

**COMMON COUNCIL  
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT**

**OCTOBER 13, 2009  
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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the dedication, Mayor Moccia announced the death of life-long Norwalk resident, Dixie Heffern, wife of the late Harry Heffren. He then stated the tragic shooting that resulted in the death of Jose Morales was an unfortunate act of violence. He offered condolences to the families of these residents and asked for a moment of silence.

I. ROLL CALL

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

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| Mr. Fred Bondi      | Mr. Michael Geake     | Mr. Richard McQuaid   |
| Ms. Anna Duleep     | Mr. Richard Bonenfant |                       |
| Rev. Phyllis Bolden | Mr. Nicholas Kydes    | Ms. Amanda Brown      |
| Mr. Steve Serasis   | Ms. Laurel Lindstrom  | Mr. Andrew Conroy     |
| Ms. Kelly Straniti  | Mr. Douglas Hempstead | Mr. Christopher Potts |

There were fourteen (14) members present, one (1) absence, Mr. Hilliard.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting – September 22, 2009

**\*\* MR. BONDI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2009 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO PASSED WITH THIRTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE ABSTENTION (MS. DULEEP)**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no Resignations or Appointments

Reappointment: Mayor Moccia stated that the reappointment of Ms. Diana Paladino to the Human Relations Commission has been withdrawn due to her running for the Council.

B. REMARKS

Mayor Moccia stated that he recently attended a Mayor's Conference at Northeastern University in Boston that was very informative and he added that many cities are facing the same economic problems as Norwalk.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Reverend Bolden thanked the friends in District B for their efforts with the Ryan Park dedication and added that it was a very beautiful ceremony.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

**\*\* REV. BOLDEN MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR: VII.B 3, 4a, 4b, 5a & 5b; VII.C 1a-3; VII. D 1 & 2**

VII. B. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

3. **Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order, on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department to Motorola, under the State of Connecticut DOIT contract award# A-99-001(06-ITZ00008), for the purchase of ten(10) Encrypted Motorola XTS2500 radios for a total amount not to exceed \$25,000. Account# 35309 C5743.**
- 4a. **Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to Tom Ashmore Enterprises, Inc., based on a State Contract, for the purchase of 49 Tasers X26E, model 26024, with Blade Tech Holsters for an amount not to exceed \$40,500. Account# 35309 D5761.**
- 4b. **Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order, on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to Tom Ashmore Enterprises, Inc., based on sole source procurement, for 350 Taser 25XP Cartridges, for an amount not to exceed \$8,500. Account# 35309 D5321.**

- 5a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept grant funds from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation under the Highway Safety Project, FY 2010 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement program. The program will be funded with 75% grant funds of \$35,850, and 25% City fund of \$11,950 to be taken out of the police overtime or asset forfeiture accounts.
- 5b. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments and amendments thereto as may be necessary to implement a Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program, pursuant to such grant funding.

C. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 1a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute a contract with Allied Restoration Corporation for the Norwalk Health Department Building Roof Replacement Project for a total not to exceed \$86,400.00. Account #09092012-5777-C0453
- 1b. Authorize the Director of Health to issue Change Orders on Contract for a total not to exceed \$8,640.00.
2. Authorize the Historical Commission to issue Change Orders on Contract with Forino USA, LLC, Waterbury, CT for exterior painting of Lockwood Mathews Mansion, Lockwood Carriage House and Lockwood Gate House – in Mathews Park for an additional amount not to exceed \$26,000.00. Funds are available in accts. #09096310-5777-C0186, #09076310-5777-C0403 and #09076310-5777-C0404.
3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute a residential lease agreement with Richard Winfield for Unit #2 at 35 Smith Street (Old Jail) for two years beginning on November 1, 2009 and ending on October 31, 2011. Monthly rental payment shall be \$600.

D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with AssetWorks, Inc. for the purchase, installation and implementation of integrated fleet and fuel management systems for a sum not to exceed \$130,000.00, contingent on re-appropriations as follows:

**Account Nos.:**

**09090600-5777-C0375 (\$60,000.00)**

09100600-5777-C0375 (\$8,000.00)  
09063110-5777-C0339 (\$1,750.00) transfer to 09100600-5777-C0375  
09073110-5777-C0386 (\$6,750.00) transfer to 09100600-5777-C0375  
09094031-5777-C0313 (\$53.72) transfer to 09100600-5777-C0375  
09104031-5777-C0313 (\$53,446.28) transfer to 09100600-5777-C0375

2. Approve proposed revisions to DPW Rates and Fees.

\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

There were no reports from Departments, Boards and Commissions

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Approve Registrar of Voters pay rates.

Mr. Hasselkamp presented the support documentation outlining the increase in compensation for Election/Primary Day poll workers as provided in Section 1-172 of the City Charter. He stated that the increase was to go to \$15 per hour for deputy registrars and experienced staff and \$12 for less experienced staff. Ms. Brown questioned the rate increase and asked how much was budgeted for election. Mr. Hasselkamp answered that it was not within their jurisdiction and clarified that the rates were approved and reflected in the budget.

Mr. Geake stated that this was the formal justification of the process that has gone through the approval process to bring the rates consistent with surrounding towns and other City part-time workers. Mr. Wells, Election Administrator and Registrar of Voters asked if they needed to come back annually and Mayor Moccia answered yes. Mr. Hasselkamp stated that he was in agreement and he recommended approval.

\*\* MR. MCQUAID MOVED THE ITEM TO APPROVE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS PAY RATES.

\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH ALL IN FAVOR NONE OPPOSED, AND ONE ABSTENTION (MR. BONDI).

B. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute any and all documents necessary to accept grant funds from the Department of Justice, under the FY 09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$76,802.00. No matching funds required.
- 1b. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments and amendments thereto as may be necessary to implement all programs through the FY09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program pursuant to such grant funding.

Ms. Brown requested the above items be considered together, and Ms. Brown asked Corporation Counsel for clarification on the issue. Mr. Maslan stated there was no need for legal response and Mr. Hempstead clarified that the grant was accepted by the City and these were items instrumental to the grant implementation. Mr. Fevano added that there are two different JAG program grants.

**\*\* MR. GEAKE MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNDER THE FY 09 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,802.00. NO MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED.**

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

**\*\* MR. GEAKE MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROGRAMS THROUGH THE FY09 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SUCH GRANT FUNDING.**

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

- 2a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order, on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to McMahon Ford, the low bidder, for the purchase of four (4) Ford Explorers, XLT for a total amount not to exceed \$99,500. Account #35309 C5731.
- 2b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order, on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to Fleet Auto Supply, terms and conditions as per bid #2707, for the purchase and installation of Emergency Equipment for four (4) Ford Explorers for a total amount not to exceed \$32,000. Acct# 35309 C5731.
- 2c. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to an authorized Panasonic distributor, under WSCA/NASPO contract award #B27172, for four (4) model#CF30, or equivalent,

Panasonic Tough-book Laptop Computers and accessories for a total amount not to exceed \$17,000. Account#35309 C5731.

Mr. Geake requested the above items be considered together, and Ms. Brown asked what how the balance would be spent from the remaining grant. Chief Rilling answered that each year he meets with the Police Department heads and based on the approved budget, they develop a list of priorities that can be accomplished with money from grants. He added that from that list of priorities they calculate the necessary expenditures required to subsidize the budget allocation, including over-time budget management.

**Ms. Brown asked for clarification on the high visibility and selective enforcement police patrol. Chief Rilling stated that they normally use the money as they feel it's necessary. They may not find it necessary for six months and then something might happen where they might want to focus on problems in a certain area, or selective enforcement. Chief Rilling stated that it is spread out and that they have other funds available from some of the other JAG monies for this kind of overtime. Ms. Brown asked if they expend all the money before the 4 year period is up, if they could reapply for other money since it is a reoccurring grant. Chief Rilling stated that they use the overtime as they best see the need for. They might spend it in the first six months but it doesn't mean they're finished with grant, it just means there's no more overtime funds left in this particular grant. Chief Rilling stated that they can't pull overtime funds from this grant, but they can pull overtime from other grants.**

Ms. Brown asked again what would determine where remaining funds would be spent, and Mr. Geake asked Chief Rilling to clarify for the Council if there was any required City match funding. Chief Rilling responded that there was no match required, and the items were required for grant implementation. Mr. Geake added that the grant process is on-going and the objective is to seek, apply, accept, spend and keep seeking.

Mr. Hempstead stated that he was pleased to see the choice of American cars on the list and he thanked Chief Rilling and his staff for the dedicated efforts on the grants application process, which can take years with the procedures that are required. Mayor Moccia commended the Chief and his staff with the fine job they have done in applying, implementing and utilizing grants. Chief Rilling introduced Sgt. Sue Holland and reported that she has done an outstanding job with the grant application and implementation process. Reverend Bolden commended Sgt. Holland on the outstanding job done with the Washington Village community, and she has made a positive impact with the residents and has earned a high level of trust on addressing their concerns about violence in the area. Mr. Kydes stated that he echoed the recognition of Sgt. Holland and thanked her for efforts with the grants process that takes repeated presentations at committee meetings throughout the multi-stage approval process with the City.

**\*\* MR. GEAKE MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO MCMAHON FORD, THE LOW BIDDER, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) FORD EXPLORERS, XLT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$99,500. ACCOUNT #35309 C5731.**

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

**\*\* MR. GEAKE MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO FLEET AUTO SUPPLY, TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS PER BID #2707, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR FOUR (4) FORD EXPLORERS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,000. ACCOUNT# 35309 C5731.**

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

**\*\* MR. GEAKE MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO AN AUTHORIZED PANASONIC DISTRIBUTOR, UNDER WSCA/NASPO CONTRACT AWARD #B27172, FOR FOUR (4) MODEL#CF30, OR EQUIVALENT, PANASONIC TOUGHBOOK LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND ACCESSORIES FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000. ACCOUNT#35309 C5731.**

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

**D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

- 3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order(s) to Signal Services, Inc. for Traffic Signal Cabinet w/Controller, specified in bid #2521, for an amount not to exceed \$45,900.00. Account Nos. 09094021-5777-C0442.**

Mr. Alvord presented the back-up documentation on the replacement of existing controllers at Route 1/Belden/Byington intersections and Route 1/Route 7. Ms. Brown asked if these signals were actually the responsibility of the state, and Mr. Alvord replied that it is difficult to determine because many intersections are combinations of city signals and state roads and gave several examples including Richards Avenue/CT Ave.

**\*\* MS LINDSTROM MOVED THE ITEM TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER(S) TO SIGNAL SERVICES, INC. FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL CABINET W/CONTROLLER, SPECIFIED IN BID #2521, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,900.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09094021-5777-C0442.**

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

4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the Norwalk Traffic Management Study and approve the provision of the required twenty percent (20%) matching funds as follows: Account No.09074120-5777-C0396 (\$25,000.00)  
09024021-5777-C0317 (\$22,891.21)  
09034021-5777-C0317 (\$7,266.33)  
09044021-5777-C0317 (\$44,842.46)

Ms. Lindstrom presented the item and stated that she was excited to have accomplished that the objective of developing an overall traffic management plan for the city that identifies measures, standards, criteria and procedures needed for managing the various modes of transportation within the City. Ms. Brown questioned the dollar amount coming out of matching funds, and Mr. Alvord provided a historical overview of prior year budgets. He summarized that approvals from back in 2006-07 were budgeted with funds from the Capital Budget for the traffic plan with a promise of the remainder of funds for traffic calming from scrubbing remaining leftover amounts and closing out an old account.

Ms. Straniti commented that she shares Ms. Lindstrom's excitement to improve the City's traffic pattern especially in light of the Safe Routes to Schools Resolution. Mr. Conroy stated it would be great to create a cross pollination with other surrounding towns and cities to make more progress which will ultimately accomplish the City's plans. Ms. Duleep stated how glad she was that we are looking at traffic citywide and also in the region especially in light of all the different projects that are underway starting this year and in the coming years. She stated that we often find that when one neighborhood's needs are addressed it pushes it on to another neighborhood and that we don't want to pit them against each other. Ms. Duleep stated that she also just wanted to say as a representative on the SWRPA Board as well as the council this is neither the first nor the last grant they have helped us with particularly with our watersheds as well with Nicole Davis so she just wanted to thank the staff of SWRPA as they've been very helpful to us and she thinks we get a lot more back from them than we contribute out of our state budget.

Mr. Serasis asked if other towns have been integrated in the plans and asked how to coordinate efforts to move ahead. Mr. Alvord stated that he meets regularly with other town Directors of Public Works and the State Department of Transportation coordinates regional efforts that affect the various cities when it comes to I-95 exit ramp work and potential emergency plans.

Mayor Moccia stated that the City is ready to move ahead, he echoed the positive comments, and thanked the committees involved with the development of a plan that accommodates the future projects including shuttles in South Norwalk to meet the expansion plans for the City development.



- \*\* MS LINDSTROM MOVED THE ITEM TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NORWALK TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT STUDY AND APPROVE THE PROVISION OF THE REQUIRED TWENTY PERCENT (20%) MATCHING FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:**

**ACCOUNT NO.      09074120-5777-C0396 (\$25,000.00)  
                          09024021-5777-C0317 (\$22,891.21)  
                          09034021-5777-C0317 (\$7,266.33)  
                          09044021-5777-C0317 (\$44,842.46)**

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

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL**

There were no resolutions.

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

There were no motions postponed.

**X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

There were no motions to suspend the rules.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* MR. BONEFANT MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox  
Telesco Secretarial Services