

Common Council Actions

COMMON COUNCIL

ACTION

NOVEMBER 12, 2002

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, November 12, 2002, in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. Mayor Alex Knopp called the meeting to order at 8.20pm and led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

Betsy Bain	Jeanette Olmstead-Sawyer
Kenneth Baker	Christopher Perone
Fred Bondi	Kevin Poruban
Barbara Hudgins	Judith Rivas
William Krummel	Douglas Sutton (absent)
Bruce Kimmel(absent)	Peter Wien
Joseph Mann	William Wrenn
Matthew Miklave	

Thirteen (13) members were present at Roll Call.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting October 22, 2002

**** MR. BONDI MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.**

The following corrections were made:

Page 2, second paragraph under Mayor's Remarks, correct the spelling of Glasser Street.

Page 5, final paragraph, second line, replace the word "value" with "cost".

**** MOTION PASSED ELEVEN (11) VOTES IN FAVOR, WITH TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MS. BAIN AND MR. WRENN) BY VOICE VOTE.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Martha Lemon addressed the Council. She said she is an environmental professional and has spent thousands of hours investigating and cleaning up some of the most contaminated hazardous waste sites, so she knew some things about costs. She said tonight the Common Council would vote on whether to approve an additional \$500,000 to complete the remediation procedures at the proposed Police Headquarters in South Norwalk. Ms. Lemon stated that she did not believe by appropriating more money would get the job done any faster or any better; she asked members to deny the approval of funds as in her opinion, Norwalk maybe paying \$500,000 more than it should for this project. She added that if the city had put this project out for competitive bidding the cost of the contract would be considerably lower.

Ms. Lemon stated that that was her professional opinion but asked for her word not to be taken. She suggested the city retain an expert consultant to examine the current contractor, the scope of work already performed and the scope of work to be performed and then report back to the Common Council. She added that in her experience an audit of this type would cost

less than \$15,000 and recommended that the Common Council appropriate \$15,000 to be used for the purpose of an audit.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resignations: Angel Rivera from the Water Pollution Control Authority

Jose Bermudez from the Fair Rent Commission

Jennifer Plath from the Tree Advisory Committee

Reappointment: Katherine Braun Lasberg – Assistant Corporate Council

Andrew Glickson – Norwalk Transit District Commission

Barbara Amodio – Human Relations Commission

Frank Whitman – Greater Fairfield Tourism District Commission

Appointments: Robert Keyes – Norwalk Parking Authority

Beatriz Ruiz – Water Pollution Control Authority

Marija Bryant – Historical Commission

Rahoul Dupervil – Human Relations Commission

Ernestine Santaniello – Tree Advisory Committee

Mayor Knopp announced the resignations on Angel Rivera, Jose Bermudez and Jennifer Plath.

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO REAPPOINT KATHERINE BRAUN LASBERG TO ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL, TERM TO EXPIRE 11/12/04.**

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

**** MS. HUDGINS MOVED TO REAPPOINT BARBARA AMODIO TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE 09/01/05.**

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

Mayor Knopp announced his decision to reappoint Frank Whitman to the Greater Fairfield Tourism District Commission; he added that this is a Mayor's appointment. He said Mr. Whitman is the owner/operator of the Silvermine Tavern and stated that he has been a very good advocate for tourism.

**** MS. RIVAS MOVED TO REAPPOINT ANDREW GLICKSON TO THE NORWALK TRANSIT DISTRICT COMMISSION, TERM 10/01/02 – 9/30/06.**

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

Mayor Knopp stated that he was pleased to nominate Mr. Keyes, a local attorney who is active in the civic affairs.

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO APPOINT ROBERT KEYES TO THE NORWALK PARKING AUTHORITY, TERM TO EXPIRE 03/31/05.**

Mr. Bondi stated that it gave him great pleasure to make this motion. He said Mr. Keyes is a great asset to the community; they tried for many years to get him on committees in the past when the Republicans held the majority and it is nice to see him wanting to come back and get active.

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

Mayor Knopp said he was like to recommend the appointment of Ms. Ruiz, as a member of the Water Control Authority; she is a trained engineer and he was privileged to be able to talk to her about her appointment.

**** MS. RIVAS MOVED TO APPOINT BEATRIZ RUIZ TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, TERM TO EXPIRE 04/01/04.**

Ms. Rivas stated that Ms. Ruiz has been very active in the community and is very pleased to nominate her.

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

**** MR. WIEN MOVED TO APPOINT MARIJA BRYANT TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/06.**

Mr. Wrenn stated that Ms. Bryant is a very active, involved person with the community and is one of the founding members of the Norwalk Green Historic Alliance and has helped to get people involved with Norwalk's history.

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

Mayor Knopp said he was pleased to recommend the appointment of Mr. Dupervil to the Human Relations Commission; he is an active member of the Hessian community in Norwalk and is a Human Relations specialist.

**** MR. MANN MOVED TO APPOINT RAHOUL DUPERVIL TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE 09/01/05.**

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

Mayor Knopp stated that the final recommendation of the evening was Ms. Santaniello, the Commissioner of the First Taxing District also a member of the Mayor's Preservation Committee.

**** MS. BAIN MOVED TO APPOINT ERNESTINE SANTANIELLO TO THE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TERM TO EXPIRE 08/31/03.**

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

B. REMARKS

Mayor Knopp announced that the Common Council meeting to be held two weeks from tonight will start at 8.30pm due to a Thanksgiving Service.

Mayor Knopp said he had two bittersweet announcements to make tonight. The first is that Mr. Mann was elected to the state legislator last weekend. Mayor Knopp stated that they are going to miss him, his great leadership and congratulated him. There was a round of applause for Mr. Mann.

Mayor Knopp said that he has been privileged to be Mayor over the last year and said there is nobody in Norwalk that he has a higher regard for than the Director for Public Works, Mr. Bill Grumman; he is courteous, responsive and level headed. He said this morning Mr. Grumman tendered his resignation on the advice of his doctor and said that he will now be able to spend more time with his wife in their new home and his grandchildren; Mayor Knopp added that this is a well deserved retirement.

Mayor Knopp said over the last year, they have had more challenging demands on the Public Works Department than any other because the Norwalk Parking Authority created a new authority out of the parking operation and the Water Pollution Control Authority created a new authority out of the operation of the waste water plant, both of these under the control of the DPW. He said that Mr. Grumman has lead the effort to put into action two significant authorities.

Mayor Knopp stated that Mr. Grumman has done a fabulous job, he is a terrific person to work with and everyone wished him all the best. There was a round of applause for Mr. Grumman.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Mann read the following items to be included on the Consent Calendar.

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an Amendment to the Agreement with STV Incorporated to provide professional engineering services in connection with the Broad Street Bridge Deck Replacement, for a sum not to exceed \$5,000.

Account No. 09 00 40 21 5777 C0028
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works to reduce the retainage to 1/2% to FGB Construction, Inc., for Project No. 4R 2000-1, Proposed 4R Pavement Management Program.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works to reduce the retainage to 1/2% to Sullivan Architectural Group/A.F. Conte Construction in connection with the Animal Shelter Facility Project.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to Star Construction for Project No. RD 2002-2, Concrete Sidewalk at Various Locations for a sum not to exceed \$7,000 for sidewalk repair at Rowayton School. Account No. 160 262 0045 060 (Board of Education Account).
1. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to New England Paving for Project No. 4R 2002-3, Bituminous Concrete Permanent Pavement Repair within the Northern Section for a sum not to exceed \$25,000. Account No. 03 0000 2602.

2. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to New England Paving for Project No. 4R 2002-3, Bituminous Concrete Permanent Pavement Repair within the Southern Section for a sum not to exceed \$25,000. Account No. 03 0000 2602.

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report Dated October 31, 2002.
2. Authorize the reduction of the Capital Budget Appropriations for the Ben Franklin Gym and Roof Repairs Project No. 09007100-5777-C0174 (\$12,000.00).
3. Authorize the reduction of the Capital Budget Appropriations for the Asbestos Abatement Project-Account No. 09007100-5777-C0176 (\$15,000.00).
4. Authorize the reduction of the Capital Budget Appropriations for the Nathaniel Ely Center Brickwork Project-Account No. 09017100-5777-C0195 (\$8,000.00).
5. Authorize the Special Capital Appropriation for City Hall Security Enhancement Project-Account No. 09037100-5777-C0264-Supplemental Appropriation: \$35,000.00.

C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Amendment to Norwalk Parking Authority Ordinance.

D. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Approval of the amendment to Land Use Map No. 4 in the South Main Corridor Urban Renewal Plan to designate the site of the proposed Police Station Headquarters at the intersection of South Main and Monroe Street, South Norwalk, (District 2 Block 45 Lots 1, 2, 2A, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8) as Land Use Category B: Mixed Use No.
- 2.

**** MR. MANN MOVED APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT ITEMS.**

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

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Marlin Controls, Inc. to purchase and install traffic signal equipment for the intersection at Flaxhill Road and Scribner Avenue, for a sum not to exceed \$12,166.

Account No. 01 40 24 5343

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

Mr. Perone stated that this is a cabinet in anticipation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Flax Hill Road and Scribner Avenue.

Mr. Krummel said this is a new traffic signal to be installed and thought it was worth this kind of control, however he stated he was concerned about the cost of \$12,166 as that is just one item. He asked what the total price would be and how it was going to be paid for.

Mr. Grumman said the total price for this type of intersection is between \$75,000 - \$100,000; he added that much of the underground work has been done (in phase one) and the \$12,166 is what was budgeted for in the second phase.

Mr. Krummel asked if the \$75,000 estimate was inclusive of labor costs. Mr. Grumman stated that that was correct.

Mr. Wrenn stated that he was aware that there was a public hearing and a lot of discussion on this and asked how the decision was arrived at to put a three way stop sign at the intersection.

Mr. Grumman said they took traffic counts, got the proper warrants and sent the information to the State Traffic Commission to get their approval. The Police Commission also approved it when they did an overview of the area and it was evident that the amount of traffic warranted a more positive traffic control.

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

6a. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an Agreement with New England Pipe Cleaning Company for Project No. DRG 2002-2, Proposed Video Taping of Drainage Systems at Various Locations, in connection with the Olmstead Place area drainage study, for a sum not to exceed \$22,500.

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

Mr. Perone stated that after a heavy rain storm a couple of month ago and there was a lot of flooding and this study is about putting a video system into the drain pipes to look for any fault or blockages in an effort to improve the pipes.

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

6b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to New England Pipe Cleaning Company for Project No. DRG 2002-2, Proposed Video Taping of Drainage Systems at Various Location, in connection with Olmstead Place area drainage study, for a sum not to exceed \$2,250.

Account No. 09 00/02/03 40 27 5777 C0138

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

**** MR. PERONE MOVED TO AMEND THE ITEM TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS.**

**** AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

**** MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

7. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an Agreement with Community

7. Banner Services, Inc., to provide for the installation, removal and maintenance of

aesthetic community banners on traffic signal poles in select locations throughout the

City of Norwalk at no cost to the City.

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

Mr. Perone stated that this is phase two of the banner project. He said this is to replace some of the more worn banners with newly designed ones.

Ms. Bain asked if the banners would be going on the poles that currently exhibit the banners celebrating the 350th Anniversary.

Mayor Knopp said that the banners to celebrate the 350th Anniversary were put up on various poles. He said he was contacted by both the telephone and power companies who indicated that banners had been put up on their poles without their permission. Both of these companies asked for them to be taken down due to the fact that it was a safety issue when putting up new banners and taking old ones down.

Mayor Knopp said it turns out that there was a letter from the former Mayor giving permission to put banners on the poles of SNET and CL&P; he said he found this practice to be rather unusual to give permission to put material on somebody else's property and added that this would not be a precedent that he would be following.

Mayor Knopp said they met with the banner company and came to an agreement in two parts. They would take any banner that SNET or CLMP ask them to take down. They would seek permission of the city before putting any banner up on any city traffic control by coming to the Common Council for permission. Lastly, Mayor Knopp said with regard to financing, funds paid by private businesses to the banner company are handled through a contract with the Sono Business Association. He answered in reply to Ms. Bain's question, no these banners would not go on CLMP and SNET poles.

Ms. Bain asked in terms of design on the banners that when the 350th Anniversary banners were put up from a driving stand point you saw the advertiser sponsor of the banner before seeing the element of the city that was being celebrated. She said she would have some question with the aesthetics of the banner in terms of is it mainly an advertisement or celebrating some aspect of the city.

Mr. Krummel stated that in the back up material there was no evidence of where the banners would be placed and there should have been an example of the method of attachment included. He was also concerned that the installation of the banners not interferes with the traffic signals of signs. Ms. Rivas said the maps where included that showed what type of banners would be installed and that she was satisfied with the back up material.

Mr. Grumman said the bottom of the banner would be at least 7 ft from the sidewalk and the banners are approximately 6 ft high.

Mr. Wrenn said he did not find the current banner aesthetically pleasing and without design or knowing where the banners would go he suggested that the item be referred back to committee.

Mr. Poruban said some of the poles in South Norwalk belong to the Third Taxing District and did not want them to be mistaken.

Mayor Knopp said the banners are designed to add something to the street but also to promote private advertising. He said in his view the city could participate as long as they received some of the revenue and added with a particularly difficult budget year coming up they should examine the situation carefully. Mayor Knopp said he had spoken the proprietor of the company and asked him if other municipalities required a sharing of them and he replied that several of them did therefore the fee sharing is not unprecedented.

**** MR. WRENN MOVED TO REFER ITEM (VII, A 7) BACK TO COMMITTEE.**

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

10. Authorize the Mayor, Alex A. Knopp, to execute an Amendment to the Agreement with Osprey Environmental Engineering, LLC., to provide additional remediation/demolition work in connection with the new police building project, for a sum not to exceed \$550,000.

Account No. 09 00/02/03 40 5777 C0137

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

Mr. Miklave recused himself and left the Council Chambers.

Mayor Knopp asked that in the back up material there is a letter from Osprey dated October 29, 2002 and in that letter are a large number of items discussed. He said item 9 is the removal of ash layer in the cost range of \$450,000 to \$550,000. He asked if the motion is purely for the funding of item number 9 on the letter. Mr. Perone said this pertains to item number 9; Mr. Grumman agreed.

Mr. Krummel said he was disturbed by item 9 and said he was concerned that more need to be done into the investigation of the project and said if this is not handled properly to begin with then he feared that it would end up costing more. He recommended that this be sent back to committee or delayed so an outside consultant can evaluate the situation; he said he saw no evidence that this is being done.

Mr. Wrenn said he would like to clarify in the letter that the \$550,000 would cover all of the change orders (as written in the second to last paragraph) and not just number 9.

Mr. Grumman said that number 9 is the change order for which they are asking approval; the other monies are involved in the contract that is presently on going.

Ms. Bain asked about the scheduling of the project in terms of the need to remove the ash before the project be bid. If there are no funds available for the funds to clean up or

removal of the ash what happens to the progress of the project, as they need to recognize the validity of the argument to make sure what they are doing is appropriate.

Mr. Grumman said they did not want to delay the project, as the work cannot start until the site has been cleared of any contaminated materials.

Ms. Bain said if they were to follow the recommendation of Ms. Lemon, how long would that potentially delay the project. Mr. Grumman said he could not answer exactly. However the DEP are requesting that they remove the contaminated materials and by somebody else coming in they will still find contaminated material. He said he was also shocked by the price but this is what happens when 100-year-old factories in Norwalk were using their properties as a dumping ground.

Ms. Bain said the question is not a matter of getting the soil removed; it is a question of whether the \$500,000 is the correct estimate for the removal of it.

Mr. Bondi asked if it was possible to obtain a grant to help pay for some of this. He said the EPA does have grants available for situations like this; he asked if this has been looked into.

Mr. Grumman said this was brought up at Council Committee level and they are doing all they can to look into it.

Mr. Mann stated that this is something they need to move forward on. There is a pile of contaminated dirt and an audit isn't going to change that, so it has to be moved and that's what the money is for. Beyond that, the fact that they are spending this money does not necessarily mean that the project is now over budget. The Police Building Commission has worked very hard over the last year; the Mayor and the new administration has re-constituted this committee and got it back on track and got things moving. Mr. Mann said a schedule has been set up, a time when they can go out to bid and a time when the work can begin; it is not reasonable to delay. He reiterated that they need to move forward with this and encouraged members to support this.

Mr. Krummel said he agreed that something has to be done with the polluted soil but what he was concerned about is the next step. There are footings that have to be dug, down 3-4 ft and what will be found there and will this cause further delays; he said looking at the history of the project it is incumbent upon the Council to be cautious and to take due diligence and where possible to anticipate any other problems that might come along.

Mr. Perone stated that the point made by Mr. Krummel came up during their committee meeting regarding what they will find next. He said they intend to proceed with extreme caution and will be vigilant so that another discussion such as this doesn't happen again. He said that an audit wouldn't change the fact that the pile of material has to be removed; he could not see what waiting would do and did not want to punish the project.

Ms. Rivas said the piles of contaminated material are big and unsightly. She wanted to echo the comments of Mr. Perone and stated that the longer the delay the more the cost will increase.

Mr. Wrenn said they have to get rid of the material but they don't want to delay the project; he asked if there was any reassurance that other areas are not contaminated. He asked at what stage are they in the contract with the Osprey.

Mr. Grumman said that they have been told that the Osprey contract is 95% complete. He added that they had to look at how much has been taken away on a site already and that nobody else could have developed the site without having to do the same thing. He said they are performing a major good.

Mr. Wrenn asked if there was a delay for a second opinion would that set the schedule back. Mr. Grumman said if there was a second opinion, he did not know what that would tell them. There is a pile of rubble that has been confirmed by the DEP that is contaminated with mercury and it has to be taken away.

Mr. Wien asked if there is any danger that the piles that are there now, could leak. Mr. Grumman replied that the piles are covered and the contractor inspects them; however if they stay there out in the open and are exposed to rain and winds, water could get through to the piles. He added that it is incumbent to get them out of there.

Mr. Poruban asked where the soil is presently located; do they know what kind of contamination is under that soil. Mr. Grumman said he did not know but could get him an answer.

**** MR. KRUMMEL MOVED TO REFER THE ITEM (VII A 10) BACK TO COMMITTEE.**

Mr. Krummel said he was continually concerned about the levels of mercury in the soil and as they start to prepare the foundations for the building will they find more contaminated soil that has to be removed. He said they have to do more to determine the level of contamination and how far it has gone down.

Mr. Wien asked what the difference would be in costs to remove the dirt now, then to find more contaminated soil – would it be cheaper to remove all the soil at once.

Mr. Grumman said if they started to clear the site and then started to dig the foundations and had to contend with back filling, there would be an enormous amount of soil that they would have to keep moving. He said that a layer of ash is what they intend to remove. If they dig the footings and find more contamination this has nothing to do with the site clearance and the removal of the old building.

Mr. Wien asked if sampling could be done. Mr. Grumman replied that all the sampling had been done.

Mayor Knopp said to refer this back to the committee level would be unresponsive to the problem. This material has been discovered, scraped and piled and the DEP has made a decision about it; he did not think that any other item discovered on the site is going to change that fact.

Mayor Knopp said he has received telephone calls and emails from local businesses that are embarrassed about this site.

He said the item before the Council is the removal of the contaminated material; as Mr. Grumman said they might discover other soils while the footings are being dug. If the motion were to be to send back to re-bid the project: he said he would not support it and to send it back to discover unrelated problems would be unresponsive. The city is doing an enormous public good turning this site into a productive asset and wished that a better evaluation of the ash had been done to avoid this surprise; but if it had the result would have been the same.

Mayor Knopp said they inherited the project, they have tried to get better control on it and said as a result of this over site there is an issue at hand and they should try to resolve it.

Mr. Krummel apologized and said there are two problems; the first is the removal of the soil the second problem is that they are talking about heavy metal contamination, where there may be leakage through the soil. He said he did not see evidence on how deep that contamination is; he said first it was noted as 2" then changed to 2 ft.

Mayor Knopp suggested that they take their discussions and invite Osprey, Mr. Overton, Ms. Lemon and others to a meeting to ask about conditions and tests etc. He said they are at a point now where they expect to go out for construction bids and right now it is favorable because of the economy for municipalities to have work done. He noted that the change of 2' to 2 ft was a correction in the minutes.

**** THE AMENDMENT TO REFER THE MOTION BACK TO COMMITTEE FAILED, FIVE (5) VOTES IN FAVOR (MR. KRUMMEL, MS. OLMSTEAD-SAWYER, MR. BONDI, MR. PORUBAN, MS. HUDGINS), SIX (6) VOTES OPPOSED, (MR. BAKER, MS. RIVAS, MR. MANN, MR. WRENN, MR. PERONE, MS. BAIN), ONE ABSTENTION (MR. WIEN) BY VOICE VOTE.**

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO HIRE A COMPANY TO AUDIT OSPREY, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.**

Ms. Bain stated that this is something that should be taken up during discussion at committee level.

Mr. Perone said he was disappointed by the way Osprey dealt with this. He said they were explained the methodology and shown all the steps that would be taken; he said what he was uncomfortable with was the lack detailed information that would have given them a better over-view of analyzing the site. He said he was open to having a meeting with Osprey as the Mayor has suggested so that Osprey could explain where they are in the process and what they should look for in the future.

Mayor Knopp said that the Police Building Committee meets on a regular basis and there is main body that has an oversight over the construction of this building where a lot of information is provided. He invited members of the Common Council to attend and have the opportunity to ask any questions they might have.

**** THE AMENDMENT TO AUDIT OSPREY FAILED, SIX (6) VOTES IN FAVOR (MS. HUDGINS, MR. PORUBAN, MR. BONDI, MS. OLMSTEAD-SAWYER, MR. WRENN, MR. KRUMMEL), SIX (6) VOTES OPPOSED, (MR. WIEN, MS. RIVAS, MR. BAKER, MR. MANN, MR. PERONE, MS. BAIN) BY VOICE VOTE.**

**** MAIN MOTION PASSED SEVEN (7) VOTES IN FAVOR (MR. BAKER, MR. WRENN, MR. MANN, MR. WIEN, MS. RIVAS, MR. PERONE, MS. BAIN), FIVE (5) VOTES OPPOSED (MS. HUDGINS, MS. OLMSTEAD-SAWYER, MR. BONDI, MR. PORUBAN, MR. KRUMMEL) BY ROLL-CALL VOTE.**

Mr. Miklave returned to the Council Chambers.

11. Recommendation from the Common Council to the Traffic Authority for the installation on the proposed four-way stop sign at the intersection of Rowayton Avenue and Hunt Street and Jacob Street.

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

Mayor Knopp stated that this item came before the Traffic Authority and a recommendation was approved. Some of the neighbors came out having heard that it was on the agenda. Knowing this the Mayor asked the Traffic Authority if they could refer it to the DPW for a public hearing to give residents of the area the opportunity to give their point of view. Mayor Knopp said under state law it is the Traffic Commission that makes the decision not the Council.

Mr. Perone said after a lengthy public hearing, they decided that the best course of action would be to install a four way stop sign at the intersection.

Mayor Knopp asked Mr. Peron what their recommendation was to the Traffic Authority. Mr. Perone said for a term of one year to have a four way stop sign and a sign at the intersection and at the end of one year to evaluate the situation.

Ms. Bain said that people had spoken to her both in favor and against the four way stop sign. She appreciated it that it was a one-year experiment and supported it.

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

Mr. Perone said had the pleasure of working with Mr. Grumman for the last year and said he was patient and understanding. He has been very knowledgeable and a is terrific person to work with. He thanked him.

Mr. Grumman said he had enjoyed working with everyone, especially as they are all volunteers and give up their time to work many hours.

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Accept and Approve the Report of the Claims Committee Dated November 6, 2002.

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

Mr. Miklave recused himself and left the Council Chambers.

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

Mr. Miklave returned to the meeting.

Mr. Wrenn wished to add clarification that they had voted for number 9 only in the letter from Osprey with regard to agenda item VII, A 10.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

There were none this evening.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were none this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. MANN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm.

ATTEST: _____

Pam Stark, City Clerk

