

**COMMON COUNCIL  
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT**

**OCTOBER 27, 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.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor requested a moment of silence in memory of Atty. Kenneth Slapin who passed away during the week-end. Mayor Moccia said that Atty. Slapin helped create the Transit District and devoted his life to public service. Norwalk has lost an agent for change.

The Mayor then expressed sympathy to the family of slain UConn student Jasper Howard. He also commended the Chancellor of Virginia Tech for providing support to the UConn family and students in this tragic time.

Rev. Bolden then praised the late Rev. Dorrie Bowden who passed away recently. Rev Bowden and her husband, Clarence were involved in the George Washington Carver Center in Norwalk, among other ministries.

Those present in the chambers then observed a moment of silence in memory of those mentioned by the Mayor and Rev. Bolden.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Wink then called the roll. There were 13 present:

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| Fred Bondi        | Amanda Brown    | Richard McQuaid     |
| Richard Bonenfant | Steven Serasis  | Rev. Phyllis Bolden |
| Carvin Hilliard   | Nicholas Kydes  | Laurel Lindstrom    |
| Douglas Hempstead | Kelly Stranitit | Andrew Conroy       |
| Christopher Potts |                 |                     |

And two absent: Michael Geake, Anna Duleep

## **II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Regular meeting** – October 13, 2009

**\*\* MR. CONROY MOVED THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2009.**

Page 5, paragraph 1, line 1: please change “be considered together, and Ms. Brown asked” to “be considered together, in addition to Ms. Brown asked”

The discussion then moved to page 6 regarding the matching funds for Police Department Laptop computers. Ms. Brown had several questions about the answers that Chief Rilling gave to her inquiries. Mayor Moccia suggested that the audio tape be checked for accuracy.

Mr. Potts then stated that Ms. Duleep had given him a statement to be included in the minutes as a correction to page 8, paragraph 2. The Mayor suggested that this could also be verified by the audio tape.

**\*\* MR. CONROY MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2009 PENDING VERIFICATION OF CORRECTIONS BY THE AUDIO TAPE.**

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

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

## **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no one signed up to address the Council. Ms. Wink asked if there was anyone present who wished to address the Council. No one came forward.

## **IV. MAYOR**

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

**Resignations:** Sheldon Miller – *Board of Health*

Mayor Moccia briefly explained that Mr. Miller was resigning his position on the Board of Health to fill another position on the Transit District.

**Appointments:**

Gregory Burnett – *Board of Health*

**\*\* REV. BOLDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GREGORY BURNETT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH.**

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD SECONDED.**

Rev. Bolden said that she was happy to know that Mr. Burnett was a candidate. She said that he was knowledgeable and able to work well in all situations

Mr. Hempstead said that when he had worked with Mr. Burnett on various different committees, Mr. Burnett had always brought different ideas to the table.

Mr. Hilliard said that he was pleased to support Mr. Burnett because he had worked with Mr. Burnett at NEON.

Mr. Bondi said that he had worked with Mr. Burnett on the NHS building Committee.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GREGORY BURNETT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Thomas Mahoney – *Human Relations Commission*

**\*\* REV. BOLDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS MAHONEY TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.**

**\*\* MR. MCQUAID SECONDED.**

Mayor Moccia announced that Rev. Mahoney was present in the Chambers. Rev. Bolden said that he was doing a wonderful job and thanked Rev. Mahoney for his work both inside and outside the church.

Mr. McQuaid said that Rev. Mahoney was a breath of fresh air for Norwalk and that he had done a lot of behind the scenes work. Mr. McQuaid said that after the recent clean up of a park, Rev. Mahoney had arranged for a school bus to arrive and he then took all the children who had worked on cleaning up the park to a movie.

Ms. Brown said she heard Rev. Mahoney speak at a meeting and he left a very favorable impression. She said that she had other opportunities to speak to him and was pleased that he wanted to be part of the political process.

Sheldon Miller – *Transit District*

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SHELDON MILLER TO THE TRANSIT DISTRICT.**

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD SECONDED.**

Mayor Moccia said that Norwalk lost a wonderful public servant in Jerry Klein and there is no one that could really take his place on the Transit District. Mr. Miller has served on the Board of Health and the Mayor felt that Mr. Miller would work well in the Transit District.

Mr. Kydes said that he had known Mr. Miller for many years. He said that Mr. Miller would do a great job.

Mr. Hempstead said that there were those who work very quietly behind the scenes and serve the community. Mr. Miller will continue to enrich the community.

Mr. Bonenfant said that the first time he publicly spoke was in support of Mr. Miller's appointment to the Health Board. Mr. Bonenfant was pleased to support this appointment for Mr. Miller.

## **Reappointment:**

Barbara Hudgins – *Fair Housing Advisory Commission*

**\*\* REV. BOLDEN MOVED TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF BARBARA HUDGINS TO THE FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

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

Rev. Bolden said that she had worked with Ms. Hudgins who had served the City for many, many years and done a wonderful job.

Mr. Bondi said that he had served with Ms. Hudgins on the Council and she had done a great job during her terms.

Mr. Hilliard said that Ms. Hudgins was fair and had a good working background of the issues involved in Fair Housing.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF BARBARA HUDGINS TO THE FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Diane Beltz-Jacobson – *Asst. Corporation Counsel*

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DIANE BELTZ-JACOBSON AS ASST. CORPORATION COUNSEL.**

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD SECONDED.**

Mr. Kydes said that Atty. Beltz-Jacobson had been very responsive and helpful on a number of issues. .

Mr. Hempstead said that he remembered Diane's first appointment with Mayor Esposito and he had had many spirited debates with her since then.

Mayor Moccia said that Ms. Beltz-Jacobs is extremely thorough and covers all points in any proposed contract carefully.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DIANE BELTZ-JACOBSON AS ASST. CORPORATION COUNSEL PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **B. REMARKS**

The Mayor had no additional remarks to make at this time.

## **V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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

Rev. Bolden said that Council Member Geake was out sick and wished him a speedy recovery.



She then expressed her condolences to the family of Atty. Slapin.

She then added that Rev. Dorrie Bowden's husband was Clarence Bowden who was on the Fodor Farm Study Committee.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

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

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**1a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order, on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to TMDE Calibration Labs, Inc of Richmond, Maine, the low bidder, for the purchase and installation of (2) two Genesis II Select Dual Ka Band Radars for a total amount not to exceed \$4,000. Account # 35309C 5731.**

**A. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE *(continued)***

**1b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order, on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to TMDE Calibration Labs, Inc of Richmond, Maine, the low bidder, for the purchase and installation of (2) two Genesis II Select Dual Ka Band Radars for a total amount not to exceed \$4,000. Account # 35309C 5764.**

**1c. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order, on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to TMDE Calibration Labs, Inc of Richmond Maine, the low bidder, for the purchase and installation of (2) two Mirror Displays for Genesis II radar units for a total amount not to exceed \$1,700. Account # 35309C 5731.**

**1d. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order, on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to Advance Emergency Products, for the purchase of (1)one TruSpeed Laser Radar,  
under State Contract # OOPSXOO64 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,000. Account # 35309C 5764.**

**2a Authorize the Mayor, Richard Moccia, to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for a Public Health Emergency Response H1N1 program for the period July 31, 2009 to June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$44,253.**

2b. Authorize the Mayor, Richard Moccia, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments or amendments as may be necessary to implement a Public Health Emergency Response H1N1 program for the period July 31, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

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

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL**

There were no resolutions from the Council to consider at this time.

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

There were no motions postponed to a specific date for the Council to consider at this time.

**X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

There was no suspension of the rules from the Council at this time.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* MS. STRANITI SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

