

Common Council Actions

January 10, 2006

**NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 8:00 P.M. EST 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 opened the meeting at 8:06 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL 15 members present

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular meeting – December 13, 2005 Accepted as corrected

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 2 Speakers

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resignations: Troy Jellerette – Parking Authority Announced

Reappointments: Anthony Mobilia, John Pinto, Ph.D.– Harbor Management Commission Approved

Karen Destefanis, Andrew Kyriakides - Conservation Commission Approved

Appointments: David Murchie, John Tobin – Norwalk Facilities Construction Commission Approved

Chris Handrinos – Conservation Commission Approved

Tony Lopez, Hubert Smith – SWRPA Approved

John Federici – Parking Authority Approved

B. REMARKS

Mayor Moccia acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Jellerette from the Parking Authority and recommended the appointment of Mr. John Federici to complete his term. Mayor Moccia also recognized the hard work and dedication of all of the persons on the agenda selected for appointments and reappointments.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS None

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items are on consent: VI. A .1, B. 1, 4, VII. A.1, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 5, 6, 7,

B. 1, 2, C. 1, 2, 3

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Authorization to settle claim: Jennifer Rodriguez v. City of Norwalk et al. Authorized

B. BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION

1. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$40,000 be and the same hereby transferred from Increased Estimated Revenues from Health Clinics Fees to the Health Department to pay for vaccines and miscellaneous supplies for the clinics. (Account No. 01-2070-5322).

Resolved

2. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$488,000 be and the same is hereby transferred from Fund Balance to the Police Department to pay for severance payments due to DROP. (Account No. Various). Resolved

3. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$414,000 be and the same hereby transferred from Fund Balance to the Police Department to pay for an expected shortfall in overtime wages. (Account No. Various). Resolved

4. RESOLVED, that the sum not to exceed \$307,357 be and the same is hereby transferred from Fund Balance to the Combined Dispatch and Emergency Preparedness Planning Department to pay for an expected shortfall in regular and overtime wages. (Account No. Various). Resolved

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with Kayak for a Cause, Inc. for their Kayak for a Cause Launch and Lobster Bake to be held at Calf Pasture Beach on Saturday, July 29, 2006 from 6:00am – 10:00pm. Estimated attendance for Launch 200 and Lobster Bake 500. Authorized

2. Rescind Council Action of June 23, 2005. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with Robert Storm A.I.A. for architectural design services for the renovation of the Comfort Station in Shady Beach for a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00. Acct# 09026030-5777-C0069. Rescinded

3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with Partners for Architecture Inc. for architectural design services for the renovation of the Comfort Station in Shady Beach for a sum not to exceed \$15,500.00. Acct# 09026030-5777-C0069. Authorized

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES (Continued)

A. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Continued)

4a. Authorize the Mayor Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with Creative Differences Car Club for their Annual Car Show to be held at Veterans Park on Sunday, July, 23, 2006 from 6:00am –6:00pm. Estimated attendance, 150+. Authorized

4b. Approve the use of the Showmobile by the Creative Differences Car Club for their Annual Car Show to be held at Veterans Park on Sunday, July 23, 2006 from 6:00am – 6:00pm.

Approved

5. Approve the use of the Showmobile by the Columbian American Family Entertainment for their Columbian Festival to be held at Veterans Park on Sunday, July 16, 2006. Approved

6. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with the YMCA of Norwalk Inc. for the use of Marvin School Grounds and Taylor Farm for the annual Summer Camp to be held Monday –Friday, June 26 -August 31, 2006, from 7:00am - 6:00pm. Estimated attendance, 160 children, ages 4-15. Authorized

7. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an amendment to extend the agreement with Atlas Pyrovision Productions Inc. to cover the 2006 and 2007 Fireworks display to be held on Monday, July 3, 2006 with a rain date of Wednesday, July 5, 2006. Amount not to exceed \$39,000.00 including the barge each year. Account #016021-5298. Authorized

C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc. to complete the necessary permit applications and coordinate the process for the Rehabilitation of the Wall Street Bridge Project, for a sum not to exceed \$6,500. Account No. 0903 4021 5777 C0255 Authorized

2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with G&K Services for uniform rental and cleaning for an annual sum not to exceed \$30,000. For FY 05/06, authorize a sum not to exceed \$15,000. Account No. 0140 21 5271 Authorized

C. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Approve the attached resolution supporting the City's Preserve America Grant Application.
Approved

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VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES (Continued:)

C. PLANNING COMMITTEE (Continued:)

2. Approval of additional funds in an amount not to exceed \$6,500 for survey work and \$750 for printing and reimbursable costs associated with the previously approved amendment to the Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between the City of Norwalk and Tighe & Bond Consulting Engineers, for signalization of the West Avenue and Butler Street intersection. (Funding to come from the State of Connecticut Special Act Grant for Reed Putnam Project.) Approved

3. Authorize, the Mayor, Richard Moccia, to execute all necessary documents associated with the approval of additional funding in amounts not to exceed \$6,500 for survey work and \$750 for printing and reimbursable costs associated with the previously approved amendment to the Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between the City of Norwalk and Tighe & Bond Consulting Engineers, for signalization of the West Avenue and Butler Street intersection. Authorized

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

A. RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK REQUESTING THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION TO ACCEPT NORWALK AS ONE OF THE TEST COMMUNITIES FOR THE PUBLICLY FINANCED ELECTIONS IN THE 2007 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS: on December 1, 2005, Senate Bill 2103, An Act Concerning Comprehensive Campaign Finance Reform for Statewide Constitutional and General Assembly Offices, passed the State Senate 27-8 and cleared the State House of Representatives on a vote of 82-65;

WHEREAS: The bill establishes a system for publicly funding statewide and legislative campaigns, beginning in 2008 for General Assembly races and in 2010 for Governor and other constitutional offices, including Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, Treasurer and Secretary of the State; and

WHEREAS: the bill also establishes spending limits for participating statewide candidates, bans certain campaign contributions from lobbyists and state contractors in statewide elections, and also bans the use of "ad books" which statewide candidates have used in the past to raise money by selling advertising in programs and brochures; and

WHEREAS: the law also allows three cities or towns to conduct pilot programs for publicly financed elections for mayor and city council/board of aldermen; and

WHEREAS: the earliest the pilot program can begin will be the 2007 municipal elections; and

WHEREAS: participation in public financing is voluntary on the part of candidates, those who agree to participate must agree to limits on the amount they can spend; and
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WHEREAS: interested cities need to apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission to become one of the three test communities; and

WHEREAS: the City of Norwalk is interested in being one of the test cities provided for in the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Norwalk that the City of Norwalk officially requests that the State Elections Commission include the City of Norwalk as one of the test cities provided for under the Act Concerning Comprehensive Campaign Finance Reform for Statewide Constitutional and General Assembly Offices.

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this signed resolution be forwarded to the State Elections Commission. Passed

B. COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO URGE THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE PROPOSED BILL #5258, AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL INTERVENTION IN CERTAIN ADMINISTRATION PROCEEDINGS.

WHEREAS the Common Council of the City of Norwalk has the responsibility for funding the services provided to it's citizens, and

WHEREAS under current State Statutes the Common Council is not a party to the binding arbitration proceedings resulting from it's rejection of a contract negotiated between the Board of Education and a Union representing it's employees,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council endorses and urges the State Legislature to approve Bill #5258 An Act Concerning Municipal Intervention in Certain Administrative proceedings which reads as follows:

That the general statutes be amended to provide that, notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 113 or 166 of the general statutes, whenever a municipal employer is engaged in binding arbitration with a municipal employee organization and such employer is not the legislative body of such municipality; the legislative body of the municipality, or if the legislative body is a town meeting, the board of selectmen may, by majority vote of the body, intervene in such arbitration proceedings. Tabled

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

Tabled at the June 14th, 2005 meeting to be placed on the agenda of the June 28th, 2005 meeting.

A. PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

1. Resolution to unite with the Town of New Canaan to form a District Department of Health. (Tabled for six (6) months at the June 28, 2005 meeting)

Defeated by previous Council

2. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to approve Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Norwalk and the Town of New Canaan. (Tabled for six (6) months at the June 28, 2005 meeting)

Defeated by previous Council

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X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES None

XI. ADJOURNMENT: 9:58 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION M/C Nwlc Code § 352A
HANDRINOS, CHRIS P. (R) Appointed Succeed S. Hubbard
33 Weatherbell Drive Term expires 01/01/11
Norwalk, Ct. 06851

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION M/C Nwlc Code § 30-15
MURCHIE, DAVID E. (D) Appointed Succeed S. Smith
86 West Rocks Rd. Term expires 01/01/10
Norwalk, Ct. 06851

TOBIN, JOHN E. (R) Appointed Succeed S. Wells
16 Lorena Street Term expires 01/01/10
Norwalk, Ct. 06855

PARKING AUTHORITY M/C Nwlc Code § 73A_____
Federici, JOHN (R) Appointed Succeed T. Jellerette
20 Katy Lane Term expires 03/31/06
Norwalk, Ct. 06851

SWRPA M Nwlk Code § 89

LOPEZ, TONY (R) Appointed Succeed S. Wallerstein
25 Monroe St., Unit B-1 Term expires 11/01/08
Norwalk, Ct. 06854

SMITH, HUBERT (R) Appointed Succeed D. Iacovella
122 Dryhill Rd. Term expires 11/01/06
Norwalk, Ct. 06851

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REAPPOINTMENTS

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION M/C Nwlk Code § 69
MOBILIA, ANTHONY N. (D) Reappointed Term expires 12/31/09
47 Allen Rd.
Norwalk, Ct. 06851

PINTO, JOHN T., Ph.D. (R) Reappointed Term expires 12/31/09
35 Winfield Court
Norwalk, Ct. 06855

CONSERVATION COMMISSION M/C Nwlk Code § 352A
DESTEFANIS, KAREN B. (D) Reappointed Term expires 1/01/11
2 Rebel Lane
Norwalk, Ct. 06850

KYRIAKIDES, ANDREW D. (D) Reappointed Term expires 1/01/11
8 Admiral Lane
Norwalk, Ct. 06851

