

COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA MARCH 13, 2012
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 8:00 P.M. EST. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE/CLAIMS COMMITTEE (cont.)

4. Authorize a reduction in the amount of \$49,000 to the approved capital appropriation for the SoNo Railroad Station structural repairs (Account 09114095-57777-C0358), from \$952,000 to \$903,000.
5. Authorize a special capital appropriation in the amount of \$49,000 for the replacement of the floor membrane in the Maritime Parking Garage above the commercial space (Account 09124095-5777-C0464).
6. Authorize a reduction in the amount of \$120,000 to the approved capital appropriation for the purchase of an emergency generator for SoNo Railroad Station (Account 09124095-5777-C0498), from \$300,000 to \$180,000.
7. Authorize a special capital appropriation in the amount of \$120,000 for the purchase of an emergency generator for the Maritime Parking Garage (Account 09124095-5777-C0464).

B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with the State of Connecticut entitled the
 “First Supplemental Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the City of Norwalk for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications and Estimates in Conjunction with the Rehabilitation of the James Street Bridge (Bridge No. 04989) over the Silvermine River, utilizing Federal Funds from the Highway Bridge Program.” State Project No. 102-320, Federal Aid Project No. 6102(012). Funding 80% Federal, 20% City.

Account No. 09 10 4021 5777 C0392

2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services for the design of the new water main crossing and support system for the James Street Bridge over the Silvermine River (Bridge No. 04989), in an amount not to exceed of \$13,000. Funding 80% Federal, 20% City.

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3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with the State of Connecticut entitled the
 “Second Supplemental Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the City of

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Norwalk for the

Development of Contract Plans, Specifications and Estimates in Conjunction with the Rehabilitation of the Perry

Avenue Bridge (Bridge No. 04154) over the Norwalk River, utilizing Federal Funds from the Highway Bridge

Program.” State Project No. 102-319, Federal Aid Project No. 6102(009). Funding 80% Federal, 20% City.

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B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (cont.)

4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., for

Professional Engineering Services for the design of the new water main crossing and support system for the

Perry Avenue Bridge over the Norwalk River (Bridge No. 04154), in an amount not to exceed of \$13,000.

Funding 80% Federal, 20% City.

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5.a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with Alcaide Inc. d/b/a A & J Construction for

Project No. PM 2012-1 Pavement Management Program for a sum not to exceed \$2,178,821.55.

5.b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Orders on Contract with Alcaide Inc. d/b/a A & J Construction

for Project No. PM 2012-1 Pavement Management Program for a sum not to exceed \$217,882.16.

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VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

Whereas, The State of Connecticut Educational Cost Sharing grant system is Connecticut’s primary education equalization aid program; and

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Whereas, the ECS formula is designed to allocate grant funds to school districts to fairly reflect student need as a function of poverty, test performance and limited English proficiency as well as district wealth, and

Whereas, it is the contention of the Common Council of the City of Norwalk that, when compared with other Connecticut municipalities of similar sociological composition, the ECS grant allocation to the City of Norwalk is substantially smaller; and

Whereas, the Council sites as example the following data:

The growth of Norwalk’s percentage of students from non-English Language homes from 24.3% in the year 2000-2001 to 35.0% in the year 2005-2006, and the growth in the percentage of non-English language speaking students from 7.7% to 12.5% during the same period (while the across the State comparable percentage increased from only 3.7% to 5.2%).

The growth in numbers of Norwalk children eligible for free or reduced priced meals from 23.1% in 2004-2005 to 39.9% in 2009-2010 (while the comparable State-wide percentages increased from 26.4% to 32.9%).

The percentage of Norwalk’s educational costs derived from Connecticut Educational Cost Sharing Grants decreased from 11.7% to 11.1% between 2001 and 2008, ranking Norwalk second-to-last in the percentage category and last in actual revenue sharing dollars received among Connecticut’s cities as demonstrated in the following chart:

| District | % of School Revenues Provided By State | 2007-2008 Budget (\$ millions) | State Portion (\$ millions) |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bridgeport | 68.2 | 268 | 183 |
| Danbury | 69.2 | 119 | 83 |
| Hartford | 63.2 | 364 | 230 |
| New Britain | 60.4 | 137 | 83 |
| New Haven | 60.9 | 312 | 189 |
| Norwalk | 11.1 | 160 | 18 |
| Stamford | 8.8 | 234 | 21 |
| Waterbury | 56.2 | 232 | 130 |

Pastoral communities without apparent urban challenges often receive comparatively higher ECS support than the City of Norwalk.

| District | ECS % 2007-2008 |
|------------|-----------------|
| Canterbury | 46.5 |
| Canton | 18.2 |
| Hebron | 35.0 |

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| Mansfield | 33.3 |
| Watertown | 35.6 |
| Wethersfield | 18.5 |
| Wolcott | 44.7 |
| Woodstock | 35.4 |
| Norwalk | 11.1 |

and,

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Norwalk, lacking more conclusive argument that the allocation of grants resulting from State ECS formula has been adjusted to reflect rapid sociological and demographic changes of the past decade, and that these changes would increase Norwalk's portion of the State Grant allocation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved: The Norwalk Common Council respectfully requests, on behalf of the citizens of Norwalk, that Connecticut Education Cost Sharing Grants be reviewed and appropriately revised to reflect recent changes in sociological, economic and demographic information; and adjusted favorably to account for such changes.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

XI. ADJOURNMENT

APPOINTMENTS

REAPPOINTMENTS