

**COMMON COUNCIL  
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT**

**DECEMBER 13, 2011  
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 Moccia called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Halsey called the Roll. The following Councilmembers were present:

Council at Large: Fred Bondi Anna Duleep Douglas Hempstead  
Warren Pena Joanne Romano

District A: Matthew Miklave David Watts  
District B: Michael Geake Carvin Hilliard  
District C: Michelle Maggio  
District D: Bruce Kimmel Jerry Petrini  
District E: John Igneri David McCarthy

There were fourteen (14) Councilmembers present and one (1) late (Mr. Kydes) (8:24 p.m.)

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting NOVEMBER 22, 2011**

**\*\* MR. BONDI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2011**

A discussion took place about the committee rosters that were revised following the meeting.

**\*\* MR. MIKLAVE MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES TO THE NEXT MEETING**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Michael Mushak, Elmwood Avenue said that he was speaking in support of the two appointments this evening. He said that Ms. McLeod was a dedicated public servant. He said that Mr. Clark gives a thorough monthly report to the Golden Hill Association and is extremely dedicated.

Mr. Mushak also spoke in support of the DPW item number three for the construction and maintenance of sidewalks along RT. 1 and Land Use and Building Management for the installation of the chiller at Ben Franklin. He asked if noise abatement could be considered. Under the Planning Committee, Mr. Mushak asked if a maintenance plan could be a part of the transportation enhancement program.

Mayor Moccia asked if anyone else wished to speak. There were no other members of the public who wished to speak this evening.

## **MAYOR**

### **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**RESIGNATIONS:** David H. Tracy, Tree Advisory Committee

Mayor Moccia announced the resignation of Mr. Tracy from the Tree Advisory Committee. He said that he is the definition of a public service. He said that he wished him and his wife well in their move to Illinois.

Mayor Moccia announced that he just received Ms. Tracy's resignation from the Library Board; that will be on the next agenda.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

Gay MacLeod, Tree Advisory Committee

**\*\* MR. BONDI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GAY MACLEOD TO THE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A recess was called at 8:17 p.m.  
The meeting reconvened at 8:24 p.m.

Mr. Kydes joined the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Mr. Miklave said that he would be voting against this appointment. He said that he believes the nominations should be before the Common Council for two weeks in order to give the Common Council and the public more time to review their credentials. He added that he means no disrespect to the nominee.

Ms. Duleep said that she has high regard for both nominees and intends to vote for

Ms. Macleod. She said; however, the Board of Estimate and Taxation is different.

Mr. Hilliard said that he intends to vote for both nominees because he respects the process. In addition, he will not vote against a fellow Democrat without a compelling reason to do so.

A Roll Call vote was taken.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR (MR. HILLIARD; MS. DULEEP; MR. HEMPSTEAD; MR. BONDI; MR. PENA; MS. ROMANO; MR. WATTS; MR. GEAKE; MR. KYDES; MS. MAGGIO; MR. KIMMEL; MR. PETRINI; MR. IGNERI AND MR. MCCARTHY) AND ONE VOTE (1) IN OPPOSITION (MR. MIKLAVE)**

James Clark, Board of Estimate and Taxation

**\*\* MR. HILLIARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES CLARK TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION**

Mr. Hilliard explained that Mr. Clark has served on the Board of Estimate and Taxation for a long time. He was first appointed by Mayor Knopp. Mr. Kimmel said that two weeks ago he voted against this reappointment and felt it should be tabled. He said that he believes that Mayor Knopp appointed him in 2004 and remembers at that time thinking that he was involved in community affairs. He said that the City needs more people who are really, truly involved. Mr. Kimmel said that he argued at that time that Mr. Clark was a good appointment.

Mr. Kimmel said that he is sympathetic to Mr. Miklave's views, but is going to vote for Mr. Clark.

Ms. Duleep said that this reappointment requires a super majority. She said that she has concerns process wise, but there are some things that happened in negotiations. She said that the Board of Estimate and Taxation requires more consideration. Ms. Duleep said that she is going to vote against this reappointment.

Mr. Miklave said that he wanted to thank Mr. Clark to his service. He said that this is a hard vote for him, but this is about ideology, values and the direction of the City. Mr. Miklave said that he believes that the Board of Estimate and Taxation has not put

the City on a good trajectory; he noted that he campaigned on this issue. He said that they need to do a better job of managing funds. Doing things the same way will not lead to a different result. Mr. Miklave said that he will oppose this reappointment.

Mr. Hempstead said that when both Mayor Knopp and Mayor Moccia put Mr. Clark up for appointment and then reappointment, he voted for him. He said that Mr. Clark is knowledgeable and deserves this reappointment.

A Roll Call vote was taken.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE (12) IN FAVOR (MR. HILLIARD; MR. HEMPSTEAD; MR. BONDI; MS. ROMANO; MR. WATTS; MR. GEAKE; MR. KYDES; MS. MAGGIO; MR. KIMMEL; MR. PETRINI; MR. IGNERI AND MR. MCCARTHY) AND THREE (3) IN OPPOSITION (MR. DULEEP; MR. PENS AND MR. MIKLAVE)**

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Moccia congratulated the Norwalk High School football team. He said that the City's AAA bond rating is intact. Mayor Moccia announced that in January he will be appointing David Jaeger to replace Ms. Duleep on SWRPA.

Mayor Moccia said that he had no problem forwarding names two weeks before a meeting.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Mr. Hilliard announced that today was Ms. Duleep's birthday. Ms. Duleep acknowledged her mother in the audience.

**\*\* MR. HILLIARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO THE MARITIME AQUARIUM AUTHORITY**

**DAVID WATTS  
JOHN IGNERI  
ANNA DULEEP  
ANDREW CONROY**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Hilliard presented the new Council rules.

**\*\* MR. KIMMEL MOVED THAT THE COMMON COUNCIL SHALL MAKE NO APPOINTMENTS AT THE FIRST MEETING FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO CORPORATION COUNSEL.**

Mr. Hempstead said that he first wanted to be sure that this motion is in compliance with the City Charter.

Attorney Maslan said that the City Charter mandates that appointments must be made at the first meeting. Mr. Miklave said that if that is the interpretation of the City Charter, then appointments made by the Mayor after the first meeting are invalid. Attorney Maslan added that the Mayor shall fill any vacancies. Mayor Moccia said that he understands the concerns. Mr. Miklave asked Attorney Maslan if he would put his legal opinion in writing and the Council could continue to work under the interim rules.

**\*\* MR. KIMMEL WITHDREW HIS MOTION**

**\*\* MR. MIKLAVE MOVED TO FOLLOW INTERIM RULES FOR ONE MORE MEETING**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. HILLIARD MOVED TO NOMINATE TAMMY MCPHERSON AS THE ASSISTANT CITY CLERK**

Mr. Hilliard said that Ms. McPherson is a South Norwalk native and he feels that she will serve the City well.

**\*\* MS. DULEEP MOVED TO NOMINATE ERIK ANDERSON AS THE ASSISTANT CITY CLERK**

Ms. Duleep said that Mr. Anderson is a Norwalk native. She said that she has seen the difference he has made in his work with the youth in his Church.

Mr. Kimmel said that he will also be voting for Mr. Anderson. He said that he is smart, capable and hard working and will work well with both parties. He said that Mr. Anderson will be a big plus for Norwalk.

Mr. Hempstead said that he was not apprised that there would be two nominees tonight and was not privy to their resumes. He asked to table these nominations to the next meeting so that the Councilmembers could properly evaluate each person.

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO TABLE THE NOMINATIONS TO THE NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Miklave asked if this vote needed a majority vote or 2/3. Mayor Moccia said that it needed a majority vote.

A recess was called at 9:01 p.m.  
The meeting resumed at 9:05 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken.

**\*\* MOTION TO TABLE TO THE NEXT MEETING WAS UNANIMOUS**

**WITH FIFTEEN (15) VOTES IN FAVOR (MR. HILLIARD; MS. DULEEP; MR. HEMPSTEAD; MR. BONDI; MR. PENA; MS. ROMANO; MR. MIKLAVE; MR. WATTS; MR. GEAKE; MR. KYDES; MS. MAGGIO; MR. KIMMEL; MR. PETRINI; MR. IGNERI AND MR. MCCARTHY)**

CONSENT CALENDAR

**\*\* MR. HILLIARD MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VI.A1, VI.A2, VI.A3, VI.A.4, VI.B.1 VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.A.3 VII.A.4, VII.A.5, VII.B.1, VII.B.2, VII.B.3, VII.C.1, VII.C.2, VII.C.3, VII.C4, VII.C.5a, VII.C.5b, VII.C.6, VII.D.1, VII.D.2a, VII.D.2b, VII.D.3a, VII.D.3b, VII.D.4a, VII.D.4b, VII.D.5, VII.D.6a, VII.D.6b, VII.D.7, VII.D.8a, VII.D.8b, VII.D.9a, VII.D.9b, VII.E.1

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

**BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION FISCAL YEAR 2011-12**

**1. RESOLVED, THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM INCREASED ESTIMATED REVENUES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PAY FOR TREE REMOVAL DUE TO RECENT STORMS. ACCOUNT NO. 01-4029-5298**

**2. RESOLVED, THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$4,197 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM INCREASED ESTIMATED REVENUES TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT TO PAY FOR TREE REMOVAL DUE TO THE RECENT STORMS.  
ACCOUNT NO. 01-6031-5298**

**3. RESOLVED, THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT TO PAY FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REPAIR DAMAGE TO THE PIER, SEA WALL AND JETTY AT CALF PASTURE BEACH DUE TO TROPICAL STORM IRENE. ACCOUNT NO. 01-6033-5254**

**COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: OCTOBER 31, 2011 AND NOVEMBER 30, 2011.**

**3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED DECEMBER 2, 2011.**

**4. AUTHORIZE A REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 TO THE APPROVED CAPITAL APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK. ACCOUNT 09116030-5777-C0367**

**5. AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FOR THE PARTIAL PURCHASE OF A LICENSE READER SYSTEM. ACCOUNT 09116030-5777-C0367**

#### **B. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**1. AUTHORIZE THE NORWALK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO APPLY TO THE STP – TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000.**

**2. AUTHORIZE MAYOR RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SAID APPLICATION.**

**3. THE AGENCY, OPERATING AS THE CITY'S CDBG ADMINISTRATOR, DEEMS THE NORWALK HOUSING AUTHORITY'S PHA PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY'S CURRENT CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND SEEKS COMMON COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE REQUIRED CERTIFICATE OF CONSISTENCY THAT MUST ACCOMPANY THE PHA PLAN WHEN SUBMITTED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 13TH, 2012.**

#### **C. PUBLIC WORKS**

**1. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AMEND THE PURCHASE ORDER TO MAG & SON CLOTHING LLC FOR PROJECT # 3076, THE SUPPLY OF UNIFORMS (WORK APPAREL), UP TO AN ANNUAL SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$26,000.00 FOR EACH YEAR OF THE THREE YEAR BASE PERIOD. ACCOUNT NO. 0140 21 5326**

**2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO**

**EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH TIGHE & BOND INC., FOR THE NORWALK RIVER LOCAL PROTECTION PROJECT TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION FROM \$57,700.00 TO \$64,370.00.  
ACCOUNT NO. 0909 4027 5777 C0440**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT NO. 7.05-02(11) BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE CITY OF NORWALK, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS ALONG RT. 1 FROM THE VICINITY OF I – 95 EXIT 14 SOUTHBOUND TO THE FAIRFIELD / CLINTON AVENUE INTERSECTION. THIS WORK WILL BE DONE AS PART OF PROJECT NO. 102-278, RT. I-95 WIDENING AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, INTERCHANGES 14 AND 15.**

**4. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:  
“THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK SUPPORTS SWRPA’S EFFORTS TO ARRANGE FOR REGIONAL FLIGHTS TO OBTAIN ORTHOIMAGERY (AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY) UNDER THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM.”**

**D. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT**

**6A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MAIN ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW AIR CONDITIONING CHILLER AT BEN FRANKLIN CENTER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$184,423.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNT #09117100 5777 C0506 AND #09127100 5777 C0476**

**6B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$18,442.00.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION**

**\*\* MR. HILLIARD MOVED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**4. RESOLVED, THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$11,655 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS DEPT. TO PAY FOR THE REPUBLICAN THIRD TAXING DISTRICT PRIMARY IN SEPTEMBER 2011 AND THE GENERAL**



**ELECTION RE-CANVASS IN NOVEMBER 2011. (ACCOUNT NO. VARIOUS)**

Mr. Kimmel asked if the City pays the full cost if this pertains to a taxing district. Ms. Karen Lyons came forward and said that the City pays the full cost. She explained how the Registrar of Voters department was able to save the City money during the recent election.

Mr. Kimmel said that the 1913 agreement keeps coming up and asked if there was a reason why, other than “that is how it’s always been done” and if this is something that can be looked into. Ms. Lyons said that the taxing districts are “for profit” and it has been suggested that they contribute to the cost of elections.

Ms. Lyons described the process used in the re-count. Mr. Hempstead said that the information she provided had nothing to do with the question before the Council. Mayor Moccia told her that she and the staff did a good job on the re-count.

Mr. Bondi said that he was just given a paper and wanted to know what that had to do with the question on the floor. He said that it was a disgrace and wanted to know what it was all about. Ms. Lyons said that she wanted to show how they have saved money over how the election was run four years ago.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR (MR. HILLIARD; MS. DULEEP; MR. HEMPSTEAD; MR. PENA; MS. ROMANO; MR. MIKLAVE; MR. WATTS; MR. GEAKE; MR. KYDES; MS. MAGGIO; MR. KIMMEL; MR. PETRINI; MR. IGNERI AND MR. MCCARTHY) AND ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. BONDI)**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**\*\* MR. HILLIARD MOVED TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: NOVEMBER 10, 2011 AND DECEMBER 8, 2011.**

Mr. Miklave rescused himself and left the Council Chambers.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Miklave rejoined the meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**\*\* MR. IGNERI MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

**5A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH A. M. RIZZO FOR STATE PROJECT NO. 102-326**

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLER/ SYSTEM UPGRADE - PHASE 2  
FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$ 1,824,659.65.**

**5B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ISSUE ORDERS  
ON CONTRACT TO A. M. RIZZO FOR STATE PROJECT NO. 102-326  
TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLER/ SYSTEM UPGRADE - PHASE 2  
FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$ 182,465.97. ACCOUNT NO.0912 4120  
5799 C0410**

Mr. Igneri said that the traffic signals are very old and this upgrade to the system is a very good project.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. IGNERI MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN  
AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH FGB CONSTRUCTION  
COMPANY FOR PROJECT DR 2010-1 LOCKWOOD LANE STORM  
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FOR A SUM NOT TO  
EXCEED \$450,000.00. ACCOUNT NO. 0909 4027 5777C0421**

Mr. Alvord explained the project. He said that it is a result of the flooding that occurred in 2006 and 2007. Mr. Kimmel said that he looks at this as a very large change order and the public deserves an explanation. He said that he participated in a detailed discussion in Committee. He noted that the project is still within budget.

Mr. Alvord said that if the work had not been done, there would be a huge hole on East Avenue. This was a way to expedite the process. Mr. Kimmel said that in Committee it came up that the maps are not accurate. He asked if there was a way to address that issue. Mr. Alvord said that he has to rely on "as built" maps. In some cases they belong to the utility company or to the City. In this case, they were provided by the water company and the DPW has to rely on those drawings.

Mr. Kydes asked if the work on East Avenue is complete. Mr. Alvord said that it was. The permanent paving will be done next spring. Mr. Kydes asked if the City was paying for the disruption to the private properties. Mr. Alvord said that there were 19 easements required and the City paid those as part of the project.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT**

Mr. Kimmel said that he asked to take the Land Use and Building Management items off of consent because he wanted to make a comment. Mr. Miklave suggested moving items 1 – 4b as one motion.

**\*\* MR. PENA MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- 1. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDER(S) TO E-PLUS TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF DATA CENTER CORE SWITCH FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$45,004.78. ACCOUNT #09115010-5777-C0112**
  
- 2A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDER(S) TO EINSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF CLASSROOM PERFORMANCE SYSTEM (CPS), 21 CLICKERS FOR VARIOUS SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$45,045.00. ACCOUNT #09115010-5777-C0112**
  
- 2B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDER(S) TO EINSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF 150 MOBIS FOR VARIOUS SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$58,950.00 ACCT. #09115010-5777-C0112**
  
- 3A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDER(S) TO CONNECTICUT BUSINESS SYSTEMS FOR THE PURCHASE OF 150 INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS AND 15 SMARTBOARDS FOR VARIOUS SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED 250,000.00. ACCT. #09115010-5777-C0112**
  
- 3B. AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IT DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$19,965.00 ACCT. #09115010-5777-C0112**
  
- 4A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDER(S) TO INTEROPTIC SYSTEMS NETWORK SOLUTIONS FOR UPGRADES TO THE PA SYSTEM AT NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$31,000.00 ACCT. #09115010-5777-C0112**
  
- 4B. AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IT DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00 ACCT. #09115010-5777-C0112**

Mr. Kimmel said that these were excellent items and he would like to propose creating an *ad hoc* educational committee. He said that he feels that some of these issues could go through the *ad hoc* committee to ease up some of the pressure on the Committee. He said that this is something to think about in the future. Ms. Duleep added that this committee could also deal with education issues from other committees.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. PENA MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

- 5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE A 15 –YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK SENIOR CENTER, INC. FOR THE USE OF SPACE IN ROOSEVELT CENTER. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE AS APPROVED BY THE LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

Mr. Miklave said that he asked to take this item off of consent. His concern is that the motion authorizes the Committee to approve the terms of the lease. Mr. Miklave said that he opposes that because of the delegation of the authority. Mayor Moccia said that Attorney Maslan said that he had a valid point.

**\*\* MR. PENA MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

- 5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE A 15 –YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK SENIOR CENTER, INC. FOR THE USE OF SPACE IN ROOSEVELT CENTER.***

**\*\* MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. PENA MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- 7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS WITH CONNECTICUT DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY NECESSARY TO RECEIVE AND TO IMPLEMENT A GRANT FROM FEMA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC) AT THE NEW FIRE HEADQUARTERS IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000. ALL MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED UNDER THIS GRANT ARE AVAILABLE IN EXISTING NEW FIRE HEADQUARTERS CAPITAL BUDGET ACCOUNT #09123110 5777 C0466.**

- 8A. APPROVE PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTION INVOLVING THE NORWALK FIRE HEADQUARTERS PROPERTY, LOCATED AT 121 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, BETWEEN THE CITY AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS #1 TO #6 AS OUTLINED IN ALAN LO'S LETTER TO THE LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATED DECEMBER 2, 2011. FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTION IS AVAILABLE IN THE FIRE HEADQUARTERS CAPITAL BUDGET ACCOUNT #0911/123110-5777-C0466**

**8B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CONSUMMATE SAID PROPERTY TRANSACTION, INCLUDING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SETTLE EXISTING CITY APPEAL RELATING TO PREVIOUS STATE DOT ACQUISITION OF PORTION OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF CEDAR STREET AND CONNECTICUT AVENUE.**

**9A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO NEWFIELD CONSTRUCTION, INC.'S CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR THE NEW FIRE HEADQUARTERS, TO ACCEPT AN EARLY GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (EARLY GMP) FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$584,270.00. SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS EARLY GMP PACKAGE SHALL INCLUDE ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION, BUILDING DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF UNSUITABLE SUB BASE MATERIAL. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #0911/123110-5777-C0466**

**9B. AUTHORIZE THE NFCC TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDER ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$48,850.00.**

Mr. Pena thanked Fire Chief McCarthy for the presentation. He told Chief McCarthy that they deserve a new fire station.

Mr. Petrini concurred with Mr. Pena. He said that after seeing the old fire station, he whole heartedly agrees that the firefighters need a new station. He thanked him for the great work he does for the City.

Mr. Hempstead said “tear that building down”. He said that it has been a lot of work and a great exercise. He acknowledged the grant writers. He said that this facility is designed to handle the city for the next 30 years. Mr. Hempstead said that he was happy that this is moving forward.

Mr. Kydes said that this project is long overdue. It is time to put the shovel in the ground. It is the second home for our firefighters and they deserve to have an environment where they can rest comfortably between calls. He said that he was glad the City is finally going to build the facility. He thanked the firefighters for the jobs they do.

Mr. Kimmel said that 6 -7 years ago, he did not believe a new facility could be built on the site and he was wrong. He said that he was so impressed with what they were able to do with that complex piece of property. Mr. Kimmel commended everybody who has been involved in the project.

Mr. Miklave thanked Chief McCarthy and the staff for putting together the presentation.

He said that he will be supporting these measures tonight because there is a tradition in the City, when a new Council comes in they continue the big projects from the prior administration. He said that if this were being presented to the Common Council for the first time, he would have grave issues. But there is no place to go and he will not be an impediment to this.

Ms. Duleep said that she was concerned about firefighters working there and understands that part of the grant is to facilitate the communication aspect.

Mr. Watts said that the project was simply amazing. He said that he could not believe the firefighters were living in those conditions. He said that this is a great project.

Mr. Hilliard said that this project is long overdue; they needed to change five years ago, but the City couldn't approve the funds then. He said that the City has a fine Fire Department and they are very professional.

Chief McCarthy thanked the Common Council for this project that was initiated by Mayor Knopp. He said that the firefighters contributed in ways to design the best fire station. He said that he was very proud of the process and the efforts by everyone in the department.

Mayor Moccia thanked everyone from the department and said that he knows how hard everyone works. Mayor Moccia acknowledged Mr. Lo and the members of the Fire Commission.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **E. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**\*\* MS. DULEEP MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

- 1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VISION MACHINES INC., PROJECT #3016 LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEMS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$52,560.00 WITH RUGGED P.C.'S INCLUDED. ACCOUNT # TO BE DETERMINED.**

Ms. Duleep explained that the Committee has not met, but she did not want to hold up the work done by the previous Council. She said that this item went through the Committee before the turnover.

Ms. Duleep presented a copy of the new beach permit.

Mr. Bondi said that this was a long time coming and is a great idea. He thanked Mr. Moccia for coming up with the idea.

Mr. Igneri said that once this is in place, the DPW will use it at the transfer station.

Mayor Moccia thanked Mr. Mocciae for the way the beach is maintained.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. CORPORATION COUNSEL**

**\*\* MR. BONDI MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE CLAIM: ANNA URBANSKA V. FOUR STAMFORD NARCOTICS AND ORGANIZED CRIME POLICE  
*EXECUTIVE SESSION***

The Common Council went into Executive Session at 10:04 p.m. and the public left the Council Chambers.

The Common Council came out of Executive Session at 10:16 p.m. and noted that no action was taken during Executive Session.

**\*\* MR. BONDI MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL**

There were none.

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

There were none.

**X. SUSPENSION OF RULES**

There were none.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hempstead suggested that the Corporation Counsel provide a presentation on FOIA.

Mr. Kydes pointed out that one of the Councilmembers put up a statement board without going through the due process. Mr. Bondi said that he put it up. Mayor Moccia asked him to take it down.

It was agreed that there will be no meeting on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Halsey, City Clerk