

**COMMON COUNCIL  
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT**

**JUNE 23, 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 8:00 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

Mr. Bondi	Ms. Brown
Mr. Geake	Mr. Krummel
Ms. Duleep	Mr. Bonenfant
Mr. Serasis	Rev. Bolden
Ms. Lindstrom	Mr. Hempstead
Ms. Straniti	Mr. Conroy
Mr. Kydes	

There were 13 members present and two absent (McQuaid and Hilliard).

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Regular meeting** – June 9, 2009

**\*\* MR. BONDI MOVED THE MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2009**

The following corrections were noted:

Page 1, under **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**:

Please change the motion from:

**May 26, 2009**

**\*\* MR. CONROY MOVED THE MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2009.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH THIRTEEN IN FAVOR (BONDI, BROWN, MCQUAID, DULEEP, BONENFANT, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, KYDES, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD, GEAKE, AND CONROY) AND ONE ABSTENTION (STRANITI).**

**TO:**

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Ms. Lindstrom stated that her statement on page 6, following the motion, which reads, “Ms. Lindstrom stated that this project would result in a widening of the road and widening of the sidewalks.” was inaccurate and that she would like the City Clerk to review the audio tape and insert the remarks she made verbatim.

Page 7, paragraph 1, line 1: please change “He then asked Ms. Lindstrom” to “He then asked Mr. Alvord”

Page 9, paragraph 1, line 1: please change “CHAFa” to “CHFA”

Ms. Duleep then requested that the City Clerk check the tape regarding the statement made on page 9, paragraph 4 by Mr. Sheehan regarding “the restriction will be removed, but the city shouldn’t wait to work on a use that is inconsistent with the City’s Master Plan”.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED BY THE CITY CLERK WITH VERIFICATION FROM THE AUDIO TAPE AND INSERTION OF VERBATIM REMARKS BY MS. LINDSTROM PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Perry Wengle, 74 East Rocks Road, came forward and said he was the past president of East Rocks Association. Mr. Wengle said that it has been 10 years since this was first considered and a long journey but he felt it was a wonderful idea for the City to purchase the property. He said that the parcel that the City bought 10 years ago was purchased with funds from the Open Land Fund, which entailed that the property would not be built on. The wetlands that are being purchased are not buildable and Mr. Wengle said that there are not any parcels left like this in Connecticut.

Mr. Wengle said that his son is on Norwalk Hockey Team and he thanked the Council for supporting the team.

#### **IV. MAYOR**

##### **A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**Resignations:** There were no resignations to be considered at this time.

**Appointments:** David Westmoreland – *Historical Commission*

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID WESTMORELAND TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION.**

**\*\* MR. BONDI SECONDED.**

Mr. Hempstead said that he is aware of the work of Mr. Westmoreland and that he does wonderful preservation work. Mr. Geake thanked the Mayor's appointment and said that he was a bit disappointed that Mr. Westmoreland was not present so everyone could sing Happy Birthday to him. Ms. Lindstrom said that she felt that he was a great choice for the Commission. Ms. Duleep said that he brings an expertise to the Commission and that he could interface with the Historical Society. Rev. Bolden said that he would be a wonderful addition to the Commission. Mr. Serasis said that as a Council Member who was already on the Historical Commission, he felt that Mr. Westmoreland would be a wonderful addition.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID WESTMORELAND TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION.**

**Reappointment:** There were no reappointments to be considered at this time.

##### **B. REMARKS**

Mayor Moccia congratulated the Norwalk Baseball team for their outstanding season. Mayor thanked the Corporation Counsel for their efforts in negotiating the property at Crossland and keeping it as open space. Mayor Moccia also congratulated all of the Norwalk 2009 graduates.

#### **V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

##### **A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Council President Bolden thanked department heads for their participation and outstanding presentations at Norwalk 101.

##### **B. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**\*\* REV. BOLDEN MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

##### **A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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1. **Accept and approve the report of the Claims Committee dated: June 11, 2009**
2. **For informational purposes only: Narrative on tax collections dated June 11, 2009.**
3. **For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report dated: May 31, 2009.**
4. **Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute general liability insurance placements for the FY2009-10 fiscal year with Connecticut Interlock Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) for an amount not to exceed \$325,000. Account #168510-5418.**
5. **Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute property insurance placement for the FY2009-10 fiscal year with the HD Segur Insurance Agency in an amount not to exceed \$244,343. Account#168510-5418.**

**B. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

- 2a. **Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute an agreement with McCormack Masonry and Construction LLC project #2828 Outdoor Pavilion at Fodor Farm for a sum not to exceed \$29,645.00. Account #356074-5564, coming from a grant from the State of CT, DEP paying for the Pavilion at Fodor Farm.**
- 2b. **Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute a change order with McCormack Masonry and Construction, LLC project #2828 Outdoor Pavilion at Fodor Farm for a sum not to exceed \$6,000.00. Account #356074-5564, coming from a grant from the State of CT, DEP paying for the Pavilion at Fodor Farm.**

**C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

1. **Approve proposed Ordinance change to Norwalk Code Chapter 95, Streets and Sidewalks.**
2. **Approve proposed Ordinance change to Norwalk Code Chapter 95A, Littering and Illegal Dumping.**
3. **Approve proposed Ordinance change to Norwalk Code, Chapter 112, Trees.**

**D. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of the balance of the Crossland Property, approximately 10 acres (D5-B14-L77) from Gary Crossland in the amount of \$40,000. Funds are available in existing Reserve for Open Space account #03-000-2640.
2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all documents necessary to receive donation of property located at 7 Norton Place (D2-B35-L148) abutting the rear of Flax Hill Park, from George DiScala, Jr. Trustee.
3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with Kone, Inc. for Elevator Maintenance Services at various City buildings. Agreement will be for five (5) years: FY 2009-10 - \$12,900.00; FY 2010-11- \$13,416.00; FY 2011-12 - \$13,952.64; FY 2012-13 - \$14,510.64; and FY-2013-14 - \$15,090.96. Funding is available in various building operating accounts for FY 2009-10 and subsequent years will be subject to availability of funds.
4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all documents necessary with Connecticut Light and Power's (CL&P's) Small Business Energy Advantage Program to implement the Norwalk Health Department building, lighting retrofit project. Reimbursement shall be made through energy savings. Payback period approximately 36 months.

**E. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

1. Authorize the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency to pursue the necessary revisions to the existing Project Development Plan for the Water Street Industrial Development Project allowing residential development on the City-owned properties at 13 Day Street and 20 Day Street. Consent to send back to committee
- 2a. Approve the Professional Service Agreement between the City of Norwalk and the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency in the amount of \$482,000 to manage all DECD \$5M the grant expenditure contracts for the Waypointe Project. Consent to send back to committee
- 2b. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute all documents required to implement the Agreement subject to review by the Norwalk Office of Corporation Counsel. Consent to send back to committee

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

- 1a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Norwalk Seaport Association for the use of Veteran's Park for their Oyster Festival to be held September 11, 12 & 13, 2009. Friday, September 11, from 6:00pm–11:00pm, Saturday, September 12, from 11:00am–11:00pm, and Sunday, September 13, from 11:00am – 8:00pm. Admission fee for Adults, \$10, Seniors, \$8 and Children 12 and under, \$3. Set-up to take place September 19, 2009 with teardown by noon September 25, 2009.**
- 1b. Approve the use of the Show mobile by the Norwalk Seaport Association for their Annual Oyster Festival to be held in Veteran's Park September 11, 12, & 13, 2009.**

Mr. Krummel said that he would like to praise the Seaport Association for paring down and that the admission fee would be lower than it has been in the past. This takes into account the economic conditions and encourages greater attendance.

Mr. Bondi said that there is a family package available that it \$25 for three days. There will be the opportunity to purchase tickets at a reduced price before the festival at one of the area banks.

Mr. Serasis said that he was concerned about not having a family package and wanted the details before voting on it. Mr. Bondi said that it was \$25 for three days. Discussion then followed about the cost. Mr. Serasis said that he would vote for the measure but would like to see more changes for the family package next year. The Mayor pointed out that the item is actually for information only since the Council does not have authority to set the rates. Mr. Serasis said that as a representative for the public, he felt that it was important to look out for the families. More discussion followed about the details of the costs.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

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**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS**

There were no reports from the Departments, Boards or Commissions at this time.

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL**

There were no resolutions from the Council at this time.

**IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE**

There were no motions postponed to a specific date at this time.

**X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

There were no suspensions of the rules at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services



