

Common Council Actions

**COMMON COUNCIL JUNE 10, 2008
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 8:17 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Roman called the roll.

PRESENT:

Fred Bondi Amanda Brown
Michael Geake Douglas Sutton
Steven Serasis Nicholas Kydes
Carvin Hilliard Rev. Phyllis Bolden
Kelly Straniti Andrew T. Conroy
Laurel Lindstrom Douglas Hempstead
Richard Bonenfant

ABSENT: William Krummel and Richard McQuaid

Ms. Roman announced that there were thirteen (13) members present and two (2) absent.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – May 27, 2008

**** REV. BOLDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTE OF MAY 27, 2008 AS
SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Let it be noted that the following comments and remarks by all speakers have been summarized and are not necessarily verbatim.

Mr. Robert Burgess came forward and stated that he was Chairman of Ward B. He said

that he was present to speak in opposition of the garbage transfer station being in South Norwalk. He then said that City Carting had been looking at Norwalk for a while and that the Mayor had been instrumental in the process. He pointed out that the State owns land on Route 7 and suggested that the transfer station be located there. He claimed that there had been no public hearings. Mr. Burgess said that his group was working with Duke University on this issue and Mr. Burgess said that he had spoken to former Mayor Knopp about this. He commented that a burn system is very efficient.

Mr. Burgess then reminded everyone that South Norwalk had been an independent city at one time. There is a possibility that South Norwalk would cede from Norwalk if the City continues to dump stuff in the back yard. He then said that the City would listen to the South Norwalk even if it means a law suit and that he had the ability to do things, so that the City better listen.

The Mayor said that he had no contact other than through the bid contract and that City Carting was not using a lobbyist. There were also other towns involved in this project. He also pointed out that it was Mr. Burgess's prerogative to sue.

Ms. Diane Lauricella came forward and said that she was present representing the League of Women Voters. Ms. Lauricella then distributed copies of an email to the Council Member. She said that she wanted the Council to review the details. Two months ago, the League said that they were afraid that the contract would be presented to the Council without time to think about it. Ms. Lauricella said that it would be good to look at this as an opportunity. She said that the League advocates openness.

Ms. Lauricella said that the due diligence was not being done. She said that the City would not know what the City would be entering into when renting the Meadow Street transfer facility. She said that the environmental studies and traffic studies should be before the Council Members consider a vote.

Ms. Julie Burton came forward and said that she lived at Sunwich Road. She said that she appreciated the hard work that DPW has done and the effort to save the City money. It would be difficult to review all the details and hoped that the Council would consider this proposal carefully.

Mr. Dumas came forward and asked what the health issues of the residents that live in that area. He said that when the trucks are washed out, the wastewater would go into the City sewer system. He said that he did not believe that this proposal had been reviewed carefully enough. Something should be done about the contamination that should be dealt with before the station opened.

Ms. Farnsworth, who is on the Board of Directors of Harborview, came forward and said that receiving the information two hours before a vote was alarming. There are smells and the smoke from the car compactors in the area already. There have been some improvements with FedEx facility. She encouraged the council to hold a public hearing.

Ms. Farrell, came forward and said that she lives next to Ms. Farnsworth. She pointed out that City Carting has been doing the he garbage pick up and thought that they had done a good job. She said that she thought the transfer station was a good idea. She also pointed out that there were already permits out for the Meadow Street.

However, Ms. Farrell pointed out that Meadow Street is only a two lane street, with a fire station, plus the traffic to LaJoie's and other places. She said that it was only being used for C&D and not primarily for the MSW. Ms. Farrell asked how the odors would be handled and she requested that the public have a chance for input.

Mr. Ferro, came forward and said that he was an owner of City Carting. He said that he was there to address the concerns. The transfer station was permitted since 1994 and he believed it would retain its permit regardless of who uses it. He added that there was a transfer station in Glenbrook section of Stamford. He then outlined the method that is used in Stamford. He said that the company is in the process of cleaning up the Meadow Street site and said that there was a State certified wash bay, which collected the material into vortex filters. The track record in Stamford, since 1995, has been excellent. There have been no complaints from neighbors. He said that anyone would be free to visit the Glenbrook site and that he is more than happy to answer questions for anyone.

Ms. Conrad came forward and said that she had been a member of NEAT. She said that she didn't understand why this was an eleventh hour issue. She added that when something happens, she usually gets a letter rather than finding it out just before the vote. She wanted to know why it this contract took twenty five years to get to this point. She felt that Public Works should be more open about this process. She added that the schools and the Laundromats were not recycling that the City had better address this issue.

Mr. Lou DePinto, who lives right across the street from the new transfer station, came forward. He asked if all the City's trash would be taken there. He also asked if this was a Zoning matter and felt that this was short notice. He said that he felt that it would be necessary to think about this issue a bit more.

Mayor Moccia said that he appreciated the comments from the public, but there was no attempt to hide anything. The previous Council had voted to hire Holland and Knight to evaluate the situation. He said that the city had operated the plant at Crescent Street for many years. There have not been many complaints about that transfer station. The City did not have twenty five years to deal with this contact, as implied. The changes with CRRA have been recent and this project has been in the works for the last two years. There are also six other mayors of other towns and their DPW directors involved in the process. He pointed out that the tipping fees for CRRA would continue to escalate. City Carting has made a presentation and pays taxes to the City. They have been a good contractor.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resignations: David Murchie – Norwalk Facilities Construction Committee

Mayor Moccia explained that Mr. Murchie would be moving out of the area and therefore had submitted his resignation to the NFCC.

Appointments: Lewis Clark – Water Pollution Control Authority

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT BONDI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LEWIS CLARK TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE IN FAVOR (BONDI, BROWN, GEAKE, BONENFANT, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, KYDES, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD, CONROY AND STRANITI) AND ONE ABSTENTION (SUTTON).**

Reappointment:

There were no reappointments to consider at this time.

B. REMARKS

The Mayor congratulated Atty. McCann on being selected for the position of Associate Corporation Counsel and welcomed Mr. Hilliard back to the Council.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

There was no general Council Business to conduct at this time.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT BONDI THEN MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE CORPORATION COUNSEL, BRIAN MCCANN.

B. BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION

1. RESOLVED, THAT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$60,970 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE REGISTER OF VOTERS TO COVER THE COST OF ADMINISTERING THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IN FEBRUARY. (ACCOUNT NO. VARIOUS).

2. RESOLVED, THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$237,586 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO COVER SEVERANCE PAYMENTS. (ACCOUNT NO. VARIOUS).

3. RESOLVED, THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$150,583 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PAY FOR AN ANTICIPATED SHORTFALL IN OVERTIME WAGES. (ACCOUNT NO. VARIOUS).

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS (CONTINUED)

B. BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION (CONTINUED)

4. RESOLVED, THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE UNIFORMS FOR NEW RECRUITS AND REPLACE UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT DAMAGED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. (ACCOUNT NO. 3061-5276).

5. RESOLVED, THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$156,574 BE AND THE SAME IS HERBY TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO COVER SEVERANCE PAYMENTS. (ACCOUNT NO. VARIOUS).

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED, MAY 8, 2008.

2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED, APRIL 30, 2008.

3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED, MAY 29, 2008.

4. APPROVE FY 2008-09 PARKING AUTHORITY BUDGET.

5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO CIRMA FOR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE SELF-INSURED WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND HEART & HYPERTENSION AT THE SAME RATE AS THE THIRD YEAR OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT:

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 (JULY 1, 2008 – JUNE 30, 2009) AT A PER CLAIM COST OF \$200 FOR MEDICAL ONLY, \$1,095 FOR INDEMNITY AND

HEART/HYPERTENSION AND \$25 FOR RECORD ONLY.
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 (JULY 1, 2009 – JUNE 30, 2010) AT A CLAIM COST
OF \$200 FOR MEDICAL ONLY, \$1,095 FOR INDEMNITY AND
HEART/HYPERTENSION, AND \$25 FOR RECORD ONLY.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,920,000 BONDS OF THE
CITY TO MEET AN APPROPRIATION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRAFFIC
IMPROVEMENTS IN THE REED-PUTNAM REDEVELOPMENT AREA AND
PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY
BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

12. RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC
IMPROVEMENTS AGGREGATING \$29,716,500 FOR THE 2008-2009 CAPITAL
BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$27,088,500 GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN
THE 2008-2009 CAPITAL BUDGET.

13. RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT
EXCEEDING \$34,200,000 CITY OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT GENERAL
OBLIGATIONS BONDS, SERIES 2008.

B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN
AGREEMENT WITH CITY CARTING, INC. FOR THE DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL
SOLID WASTE FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1,
2009.

ACCOUNT NO. 014042 5298

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE A LEASE
AGREEMENT WITH MEADOW STREET PARTNERS, LLC FOR THE LEASE OF
THE MEADOW STREET TRANSFER STATION FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS
COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2009. ACCOUNT NO. 014042 5298

3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO
SIGNAL SERVICE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF SIX (6) TRAFFIC
CONTROLLERS FOR INSTALLATION ALONG EAST AVENUE FOR A SUM NOT
TO EXCEED \$ 101,700.

ACCOUNT NO. 0140 31 5267

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4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN
AGREEMENT WITH LAFERRIERE ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL

SURVEY EASEMENT MAPS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MEADOWBROOK AND NOAH'S LANE PROJECTS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$ 3,700.
ACCOUNT NO. 0908 4027 5777 C0423

5. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ISSUE ORDERS ON CONTRACT TO DEERING CONSTRUCTION FOR PROJECT NO. 4R 2007-1 IN CONNECTION WITH PROVIDING ADA ACCESS AT THE PICNIC PAVILION AT CRANBURY PARK FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$13,672. ACCOUNT NO. 0908 6030 5777 C0366

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DW TRANSPORT & LEASING, INC. FOR STREET SWEEPINGS/CATCH BASIN GRIT TRANSPORT & DISPOSAL FOR A FIRST YEAR AMOUNT OF \$194,880 IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #2629. ACCOUNT NO. 014042 5299

7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ALMSTEAD TREE AND SHRUB CARE, LLC FOR THE SUPPLY AND PLANTING OF TREES AND SHRUBS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.

ACCOUNT NO. 09034021 5777 C0233

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09096030 5777 C0370

C. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

TECHNICAL CORRECTION: JUNE 26, 2007 ACTION, ITEM NUMBER VII.C 4A &4B TO INCLUDE
ADDITIONAL ACCOUNT NUMBER.

ORIGINAL ITEMS:

4A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SHOCK ELECTRIC FOR PROJECT #2517 BASEBALL FIELD LIGHTING AT BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$297,570.00. ACCOUNT#'S 09026030-5777-C0215, 09076030-5777-C0371.

4B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR, RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON A CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$29,757.00. ACCOUNT # 09076030-5777-C0371.

CORRECTED ITEM TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

1B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR, RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON A CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$29,757.00. ACCOUNT #'S09026030-5777-C0215, 09076030-5777-C0371.

2. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR , RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON A CONTRACT WITH WERNERT CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT LLC FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE CALF PASTURE BEACH MEN'S 7 LADIES ROOMS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$15,671.00. ACCOUNT# 09076030-5777-C0292.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO PARTNERS FOR ARCHITECTURE/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE CALF PASTURE RESTROOM PROJECT, IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE EXISTING SCOPE OF SERVICES TO INCLUDE THE BATHHOUSES, FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,900.00. ACCOUNT # 09076030-5777-C0292.

D. PLANNING COMMITTEE

2. APPROVAL OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.

3. APPROVAL OF CITY OF NORWALK ADOPTION OF NON-DISCRIMINATION AGREEMENT AND WARRANTIES.

4. APPROVE THE ATTACHED LIST OF PROGRAMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM.

** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII A – COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

** MR. HILLIARD MOVED THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:

6. Resolution, reducing \$115,000 from Rogers-Ritch-Merritt House (Account No. 09036310-5777-C0275).

7. Resolution, appropriating \$35,000 for Mill Hill Buildings (repairs to Little Red Schoolhouse at Mill House) (Account No. 09036310-5777-C0276).

8. Resolution, appropriating \$20,000 for Mill Hill Cemetery Restoration (Account No. 09036310-5777-C0457).

9. Resolution, appropriating \$40,000 for Norwalk Museum HVAC system and Collection Care & Restoration (Account No. 09036310-5777-C0449).

10. Resolution, appropriating \$20,000 for Pine Island Cemetery (Security Lighting) (Account No. 09036310-5777-C0459).

Ms. Brown said that she had received an email containing several questions from Ms. Terry Tylo. Ms. Brown read the email aloud, which asked, among other things, whether Council President Bondi would be recusing himself from the vote because of his involvement with the Museum. Ms. Brown expressed concerns about the reappropriation process. Ms. Brown then asked Mr. Hamilton to explain the process for the defunding of a project.

Mr. Hamilton then said that the normal process was being followed and then outlined the steps for a project closeout. The Council has final say on the close out and then the Council has the ability to approve new projects for the various items, which is laid out in the City Code.

Ms. Brown then asked how long the lease for the Norwalk Museum was. Mr. Park, the Chairman of the Historic Commission then said that he had sent out an email to the members of the Finance committee with this information and that there was thirty eight more years remaining on the lease.

The Mayor then pointed out that no bids had been done on the projects yet because the bid process had not started yet.

Ms. Lindstrom said that she had seen several letters in the newspaper from those who wished to keep the funding as allocated. While it would have been good to keep the funding for the project, it would not be possible now. Ms. Lindstrom said that she would like to add something to the effect of storing the pieces of the house in environmentally secure location. The mayor suggested that the Council consider investigating the condition of the lumber.

Ms. Straniti said that she wished to say that she was the liaison for the Historic Commission, and that the debate was long and informative. She said that she had voted to keep the project open and for the establishment of a standing committee for this project. Ms. Straniti said that it would be a good idea to have the standing committee look at the storage of the lumber.

Mr. Hempstead asked if that this had gone to the Planning Commission. He said that there was a different process when a project was totally abandoned. Mr. Hempstead said that the private donations that had been given would be fully refunded. Mr. Hamilton said that there were letters prepared to go out to the donors about this project.

Mr. Bondi said that he had heard that his name was mentioned in the email regarding recusing himself from the vote and he stated for the record that he would not be recusing himself.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS PRESENTED:**

6. RESOLUTION, REDUCING \$115,000 FROM ROGERS-RITCH-MERRITT HOUSE (ACCOUNT NO. 09036310-5777-C0275).

7. RESOLUTION, APPROPRIATING \$35,000 FOR MILL HILL BUILDINGS (REPAIRS TO LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE AT MILL HOUSE) (ACCOUNT NO. 09036310-5777-C0276).

8. RESOLUTION, APPROPRIATING \$20,000 FOR MILL HILL CEMETERY RESTORATION (ACCOUNT NO. 09036310-5777-C0457).

9. RESOLUTION, APPROPRIATING \$40,000 FOR NORWALK MUSEUM HVAC SYSTEM AND COLLECTION CARE & RESTORATION (ACCOUNT NO. 09036310-5777-C0449).

10. RESOLUTION, APPROPRIATING \$20,000 FOR PINE ISLAND CEMETERY (SECURITY LIGHTING) (ACCOUNT NO. 09036310-5777-C0459).

PASSED WITH TWELVE IN FAVOR (BONDI, BROWN, GEAKE, BONENFANT, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, KYDES, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD, STRANITI, AND CONROY) AND ONE OPPOSED (SUTTON).

Mayor Moccia said he had forgotten to mention that that Council Member McQuaid had surgery earlier in the day.

RECESS

The Mayor declared a five minute recess at 9:08 p.m. and returned to public session at 9:20 p.m.

B PUBLIC WORKS

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONDI MOVED THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with City Carting, Inc. for the disposal of municipal solid waste for a term of ten years commencing on January 1, 2009. Account No. 014042 5298

2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute a Lease Agreement with Meadow Street Partners, LLC for the lease of the Meadow Street Transfer Station for a term of ten years commencing on January 1, 2009. Account No. 014042 5298

** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING BY THE COMMON COUNCIL ON JUNE 18 ON 7:00 P.M. AND TABLING THE ENTIRE MOTION UNTIL THE JUNE 24TH MEETING.

** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE IN FAVOR (BONDI, BROWN, GEAKE, BONENFANT, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, KYDES, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD, STRANITI, AND SUTTON) AND ONE OPPOSED (CONROY).

D. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Approval of the Norwalk Master Plan of Conservation and Development.

** REV. BOLDEN MOVED THE AGENDA ITEM.

Mr. Bonenfant said that he would be voting no on the Master Plan because there would be a lot of density in District A, but that he wished to compliment the Planning Committee for their hard work.

Mr. Kydes said that he would be for the plan and outlined his reasons for doing so. He said that he believed that the positives outweighed the negatives. He recommended that it be passed.

The Mayor said that Rev. Bolden had moved this plan along and complimented her for her hard work.

Mr. Hempstead said that Rev. Bolden had made sure that the meetings were organized and productive. He said that it was a great plan and thanked the Planning commission for their patience.

Ms. Straniti said that she thanked Rev. Bolden for streamlining the Committee work and moving the Plan forward. Ms. Straniti said that she had worked on the Plan when she was the head of the Broad River Neighborhood Association.

Ms. Brown said that as member of the committee she wanted to thank Rev. Bolden for her leadership and Mr. Sheehan who color coded the plans, to help with the editing.

Council President Bondi said that he served on the Council when the Plan was first devised with Mayor Esposito and that it was a pleasure to have appointed the right person to the Planning Committee who took charge and moved the Plan forward.

Ms. Lindstrom said that she had been working on the project for a long time and said that there were smaller Master Plans for the City, such as the Main Avenue Plan and the Harbor Plan. The staff had worked very hard on these projects and she wished to thank everyone for their hard work, including the Zoning Commission and Planning Commission. This has resulted in a solid document that could be worked with in the future.

Rev. Bolden thanked everyone and commented that a preacher is never speechless. She said that she was truly humbled and thankful to the staff and those who worked on the Committee □

