

Common Council Actions

May 8, 2007

NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 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 8:05pm and led the assembly in the Pledge
of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL 12 Present 3 Absent- K. Poruban, C. Hilliard,
M. Miklave (arrived at 8:09pm)

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – April 24, 2007 Accepted

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 2 Speakers

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resignations:

Appointments

Reappointment: Richard Bartoli – Shellfish Commission Approved

John Frank, Sr. – Shellfish Commission Approved

B. REMARKS

Mayor Moccia announced that Bill Ireland, Chief Building Official will return to work
next week.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

B. CONSENT CALENDAR: VI.A1; VII.A1, 5; VII.B 2, 3, 4

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. Dennell Senna v. City of Norwalk et al. Executive Session Approved

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VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute the Amendment to DPH Contract #2006-0272-1 for AIDS Prevention Education Services, together with any and all other documents necessary or desirable to extend the defined contract period through June 30, 2008. Authorized

2a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept grant funds from the Southwestern Connecticut Area Agency on Aging for the Community Case Manager for the Elderly Program for the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008. Authorized

2b. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments as may be necessary to implement the Community Case Manager for the Elderly Program for the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008. Authorized

3. Resolution: Approve the fee schedule for environmental licenses and permits as proposed by the Director of Health in accordance with Chapter 57-5 of the Norwalk Code. Approved

4. Authorize the Mayor to execute any hold harmless agreements that may be necessary or desirable in connection with the use by the Norwalk Police Department of private property for police training purposes as, from time to time, it may be deemed advisable. Tabled to May 22, 2007 CC meeting

5. Technical correction: Correction to the May 9, 2006 Council Agenda for item VII.B3. Original item:

3. Authorize the issuance of a Sole Source purchase order to Principle Decisions Systems International not to exceed \$60,150.00 for the purchase and implementation of a TeleStaff employee resource and employee asset tracking system. Said funds to be drawn from Homeland Security grant funds, 2004/2005. Account No. 35047004-5764-H-2336

Correction should read as follows:

Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute any and all agreements to authorize the issuance of a sole source purchase with Principle Decisions Systems International for a TeleStaff employee resource tracking system and telephone support component not to exceed \$65,000. Said funds to be drawn from Homeland Security Grant 04/05. Account No. 35047004-5764-H-2336.

6. Authorize the Mayor Richard A. Moccia, to execute a Second Amendment To Agreement By And Between the City of Norwalk and Laura Epstein Municipal Agent

For Elderly Persons, for a term of 4 years beginning on July 1, 2007 and continuing through June 30, 2011. Authorized

B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. Approve the renumbering of a portion of East Rocks Road in the vicinity of 179 East Rocks Road as follows:

Field Address Tax Lot Proposed Revised Address

179 East Rocks Rd. 5-23-353-0 175 ½ East Rocks Rd.

179 East Rocks Rd 5-23-352-0 177 East Rocks Rd.

179 East Rocks Rd. 5-23-349-0 177 ½ East Rocks Rd. Approved as amended

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VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES (continued)

B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (continued)

2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an amendment to the Agreement with City Carting & Recycling, Inc. for Curbside Recycling Collection Services for an amount not to exceed \$934,560 (\$849,600 plus 10% performance measurement incentive of \$84,960) beginning July 1, 2007 for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Account No. 0140 43 5298 Authorized

3. Authorize the Director of Public Works to reimburse the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) \$120,000 for mapping of the storm drain system to be accomplished by Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. under existing WPCA contract.

Authorized

4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with Sanborn, Inc., for City-wide aerial photography and planimetric data, for a sum not to exceed \$179,000.

Account No. 0908 4031 5777 C0420

Authorized

5. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute the Agreement entitled "First Supplemental Agreement to the Original Agreement dated April 24, 2002 Between the State of Connecticut and the City of Norwalk for the Construction, Inspection, and Maintenance of the Norwalk River Valley Trail Utilizing Federal Funds Under the Enhancement Component of the Surface Transportation Program" State Project No.:102-299; Federal Project No.: TEA-PEDS (56); Agreement No.: 3.12-02(07).

Authorized

C. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Approve the request from 95/7 Ventures LLC relative to Reed Putnam Urban Renewal Project-Parcels 1, 2, and 4 to increase the amount of hotel space recommended by the

Common Council in its action of October 10, 2006 from 80,000 square feet to a range of 80,000 – 110,000 square feet. Approved

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REGARDING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET

Submitted by Councilman Richard McQuaid, May 4, 2007

WHEREAS, Norwalk spends \$1,704 per pupil more (in direct spending) than the State average; and

WHEREAS, the \$5.2 million increase in education spending in this year's budget will raise our direct per pupil spending to almost \$13,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, Norwalk spends more per pupil than 8 of the 9 cities in our comparable group of cities established by the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Norwalk spends \$1,454 per pupil more than the State average on salaries and benefits for school employees; and

WHEREAS, this spending is largely funded by Norwalk taxpayers as a result of the mistreatment of Norwalk by the State Government in taxation and appropriations policy; and

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VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL (continued)

WHEREAS, this results in Norwalkers paying the highest taxes in the area (21% higher than Stamford's, and as much as 52% higher than Darien's); and

WHEREAS, those high taxes are largely driven by school spending (up 50% in the last 10 years, while all other City spending is only up 22%); and

WHEREAS, sensitive to the high and rising burden on Norwalk's taxpayers, the Common Council established a spending cap that limited the Board of Education budget increase to said \$5.2 million; and

WHEREAS, discussions at the Board of Education's Budget Committee have continued to focus on budget reconciliations that would cut teachers, educational programs and sports; and

WHEREAS, possible savings of millions of dollars have been identified by the City's Finance Director in non-personnel budget areas such as maintenance accounts, consultant

fees, travel and workshop expenses, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 Price Waterhouse Coopers audit of the school system identified up to \$7 million per year of possible savings in school spending without reductions in educational programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL, that the Council calls on the Board of Education, before any programs or teachers are cut, to leave no stone unturned in searching for savings in administrative expenses while, at the very minimum, maintaining the current level of service to our students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council urges the Board's Budget Committee to "dust off" the 2002 Price Waterhouse Coopers Audit Report, and look at the possibility of implementing some of the large number of suggested proposals therein for reducing spending without impacting educational programs. Failed

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE None

X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES None

XI. ADJOURNMENT 10:37pm

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APPOINTMENTS

REAPPOINTMENTS

SHELLFISH COMMISSION M Nwlk Code 45

RICHARD BARTOLI (U) Approved Term expires – 03/30/10
30 Fallow Street
West Norwalk, CT 06850

JOHN FRANK, Sr. (D) Approved Term expires - 03/30/10
15 East Meadow Lane
Norwalk, CT 06851