

**COMMON COUNCIL  
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT**

**JANUARY 27, 2009  
8:00 P.M. EST 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 Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. and led everyone present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Roman called the roll.

**PRESENT**

Fred Bondi	Amanda Brown
Michael Geake	Richard McQuaid
Richard Bonenfant	Steven Serasis
Rev. Phyllis Bolden	Carvin Hilliard
Nicholas Kydes	Laurel Lindstrom
Douglas Hempstead	Kelly Straniti
Andrew Conroy	William Krummel

**ABSENT:** Douglas Sutton

Ms Roman announced that there were fourteen members present and one absence (Sutton).

Mr. Krummel then announced that Council Member Sutton had tended his resignation after almost eight years of service. Mr. Krummel said that it was the procedure for the Council to either accept or refuse his resignation.

Atty. Maslan then reviewed the Charter rules governing this procedure.

**\*\* MR. KRUMMEL MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DOUGLAS SUTTON FROM THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL.**

Rev. Bolden said that she had served with Mr. Sutton and that she would miss him. Mr. Krummel said that Mr. Sutton was calm, even-handed, and an example for everyone.

**\*\*THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DOUGLAS SUTTON FROM THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* MR. KRUMMEL MOVED TO DECLARE A VACANCY ON THE COMMON COUNCIL.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO DECLARE A VACANCY ON THE COMMON COUNCIL PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Regular meeting** – January 13, 2009

**\*\* MR. CONROY MOVED THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2009**

The following corrections were noted:

Page 4, under **Appointments**: please change the vote on the motion for Edward Holowinko from:

**\*\* MR. KRUMMEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. EDWARD HOLOWINKO TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION.**

**\*\* MR. BONDI SECONDED.**

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

**TO:**

**\*\* MR. KRUMMEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. EDWARD HOLOWINKO TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION.**

**\*\* MR. BONDI SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOURTEEN IN FAVOR (BONDI, MCQUAID, BONENFANT, BOLDEN, KYDES, HEMPSTEAD, STRANITI, CONROY, BROWN, GEAKE, SERASIS, HILLIARD, LINDSTROM AND KRUMMEL) AND ONE ABSTENTION (SUTTON).**

Page 13, paragraph 1, line 2: please change “most aggressive form of taxation” to “most progressive form of taxation”.

Ms. Brown had several corrections on pages 12 and 13, including the wording on the amendments to the motion. Mayor Moccia stated that the City Clerk would have to check the tape regarding this and suggested that the minutes be tabled until this could be done.

**\*\* MR. CONROY MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2009 PENDING VERIFICATION OF CORRECTIONS BY THE CITY CLERK.**

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

## **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Moccia said that there were a number of speakers on the list who were not Norwalk residents. After a brief discussion with the Council members about this before the meeting convened, it was agreed to allow the non-residents to address the Council regarding their concerns.

Mr. Tod Bryant of 23 Morgan Avenue said that he was the President of the Norwalk Preservation Trust. He then thanked the Mayor for moving forward with the demolition of the old Police Department and felt that the contractor chosen for the job was a good one.

He then said that he was quite pleased with the selections for the Fodor Farm houses. He thanked everyone for their hard work on the project.

Ms. Joy Kiss came forward and thanked the Mayor for giving the out of town speakers the opportunity to address the Council.

She said that on behalf of Applied Behavior Inc., she was disappointed that her organization was not given the opportunity to participate in the interview process. She said that the nationally recognized program in Bridgeport, Homes for the Brave, was looking to expand the program for the female vets. She then gave a brief overview of the situation of homeless vets. Their program is not a shelter program, but a rehabilitation program. Ms. Kiss said that she hoped to work with Norwalk and would like to have the Council consider this project for Fodor Farm.

The Mayor then asked if the program had considered other communities. Ms. Kiss said that other cities had been under consideration. The Mayor then asked if there was a particular reason why Fodor Farm was being singled out as the only site and that there were other more appropriate sites in the City for the program. He then reminded everyone that the Fodor Farm buildings need rehabilitation and also have historical restrictions on them. He added that there were four veterans currently on the Council and that he was concerned about the perception that Norwalk was against veterans if the vote to approve the recommended bidders was approved.

Mr. Don Hisler came forward and said that he was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and was homeless since May 4th of last year. He then recounted the events that lead to his arrival at Homes for the Brave. He then read a short statement about how a fighting soldier is ready to die for his country and this now encompasses both men and women. He said that he was not present to undermine any current veteran soldiers, but pointed out that there are only 10 dedicated beds for female veterans in the State of the Connecticut.

Ms. Shalini Madaras came forward and said that she was the President of a foundation that was working in partnership with Homes For the Brave. Ms. Madaras said that she felt that Fodor Farms would be an excellent site for the rehabilitation because of the serenity and peace around the area. She then said that she understood why Council might accept the highest bidder. She then pointed out that the residences would be private homes rather than a long term treatment facility. Ms. Madaras then said that there had been numerous negative comments about female veterans who served in the Armed Forces made on blogs and in other venues. Ms. Madaras said that the reason that the group was present despite the recommendation of the Land Use Committee, because the group knows that the Council could decide independently.

Mr. Don Hazzard came forward and said that he was a life member of the American Legion and listed other veteran organizations that he was involved with. Mr. Hazzard then gave a brief overview of his service and stated that he knew what it was like to come home to a not so great welcome. He said that the various people were present to support any chance for the Homes of the Brave to succeed in obtaining the house at Fodor Farm, he hoped that the Council would consider it.

Mr. David Anspack came forward and said that he lives in Wilton but that he also owned property in Norwalk. He said that he grew up in Norwalk near Fodor Farm. Mr. Anspack then said that he was a builder and helped to facilitate this proposal. He then said that he had thought that there was some leeway in determining the best use of the property. He then invited the council members to give him suggestions about other possible properties and added that he did not want to see this as an adversarial situation.

The Mayor said that he would be willing to work with the Home of the Brave and that there might be other locations in Norwalk that would be acceptable.

The Mayor then asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak. There was no one else present who wished to address the Council at this time.

#### **IV. MAYOR**

The Mayor then called Mr. George Albano forward read a proclamation declaring January 27, 2009 George Albano Day in recognition of Mr. Albano's recent induction into the Media Wing of the Connecticut Coaches Hall of Fame. Mr. Albano then said that when he was induced into the Media wing of the Connecticut Coaches Hall of Fame, he was so pleased and hope that he would convey his love for Norwalk and Norwalk Sports with his remarks. He said that his involvement with the community was very important to him.

Mr. Bonenfant then said that Mr. Albano does give a lot back to the community and mentioned several different events that Mr. Albano facilitated.

Mr. McQuaid said that Mr. Albano was always there to promote all the sports information that others might not hear about. He then thanked Mr. Albano for all the work.

Mr. Kydes then said that he has known Mr. Albano since junior high school and said that Mr. Albano had done a wonderful job covering sports.

Mr. Albano made a few brief remarks about how he started his career and thanked everyone for their comments.

The Mayor then announced that Ms. Mary Roman had broken another Senior World Record at Dartmouth in the hammer throwing event.

#### **A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

##### **Resignations:**

Stuart Wells – *Board of Estimate & Taxation*

The Mayor announced that Mr. Wells had tended his resignation from the Board of Estimate and Taxation.



## **Appointments:**

Michael Kolman – *Board of Estimate and Taxation*

- \*\* REV. BOLDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. MICHAEL KOLMAN FROM THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION.**
- \*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Elizabeth Merced-Surapine – *Human Relations Commission*

- \*\* MR. BONDI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. ELIZABETH MERCED-SURAPINE TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.**

Rev. Bolden said that she would like to thank Ms. Amodio, who had previously served on the Human Relations Commission for her service to the City and that Rev. Bolden knew Ms. Amodio since 1989. Mr. Krummel said that he would like to go on record to express his thanks for her long service to the City. He said that Ms. Amodio has a strong feeling for the Human Relations area.

Mr. Hilliard said that Ms. Amodio was uniquely qualified for the Human Relations Commission and that it was a loss for the City.

## **Reappointments:**

There were no reappointments to be considered at this time.

### **B. REMARKS**

The Mayor said that he had no additional remarks at this time.

## **V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Rev. Bolden then thanked all those who served in the military and that she was sure that whatever the City could do for the veterans, they would do. She said that she appreciated the presentation by the Homes for the Brave.

### **A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

There was no General Council Business to conduct at this time.

### **B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- \*\* REV. BOLDEN MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

## **VI. AGENCIES, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

### **A. BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION**

- 1. APPROVE SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF \$31,952 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO COVER THE COST OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION EXPENSES AND SEVERANCE FOR THE FORMER DEMOCRATIC REGISTRAR OF VOTERS. (ACCOUNT NO. 01-1210-5130 &01-1220-5110).**

## **VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **A. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- 1A. APPROVE TO SELL PROPERTY AT 25 POGANY STREET (D5-B77-L140), LOCATED AT FODOR FARM, TO DOUGLAS L. PEOPLES (THE HIGHEST BIDDER) FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$41,000.00.**
- 1B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY.**
- 1C. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO GRANT UTILITY AND SITE ACCESS TO 25 POGANY STREET FROM POGANY STREET.**
- 1D. AUTHORIZE TO SET ASIDE \$3,500 FROM THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY TO BE USED BY THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO RETAIN AN ARCHITECT WITH EXPERIENCE IN HISTORIC RESTORATION FOR THE REVIEW OF THE PROPERTY OWNER'S EXTERIOR BUILDING DESIGN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION AND GUIDELINES FOR REHABILITATING HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATION TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION.**
- 2A. APPROVE TO SELL PROPERTY AT 322 FLAX HILL ROAD (D5-B77-L137), LOCATED AT FODOR FARM, TO DAVID C. DETROY (THE HIGHEST BIDDER) FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$110,000.00.**
- 2B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY.**
- 2C. AUTHORIZE TO SET ASIDE \$3,500 FROM THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY TO BE USED BY THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO RETAIN AN ARCHITECT WITH EXPERIENCE IN HISTORIC RESTORATION FOR THE REVIEW OF THE PROPERTY OWNER'S EXTERIOR BUILDING DESIGN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION AND GUIDELINES FOR REHABILITATING HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION.**
- 3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ANDRIOPOULOS DESIGN ASSOCIATES, LLC (ADA ARCHITECTS) TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEMOLITION OF THE**

**OLD POLICE STATION AND THE RESTORATION OF THE SITE FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,800.00. ACCT. #09064021 5777 C0368.**

- 4. TECHNICAL CORRECTION: AMEND COUNCIL ACTION OF NOVEMBER 25, 2008, ITEM VII, C. 5 TO REPLACE THE OLD MODEL NUMBER HP-6910P WITH NEW MODEL NUMBER HP-6930P. NEW ACTION SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:  
AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO HEWLETT PACKARD PER STATE OF CT CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 140 LAPTOP COMPUTERS, MODEL *HP-6930P* FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$146,860. ACCOUNT # 0908/09 5010-5777-C0112**

**B. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: JANUARY 8, 2009**
- 2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: DECEMBER 31, 2008**
- 3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED JANUARY 8, 2009.**

**C. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- 1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTATION NEEDED TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT AN AWARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.**

**D. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- 1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION SERVICES FOR POLICE DETECTIVES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,350. ACCOUNT NO. 0130405258.**

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

- 1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR THEIR ANNUAL "LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK" TO BE HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009 FROM 5:00PM – 9:00PM. SET-UP THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009, 12:00NOON WITH TEAR DOWN BY 10:00PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE, 800.**

**1B. APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE FOR THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY TO BE HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009 FROM 5:00PM -9:00PM.**

- 2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK KARTING ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR SPRING AND FALL RACE SERIES ON SATURDAY'S FROM 8:00AM- 4:00PM WITH MAKE-UPS ON SUNDAY'S. TO BE HELD AT CALF PASTURE BEACH PARKING LOT ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

<u>SPRING</u>	<u>FALL</u>
MARCH 28, 2009	OCTOBER 3, 2009 (NO RAIN DATE)
APRIL 4, 11, 18, 2009	OCTOBER 10, 17, 24, 31, 2009
APRIL 25, 2009 (NO RAIN DATE)	NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21, 2009
MAY 2, 9, 2009	
MAY 16, 2009 (NO RAIN DATE)	

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED PASSED WITH THIRTEEN IN FAVOR (BROWN, GEAKE, MCQUAID, BONENFANT, SERASIS, BOLDEN, HILLIARD, KYDES, LINDSTROM, HEMPSTEAD, STRANITI, CONROY, AND KRUMMEL) AND WITH ONE ABSTENTION ON AGENDA ITEM VII A1 (BONDI).**

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL**

There were no resolutions from the Council at this time.

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

There were no motions postponed to a specific date at this time.

**X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

There were no suspensions of the rules at this time.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* MR. BONENFANT SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services