

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.

Let it be noted that all remarks by the various speakers are summarized and not necessarily verbatim.

Mayor Moccia called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. He then led all those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Wink called the roll. The following 15 members were present:

Douglas Hempstead	Fred Bondi	Joanne Romano
John Tobin	Richard Bonenfant	David Jaeger
Travis Simms	Nicholas Kydes	Laurel Lindstrom
Clyde Mount	Kelly Straniti	Andrew Conroy
Nora King	Richard McQuaid	Carvin Hilliard

No one was absent.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – November 24, 2009

**** MR. MCQUAID MOVED THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2009.**

The following change was noted:

Page 3 – under Corrections – please change the following motion to correct the minutes from the November 17th meeting from:

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Note: according to both the written minutes and the video recording, Mr. Hilliard was in attendance at the meeting of November 17, 2009.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no one from the public present who wished to address the Council at this time.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resignations: Steven Colarossi - *Zoning Board of Appeals*
John Tobin - *Zoning Commission*

The Mayor announced the resignations of Mr. Colarossi and Mr. Tobin from their respective Commissions. Mr. Colarossi has been elected to the Board of Education and Mr. Tobin has been elected to the Council.

Appointments:

Michael W. O'Reilly - *Zoning Commission*

**** MR. TOBIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. MICHAEL O'REILLY TO THE ZONING COMMISSION.**

Mr. Tobin commented that Mr. O'Reilly would have some very large shoes to fill in that position. The Mayor agreed and pointed out that the agenda should read that the appointment was as a Zoning Commission Alternate.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. MICHAEL O'REILLY TO THE ZONING COMMISSION AS AN ALTERNATE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Lori Torrano - *Redevelopment*

**** MS. ROMANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. LORI TORRANO TO REDEVELOPMENT.**

Ms. Romano said that it was sad that the Council was making this appointment because of the recent death of a Redevelopment member, and that Ms. Torrano was a good candidate. The Mayor commented that Ms. Torrano would be missed on the Norwalk Public Library Board.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. LORI TORRANO TO REDEVELOPMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Mayor suggested that the Council consider all of the Assessment Appeals Board appointments first before moving to consider the remaining appointments. This was agreeable to all.

Reappointment:

Mary Ellen Barelle - *Assessment Appeals Board*

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. MARY ELLEN BARELLE TO THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Arline Cioffi - *Assessment Appeals Board*

Jo Deupree - *Assessment Appeals Board*

Tammy Langalis - *Assessment Appeals Board*

Don Overton - *Assessment Appeals Board*

Harriett Petrides - *Assessment Appeals Board*

Jane Ready - *Assessment Appeals Board*

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF:**

MS. ARLINE CIOFFI , JO DEUPREE, MS. TAMMY LANGALIS, MR. DON OVERTON, MS. HARRIETT PETRIDES AND MS. JANE READY

TO THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Matthew Brovender - *Board of Health*

**** MR. MCQUAID MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. MATTHEW BROVENDER TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

John McNamara, MD - *Board of Health*

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. JOHN McNAMARA, M.D. TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Taylor Strubinger - *Zoning Board of Appeals*

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. TAYLOR STRUBINGER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Nathan Sumpter - *Zoning Board of Appeals*

**** MR. HILLIARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF NATHAN SUMPTER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. REMARKS

Mayor Moccia said that going forward, there were expirations of many terms in December and that he would try to get the candidate's information to the Council members as quickly as possible.

Mayor Moccia said that the Family and Children's Agency held a Christmas Party for the foster children in the Community Room and the Human Service Council held a toy drive today that resulted in over 3,000 toys collected. The Mayor said that he knew that times were difficult financially, but that there are some great residents in Norwalk. He added that the attendance at the Christmas Party was doubled this year.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Hempstead reviewed the process for the Commissioners to submit items on the agenda. Ms. King said that in the next few months as the budget process in progress and that it would be important to take a strategic position on handling the budget. Mr. Hempstead said that he felt that the communication on the issue regarding the Harbor Commission fees was good.

Regarding the meeting of the 22nd, it will continue to be on the schedule in case an issue comes up.

Mr. Hempstead said that there would be a party at the Lockwood Mathews Mansion and an open house on the 13th.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

There were no items to discuss.

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

2. **For informational purposes only: Narrative on Tax Collections dated December 2, 2009.**
3. **For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report dated September 30, 2009 and October 31, 2009.**

4. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue purchase orders in accordance with City Procurement Guidelines for personal computers workstations, laptops, printers and obsolete asset disposal according to City IT Department specifications, for an amount not to exceed \$59,555.00, account #09100600-5777-C0375 (approved IT Capital item; no special appropriation required).
5. RESOLUTION, reducing the Capital Project for the Fire Pumping Engine by \$1,750.
Account No. 09063110-5777-C0339.
RESOLUTION, reducing the Capital Project for the Fire Training Tower by \$6,750.
Account No. 09073310-5777-C0386.
RESOLUTION, reducing the Capital Project for DPW Fleet Replacement by \$53,500.
Account No. 09104031-5777-C0313.
RESOLUTION, increasing the City's Information Technology Project by \$62,000.
Account No. 09100600-5777-C0375.

C. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute a Contract with Aegis Restauero, LLC for monument conservation at Mill Hill Park Cemetery for a total not to exceed \$29,200.
Acct. # 09086310-5777-C0294 and #09086310-5777-C0457.

D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an amendment to the agreement with A. DiCesare Associates, PC, for Professional Engineering Services regarding the Reed Street Extension Project, to provide additional construction administration services and inspection services for a sum not to exceed \$50,000.00. Account No. 09020910-5777-C0241

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS LISTED ABOVE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Accept and approve the report of the Claims Committee dated October 8, 2009; November 12, 2009; and December 2, 2009.

Ms. Straniti recused herself.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 8, 2009; NOVEMBER 12, 2009; AND DECEMBER 2, 2009 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Straniti rejoined the meeting following the conclusion of the vote.

B. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement with the South Norwalk Boat Club for winter berthing of the fire department boat. This is a renewal of last year's agreement.

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Bonenfant explained that this was a renewal of last year's agreement. There was no Committee meeting in November because of Thanksgiving. Chief McCarthy came forward and said that the Committee did not have an opportunity to review the item, so it was being presented to full Council for approval. He explained that the equipment on the Fire Department boat is different from what is on the Police Department boat. He said that during the winter, when a call comes in, the dispatch center determines who is available to respond. There are a number of Fire Department members who are members of The South Norwalk Boat Club and the Club has allowed the boat to have winter mooring there.

**** THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO SIGN A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH NORWALK BOAT CLUB FOR WINTER BERTHING OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BOAT. THIS IS A RENEWAL OF LAST YEAR'S AGREEMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Hempstead thanked the Mayor for having the Veteran's Memorial service on Monday. The Mayor said that he understood that many people have jobs during the day but reminded everyone that December 7th was the 9/11 for that generation.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were no items to discuss.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were no motions to discuss.

X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were no suspensions of the rules to discuss.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

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