

**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 8:04 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of the Allegiance.

He also asked for a moment of silence for the victims and their families in the Nevada Middle School shooting.

**I. ROLL CALL  
ANNA DULEEP)**

**14 PRESENT (ABSENT:**

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES  
ACCEPTED**

Regular Meeting:

**October 8, 2013**

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
SPEAKERS**

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**IV. MAYOR**

**A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**RESIGNATIONS:**

**NONE**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**NONE**

**REAPPOINTMENTS:  
APPROVED**

Carol L. Frank, Fair Housing Advisory Commission

Joseph Pramer, III, Pension Board

**APPROVED**

**MAYOR'S REMARKS:**  
of the Veterans and

realizes the difficult times. Stated briefly that he knows this would come up again regarding the state and funding for the Veterans and this Resolution. Stated that hopefully, they will take a second look

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at this. Also, he stated that he found an interesting article about Norwalk going to the dogs. Said he thought the article was quite interesting since he did a ribbon cutting today for a Veterinarian.

**V.      COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**A.      GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**      President Douglas Hempstead wanted to remind everyone of the events being held at the Lockwood Mansion. He wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming election on November 5, 2013. He wished everyone running good endeavors and said thank you all for your service.

**B.      CONSENT CALENDAR      VII.A.1**

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

**A.      CORPORATION COUNSEL**

**B.      BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION**

**VII.      COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A.      PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

1.      Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an amendment to the Agreement with A. M. Rizzo Electrical Contractors, Inc. for Utility Infrastructure Upgrade and Streetscape for an amount not to exceed \$960,000.00.

Account No. Norwalk Redevelopment Agency  
**AUTHORIZED**

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL**

A Resolution in Support of Returning Administrative Responsibility of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund (SSMF) with Adequate Resources to the American Legion

Sponsored by Carvin Hilliard and David McCarthy, Veterans

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Co-Sponsored by Doug Hempstead, Michelle Maggio, Jerry Petrini, Bruce Kimmel, Sarah Mann, Michael Geake, Nicholas Kydes and Fred Bondi

Whereas the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund was established by the General Assembly of Connecticut in 1919 to recognize the sacrifices and heroism displayed by its sons and daughters during "The Great War" (World War I).

Whereas at that time \$2,400,000 had been allocated to recognize the contributions of returning veterans.

Whereas the General Assembly decided that the money would be set aside in trust, with the interest, after investment of the funds, to be used to help veterans.

Whereas the fund is now valued at \$64,000,000 and generates \$3,000,000 annually, which is used for the benefit of the neediest veterans and their families.

Whereas Public Act 336 of 1919 designated The American Legion as the administrative agency, which was to have responsibility for the activities of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund.

Whereas the State of Connecticut ceased putting any tax derived public money into the fund in 1962, and all capital growth and interest have come from investment return.

Whereas the partnership between The American Legion and the State of Connecticut in serving Connecticut's veterans was unique in the nation and had achieved remarkable results.

Whereas there have been but nine Administrators of the Fund since its inception in 1919, and each has served concurrently as Department Treasurer of The American Legion.

Whereas The American Legion has addressed the pressing needs of Connecticut's veterans and alleviated suffering since 1919.

Whereas the fund addresses the needs of the neediest veterans for assistance in suicide prevention, sexual assault treatment and therapy, emergent medical and dental issues, as well as heating fuel costs and funeral arrangements.

Whereas the governor initially proposed that the American Legion be given complete control of the fund.

Whereas the state is now trying to fund the Legion less than a quarter of what the state's administrative costs had been.

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Whereas Connecticut has more than 237,000 Veterans, including men and women returning from duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, that will need the help of the Veteran services the American Legion can provide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL THAT the Soldier, Sailor and Marine Fund is a beneficial tool used in supporting veterans who are homeless or in immediate crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL THAT the administration of the Soldier, Sailor and Marine Fund should be handled by the American Legion and that the American Legion should be given back the appropriate resources to perform the task.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL THAT the Soldier, Sailor and Marine Fund should be maintained in perpetuity as a trust solely for the benefit of Connecticut's Veterans and that the good work done by the Fund should be enabled and encouraged by the state, its governor and its legislature.            **APPROVED**

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

**X.    SUSPENSION OF RULES**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT 8:25 P.M.**

**APPOINTMENTS**

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**REAPPOINTMENTS**

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**FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION                      M/C                      NWLK**

**CODE 59-A**

**Carol L. Frank (R)**

**APPROVED**

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**PENSION BOARD                      M/C                      NWLK CODE**

**Appx II**

**Joseph Pramer III (R)**

**APPROVED**

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