

**COMMON COUNCIL
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 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 reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Moccia asked for a moment of silence and extended condolences to the families of Rahoul Dupervil who is a member of the Human Relations Commission for the loss of his mother and to retired Police Officer Henry Magalis.

I. ROLL CALL

At Roll Call the following Councilmembers were present:

Fred Bondi	Douglas Hempstead
Steven Serasis	Richard McQuaid
Kelly Straniti	Carvin Hilliard
Michael Geake	Amanda Brown
Richard Bonenfant	Andrew Conroy
Nicholas Kydes	Christopher Potts
Laurel Lindstrom	

There were thirteen (13) members present and two (2) absent, Rev. Bolden and Ms. Duleep.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – September 8, 2009

**** MR. MCQUAID MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 9: should read Mr. Johnson instead of Mr. Jones.

Mr. Bonenfant noted that Mr. Jones was seriously ill.

Page 10: second paragraph, last sentence should read: the general sentiment is that other people like the plans.

Ms. Brown asked for clarification of her comments. The tape will be reviewed.

**** MOTION PASSED PENDING REVIEW OF THE TAPE**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present this evening.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resignations: There were none.

Appointments: There were none.

Reappointments:

Carol Frank – *Human Relations Commission*

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REAPPOINTMENT**

**** MR. KYDES SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Moccia said that it was a pleasure to reappoint Ms. Frank.

Daisy Franklin – *Human Relations Commission*

**** MR. HILLIARD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REAPPOINTMENT**

**** MR. GEAKE SECONDED**

Mr. Hilliard commended Ms. Franklin for her dedication to the community. Ms. Brown also thanked her for being a diligent hard worker.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Charles Pirro – *Pension Board of Trustees*

- ** **MR. MCQUAID MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REAPPOINTMENT**
- ** **MR. CONROY SECONDED**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Moccia thanked Mr. Pirro for his service on the Board.

Michael Sweeney – *Pension Board of Trustees*

- ** **MR. BONDI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REAPPOINTMENT**
- ** **MR. HEMPSTEAD SECONDED**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. REMARKS

Mayor Moccia said that he appreciated the efforts of the Ordinance Committee to address blight issues. He said that for the third year he recommended that the legislature create a docket to address blight. He said that he would be more than willing to have a model land use docket in Norwalk.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

In Rev. Bolden's absence, Mr. Hilliard the Majority Leader was the acting Council President.

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

There was none.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

- ** **MR. HILLIARD MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR**

VI. AGENCIES, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

A. BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION

1. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$30,655 be and the same is hereby transferred from Increased Estimated Revenues to the fire Department's Other Professional Services Account to cover the cost of firefighter testing. (Account No. 01-3140-5258).

VI. AGENCIES, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

A. BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION

2. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$12,250 be and the same is hereby transferred from Increased Estimated Revenues to the Police Department's Medical/Dental/Veterinary Account to cover the cost of Police Officer Recruitment. (Account No. 01-3040-5251).
3. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$5,000 be and the same is hereby transferred from Increased Estimated Revenues from North East Utilities Service Company to the Police Department to assist with the purchase of an All Terrain Police Vehicle. (Account No. 01-3010-4505 and 01-3053-5731).
4. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$233,761 be and the same is hereby transferred from Contingency to Various Departments to cover salary costs to restore Five Norwalk Municipal Employees Association (NMEA) positions. (Account No. various)
5. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$5,200 be and the same is hereby transferred from Increased Estimated Revenues to the Recreation and Parks Department to reimburse expenses for an ART Council pARTy in the Park. (Account No. 01-6062-4505 and 01-6062-5258).
6. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$7,500 be and the same is hereby transferred from Increased Estimated Revenues to the Recreation and Parks Department from First County Bank to defray the cost of the Summer Concert Series. (Account No. 01-6062-4505 and 01-6021-5258)

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Accept and Approve the Report of the Claims Committee Dated:

August	13,	2009
September 10, 2009		

2. For informational purposes only: Narrative on Tax Collections dated September 10, 2009.

3. For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report Dated:

July	31,	2009
August 31, 2009		

- 4a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard Moccia, to execute an Agreement with ICON Enterprises dba CivicPlus.com for web design services, including content management services and hosting management services as specified in City's RFP #2729 for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 (Accounts 09080600-5777-C0375, 09090600-5777-C0375, 09100600-5777-C0375)

5. Authorize the Purchasing Agent, Gerald J. Foley, to issue an annual Purchase Order to Sprint / Nextel for cellular, blackberry, and wireless broadband access services for various City Departments as specified in City's RFP #2811 for an annual amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, per fiscal year, for an initial period not to exceed three (3) years, with two (2) two (2) year extensions. Accounts various. (The contract is for three (3) years. Each of the two (2) year extensions is subject to the approval of the City of Norwalk Common Council).

6. Resolution, reducing \$48,860 for City Hall Repairs and Improvements Project (Account No. 09097100-5777-C0439).

7. Resolution, appropriating \$48,860 for City Hall Elevator Repair Project (Account No. 09107100-5777-C0474).

B. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Norwalk Exchange Club to provide parking attendances and control for the Annual Norwalk Boat Show and River Festival to take place Thursday,

September 24, 2009 through Sunday, September 27, 2009 for a sum not to exceed \$7,000.00. Account # 01-6027-5258.

2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Roton Middle School PTO for the use of Roton School Parking area for a Carnival to be held Friday, October 23, 2009 from 6:00pm-10:00pm and Saturday, October 24, 2009 from 11:00am-5:00pm. Set-up on Thursday, October 22, 2009 with tear down by Sunday, October 25, 2009 by 12:00noon. Estimated attendance 500.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

**** MR. HILLIARD MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

4A. Authorize the Mayor, Richard Moccia, to execute an Agreement with ICON Enterprises dba CivicPlus.com for annual website management and hosting services as specified in City's RFP #2729 for an amount not to exceed \$8,200.00 per fiscal year, for an initial period not to exceed three (3) years, with two (2) two (2) year extensions (Account 010600-5245 subject to availability of future funds. The contract is for three (3) years. Each of the two (2) year extensions is subject to the approval of the City of Norwalk Common Council).

4B. Authorize the Mayor, Richard Moccia, to execute an amendment to the Agreement between the City and Total Communications, Inc., for the equipment, installation and engineering services for the installation of telephone system redundancy and upgrade for an amount not to exceed \$84,718.00, accounts COPS Technology Grant (\$50,000) and 0907/08/090600-5777-C0375 (\$34,718.00).

Mr. Geake said that in the interest of full disclosure, he voted in favor of this item in Committee; however, he said that the amount bothered him. He said that he understood that everything was done properly, but he said that he could not vote in favor of paying \$700.00 a month.

Ms. DelVeccio explained that they are paying for two years, which amounts to about \$500.00 a month instead of \$700.00 a month. She said that they are using a "not to exceed" amount which is a number they will negotiate.

Mr. Geake said that he is in the industry. He added that this is not a criticism, but he can't vote in favor of this item. Ms. Brown asked how many departments would be

covered. Ms. DelVeccio said that all of the departments would be covered. She added that the City has a significant website.

Mr. Conroy asked why there was a \$20,000 buffer between items 4a and 4b. Ms. DelVeccio explained that after the three years agreement, they would request an amendment to the agreement or go out to bid.

Mr. Kydes said that he is also in the industry and is looking at this from a different perspective. He said that he thinks that \$500.00 a month is pretty low compared to what is going on in the industry. Mr. Kydes said that he believes this is a fair and reasonable amount.

**** MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL WITH (ONE) ABSTENTION (MR. SERASIS), (ONE) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. GEAKE) AND (ELEVEN) VOTES IN FAVOR (MR. BONDI, MS. BROWN, MR. MCQUAID, MR. BONENFANT, MR. HILLIARD, MR. KYDES, MS. LINDSTROM, MR. HEMPSTEAD, MS. STRANITI, MR. CONROY, MR. POTTS)**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were none.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none.

X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Ellen Wink, City Clerk