

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.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moccia called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Halsey called the roll. The following Council Members were present:

Council at Large:	Mr. Richard McQuaid	Mr. Douglas Hempstead
	Mr. John Tobin	Ms. Joanne Romano
District A:	Mr. Richard Bonenfant	Mr. David Jaegar
District B:		
District C:	Ms. Laurel Lindstrom	
District D:	Mr. Clyde Mount	Ms. Kelly Straniti
District E:	Mr. Andrew Conroy	Ms. Nora King

Mayor Richard A. Moccia
Attorney Robert Maslan, Corporation Counsel
Erin Halsey, City Clerk
Eleven members were present; four members were absent (Bondi, Hilliard, Kydes, Simms)

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – June 14, 2011

**** MR. CONROY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 14, 2011 MEETING, AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, WITH ONE ABSTENTION (LINDSTROM).**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - There were no public comments.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: Anne M. Cagnina, Conservation Commission

Mayor Moccia stated that Ms. Cagnina's resignation has been accepted with regrets, as she has been a long-standing member of the Commission and her dedicated service will be missed.

APPOINTMENTS: Dwight St. John, Shellfish Commission

Ms. Straniti stated that the above appointment was a mayoral appointment, therefore a motion and vote was not required. Mayor Moccia stated that Mr. St. John is very qualified for this position, as he is a long-time boater and captain, and he is proud to appoint him to this position, as follows:

APPOINTMENTS

<u>SHELLFISH COMMISSION</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>NWLK CODE §45</u>
DWIGHT ST. JOHN (R)		Term Exp. 3/30/12
5 Tonetta Circle		(fill unexpired term of G. Bates)
Norwalk, CT 06851		

(At the end of the meeting, Mayor Moccia acknowledged Mr. St. John who was in the audience, welcomed to his new position, and asked him to come by the City Clerk's office sometime in the next week to be sworn in.)

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Moccia stated that Gov. Malloy has announced his proposed cuts where nearly 5,600 state layoffs and a 2.4% reduction in state grants. He added that the cities of Norwalk, New Britain and Danbury were not invited to talk on these matters and that he does not know how these changes will affect Norwalk. Mayor Moccia added that Mr. Hamilton, the City's Finance Director is keeping a close watch on the potential impact to the City's budget.

Mayor Moccia recognized the following local athletes: Tommy McDonough has achieved top Connecticut Amateur Golfer Title in the state, and Katie Schmidt has achieved all-area MVP athlete recognition for the 2011 All Area Softball Team. He extended his congratulations to the athletes and their families for their accomplishments.

Mayor Moccia wished everyone a happy Fourth of July and encouraged all to attend the Fireworks celebration at Calf Pasture Beach.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. **GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:** Mr. McQuaid stated that he wanted to acknowledge another athlete, for achieving all-area MVP and all FCIAC, Brian Daniello, who is a junior at Brien McMahan. Mr. McQuaid also congratulated Mr. Hempstead on the celebration of his 41st wedding anniversary, and Mr. Tobin commented that Mr. Mount and his wife celebrated 20 years also.

Mr. McQuaid reminded everyone that Fireworks are on Sunday at Calf Pasture Beach at dusk and he encouraged everyone to attend this great annual event.

Mayor Moccia added that during his remarks, he had intended to ask Chief Rilling how the police dog, Czar, was doing, and asked for an update on the situation. Chief Rilling replied that the canine is recovering from a chipped tooth following his attack which was provoked by a violent encounter where a knife was pointed at an officer. Chief gave a summary of the exchange and stated that never before had the canine maintained an engaged counter attack, but this was due to the training by the police officers involved. He acknowledged Sgt. James Walsh and Officer John Reda for their quick response and as a result, four dangerous individuals are now off the streets.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**** MR. MCQUAID MOTIONED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE
CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**VII.A.1 (Consent to Table) VII.B.1 (Tabled back to Committee for further review)
VII.C.1, VII.C.2, VII.E.3, VII.E.4, VII.E.5a, VII.E.5b, VII.E.6a and VII.E.6b.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS NONE

Note: The following items on consent are listed in bold type:

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

**A. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(THIS ITEM WAS TABLED FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2011)**

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute a Lease Agreement with Western Connecticut Convention & Visitors Bureau for the Gate House at Mathews Park. Terms of the Agreement shall include:

- **Use – Tourism Center. Sublease limited to tourism and cultural related uses only. Terms of sublease agreements will be subject to approval by the Common Council and Historical Commission.**
- **Lease Period – One year with 30 day termination clause for both parties.**
- **Lease Amount – \$5/ years plus \$2,000 security deposit with Lessee responsible for all utilities and building operating expenses**

(THIS ITEM HAS BEEN TABLED AWAITING MORE INFORMATION)

B. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to enter into an agreement with the TPA Design Group RFP #3033 – Creation of a Comprehensive Master Plan for Veteran’s Park for a sum not to exceed \$30,000. Account #09096030-5777-C0367.

(THIS ITEM HAS BEEN TABLED AND SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER REVIEW)

CONSENT CALENDAR – continued

C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute Tenant's/Users Liability insurance placement for the FY 2011-12 fiscal year with The Shoff Darby Agency in the deposit amount of \$1,500. Account #168510-5418.
2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard a Moccia to execute general liability insurance placements for the FY 2011-2012 fiscal year with CT Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) for an amount not to exceed \$341,792.Acct #168510-5418.
3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute property insurance placement for the FY 2011-12 fiscal year with HD Segur Insurance Agency in an amount not to exceed \$299,000. Account #168510-5418.

E. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with Asset Works for fleet inventory services for a sum not to exceed \$21,800.00. Acct No. 01-3152-5258.
4. Authorize the Fire Chief to issue change orders on agreement with Asset Works for fleet inventory services, for a sum not to exceed \$1,090.00. Acct. No. 01-3152-5258.
- 5a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept grant funds from the Connecticut Department of Education under the Youth Service Bureau Grant Program for 2011-2013.
- 5b. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments and amendments thereto as may be necessary to implement a Youth Service Bureau Program, pursuant to such grant funding.
- 6a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept grant funds from the Department of Justice under the FY2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, local solicitation in the amount of \$61,660.00.
- 6b. Authorize the Police Chief Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments and amendments thereto as may be necessary to implement all programs through the FY 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant local solicitation pursuant to such grant funding.

D. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 95/7 Site Plan Modification. Approval of the Site Plan Modification allowing the development of 232 multi-family residential units, 25,000 sq. feet of ground floor commercial/retail uses and related parking on the southern most parcel in the proposed development as represented in the attached renderings.

Mr. Hempstead stated that this item has been reviewed through the Planning Committee, the modifications are within the parameters of the plan, and he was anxious for the project to move forward to the goal of bringing in tax revenue into the City. Ms. King asked Attorney Maslan if the City was within legal rights, as the wording was vague, there was no actual address. Attorney Maslan replied that there were no specific requirements other than legal notice which was done, and Mr. Hempstead added that this had gone through Committee and was within the parameters of the approved plan.

Ms. King questioned the lack of supporting documents and asked what the percentage shift was from commercial to residential space. Mayor Moccia asked Mr. Sheehan, from the Redevelopment Agency to field any questions from the Council Members, and he replied that there was the 95-7 project takes on a number of different parcels. He added that as outlined in the memo in the agenda package, this simply replaces the hotel and office space as originally approved, just a reposition to another and was within the original plan.

Ms. King stated she did not have the memo, and again questioned the lack of sufficient back-up materials to move this forward, that this was not consistent with typical modifications. Mayor Moccia stated that the vacancy rate is upwards of 20% and Ms King replied that the rate varies based on high end office space that is available.

Mr. Clay Fowler introduced himself as the Developer on the project and he provided visual demonstration that the uses are moving from North to South as if from one side of the puzzle to another. Mr. Jaeger asked what the timeframe for shovels and Mr. Fowler replied this calendar year and that a public hearing was scheduled for zoning approval on July 20. He added that there is a sixteen to eighteen month construction period.

Mr. Hempstead restated that this item has been reviewed through the Planning Committee, the modifications are within the parameters of the plan, and he was happy to support the project to move forward for the sake of the potential jobs coming to the City and the goal of bringing in tax revenue into the City. Mr. Conroy added that prior to these new modifications, the traffic plan would have been different and the plan all along was the objective of "live here, work here, play here."

Mr. Hempstead stated that he shared the concerns, and the North Side may look different from the South Side but that these modifications are not over the LDA limits and these are small veins of a larger project.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE 95/7 SITE PLAN MODIFICATION, ALLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF 232 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNITS, 25,000 SQ. FEET OF GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL/RETAIL USES AND RELATED PARKING ON THE SOUTHERN MOST PARCEL IN THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AS REPRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED RENDERINGS.**

Mayor Moccia called for a roll call vote.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Bonenfant moved the following items together and noted that the items are to be listed as 1a and 1b:

1a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with Almar/North River Boats, Inc., for the construction of a CBRNE Fire Boat for the Norwalk Fire Department for a total amount not to exceed \$590,662.01. Acct No. 09113110-5799-C0505. Note this project is 100% grant funded.

1b. Authorize the Norwalk Fire Department to issue change orders on the contract for a total amount not to exceed \$9,338.00. Account No. 09113110-5799-C0505.

Mr. Bonenfant stated that this item has been reviewed through the Health, Welfare & Public Safety Committee, and that Chief McCarthy was in attendance to field any questions from the Council Members. Mayor Moccia asked when the Boat would be in operation, and Chief McCarthy replied February 2012.

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ALMAR/NORTH RIVER BOATS, INC., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CBRNE FIRE BOAT FOR THE NORWALK FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$590,662.01**

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE NORWALK FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,338.00. ACCT NO. 09113110-5799-C0505.

NOTE THIS PROJECT IS 100% GRANT FUNDED.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Authorize the Mayor Richard A. Moccia to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments as may be necessary to accept grant funds from the National Association of county and City Health Officials to implement a community health assessment and improvement project for the period July 5, 2011 to December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$35,000.

Mr. Bonenfant stated that this item has been reviewed and approved through the Health, Welfare & Public Safety Committee and that this was tied to federal grants.

Mr. Conroy asked about the word certification in the supporting documents and that Ms. Deanna D'Amore, Project Coordinator with Norwalk Health Department came forward to field questions. She stated that this was a process for national accreditation based on the developed standards for local public health by public leaders across the country with the assurance of meeting community standards. Mr. Bonenfant asked about the grants, and Ms. D'Amore replied that they do anticipate federal and state grants to come as a result of this accreditation.

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 5, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL – none

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE - none

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES- none

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. ROMANO MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox,
Telesco Secretarial Services