

**COMMON COUNCIL
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT**

ACTION

**FEBRUARY 24, 2009
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 8:10pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

14 Present: 1 absent - F. Bondi

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular meeting - February 10, 2009

Approved with corrections

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3 Speakers

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resignations:

None

Appointments:

None

Reappointments:

None

B. REMARKS

Mayor Moccia mentioned that most of the stimulus package will go directly to the State and will be reallocated through the Governor's Legislative Office and the City may not receive amount requested. Mayor Moccia talked about state of the City during this economic downturn and the important decisions that have to be made.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Council President Bolden thanked Mayor Moccia for the dedication of room 231, the Mary T. "Bea" Brown room. Councilman Bolden also mentioned that the appointment of the Ethics Board will take place at the March 10, 2009 Council meeting.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR The following items are on consent: VII. A 1a - 5 (consent with corrections) & 6 (consent to delete); VII. B 1, 2, 3, 4 (consent to close account and move to item 5), 5, 6, 7 & 9; VII. C 1; VII. D 1 (consent to move item in front of item B).

VI. AGENCIES, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

None

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**A. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

- 1a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute an agreement with Shock Electrical Contractors Inc. for the Calf Pasture Beach Athletic Fields Lighting Project Bid #2750 for a sum not to exceed \$192,810.30. Account #09096030-5777-C0365. *Authorized*
- 1b. Authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to make changes with Shock Electrical Contractors Inc. for the Calf Pasture Beach Athletic Fields Lighting Project Bid #2750 for a sum not to exceed \$19,281.00. Account #09096030-5777-C0365. *Authorized*
- 2a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the March of Dimes for their Annual March for Babies/Walk Event to be held at Calf Pasture Beach on Sunday, April 26, 2009 from 6:00am – 3:00pm. Estimate attendance 800. *Authorized*
- 2b. Approve the use of the Show Mobile by March of Dimes for their Annual March for Babies/Walk Event at Calf Pasture Beach on Sunday, April 26, 2009 *Approved*
3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Water Sports Center to host 2 interscholastic rowing regattas to be held in Veteran's Park on Sunday, May 10, 2009 and Sunday, November 1, 2009 from 7:00am - 5:00pm each day as well as the use of the parking lot in Heritage Park for spectator parking. Estimated attendance 250+. *Authorized*
4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Norwalk Hospital to hold their Annual Whittingham Cancer Center Benefit Walk at Calf Pasture Beach on Sunday, May 30, 2009 from 6:00am – 5:00pm. Estimated attendance 1,600. *Authorized*
5. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Round Hill Highland Games for the use of Cranbury Park on Saturday, ~~July 18, 2009~~ June 27, 2009 from 7:00am – 9:00pm. Set-up to take place Friday, ~~July 17, 2009~~ June 26, 2009 from 8am with tear down by Sunday, ~~July 19, 2009~~ June 28, 2009 at 10:00am. Estimated attendance 2,500+. *Authorized with corrections*
6. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a sole source purchase order to Musco Lighting LLC for the purchase of Athletic Lights for Calf Pasture Beach for a sum not to exceed \$312,000.00. Account #09096030-5777-C0365. *Consent to delete*

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Accept and approve the Report of the Claims Committee dated: February 12, 2009. *Approved*
2. For informational purposes only: Narrative on Tax Collection dated February 12, 2009.
3. Resolution appropriating \$275,000 for the new police facility and authorizing the issuance of \$275,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose. *Resolved*
4. Resolution ~~reducing~~ to close account and move \$100,000 from the Veteran's Park Project (Account No. 09076030-5777-C-0367) to item number 5. *Resolved as amended*

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES (continued)B. FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)

5. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for Calf Pasture Lighting Project (Account No. 09096030 -5777-C00365). Resolved
6. Receive Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2008. Received
7. Receive Federal and State Financial and Compliance Report for the year ended June 30, 2008. Received
8. WHEREAS, Section I-289 of the Norwalk Charter requires that a majority of the Common Council vote to establish a specific spending limitation on locally funded expenditures during the process of establishing the next fiscal year's operating budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK THAT:
The maximum limit on total appropriations for the City of Norwalk for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009 shall be no more than ~~\$263,659,873~~ \$264,059,873. This appropriation cap represents total expenditures of ~~\$280,701,891~~ \$281,101,891 less estimated intergovernmental grants of \$17,042,018.

Be it further resolved that the result of this vote and resolution, together with the attached 2009-10 Budget Guide, be forwarded by the Clerk of the City of Norwalk to the Board of Estimate and Taxation.

Adopted by Majority 8 in favor 6 against Resolved as amended

9. Approve resolution with respect to the authorization, issuance and sale of City of Norwalk General Obligation Refunding Bonds not exceeding \$85,000,000 including the authorization of \$60,000,000 approved by the City of Norwalk Common Council on January 13, 2009. Approved

C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Approve proposed revisions to Chapter 94 – Solid Waste Disposal. Approved

D. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. Approval of Early Retirement Package as presented with a deadline of Friday, February 27, 2009, 5pm for the one remaining Union, Local 2405 to opt into the plan. EXECUTIVE SESSION
(Pending Special Meeting being held on February 23, 2009, regarding this issue) Approved as amended

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCILNone**IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE**None**X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**None**XI. ADJOURNMENT****10:28pm**