

**COMMON COUNCIL
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT**

**APRIL 27, 2010
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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 8:05 p.m. and led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Wink called the roll. The following Council Members were present:

Council at Large:

Mr. Fred Bondi	Ms. Joanne Romano	Mr. John Tobin
District A:	Mr. Richard Bonenfant	Mr. David Jaegar
District B:	Mr. Carvin Hilliard	Mr. Travis Simms (8:15 p.m.)
District C:		Ms. Laurel Lindstrom
District D:	Mr. Clyde Mount	Ms. Kelly Straniti
District E:	Mr. Andrew Conroy	Ms. Nora King

Mr. Kydes, Mr. Hempstead were absent.

Mayor Moccia announced that twelve members were present.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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The following corrections were requested:

Ms. Straniti requested that the motions on page 4 be corrected to reflect:

- Motion 1: Change Chris Bates to Robert Mercurio
- Motion 2: Delete the motion, as the appointment of Garry Bates was a mayoral appointment and did not require a motion.
- Motion 3: Ms. Straniti did not make the motion, it was Mr. Hempstead.

On Page 11, paragraph 3, sentence 2, after not lost, “to the City.” Delete “and” change the next sentence to read: “The abatement is reviewed after ten years, and the state offers similar abatement programs which help bring in more jobs.” Ms. Wink stated that a review of the tape would be done to document comments made.

Ms. Lindstrom requested that on page 8, at the bottom where Mr. Hilliard motioned for an increase to the city’s operating budget cap to add to the education budget, the vote be itemized.

Ms. King requested that on page 11, paragraph 3, sentence 2 be changed to..."if a developer can't get it done, (no down), then developers that can get it done should be brought in."

Mayor Moccia requested a change to page 9, paragraph 3, sentence 3: "...he was in receipt of correspondence that the Town of Darien had issued a letter to the Darien DPW from the First Selectmen, stating they have agreed to pay for one half of the costs..."

**** MR. BONDI MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE
APRIL 13, 2010 MEETING WITH CORRECTIONS AS NOTED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Simms entered the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

City Clerk Wink stated that there were no signatures on the public participation sign up sheet, and asked if there was anyone in attendance who planned to speak. Hearing none, Mayor Moccia stated that public participation of the meeting would be closed.

IV. MAYOR

REMARKS

Mayor Moccia made a statement that he was disappointed to hear that President Obama has not authorized aid to homeowners as was originally expected that would be a part of the low interest loan programs to those who had flood damage. He stated that there has been approval for the city to recover damages through FEMA, and he will be attending meetings to determine the ground rules for how to move ahead to apply for these funds. He stated that relative to the decision for the homeowners, it is a disappointment that they will not be able to apply for the low interest loans as will those from other states, such as the State of Rhode Island. He added that he will be contacting the state legislators to determine how to best request reconsideration of this decision, and he heard that Governor Rell plans to appeal the decision.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Moccia stated that Mr. Hempstead was delayed in traffic and Mr. Bonenfant would be representing him to conduct the Council President business.

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Bonenfant stated that he thanked Mayor Moccia for the opportunity to fill in for Mr. Hempstead and added that it was a pleasure to work with both caucuses and the Mayor.

Mr. Bonenfant stated that there was one announcement that the Land Use and Building Management Committee meeting would be held at the Police Station on May 5 at 7:30 p.m.

He stated that the meeting would be preceded by the Health, Welfare and Public Safety Commission meeting that had been rescheduled from last week, at 6:30 p.m., followed by a tour of the Police Station. He added that the meeting would be relatively short, and that would allow time for the tour of the new Police Station at 7:00 p.m., and he invited all the Council members to attend.

Mr. Bonenfant then deferred to Mr. McQuaid to read the items on the consent calendar, as they all pertained to the Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- ** MR. MCQUAID MOTIONED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR: A1, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9a, A9b**
**** THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Items on Consent Calendar are in bold type as follows:

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. **Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Global Impact Productions for the use of Fox Run Elementary School parking area Sunday, September 26, 2010 from 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM for a water stop as part of “Braking the Cycle” a bicycle tour.**
3. **Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with A.C.H.I.E.V.E for the use of the school grounds at Jefferson Elementary School for their summer enrichment program. The program will be offered July 6, 2010 through August 13, 2010 from 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM Monday – Friday. Estimated attendance 100+.**
4. **Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the National Marine Manufacturers Association for the use of Calf Pasture Beach, Shady Beach, Taylor Farm and Marvin School (Marvin School only used Saturday and Sunday) for attendee parking. Show days Thursday, September 23-26, 2010 for their Annual Norwalk Boat Show and Waterfront Festival. Parking rate \$8.00 vendor parking, \$10.00 general parking.**
5. **Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Rowayton P.T.A. for their use of the Rowayton School Grounds for their Annual**

Spring Carnival to be held Friday, May 7, 2010 from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Set up to begin Thursday, May 6, 2010 with tear down no later than 12 Noon on Monday, May 10, 2010. Estimated attendance 500.

A. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – cont.

Items on Consent Calendar - continued:

6. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for Marine Sewage Disposal Facility Grant. The grant funds 75% of our operation 25% in-kind within existing operation budget. The contract runs through December 31, 2010. Total amount for grant \$5,597.63 reimbursement.
7. Technical Correction (Date)
Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Tri-Fitness for the use of Calf Pasture Beach for an All Women Triathlon to be held Saturday, August 28, 2010 from 6:30 AM – 9:30 AM. Set up to take place Friday, August 27, 2010 at Noon with tear down no later than 12:00 Noon Friday, August 28, 2010. Estimated attendance 400-500.
(Change date from Saturday, August 21, 2010 to Sunday, August 29, 2010)
8. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Live Now Industries, LLC for the use of Cranbury Park for a Reggae and Blues Festival to be held Saturday, August 14, 2010 from 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Set up Friday, August 13, 2010 after 1:00 PM and tear down no later than 12:00 Noon Sunday, August 15, 2010. Fee \$20.00 tickets prior to event \$30.00 day of event. Estimated attendance 500-1,500.
9. A) Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with J.J.S. Universal Construction Company for project #2924 Roof Replacement Parks Garage for a sum not to exceed \$159,000. Acct #09106030-5777-C0472.

B) Authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to issue change orders on a contract for a total not to exceed \$14,500. Account 09106030-5777-C0472.

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Tobin recused himself due to a conflict and left the meeting room at 8:20 p.m.

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with (P.A.W.S.) Pet Animal Welfare Society for the use of the orchard area in Cranbury Park for their 3rd Annual Paws “Bark in the Park” on Sunday, September 19, 2010 from 10:30 Am – 2:30 PM. Set up to start Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 7:00 AM with break down by 4:00 PM on Sunday, September 19, 2010. Estimated attendance 150.

**** MR. MCQUAID MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH (P.A.W.S.) PET ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY FOR THE USE OF THE ORCHARD AREA IN CRANBURY PARK FOR THEIR 3RD ANNUAL PAWS “BARK IN THE PARK” ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2010 FROM 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM. SET UP TO START SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2010 AT 7:00 AM WITH BREAK DOWN BY 4:00 PM ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2010. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Tobin returned to the meeting room at 8:25 p.m.

IV. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS
There were no reports from Departments, Boards and Commissions

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL
There were no resolutions from Common Council.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE
There were no motions postponed.

X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES
There were no suspensions of the rules.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Marilyn Knox,
Telesco Secretarial Services

