

Common Council Actions

JULY 12, 2005

**NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 8:00PM 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.**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Norwalk was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2005, in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. The Mayor Alex A. Knopp called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm and lead the assembly into the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a minute of silence to remember the victims in the recent attack on London.

I. ROLL CALL

Betsy Bain Bruce Kimmel
Kenneth Baker (absent) Richard McQuaid
Fred Bondi Matthew Miklave
Michael Coffey Jeanette Olmstead-Sawyer
Carvin Hilliard Kevin Poruban
Douglas Hempstead (absent) Douglas Sutton
William Krummel (absent) Peter Wien (absent)
Leona Williams (absent)

There were ten (10) members present at Roll Call.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – June 28, 2005

**** MS. BAIN MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2005 AS CORRECTED.**

The following corrections were made:

Page two, correct the spelling of Jackie Lubell.

Page eight, eighth paragraph correct the paragraph to read: Mr. Sutton stated that this salary proposal is a cost of living adjustment. Our evaluation system is a goal setting system that aligns the goals of the city with it department heads and its other municipal

employees. The person who is accountable for the implementation of this process is the Mayor.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Robert Burgess did not refer to an item on tonight's agenda he spoke about how black people are represented. He went on to say that if a person is qualified that is what should be considered. He said that he endorsed Herb Grant to sit on the ZBA noting that he is well qualified and is well respected. He added that the Common Council should listen to the voices of the minority groups.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resignations

Mayor Knopp announced the resignation of Dan Brookshire from the Tree Advisory Committee noting that he would be moving to California.

Appointments

Mayor Knopp appointed Rev. Father Frantz Desruisseaux to the Norwalk Housing Authority noting that he is a well-respected member of the community.

B. REMARKS

The Mayor had no remarks this evening.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

**** MR. BONDI MOVED APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION

1. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$350,000 be and the same is hereby transferred from Contingency to the Police Department to pay for severance payments. (Account No. Various)

2. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$310,000 be and the same is hereby transferred from Contingency to the Police Department to pay for a shortfall in overtime expenses. (Account No. Various)

3. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$77,000 be and the same is hereby transferred from Contingency to the Fire Department to pay for a shortfall in overtime expenses. (Account No. Various) .

2. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an amendment to Brook's Laboratories contract for additional abatement monitoring and air quality testing at Brien McMahon High School/Center for Global Studies project in the amount of \$62,920.00. Acct # 0902/03/04 5010 5777 C0237

3a. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute a contract with The George Ellis Co. of New Haven, Inc. for the replacement of the rooftop HVAC units at Marvin School for a total not to exceed \$445,600.00. Acct. # 09045010-5777-B0291

3b. Authorize the NFCC to issue Change Orders on contract for a total not to exceed \$44,560.00.

4a. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute a contract with Advantage Sports USA, Inc. for the installation of a new multipurpose gymnasium floor at Ponus Ridge Middle School, for a cost not to exceed \$39,997.00. Acct. # 09035010-5777-C0260

4b. Authorize the NFCC to issue change order(s) on contract for a total not to exceed \$4,000.

5a. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an agreement with Robert H. Lord Company, Inc. , for the removal and disposal of existing gym bleacher seating, and installation of new Hussey Seating Company, telescoping gymnasium Seating bleacher units, at Ponus Ridge Middle School, for a cost not to exceed \$19,175.00. Acct. # 09035010-5777-C0260

5b. Authorize the NFCC to issue change order(s) on contract for a total not to exceed \$1,900.

6a. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute a contract with Wilco Sales & Service, Inc., for the removal of the existing 15 panel Haws mechanical gym folding door and the installation of a new Draper fold-up divider curtain, at

Silvermine Elementary School, for a cost not to exceed \$13,708.00. Acct.
#09035010-5777-C0260

6b. Authorize the NFCC to issue change order(s) on contract for a total not to exceed \$1,370.

7a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Major Theatre Equipment for the fabrication and installation of new stage curtains, setting, borders, side legs, and rear curtain traveler track, complete with carriers, pulleys and rope, at Brookside Elementary School, for a cost not to exceed \$12,699.00. Acct.#09035010-5777-C0260

7b. Authorize the NFCC to issue change order(s) on contract for a total not to exceed \$1,270.

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mr. Bondi moved consent to add the account number to the next item.

1a. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an Agreement with New England Paving for Project No. 4R 2005-2, Proposed Bituminous Concrete Permanent Pavement Repair within the Northern Section, for a sum not to exceed \$130,000. Acct. # 03 0000 2602

1b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to New England Paving for Project No. 2005-2, Proposed Bituminous Concrete Permanent Pavement Repair Within the Northern Section, for a sum not to exceed \$13,010. Acct. # 03 0000 2602

2a. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an Agreement with New England Paving for Project No. 2005-3, Proposed Bituminous Concrete Permanent Pavement Repair Within the Southern Section, for a sum not to exceed \$126,720.

2b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to New England Paving for project No. 4R 2005-3, Proposed Bituminous Concrete Permanent Pavement Repair Within the Southern Section, for a sum not to exceed \$12,672. Acct. # 03 0000 2602

3a. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an Agreement with FGB Construction for Project No. 4R 2005-1, Proposed 4R Pavement Management Program, for a sum not to exceed \$1,966,205.

3b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue orders on Contract to FGB Construction for Project No. 4R 2005-1, Proposed 4R Pavement Management

Program, for a sum not to exceed \$196,620. Acct. #'s 0906 4021 5777 C0283 (\$1,300,000) , 0906 4021 5777 C0021 (\$862,825).

B. PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute an agreement with the AAA Emergency Supply Company, Inc., to purchase and supply to the Norwalk Fire Department various Scott Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and equipment. The amount not to exceed \$118,000.00 Acct.#09063110-5777-C0340

C. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Approve the selection of Phillips Preiss Shapiro Associates Inc. to develop the Main Avenue and Westport Avenue Corridor Area Study for the purpose of updating the City's Master Plan of Conservation and Development.

2. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute a contract with Phillips Preiss Shapiro Associates in the amount of \$75,000 for the development of the Main Avenue Corridor Study. Funds will come from Acct. # 017025-5258-Plan of Development.

Mr. Bondi moved consent to refer the following item back to committee.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE Tabled at the June 28th,2005 meeting to be place on the agenda of the July 12th, 2005 meeting

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. Establish a special account to earmark the tip fee difference between the City's fee to CRRA (\$66.00/ton) and the fee charged to commercial haulers (\$74.00/ton) for construction and operation of the Special Waste Collection Site.

X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Mr. Bondi moved consent to add the following technical correction:

D. PARKS AND RECREATIONS

1a. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an agreement with the Columbian American Family Entertainment for their Celebration of Columbia's Independence in Veterans Park on Sunday, July 17, 2005 from 6:00 am – 6:00 pm. Estimated attendance 500+

1b. Approve the use of the showmobile for the Columbian American Family Entertainment in Veterans Park on July 17, 2005.

Mr. Kimmel requested that Item VI. B. 1. be removed from the consent calendar.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

B. OTHER GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

There was no other business this evening.

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

B. NORWALK FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION

1. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute any and all documents relating to the CL&P Energy Efficiency Services agreement for an energy rebate at the Kendall Elementary School.

**** MS. BAIN MOVED APPROVAL OF THE ITEM.**

Mr. Kimmel commented that there were six schools on the agenda this evening and he could not recall an agenda with so many different schools having work done on them at one time. He further said that he could not believe the amount of construction going on and commended the NFCC.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

C. PLANNING COMMITTEE

3. Adopt the Mid-Harbor Planning Study as prepared by Chan Krieger & Associates for incorporation into the Norwalk Master Plan of Conservation and Development.

**** MR. MIKLAVE MOVED APPROVAL OF THE ITEM.**

Mr. Miklave stated that he was pleased to move approval of this item. He explained that a comprehensive study had gone into the future plans of the mid-harbor project.

Mr. Bondi noted that he had worked on the committee adding that staff and Chan Krieger did a terrific job. He explained that the committee had taken a tour of the harbor noting that it was very interesting to see what was happening on the shores of the river. There was a lot of mixed use and accommodation for public access. He added that he hoped this would be a good way to get Oyster Shell Park going.

Mr. Kimmel said this is a wonderful addition to the master plan and could be a crucial part of Norwalk's future.

Ms. Bain pointed out that in some instances when the city has been restrained by funds they have used a consultant only when needed thereby allowing them to get the best of both worlds.

Mayor Knopp thanked staff and members of the Planning Committee noting the presence of Michael Greene (P&Z Director), Walter Briggs (Chairman) and Frances DiMeglio.

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**** MR. BONDI MOVED APPROVAL OF BOTH ITEMS.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were none this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

ATTEST: _____

Pam Stark, City Clerk