certificates of insurance, bonds, etc. completed by July 9, 2012.

CONSENT CALENDAR—continued.

6. a. Authorize Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Bangor Abatement Inc. Project #3079 lead paint abatement-Fodor Farm-Homestead Dwelling for a sum not to exceed \$48,500.00. Capital Budget Line Item Acct #09096030-5777-C0462.

6. b. Authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to issue a change order on contract with Bangor Abatement Inc. for a total not to exceed \$12,000.00. Account #09096030-5777-C0462.

8. Authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to issue a change order on contract to TJJ Industries, LLC (dba Dalton Track & Tennis) project #2959 Tennis & Basketball Court Crack repair, color coating and striping. To include Norwalk High School Basketball and Ball Wall Courts as well as the Skate Park at Calf Pasture Beach Repair for a sum not to exceed \$29,600.00. Account #09116030-5777- C0454 and #09126030-5777-C0321.

B. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute the renewal of the Emergency Communications Network (Code Red) contract for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 for the amount not to exceed \$35,000 to execute any future contract renewals with the same vendor, for total annual renewals not to exceed \$35,000. (Account No. 013160-5228).

2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue sole source purchase orders to various Vendors offering specialty non-generic vaccines to be used in the Health Department's immunization programs for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, with total purchases not to exceed \$300,000.00 per year.

3. a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute 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 2012 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement program. The program will be funded with 75% grant funds of \$44,256.35, and 25 % City funds of \$14,752.12 to be taken out of the police overtime or asset forfeiture accounts.

3. b. Authorize the Police Chief, Harry Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments and amendments thereto as may be necessary to implement the FY 2012 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program, pursuant to such grant funding.

RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Norwalk Exchange Club to provide parking attendants for the Norwalk In-Water Boat Show to take place September 22 – 25, 2011 for a sum not to exceed \$6,000.00. Acct #016027-5258.

Mr. Bonenfant stated that he was a member of the Exchange Club and recused himself from the item. Mr. Jaeger stated he was also a member of the Exchange club and recused himself.

Mr. Bonenfant and Mr. Jaeger left the Chambers at 8:20 p.m.

**** MR. MCQUAID MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK EXCHANGE CLUB TO PROVIDE PARKING ATTENDANTS FOR THE NORWALK IN-WATER BOAT SHOW TO TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 22 – 25, 2011 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000.00. ACCT #016027-5258. ****
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Bonenfant and Mr. Jaeger returned to the Council Chambers at 8:21 p.m.

7. a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute a contract with LaRosa Building Group LLC in the amount not to exceed \$1,423,000.00 a State Fund no match grant for Oyster Shell Park Site Improvements Phase 1 through Redevelopment.

7. b. Authorize the Executive Director of the Norwalk Redevelopment agency to issue change orders on the contract in an amount not to exceed \$213,450.000.

Mr. McQuaid asked members of the Redevelopment Agency to field questions, and Mr. Sheehan and Ms. Switzer came forward. Mr. Hempstead asked if this grant is only for Phase I and if this can stand alone if no other grants are received for the additional phases. Mr. Sheehan stated that the first phase is designed to stand on its own as the starting point and entrance to the park, but it would be their intent to go back and get additional grant resources. Ms. Sweitzer stated that phase one improvements will include site grading for new pedestrian routes, design of an open plaza space, pedestrian lighting, and landscaping with native plants, And that additional grant resources will be applied for to cover the additional phases.

Mr. Jaeger stated that better lighting is needed at the park and asked if there is going to be increased lighting to help monitor and keep the park secure, and Ms. Sweitzer, said lighting is a major component of the project, particularly along the walkways, and some of the phase one money will be used to repair sidewalks at the park that have failed.

Mayor Moccia acknowledged the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency and Department of Recreation and Parks Director Michael A. Mocciae for advancing the plan and securing the funding. Mr. Hempstead added kudos for getting this grant, stating that was not an easy grant to secure.

**** MR. MCQUAID MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LAROSA BUILDING GROUP LLC IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,423,000.00 A STATE FUND NO MATCH GRANT FOR OYSTER SHELL PARK SITE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1 THROUGH REDEVELOPMENT.**

AND

TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORWALK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$213,450.000.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Approve proposed Ordinance changes: Norwalk Code Chapter 27, Naming of City Buildings and Facilities.

Ms. Straniti gave an overview that this item has been through two previous councils, that it is a one-page ordinance, probably the shortest ordinance in the City's history, but it has the basics, which are covered to make sure that the person has contributed greatly to the community. She added that one of the requirements that came about was to prefer that the person be deceased for at least a year prior to the naming and that the naming request would be subject to a public hearing with a two-thirds majority vote by the council required.

Mr. Bonenfant thanked Ms. Straniti for the fine job she has done as the Chairperson and stated that he and Mr. Kimmel had worked on this following many failed attempts to bring it through Committee and on to the Council.

Mr. Hilliard thanked Ms. Straniti for her fine work as chair of the Ordinance Committee and commended her and the members for getting the job done under her leadership. He added that this is an example of doing what is best for the City.

Ms. Romano stated that it has been a pleasure to work on the Ordinance Committee under Ms. Straniti's leadership, and wanted the Council to note that they are losing an exceptional Council member. Mr. Conroy added that although the issue of having the individual having not yet passed to be acknowledged was one concern, there are other ways such as park benches, etc. rather than City Buildings and that is one that if there is a great enough legacy, it should still be there one year after the person is deceased.

Mr. Bondi stated that he felt some regret not including individuals that are still alive for the honor of their legacy, and that dedicating ball fields and parks have been a meaningful recognition, and it has been very rewarding to see and have the person experience the honor.

**** MS. STRANITI MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE
CHANGES TO NORWALK CODE CHAPTER 27, NAMING OF CITY
BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE - none

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES- none

XI. OTHER

Mayor Moccia announced that the Council Meeting on November 8 represents a schedule conflict as it is Election Day and many of the Council members will be busy. He recommended that the meeting be held at 9:00 a.m. and asked the members to confirm their availability so that it can be determined if there will be a quorum in attendance. He noted that there would be a Council with new members for the meeting on November 22, 2011.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. MCQUAID MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox,
Telesco Secretarial Services