

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	
District B:	Mr. Carvin Hilliard	Mr. Travis Simms
District C:	Mr. Nicholas Kydes	Ms. Laurel Lindstrom
District D:	Mr. Clyde Mount	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 was absent (Jaeger)

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – October 11, 2011

**** MR. CONROY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 11, 2011 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following statements are not verbatim and represent a summary of comments made.

Michael Mushak, introduced himself as a member of the Zoning Board and stated that he was here in support of Item E on the agenda, the Transit-Oriented Master Plan for the South Norwalk Railroad Station Neighborhood. He stated that he was in support of the plan and he reviewed the history of many studies and thousands of dollars that the City has spent in the past on studies that have been done, but have never come to implementation.

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Mr. Mushak added that while he wholeheartedly supports the master plan, there are areas that need to be addressed including the avoidance of parking lots along the waterfront, where land

could be better used as a river walk area with restaurants, etc.

Mayor Moccia asked if there was anyone else 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:

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Diane Beltz -Jacobson, Assistant Corporation Counsel

- ** MR. KYDES MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DIANE BELTZ JACOBSON, ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL WITH TERM TO EXPIRE 10/31/13:**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Moccia stated that this would be the last meeting of the current Council and asked that comments be allowed at the end of the meeting to acknowledge outgoing members.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. McQuaid also stated that there would be an exchange of comments at the end of the meeting to acknowledge outgoing members.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- ** MR. MCQUAID MOTIONED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR:
VI. A1; VII. A2, A3. A4. B1, C1, C2, 3; Consent to Table back to Committee:
D1, D2a, D2b, D3a, D3b, D4a, D4b; G1a, G1b, G2, G3.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

A. BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION

1. FISCAL YEAR 2011-12:

RESOLVED, that the sum not to exceed \$6,759 be and the same is hereby transferred from Contingency to Fire Department to pay for Code Red Contract with Emergency Communications Networking. (Account No.: 01- 3160- 5258)

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 1. Accept and Approve the Report of the Claims Committee dated: October 13, 2011**
- 2. For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report dated: September 30, 2011**
- 3. For informational purposes only: Narrative on Tax Collections dated: October 13, 2011**

4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Amendment to the Agreement between the City and ICON Enterprises d/b/a/ CivicPlus.com for website design services, including content management, training, and hosting services for the Norwalk Public Library, for an amount not to exceed \$30,000, account 09110600 5777 C0375 (budgeted IT capital project; no special appropriation required)

C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute all documents on the City's behalf to progress through design development for State Project 102 329, Strawberry Hill Avenue Safe Routes to School.

D. RECREATION, PARKS, CULTURAL AFFAIRS

- 1. Approve the use of the Show Mobile by the American Legion Post 12 Norwalk for their annual Community Tree Lighting to be held Sunday, November 27, 2011.**
- 2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Round Hill Highland Games to be held in Cranbury Park on Saturday, July 7, 2012 from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Set up to take place Thursday, July 5, 2012 at noon with tear down no later than noon on Monday, July 9, 2012. Estimated attendance 2,500+.**
- 3. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue change orders on contract (PM2011 12) Bituminous Concrete Permanent Pavement repair with Reliable Excavation Co. Inc. for the installation of sidewalks and curbing at Calf Pasture Beach for a sum not to exceed \$65,610.19. Account #09126030 5777 C 0365.**

CONSENT CALENDAR - continued

D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE ON CONSENT TO BE TABLED BACK TO

COMMITTEE:

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Purchase Order(s) to the (Lowest Responsible Bidder) for the purchase of Data Center Core Switch for the Board of Education for a total not to exceed (amount to be determined). Acct. #09115010 5777 C0112 (Note: bid opening Oct. 21, 2011)

TABLED BACK TO COMMITTEE:

2a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Purchase Order(s) to the (Lowest Responsible Bidder) for the purchase of Classroom Performance System (CPS), 21 Clickers for various schools for a total not to exceed (amount to be determined). Acct. #09115010 5777 C0112 (Note: bid opening Oct. 21, 2011)

2b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Purchase Order(s) to the (Lowest Responsible Bidder) for the purchase of 150 Mobis for various schools for a total not to exceed (amount to be determined). Acct. #09115010-5777-C0112 (Note: bid opening Oct. 21, 2011)

TABLED BACK TO COMMITTEE:

3a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Purchase Order(s) to the (Lowest Responsible Bidder) for the purchase of 150 Interactive Whiteboards for various schools for a total not to exceed (amount to be determined). Acct. #09115010-5777-C0112 (Note: currently out for bid)

3b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Purchase Order(s) to the (Lowest Responsible Bidder) for the purchase of 15 SmartBoards for various schools for a total not to exceed (amount to be determined). Acct. #09115010-5777-C0112 (Note: currently out for bid)

TABLED BACK TO COMMITTEE:

4a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Purchase Order(s) to Inter-optic Systems Network Solutions for upgrades to the PA System at Norwalk High School for a total not to exceed \$31,000.00 Acct. #09115010-5777-C0112

4b. Authorize the Board of Education, IT Department to issue change orders on Purchase Order for a total not to exceed \$5,000.00 Acct. #09115010-5777-C0112

G. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1a. 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 for the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Program in the amount of \$90,556 for the period January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012.

G. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Cont.

1b. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A Moccia, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments or amendments as may be necessary to implement the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Program for the period January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012.

2a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute all documents necessary to

apply for and accept funds from the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health to implement a lead poison program for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$18,921.

2b. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments or amendments as may be necessary to implement a lead poison program for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

E. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Approval and adoption of Transit-Oriented Master Plan for the South Norwalk Railroad Station Neighborhood as Outlined in the attached Briefing Summary

Mr. Hempstead moved the item for discussion and stated that the master plan lays out development potential and transportation improvements for neighborhoods near the train station. He added that this is an important definite tool we're going to need for South Norwalk, and it recognizes that we need to put more people into the area to make it a vibrant area.

Ms. Lindstrom noted that the entire document wasn't included in the council packet, and asked for the history on the item as vetted through Committee, and Mr. Sheehan replied that there were over fifteen public meetings including four public hearings on the item.

Ms. King stated that the entire document wasn't included in the council packet, and Mr. Sheehan replied that the outline documents provided all the elements of the plan in summary form. He added that everything that comes to the council is in draft form until approved, but he would be happy to provide the 120-page full document if that was required. In addition, Mr. Sheehan stated that he and the agency would be happy to present the entire plan and to walk through the comprehensive plan, if the Council wants as they strive to always provide full disclosure of information.

Ms. Lindstrom stated that she was not sure if it's ready to come to the Council for approval, and Mr. Hilliard said he believed the plan was being rushed to the council. He added that while he appreciates the amount of work done, he needs to review the entire plan before approval.

Ms. King said she wished that the plan had put an emphasis on retail and commercial development, and Mr. Sheehan asked a representative from the Cecil Group to address those areas. A discussion ensued on the current projections versus future projections of the need for office space.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – cont.

Mr. Cecil summarized that the research shows that transit oriented use is primarily based on residential or preferences to live near areas where mass transit options are located. He added that the Transit research advisors indicate that housing is much more advantageous than office or shopping in transit areas and that there is currently a very low demand for additional office space. Ms. King stated that she disagrees with this projection for the long term.

Mr. Bonenfant questioned the economic analysis addressing impact on schools and stated that the numbers were way off. He asked how 600 multi-family housing units listed in the full build-out

potential in the master plan could result in only 10 additional children in city schools.

Mr. Sheehan said the term "multi-family" doesn't necessarily reflect the family structure of the unit residents, and explained the formula that was used was a combination of state guidelines utilizing this data and those estimates indicate a total of 93 students would be covered.

Mr. Hilliard stated that although he supports the plan he has questions and in particular ones from his district where residents have asked about street parking. Mr. Sheehan replied that street parking is not necessarily a part of the master plan and that should be directed to the Traffic Authority.

**** MR. HILLIARD MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF TRANSIT-ORIENTED MASTER PLAN FOR THE SOUTH NORWALK RAILROAD STATION NEIGHBORHOOD AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED BRIEFING SUMMARY.**

Mayor Moccia called for a roll-call vote.

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH ELEVEN VOTES IN FAVOR, TWO OPPOSED (HILLIARD, SIMMS) AND ONE OPPOSED (LINDSTROM).**

F. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Approve and adopt proposed Chapter 18B of the Norwalk Code of Ordinances.

Ms. Straniti stated that this item refers to the creation of an ordinance to regulate Tanning Parlors and that the Ordinance Committee had done a great deal of work with the Health Department regarding developing this ordinance governing the operation of tanning facilities. She gave an overview of how it mandates inspections and the permitting process with one of the key objectives to protect young people from harmful effects of using tanning beds. Mr. Bonenfant added that it requires parent permission and a note, and Ms. Straniti clarified that parents are required to be in attendance for minors under the age of 17.

**** MS. STRANITI MOTIONED TO APPROVE AND ADOPT PROPOSED CHAPTER 18B OF THE NORWALK CODE OF ORDINANCES.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE - none

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES- none

Mayor Moccia stated that this meeting marked the last full session of the 2009-11 council before the city's elections on November 8 and added that by charter, the council must meet on that date -- the second Tuesday of the month. He stated that the Nov. 8 meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., and will be limited to approving the minutes of tonight's meeting, and asked the

majority and minority leaders to let the City Clerk know the member attendance to ensure that a quorum will be present.

Mayor Moccia stated that as he had mentioned earlier, this would be the last meeting of the current Council and asked that comments be allowed to acknowledge outgoing members. There was an exchange of comments, compliments, statements of thanks and appreciation, and acknowledgements by all council members to those members not returning to the council and by those members who were ending their term.

Mayor Moccia presented the following members of the council that were leaving with plaques to thank them for their service to the City:

Mr. David Jaeger, Ms. Laurel Lindstrom, Mr. Richard McQuaid, Mr. Clyde Mount,
Mr. Travis Simms, Ms. Kelly Straniti.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. STRANITI MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox,
Telesco Secretarial Services