

Common Council Actions

COMMON COUNCIL

ACTION

AUGUST 14, 2001

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.

MAYOR ESPOSITO CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:10PM & LED THE ASSEMBLY IN RECITING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

I. ROLL CALL 14 PRESENT; 1 ABSENT (KIMMEL)

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. July 24, 2001 Regular Meeting ACCEPTED AS CORRECTED

Corrections:

Page 9: 2nd paragraph, 2nd line: change "formation" to "meeting"

Page 13: last paragraph, 2nd line change "Bonenfant" to "Arteaga" and 3rd line change

"Arteaga" to "Bonenfant"

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 5 SPEAKERS

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

NONE

A. REMARKS

The Mayor asked for a suspension of the rules to add an item to the agenda.

He announced that the City of Norwalk would be a sponsor of the 350th Anniversary Parade with the council approval. The parade will be 3 hours long with units coming from all over the East. Mr. Nolin moved the motion and it passed unanimously.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on Consent: VI.-All except VI.A.2; VII. All except VII.B.4.a,4.b; VII.D.9,D10.

B. OTHER GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Nolan expressed the thanks of the Council and particularly the Land Use

Committee to Mr. Ireland and his department for all the good effort to make sure we get West Rocks School open on time. His department put in a lot of hours making sure this is being done right and making a lot of constructive suggestions on how to get the job done while getting the school open according to the schedule. Thanks Mr. Ireland.

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. **Authorize** the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute a License Agreement with the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency granting the Agency, its agents, employees, servants, contractors and subcontractors, and/or other professional consultants, permission to enter upon real property owned by the City of Norwalk located at

15 Putnam Avenue, and to conduct testing thereon. Said License shall expire on

November 30, 2001, unless extended by written agreement between the parties.

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Authorization to settle claim:

Amica Mutual Insurance Co. v. City of Norwalk

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

A. BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION

1. **RESOLVED**, that a sum not to exceed \$350,000.00 be and the same is hereby transferred from Undesignated Fund Balance to the Police Department to pay for additional department-wide overtime costs incurred during fiscal year 2000-01. (Account No. 0130-Various 5120).

APPROVED

2. **RESOLVED**, that a sum not to exceed \$325,000.00 be and the same is hereby transferred from Undesignated Fund Balance to the Fire Department to pay for severance payments and additional overtime expenses included during fiscal year 2000-01. (Account No's. 013120-5120, 013151-5120, 013152-5120).

APPROVED

3. **RESOLVED**, that a sum not to exceed \$155,513.00 be and the same is hereby transferred from Contingency to the department of Public Works to pay for expenses associated with solid waste disposal and leaf and yard waste disposal. (Account No. 01-4042-5298).

APPROVED

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. **Approve** the placement of a plaque to be erected in Heritage Park as a memorial to the late Norman Bloom.

APPROVED

1. **Authorize** the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an agreement with Sound Cyclists Bicycle Club to hold the 25th Annual Bloomin Metric Bicycle Tour at Calf Pasture Beach Sunday May 19, 2002. Set up would take place 8:00a.m. on Saturday May 18th. Estimated attendance 3000. **AUTHORIZATION GRANTED**

2. **Authorize** the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an agreement with the Round Hill Highland Games, Inc. for the annual Scottish Games to be held Saturday July 6, 2002 in Cranbury Park from 8:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m. Estimated attendance 5000. Set up would take place on July 5, 2002 at 8: a.m. and clean up on July 7, 2002 5:00 p.m.

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

3. a. **RESCIND** the Common Council action taken at its meeting of March 28, 2000 under Item VII A.9b which authorized the following: "Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an Agreement with Stewart Iron Works Company for the design of the archway sign for Mathews Park, for a total amount not to exceed \$4,700.00 Account No. 026030 5777 C0132.

RESCINDED

- b. **APPROVE** the proposed entry arch design for Mathews Park as presented by Jaime Pelessier dated 7/10/2001.

APPROVED

- c. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an agreement with Connecticut Iron Works for the fabrication and installation of the entry arch at Mathews Park for a total not to exceed \$45,000.00 Account No. 026030 5777 C0132.

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

A. FINANCE

1. **AUTHORIZE** the reduction of the Capital Budget appropriations for the Roosevelt School(Norwalk Senior Center)-Account No. 09016030-5777-C0181-Reduction:\$78,000.00

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

2. **AUTHORIZE** the Special Capital Appropriation for the Roosevelt School-Parking Improvements (Norwalk Senior Center) Project-Account No. 09016030-5777-C0238-Supplemental Appropriation: \$78,000.00

3. For informational purposes only: Quarterly Financial Report
(see attached)

A. **HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

1a. AUTHORIZE the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute any and all documents

necessary to apply for and accept grant funds from the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund under the Discovery Grant Program in the amount of \$25,000.00

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

1b. AUTHORIZE the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute any and all agreements,

documents, instruments and amendments thereto as may be necessary to implement a Discovery Grant Program pursuant to the above grant.

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

B. **PUBLIC WORKS**

1. Accept the Freeholder's Report to Assess Benefits and Damages in connection with the construction of sidewalks on a portion of East Avenue. **ACCEPTED**
2. Accept the increase of the current solid waste tip fee by \$2.00 per ton.

ACCEPTED

3. Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an Agreement with STV, to

provide professional engineering services in connection with the design of improvements to the Broad Street Bridge over the Norwalk River, for a sum not to exceed \$33,000.00;

Account No. 01 40 26 5258 (\$28,838)

01 40 30 5258 (\$ 4,162)

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

4. Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an Amendment to the

Agreement with Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., to provide professional engineering

monitoring services of the operations provided by Operations Management

International, (OMI) at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, for a sum not to exceed

\$150,000.00. Under the terms of the current agreement, 50% is paid for by OMI.

Account No. 01 40 62 05258

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

5. Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an Amendment to the

Agreement with Operations Management International (OMI) to increase the annual

administrative fee in accordance with the agreement to a sum not to exceed

\$3,736,387.85 for fiscal year 2001-02 (this represents the published CPI rate of

3.3%).

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

6. Accept Robins Square East as a City of Norwalk street.

ACCEPTED

7. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to M. Rondano,

for Project No. RD 2001-3, Concrete Sidewalks at Various Locations, in connection

with the construction of sidewalks along East Avenue, for a sum not to exceed

\$40,000. Account No. 01 40 21 5571

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

1. Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute a Third Amendment to the

Agreement with Allan Davis Associates, a Division of Tighe & Bond, Inc., for

traffic and parking consulting services in conjunction with the Reed Putnam

Urban Renewal Project. Said Amendment will provide for preliminary and

final roadway improvement design services, in an amount not to exceed

\$651,700.00 plus reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$15,000.00 (total

\$666,700.00).

Account No. Account to be Determined-Funded through the State of

Connecticut.

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

9. Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to enter into a Lease Agreement with 18

South Main Street, LLC, for the provision of 18 annual parking permits in the

Upper Haviland Street Parking Deck at the prevailing rate for the Haviland Street

Deck for a period of 25 years and subject to the terms as outlined on the sheet

entitled, "Proposed Lease with 18 South Main Street, LLC, dated July 18, 2001.

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

10. Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to enter into a License Agreement with

Robert B. Barton for the provision of up to 40 annual parking permits in the South

Norwalk Railroad Station-Surface Lot Area at the prevailing rate for the Railroad Station parking for a period of 10 years and subject to the terms as outlined on the sheet entitled, "Proposed License Agreement with Robert B. Barton", dated July 18, 2001.

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

11. Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an agreement and any and all

documents with the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, for the

installation of an emergency vehicle pre-emption system (EVPS) along route 7 as

part of their current signal project. The installation is paid for by the State of

Connecticut with the proviso that the City of Norwalk maintain and repair the

system as needed.

GRANTED

AUTHORIZATION

12. Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute the Letter of Commitment to

Fund, dated June 27, 2001, from the Connecticut Department of Transportation,

which commits \$515,200.00 of Federal Funds under the Local Bridge Program for

the rehabilitation of the Old Tokeneke Road Bridge over the Five Mile River.

According to the Commitment to Fund Letter, this Letter does not constitute a binding agreement, and the State's obligation is further contingent upon the City of Norwalk's execution and delivery of a Project Agreement and compliance with those terms.

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

A. **PERSONNEL**

1. Approval of Proposed Agreement City of Norwalk Pension Plan

APPROVED

VIII. **RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

NONE

IX. **MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE**

NONE

X. **SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

I. **COMMON COOUNCIL COMMITTEES**

ADDENDUM ADDED TO THE AGENDA

B. FINANCE

4a. Accept the recommendation of the audit firm selection committee to select

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

ACCEPTED AS AMENDED

4b. Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an agreement with

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to audit the Board of Education, for a sum

not to exceed \$475,000.00.

Account # 01-9999-5999

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

Council went into executive session at 10:20p.m.

Out of executive session at 10:30p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31p.m.

ATTEST: Mary B Roman, City Clerk

