

Common Council Actions

COMMON COUNCIL JULY 22, 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.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor said that as the Mayor he was pleased to be allowed to recognize two of Norwalk youths, Theodore Wilson and James Bachelor, who saved their friend from drowning. He then presented the two boys with seals for the City and certificates of appreciation. The two young men received a standing ovation from those present and were each greeted by the Council members.

Mr. McQuaid said that in the City of Norwalk, Parks and Recreation has many different programs. He said that he was proud of these two young gentlemen who pulled their friend out the water to the shore when their friend was in trouble. Mr. McQuaid then said that he would be recommending that the two young men receive the American Red Cross Life Saving award.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Roman called the roll.

PRESENT:

Fred Bondi Amanda Brown

Michael Geake Douglas Sutton

Steven Serasis Andrew T. Conroy

Carvin Hilliard Rev. Phyllis Bolden

Kelly Straniti William Krummel

Laurel Lindstrom Douglas Hempstead

Richard Bonenfant Richard McQuaid

Absent: Nicholas Kydes

Ms. Roman announced that there were fourteen (14) members present and one (1) absent. The Mayor announced that Mr. Conroy was in the hospital.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – July 8, 2008

**** MR. GEAKE MOVED THE MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2008.**

There were several concerns expressed about the minutes and the Council requested that the tape of the meeting be checked for verification.

**** THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2008 AS VERIFIED BY THE AUDIO TAPES OF THE MEETING 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.

Mayor Moccia said that he respected people coming out for the meeting but requested that everyone hold their remarks to three minutes and avoid applause

Ms. Patricia Genuario of 42 Neptune Avenue came forward and said that she had spoken before the Council and the DPW Committee meetings on prior occasions. She then said that she was asking the Council as a concerned resident to vote no on the Meadow Street issue because there were too many residents and neighborhoods that would be impacted. She then said that the public would continue to be involved in issues regarding environmental injustice.

Ms. Helen Marshall came forward and said she lived in Harbor View at 6 Oliver Street. She said that she had attended every meeting since the plan was announced. Whatever the topic, Mr. Bondi and Mr. Alvord had the same answer of “It will save the City over a million dollars a year.” She then listed several comments followed with same answer of “It will save the City over a million dollars a year.” She then encouraged the Council to vote for the Crescent Street option.

Mr. David Park, the chairman of the Historic Commission, came forward and said that he wished to put in a good word regarding the appointment of Michael Mushak to the Zoning Commission. He said that Mr. Mushak had contributed in many ways to the various historic buildings in Norwalk and cares about what Norwalk will look like in the future. He then said that he applauded Mayor Moccia's appointment of Mr. Mushak to the Zoning Commission.

Rev. Mann came forward and said that she would like to speak about how she was for families and was appalled about how City Carting would bring problems to the neighborhood. The noise, the environment and the smell would harm the children. She said that she would like the Council to vote against the use of Meadow Street and that the neighbors will be approaching the owners of the Meadow Street station to discuss options.

She then said the Crescent Street station could be expanded and more recycling done and gave several suggestions as to how this could be done.

Ms. Diane Lauricella, of Marlborough Road, came forward and said that she was representing the Citizens for Open Government and that many others were present who were part of the group. She then said that she urged the Council to vote no on Agenda VII -3 -Option A.

Ms. Lauricella then said that she would like to have the information that was true to the facts. She said that she had pursued under difficult conditions to find out the environmental studies. She said that she had been able to review the limited Phase 1 environmental study. She said that the study would subject the City to liability. She said that the Meadow Street is a polluted site and requested that the Crescent Street facility be cleaned up and expanded.

Ms. Bitsy Farnsworth of 10 Harbor View came forward and said that there were 108 homes in Harbor View and that 68 signatures had been collected on one Sunday afternoon. She then said that she hoped that the Council would actually listen to the resident's pleas. She then listed a number of benefits for Crescent Street, and the difficulties associated with the Meadow Street facility.

She then said that the documentation for running two transfer stations rather than just one needed independent verification. Ms. Farnsworth then asked several questions about the various options and said that independent studies needed to be made. Ms. Fransworth concluded with the plea to send the issue back to committee and reminded the Council Members that the voters will be listening.

Ms. Jacqueline Lubell of 50 Aiken Street came forward and said that she lived in South Norwalk for many years. She then listed a number of problems with Meadow Street and pointed out that half of Crescent Street would be closed because of a high end development. Ms. Lubell said that she wished to point out that there was a million dollar

swindle going on. The Mayor replied that there was no swindle going on. She then recited a portion of the Pledge of Allegiance regarding liberty and justice for all.

Ms. Gail Wall of 119 Partrick Road came forward and said that she was speaking as the Chairman of the Democratic Town Committee and read a resolution from the Democratic Town Council to the Council, which stated that the Norwalk Democrats support environmental justice for Norwalk.

Mr. Tim Bulter came forward and said that he was an attorney that represented Enviro Express. He said that many of the issues he would have addressed have already been expressed. He said that the process of the RFP started with seven towns and since then only Greenwich has gone forward, while the other five town have rejected the RFP and decided to negotiated with Enviro Express and CRRA.

Ms. Yolanda Dancy, of 49 Meadow Street, came forward and said that she thanked them for speaking tonight. She said that she was the president of the tenants Association for the Meadow Gardens and urged the Council to vote no for the Meadow Street. She said that she was tired of coming to meetings where the choice was clear, especially regarding the safety and health of the children. These children have many things to contend with and the Meadow Street station would make life harder.

Mr. Bill Volasko came forward and said that he hoped that the Council would vote for the transfer station because this was not something new. He said that he was involved in the accounting end of the refuse service. He said that he felt that this was the right thing for the City as a whole.

The Mayor then asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak. When there was no response, the Mayor declared that the Public Participation portion of the meeting was closed.

Ms. Brown left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resignations: There were no resignations to announce at this time.

Appointments:

Kris Romano – Oak Hills Authority.

**** MS. STRANITI MOVED TO APPROVE MS. KRIS ROMANO TO THE OAK HILLS AUTHORITY.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE IN FAVOR (BONDI, GEAKE, MCQUAID, BONENFANT, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM,**

HEMPSTEAD, STRANITI CONROY AND KRUMMEL) AND ONE ABSTENTION (SUTTON).

Michael Mushak – Zoning Commission

**** MR. GEAKE MOVED TO APPROVE MR. MICHAEL MUSHAK TO THE ZONING COMMISSION.**

Mr. Geake said that he had worked with Mr. Mushak in the Golden Hill Association. Ms. Lindstrom said that Mr. Mushak had a good understanding of Norwalk.

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Reappointments:

Thomas Aikenhead – Oak Hills Authority

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT BONDI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. THOMAS AIKENHEAD TO THE OAK HILLS AUTHORITY.**

Mr. Bondi said that Mr. Aikenhead was a good financial man and that he had done a great job on the Authority and would continue to do so.

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Mary Geake – Fair Rent Commission

Mr. Geake recused himself from the issue.

**** MR. HILLIARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. MARY GEAKE TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.**

Rev. Bolden said that she was happy to see Ms. Geake being reappointed. Mr. McQuaid said that he agreed with Rev. Bolden's comment.

Ms. Brown rejoined the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE IN FAVOR (BONDI, BROWN, MCQUAID, BONENFANT, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM,**

HEMPSTEAD, STRANITI CONROY AND KRUMMEL) AND ONE ABSTENTION (SUTTON).

Mr. Geake rejoined the meeting.

John Church – Fair Rent Commission

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. JOHN CHURCH TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.**

Mr. Hempstead said this was the third generation of the Church family to serve Norwalk.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT Bondi seconded.**

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

Robert Keyes – Zoning Commission

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. ROBERT KEYES TO THE ZONING COMMISSION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE IN FAVOR (BONDI, BROWN, GEAKE, MCQUAID, BONENFANT, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD, CONROY AND KRUMMEL) AND TWO ABSTENTIONS (SUTTON AND STRANITI).**

Robert Hard – Zoning Commission

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT BONDI MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. ROBERT HARD TO THE ZONING COMMISSION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH ELEVEN IN FAVOR (BONDI, BROWN, GEAKE, MCQUAID, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD, CONROY AND KRUMMEL) AND THREE ABSTENTIONS (BONENFANT, SUTTON AND STRANITI).**

B. REMARKS

The Mayor then thanked all the reappointed committee members and said that they work very hard on their assignments. He added that Ms. Romano would be replacing another woman on the Oak Hills Board and that Mr. Mushak would be a valuable addition to the Zoning Commission.

Mayor Moccia said that over the last two months there has been a lot of discussion about the transfer station. Malcolm Pirnie and Holland and Knight were hired to examine the

issues more than a year ago. While some of the information had been slow in being released, there was no intention to withhold the information. The Mayor then said that while he felt that it could have been worked out, it was clear from the will of the people that Meadow Street was not an option. He said that he did not think that CRRA would be an option for various reasons. Crescent Street would be looked at carefully and be upgraded. He said that all the council members come in and do the best job that they can. He then thanked everyone for the respect and the consideration that the speakers showed. He then said that there had been numerous things said about City Carting, which were wrong, and their reputation shouldn't be tarnished by internal city issues.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Bondi then said that he would like to point out that 6 out of the 8 appointments were Democrats. He added that he was really hurt by a statement that had been made by someone that he did not care about children. As someone who had worked for many years with children this was wrong.

RECESS

The Mayor called a recess at 9:00 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

****COUNCIL BONDY MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS: NONE.

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to C.N. Wood of CT LLC for the purchase of a 2008 Elgin Pelican P street sweeper for a sum not to exceed \$154,804.00. Account No. 09 07/08/09 4031 5777 C0313

2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Inter-state Ford Truck Sales, Inc. for the purchase of a 2009 ford F-750 truck with body and plow for a sum not to exceed \$99,054.00. (Purchased from State/UCONN bid list) Account No. 09 07/08/09 4031 5777 C0313

B. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with Kohler Ronan, LLC to provide engineering services for the design of the sprinkler and fire alarm systems at the Lockwood Mathews Mansion for a total not to exceed \$41,500.00 (including \$3,000 for reimbursable expenses). Acct. #09056310 5777 C0330.

2a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with BKM Total Office for the supply and installation of carpeting in Norwalk City Hall for a total not to exceed \$65,700.75 from the following capital accounts: 09034071 5777 C0268, 09074071 5777 C0268 & 09084071 5777 C0268.

2b. Authorize the Office of Building Management to issue change orders on contract for a total not to exceed \$6,570.00.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL : NONE

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

Agenda item, VII.B1 Planning Committee, from the July 8, 2008 CC meeting.

1. Authorize the Agency to give all required State notification, and further authorize the Agency to go back to the Developer and demand they make a good faith effort to renegotiate with each outstanding property owner in the Waypointe and Wall Street Project. TABLED UNTIL THE AUGUST 12, 2008 MEETING

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

VII A 3a&b

EITHER

3a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with City Carting, Inc. for the operation of the Meadow Street and Crescent Street transfer stations and the transport and disposal of solid waste for a term of ten years commencing on January 1, 2009. Terms in accordance with term sheet negotiated, May 23, 2008. Account No. 014042 5298.

3b. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute a Lease Agreement with Meadow Street Partners, LLC for the lease of 8-18 Meadow Street/Lot 92A for a term of ten years commencing on January 1, 2009. Terms in accordance with term sheet negotiated May 23, 2008. Account No. 014042 5298

OR

4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with City Carting, Inc. for the operation of the Crescent Street transfer station and the transportation and disposal of solid waste for a term of five years, commencing on January 1, 2009, and for

a sum not to exceed \$13,668,605 (based on an estimated 23,000 tons per year.). Account No. 014042 5298

Mr. Krummel said that a year ago, the Council had authorized Malcolm Pirnie and Holland and Knight to issue an RFP for the use of Crescent Street. The RFP invited the responders to present alternative ideas. City Carting did present the alternative for using Meadow Street. The Crescent Street station was the focus of the RFP, but Meadow Street was an alternative. The public has pointed out to the Council that this was not acceptable.

**** Mr. Krummel moved Agenda items VII A 3 a&b AS FOLLOWS:**

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Mr. Hempstead said that he could not fault government on the process here. From the beginning, the item was moved to the Council and not moved to approve, because the Council needed to be part of the process. He said that from the public participation part, there was no cover up, no attempt to hide. The Council did its job.

Mr. Hempstead said that in the paper and several speakers alluded to the Citizens For Open Government. He said that he knew several other groups, but not that one. Hopefully, after this vote, the City can move on to other issues.

Mr. Conroy said that there was some discussion years ago about a regional waste center. Mr. Conroy said that he had blocked that and that he would encourage the Council to examine the contract carefully. He said that there is a chemical company right next to the Crescent Street transfer station. The need for traffic reduction at Meadow Street still exists. There are still smells coming from the transfer station at Meadow Street. However, the Council has not been deaf to the public's concerns.

Mr. Hilliard said that this was how a democracy works. He then said that he had met numerous residents of South Norwalk and none of them were in favor of the Meadow Street proposal

Mr. Geake said that he came ready to fight tooth and nail to defeat Meadow Street. Society is not judged by the standards of the affluent members, but how it treats its less affluent residents. Long ago, the City had decided to put a low income housing project in a highly developed, industrial area. That was wrong, but now the City has to deal with it.

Rev. Bolden thanked everyone who emailed or let their voices be heard. She said that it was important to be concerned about the health, welfare and the safety of the children. Not only the inner city residents, but all the residents who reside in Norwalk. Rev. Bolden said that she appreciated that everyone was able to agree that South Norwalk needs to be a better place to live.

Ms. Lindstrom said that she wished to add to the comments about the public participation and the issues in the various neighborhoods. She said that she hoped that once the transfer station issue was behind the City, then the focus could change to working on the various issues for Meadow Street.

As far as the process goes, the Council members are presented with information and Council member have to listen and perform due diligence. Even though it seemed like it was the best option from a Public Works point of view, until the meeting in June, the Council members did not have the information until all the confidential meetings had been concluded. Ms. Lindstrom then listed the actions she had taken to obtain information. She expressed concern that this would occur again unless the Council members change the process.

Mr. Serasis thanked everyone for coming out and appreciated all the input. He said that he usually decides fairly early on where he stands on an issue. He said that the City as a whole needs to look at the families. He then mentioned that Ms. Farnsworth had mentioned the “cancer station” in her remarks but changed it to the “transfer station”. He said that the City needs to think about all the residents and everyone’s health because a million dollars is not enough to put on the quality of life.

Ms. Straniti said that she was grateful to the residents who spoke to the Council and brought out all the issues that need to be addressed at Meadow Street. She appreciated all those who brought their concerns out in a respectful manner. Ms. Straniti then expressed concerns about what might happen with someone else running the transfer station. She then listed the reasons why she had been in favor of the Meadow Street option. She added that people process information differently and that she did not believe that the people in the department were withholding information. They did the best that they could to reduce it down so that the Council members could understand it. She said that Mr. Alvord said that the information was in his office and that the council members could come to review it.

There was an angry outburst from Mr. Aymes, who was seated in the auditorium section at this point. The Mayor informed Mr. Aymes that he was out of order. Mr. Aymes then left the meeting.

Ms. Brown said that she felt the public had been helpful in making the government transparent and that she disagreed with Ms. Straniti about the amount of information. She said that she can only do what she does with the information from the staff. She said that she wanted to make a change in the process for the public when she ran. So, she was

elated about the Meadow Street option. Now it was time to focus on the Crescent Street station.

Mr. Sutton then said that Council member Brown had pointed out that a lot of work had been done, but there still was more work to be done. The public needs to stay vigilant on Crescent Street with all the information.

Mr. Bonenfant thanked the public for their input.

Mr. McQuaid said that some people had chosen to make the issue politically. He then said that he had a member of the family in the refuse business. There was no time that he was publicly influenced by that person. He said that this had been brought up in caucus. Mr. McQuaid said that he had been put on the Meadow Street team and wanted to make it publicly known that he was not on the Meadow Street team.

Mr. Krummel said that he had three observations. There are basic grievance and examples of injustice in some of our communities, which are not addressed. Then something comes along and it comes to the forefront. That is what happened here. These other issues did not have anything to do with Meadow Street, but now the Council is aware of it.

A second observation is that the people in Harbor Shores, Village Creek and Harbor View are not part of the Meadow Street Community. They came because they are concerned.

Finally, the battle has just started. The contract with CRRA will expire on January 1, 2009. Now the City faces other challenges, which are not obvious now, but will become apparent. It is important to keep Crescent Street in the forefront now so that area doesn't suffer.

Council President Bondi thanked everyone for coming out. He said that many people thought he was the bad guy. He then said that if there had not been a transfer station already there, he would have been one of the first in line to say no.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM VII A-3 a&b FAILED WITH THIRTEEN AGAINST (BONDI, BROWN, GEAKE, MCQUAID, SUTTON, BONENFANT, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD, CONROY AND KRUMMEL) AND ONE ABSTENTION (STRANITI).**

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**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT BONDI MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM VII A-4 REGARDING THE CRESCENT STREET TRANSFER STATION.**

It was pointed out to Council President Bondi that usually the Chairman of the Committee moved the item.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT withdrew his motion to allow Mr. Krummel to move the item.**

**** MR. KRUMMEL MOVED AGENDA ITEM VII A-4** Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with City Carting, Inc. for the operation of the Crescent Street transfer station and the transportation and disposal of solid waste for a term of five years, commencing on January 1, 2009, and for a sum not to exceed \$13,668,605 (based on an estimated 23,000 tons per year.). Account No. 014042 5298.

Mr. Krummel reiterated that this was the basic proposal for the RFP from Malcolm Pirnie.

Ms. Brown said that regarding the Crescent Street project the Committee did not receive the same level of information that they had on Meadow Street. She then said that the Council did not have the option to determine the operator for the Crescent Street station. She pointed out that City Carting had said on many occasions that they could not provide a reduction of traffic and other issues. She then listed a number of issues and asked how the Council could say that City Carting would be the best contractor. Ms. Brown then said that she had received a quote from CRRA regarding a tipping fee of approximately \$75.00. She held up a piece of paper. The Mayor then asked Ms. Brown where she had acquired that information. Ms. Brown replied that she had gotten it from CRRA.

Mr. McQuaid said that as Council members it was important not to cross lines, particularly if the council members are receiving information from those who are bidding on a contract. As council members, it would be important to tread lightly. He pointed out that there would always be people who would be upset because they were not the lowest bid.

Ms. Lindstrom said that this what she was referring to earlier, but that this was Committee work on the Council floor. She said that now the Council members were left doing work by contacting the various sources. This is the staff's job. She then said that she felt this issue should go back to the Committee for further discussion.

Mr. Geake commented that he too, was very disappointed at how hard it has been to get information during this process. He said that many people work during the day and can't come into City Hall to look at documents.

Mr. Geake said that there were two issues here, one was who the contractor was, and the second was how it was handled. There isn't any time to rebid this package. The committee should be involved in how the contractor implements the operation.

Mr. Krummel said that he supports the comments that Ms. Lindstrom and Ms. Brown made. He then said that he was concerned about the traffic study and how it would affect him. The second item was the Malcolm Pirnie report, which has not been finished. Now, the council needs full analysis on the environmental impacts. The City needs to know what they will be confronted with when the City takes the transfer station over. These and other issues seem to indicate that this issue should go back to committee.

Mr. Hempstead asked as a procedural question if it was possible to have a motion to send the item back to the committee when there was already a motion on the floor.

Mr. Hempstead said that on January 1, 2009, the City will take possession of the transfer station, which it already owns. He said that this was an operational issue. He then pointed out that there would be less traffic because of the agreement between Waste Management and CRRA regarding the outside tonnage that the City did not know about before it signed the previous contract. Mr. Hempstead said that there were many different issues here. He said that the public said that it should stay with Crescent Street. The other issues would be addressed when the City takes possession of that facility.

Ms. Brown said that she did not believe that the RFP results were apples to apples. She said that if the City gave one contractor a flat rate on gas, but not the others, the prices would be higher.

Mr. Alvord came forward and said that the City had procurement guidelines. The City followed the policy as set by the City. He then reviewed the proposal process. Ms. Brown indicated that the RFP had a clause that would allow the City to negotiate with other bidders.

Ms. Brown asked about the fuel discount for the contractor. Mr. Alvord said that there was a clause that would have allowed Norwalk Recycling trucks to use the City fuel like other City vehicles.

RECESS

The Mayor called for a recess at 10:30 p.m. Public session resumed at 10:35 p.m.

**** Mr. Krummel moved to send AGENDA ITEM VII 4 back to committee for a vote at the next Council meeting.**

**** THE MOTION FAILED WITH A TIE VOTE OF SEVEN FOR (BROWN, SUTTON, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM, AND KRUMMEL) AND SEVEN AGAINST (BONDI, GEAKE, MCQUAID, BONENFANT, HEMPSTEAD, STRANITI, AND CONROY).**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM VII 4 PASSED WITH OF EIGHT IN FAVOR (MOCCIA, BONDI, GEAKE, MCQUAID, BONENFANT, HEMPSTEAD, STRANITI, AND CONROY) AND SEVEN AGAINST (BROWN, SUTTON, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM, AND KRUMMEL).**

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Bondi announced that the next Council meeting would be on August 12th and that the August 26th Council meeting was cancelled.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT BONDI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services.

