

**BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION MEETING ACTIONS**

**OCTOBER 5, 2005  
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT REGULAR MEETING**

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PRESENT: Mayor Alex Knopp Ron Coley  
Gregory Barnett Tanya Court (7:45 p.m.)  
James Clark Tim Buzzee (7:42 p.m.)

Also present were Pam Stark, City Clerk; Thomas Hamilton, Director of Finance

Mayor Knopp called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

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**SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS AGENDA**

Advertised Items – 3

Mr. Hamilton explained that this is a request to fund a severance payment for the Site Planner position. He said that the past practice is not to fill the position until the department has the available funding, but this is a special situation and Mr. Greene made a strong case for approval of this request.

Mr. Greene, Director of Planning and Zoning said that the reason for the vacancy is that the employee left suddenly due to illness. He said that the amount requested could be reduced from \$40,000 to \$16,000.

Mr. Buzzee arrived at 7:42 p.m.

RESOLVED, THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT TO PAY FOR A SEVERANCE PAYMENT (ACCOUNT NO. 01-5050-5050) AMOUNT AMENDED TO \$16,000.

\*\* MR. CLARK MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Hamilton explained that this is a request from the Department of Public Works to address cracks that developed in 2 diesel tanks and 1 gasoline tank. In order to keep them in service they need to be repaired. With the repairs, the tanks should last an additional 12 years.

Mr. Alvord, Director of the Department of Public Works explained that there are three above ground tanks at the Public Works site that are in need of repair.

Mayor Knopp pointed out that the memo describing this request indicates that the tanks are not under warranty. Mr. Alvord said that he was not in the department when they were being constructed, nor was he here during the negotiations. He added that the company that built the tanks has been extremely difficult to work with.

Ms. Court arrived at 7:48 p.m.

Mr. Burnett asked what the cost of a new tank would be. Mr. Alvord said that to rip out the damaged tank and replace it with a similar tank would cost \$1,500.00 for each tank.

**\*\* MR. BUZZEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RESOLVED, THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$85,800 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PAY FOR ON-SITE ARMOR TANK REPAIR AT THE PUBLIC WORKS CENTER (ACCOUNT NO. 01-7053-5110)**

Mr. Hamilton said that this appropriation request is a little less than the original estimate that was provided last month. It was determined that the cost was consistent with the costs incurred with running other primary elections.

**\*\* MR. CLARK MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RESOLVED, THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$4,258 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE TO PAY FOR A REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY FOR THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT. (ACCOUNT NO. 01-4027-5258)**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Hamilton reviewed the background of this request. He described the scope of the project. Mr. Hamilton recommended deferring the work on North Water Street because a development is proposed for the Norwalk Company and there are concerns about damaging the new lighting during construction.

Mayor Knopp introduced Hal Cleveland, the Chief Operating Officer of Crown Theaters and thanked him for Crown Theater's cooperation in developing the lighting plan.

Mr. Cleveland said that they entered into an agreement with the City last year and part of the agreement was to add lighting. They have worked diligently to let their customers

know that there is free parking at the Maritime Garage, but it is being underutilized. The additional lights will let the customers feel safe.

Mr. Clark said that as a patron of Crown Theaters he has used the garage the addition of lighting will definitely help the patrons feel safe.

**\*\* MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RESOLUTION, Appropriating \$110,000 for the SoNo Street Lighting Project. (Project Account No. 09064021-5777-C0380).**

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Mr. Hamilton said that in addition to the normal reports he has included the Capital Projects Summary that was prepared by Ms. Twomey. Mr. Burnett sent special kudos to Ms. Twomey.

Mr. Hamilton said that there is a letter in the package from the Secretary of State regarding the lever voting machine booths. Connecticut may be required to change the lever voting machines sooner than anticipated.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 5, 2005 – Regular Meeting

**\*\* MR. COLEY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### TRANSFER AGENDA

There were no items discussed

**\*\* MS. COURT MOVED TO ADJOURN**

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Pam Stark, City Clerk