

**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, and asked those present to remain standing.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Council at Large:	Anna Duleep	Mr. Douglas Hempstead	Mr. Fred Bondi
	Warren Peña	Ms. Joanne Romano	
District A:	Mr. Matthew Miklave	Mr. David Watts	
District B:	Mr. Carvin Hilliard	Mr. Michael Geake	
District C:	Mr. Nicholas Kydes	Ms. Michelle Maggio	
District D:	Mr. Bruce Kimmel	Mr. Jerry Petrini	
District E:	Mr. John Ignieri	Mr. David McCarthy	

Mayor Richard A. Moccia; Attorney Robert Maslan, Corporation Counsel;  
Erin Halsey, City Clerk  
Fifteen members were present.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – April 24, 2012

**\*\* MR. BONDI MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE  
APRIL 24, 2012 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Moccia stated that there were only two names on the sign-up for public comments, and these are public relations in nature.

1. Donna Cole spoke on behalf of the Veterans and stated that they appreciate Mayor Moccia's proclamation to make May 18 "Fisher House Day" in Norwalk. She added that this sets a precedent for the City's support that includes schools, the Fire Department, Police Department. She gave an overview of the program that provides free housing for families that have a member hospitalized in the Armed Forces in the country and overseas.

Public Comments – continued.

Ms. Cole explained that this program was started by Zachary Fisher who observed families sleeping in their car because they could not afford a hotel. She added that bracelets are available for sale by the ROTC groups at the schools, along with being here for sale after the meeting for \$2 and she thanked all the Council members for their support on behalf of her husband.

2. Mr. Walter McLaughlin of the Norwalk Hospital Whittingham Center announced that this Saturday is the annual walk for Cancer and he thanked the Council and City for approving this to be held at Calf Pasture Beach. He invited all to attend regardless of whether they plan to walk as this is a great community event.

**A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**RESIGNATIONS:** Brenda Penn-Williams, Fair Rent Commission, Alternate

Mayor Moccia noted that this just for procedural purposes as Ms. Penn-Williams has been recommended for appointment as a full member to the Commission.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Suzanne H. Betts, Historical Commission  
Sarah Mann, Parking Authority  
Brenda Penn-Williams, Fair Rent Commission

Mr. Bondi stated that it is with great pleasure that he recommends the appointment of Ms. Betts as he has known her for a long time and she will do a fine job.

Ms. Duleep added that she always does a great job, is knowledgeable and detail-oriented, she has seen her involvement at Mill Hill and she is pleased to have her appointed.

**\*\* MR. BONDI MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF  
SUZANE H. BETTS TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION.  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Maggio stated that she has served with Ms. Mann on District commissions and she is sweet and organized and it is with her tactful disposition that she will be an asset to the Parking Authority and will do a fine job.

Mr. Kydes added that she always does a great job, is knowledgeable and he is pleased to have her appointed.

**\*\* MS. MAGGIO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF  
SARAH MANN TO THE PARKING AUTHORITY.  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Hilliard stated that it is with great pleasure that he recommends the appointment of Ms. Penn-Williams as he has known her for a long time and she is a good community person who is loving and caring and will do a fine job.

- \*\* MR. HILLIARD MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF  
BRENDA PENN-WILLIAMS TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Duleep added that having three women on the list of appointments is a statement of progress made by the City, and she is pleased to have more women appointed to participate in the City's government.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

Mayor Moccia noted that Robert Koch from the Hour could not be here due to the illness of his mother and he extended wishes from the Council to him and his family.

Mayor Moccia expressed his regrets that he will not be able to attend the Walk for the Whittingham Cancer due to his attendance at a conference in St. Louis.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

- A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS
- B. CONSENT CALENDAR

- \*\* MR. HILLIARD MOTIONED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE  
CONSENT CALENDAR:  
VII. A.1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4, 5a, 5b; B.1. ( ONCONSENT TO TABLE BACK TO COMMITTEE  
) C. 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, C4,C5, 6.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**1a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept grant funds from the State of Connecticut, Office of Police and Management under the FY2012 JAG Local Pass-Through Program, Summer 2012 Violence Reduction Initiative, in the amount of \$42,000.00.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR- continued.**

**1b. 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 JAG Local Pass-Through Program, Summer 2012 Violence**

Reduction Initiative, pursuant to such grant funding.

2. Authorize Mayor Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Independent Living Resources for Americans with Disabilities Act consulting services for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. Account Number: 011000-5298

3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept grant funds from the Connecticut State Department of Education and State Department of Social Services under the School Readiness and Child Day Care Grant Program for 2012- 13.

4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments and amendments thereto as may be necessary to implement a School Readiness and Child Care Grant Program, pursuant to such grant funding.”

5a. 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 FY2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, in the amount of \$50,262.00.

5b. 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 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant pursuant to such grant funding.

**B. LAND, USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Hewlett Packard for the purchase of 620 HP PC Workstations for the Board of Education for a total not to exceed \$367,387.20. Account #0911/12- 5010-C0112.

ON CONSENT TO TABLE BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR BOARD OF ED. APPROVAL.

**C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

1. Technical correction:

CONSENT CALENDAR- continued.

a. As approved by Council on April 10, 2012:

Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Bobcat of Connecticut, Inc. for the purchase of a 2012 S650 Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader as specified in Quotation Number 8131E08562 for a sum not to exceed \$55,079.18 (Connecticut State Contract No. 08PSX0121 - state bid list). Account No.0912 4031

5777 C0313

**b. Technical correction for approval:**

Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Bobcat Company, 250 East Beaton Drive, P.O. Box 6000, West Fargo, ND 58078-6000 for the purchase of a 2012 S650 Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader as specified in Quotation Number 8131E08562 for a sum not to exceed \$53,705.78 (CT State Contract No. 08PSX0121 state bid list).

Account No.0912 4031 5777 C0313.

2. a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with Reliable Excavating Co., Inc. for Project No. PM 2012-2 Bituminous Concrete Permanent Pavement Repairs for a sum not to exceed \$215,915.00.
2. b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Orders on Contract with Reliable Excavating Co., Inc. for Project No. PM 2012-2 Bituminous Concrete Permanent Pavement Repairs for a sum not to exceed \$21,592.00.Account No. 030000-2602
4. Approve the following resolution in support of State Project No. 102-334, Federal-Aid Project No. 1102(107):

**RESOLVED** that Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement entitled "Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the City of Norwalk for the Construction, Inspection and Maintenance of

West Avenue Corridor Transportation Improvement Project, a High Priority Project under the SAFETEA-LU Program. Funding ratio will be 80% Federal and 20% City of Norwalk (Local match from Redevelopment Agency).

**ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2012.**

5. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute Amendment #1 to the agreement with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. to provide engineering services during construction for State Project 102-334, West Avenue Traffic Signal System Upgrade, for an amount not to exceed \$ 58,914.88. Account No. Redevelopment Agency

**CONSENT CALENDAR- continued.**

6. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute the Pole Attachment Agreement for Municipal Attachments between the Connecticut Light and Power Company and the City of Norwalk, Connecticut.

Mr. Hempstead clarified that item C3 was removed from the Consent Calendar as presented.

Resolution in support of state project no. 102-329, federal-aid project no. Peds(120):

McCarthy presented the following item and asked Mr. Linartz to come forward to address questions. There were no questions, then Ms. Duleep asked him to come back to explain how the project would come under Safe Routes to Schools Program.

Mr. Linartz gave a brief overview of the intersection involved and stated that motorists make the turn off Tierney at 40 mph and the proposed light is a much needed improvement and will serve as a traffic calming effort.

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE PROJECT NO. 102-329, FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. PEDS(120):**

**RESOLVED THAT MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ENTITLED: “AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE CITY OF NORWALK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON STRAWBERRY HILL AVENUE AT TIERNEY STREET UTILIZING FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.”**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH FOURTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR, ONE OPPOSED (HEMPSTEAD) AND NO ABSTENTIONS.**

#### **VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL**

Clerk Halsey read the following:

*A RESOLUTION OF THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL  
May 8, 2012*

Whereas, **The YWCA “Stand Against Racism” was established in 1858 as a voice for women’s issues, which was the active advocacy and programming for women’s economic empowerment; and**

Whereas, **The YWCA “Stand Against Racism” in the United States, has a long history of empowering women and families, fostering racial justice and preventing violence; and**

*A RESOLUTION FROM COMMON COUNCIL—continued*

Whereas, **The YWCA represents approximately 2 million women, girls, and their families by providing a wide range of programs and services including battered women, shelters, counseling, childcare, support to victims of rape and sexual assault, job training, sports and fitness, and legal advocacy; and**

Whereas, **The YWCA “Stand Against Racism” is a movement with a goal of bringing together like minded people and organization that share the same vision of eliminating racism and celebrating the richness of**

Whereas, **diversity; and**  
**The methodology of the YWCA “Stand Against Racism” is to strive to create opportunities for women’s growth, leadership, and power in order to attain a common vision, peace, freedom and dignity for all people.**

Mr. Hempstead asked it be noted for the record, that as many were unable to attend the city’s assembly of this, on behalf of the Council as the City’s Legislative body, it is important to note that we have gone on record to be support of this stand against racism.

Mr. Kydes thanked Mr. Hempstead to think of the council to more this forward in a public forum for the sake of those who were unable to attend.

Mr. Miklave noted that the last paragraph of the resolution was left off the agenda and asked that it be read and recorded into the minutes.

Now Therefore be it Resolved by The Common Council of the City of Norwalk that the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of April will be *YWCA-STAND AGAINST RACISM Day* and in so doing, urge all our citizens to join us in seeking a positive, peaceful, safer and happier environment for us all.

*Signed this 8th day of May 2012*

Ms. Duleep stated that this resolution is an example of progress made by the City and it reminds everyone of the purpose of the resolution against racism that earlier in history in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, women could not vote. She added that the City takes a stand against violence against not only women but families and children and that she is pleased to have three women appointed to participate in the City’s government.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL MOTIONS  
POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE - none.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE - none

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES- none

XII. ADJOURNMENT

\*\* **MR. PENA MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**  
\*\* **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**COMMON COUNCIL  
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT**

**MAY 8, 2012  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Marilyn Knox,  
Telesco Secretarial Services