

**COMMON COUNCIL  
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT**

**MARCH 9, 2010  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**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 8:05 p.m. and was asked to remain seated to allow the Girls Scouts to conduct the opening ceremonies. The Girl Scouts presented the flags and colors and led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, singing the National Anthem, and the reading of a proclamation dedicating the week of March 7 as Girl Scout week in Norwalk. Mayor Moccia thanked the Girl Scouts for their opening ceremony and thanked the parents for their involvement with the Girls Scout organizations in the City.

Mayor Moccia requested all to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of the father of Glenn Iannacone, Fire Marshall and Chairman of the Board of Education, who passed away this week. He announced that services will be held at Collins Funeral Home and that the times would be listed in The Hour newspaper. He added that the City of Norwalk extends their sympathies to Glenn and his family at this time of their loss.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Wink called the roll. The following Council Members were present:  
Council at Large:

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| Mr. Fred Bondi    | Mr. Douglas Hempstead |                      |
| Ms. Joanne Romano | Mr. John Tobin        |                      |
| District A:       | Mr. Richard Bonenfant | Mr. David Jaegar     |
| District B:       | Mr. Carvin Hilliard   | Mr. Travis Simms     |
| District C:       | Mr. Nicholas Kydes    | Ms. Laurel Lindstrom |
| District D:       | Mr. Clyde Mount       | Ms. Kelly Straniti   |
| District E:       | Mr. Andrew Conroy     | Ms. Nora King        |

Mr. McQuaid was absent.

Mayor Moccia announced that fourteen members were present.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Moccia reviewed the procedure and rules for those who had signed up to speak, and asked those individuals to state their name, address or affiliation and to comment only as relevant to the agenda items, limited to a maximum of three minutes.

*The following comments are not verbatim and represent a summary of statements made.*

Mr. David Parks, stated his address as 66 Strawberry Hill, Avenue, Norwalk, and expressed his support in regards to the Bikeway and Pedestrian item listed on the Department of Public Works portion of the agenda. He stated that the existing bike trail that goes from the Maritime Aquarium to Oyster Shell Park, Mathews Mansion, Stepping Stones to Union Park is a great addition to the City recreational offerings. He added that he is working with Norwalk River Watershed and the Norwalk River Valley Trails and Broad River Neighborhood Associations on the removal of invasive vegetation along the trail, and the further development project plans to extend the trail eventually on to Wilton. He urged the Council to vote to approve this project, as it is a much needed "Greenway" offering of transportation and a very appropriate recreational trail.

Mayor Moccia added that the project was very comprehensively developed and is thorough in nature and is scheduled for support by the Council, and he looks forward to additional funding opportunities that have been identified by the project.

Attorney William Fitzgerald, 14 Flicker Lane, Rowayton, stated he wanted to express his support of the appointment of Reverend Dancy to the Ethics Commission, and stated that Reverend Dancy is a hard-working individual who takes his role very seriously as an involved and dedicated member of the Norwalk Community. Attorney Fitzgerald added that he also wanted to voice his support of the re-appointments of Alice Allen and Dr. Charles Stabinski, who have proved their worth in many ways with their efforts for the Commission. He stated he extends his congratulations to the Mayor for putting together seven members who could work together, and he thanked Corporation Counsel Robert Maslan for all his support and hard work with the Commission. He stated that the City is fortunate to have the involvement of such dedicated individuals serving the Community. Mayor Moccia thanked Attorney Fitzgerald for his hard work and efforts on the Ethics Commission.

There were no other participants, and Mayor Moccia thanked those individuals who spoke and stated he appreciated their coming out to share their comments, and he closed the public participation of the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

### **III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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Ms. Romano requested a correction to page 11 on the wording of the comment she made in reference to the Board of Education budget. She stated that she had listened to the tape and has given a written paragraph with the corrected wording, and Mayor Moccia responded that the clerk would view the tape for clarification.

- \*\* MR. KYDES MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 23, 2010 MEETING, WITH CORRECTIONS AS NOTED, CONTINGENT UPON REVIEW OF THE TAPE FOR REFERENCE TO THE WORDING OF A STATEMENT MADE BY MS. ROMANO.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resignations: Leigh Grant, *South West Regional Planning Agency*

Mayor Moccia commented that Ms. Grant's letter of resignation is included in the information packet and it is with much regret that he accepts her letter. He added that she has been a dedicated individual with her involvement with the City and Community and she will be very much missed. He asked if there were other comments from the Council members and Ms. Straniti replied that she would like to also comment on the resignation.

Ms. Straniti stated that she has known Ms. Grant and had worked with her in Silvermine, and she was always very helpful with consistent record of positive involvement with the City. She added that she is also sad to accept her resignation, but is very understanding of the family priority situation and wishes her the best of luck, and thanked her for her service to the City.

Mr. Hempstead stated that he too was sad to see her move on, that she has unselfishly served and an advocate for the Historic Commission, always providing a give and take approach and was truly a class act with her involvement. He added that he wishes her the best of luck, and hopes to have her back in another capacity someday with the City

Ms. Lindstrom stated that she, too, echoed the comments previously made and has known Ms. Grant to be very hard-working, always did research and was prepared with issues by doing her homework, and she thanked her for her consistent record of positive involvement with the City.

Appointments: David T. McCarthy, *South West Regional Planning Agency (Mayor's Appt.)*

Mayor Moccia commented that he is pleased to appoint Mr. McCarthy to the South West Regional Planning Agency, that his resume speaks for itself with his background and commitment. He added that he is a dedicated community member that is well-qualified to be appointed to the agency, and he looks forward to having a resident from Rowayton serve on the agency.

B. REMARKS

Mayor Moccia stated that the City of Stamford has just announced the layoff of 100 city employees, not counting the Board of Education anticipated reduction, and he thanked the Personnel Committee and Finance Departments for all their hard work with avoiding this situation for Norwalk. He added that the budget preparation and approval of the Cap will hopefully avoid a reduction in workforce that the City of Stamford has been faced with.



IV. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Appointments: Rev. Albert R. Dancy, *Board of Ethics*  
(\*fill the position of Rev. Norris who resigned 8/11/09)

Mr. Hempstead moved the appointment and stated a correction to the term of service should be a 3/09/12 expiration date.

Mr. Hilliard stated that he supports the appointment of Reverend Dancy, that he has known him and has worked with him for several years, and he is a hard-working individual who is very deserving of the appointment.

Reappointments: Alice Allen, *Board of Ethics*  
Dr. Charles Stabinsky, *Board of Ethics*

Mr. Hempstead moved the re-appointments together as one item. Mr. Hempstead stated that recent information has been received that Ms. Allen no longer wants to be reappointed to the Ethics Commission, therefore her name has been removed from the reappointment agenda.

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOTIONED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE APPOINTMENT AND RE-APPOINTMENTS AS LISTED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. CONSENT CALENDAR: VII. A1, 2, 3, 4a, 6, B1, 2a, 2b, 2c.

**Items on Consent Calendar are in bold type as follows:**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- 1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with Care Environmental Corp. for the conduct of Household Hazardous Waste Collections for a first-year sum not to exceed \$24,400.00. Acct/ No. 014042 5258**
- 2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with Fitzgerald & Halliday Inc. (FHI) of Hartford, CT for professional services in regards to RFP #2881 – Bikeway and Pedestrian Transportation Plan for the City of Norwalk for a total not to exceed \$79,500.00.  
Account No. 09103310-5777-C0468 (Bikeway Plan)  
09103310-5777-C0473 (Sidewalk Study)**

3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute the agreement entitled: "Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the City of Norwalk for the Construction, Inspection, and Maintenance of Pavement Rehabilitation Improvements at Various Locations Utilizing Federal Funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Public Law 111-5 (hereinafter "Act)." Account No. State Project No. 102-335, Federal-Aid Project No. 1102 (109)

4a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an agreement with Conte Company, LLC for Project DPW 2010-1, Retaining Wall Repairs at Silvermine Avenue over Silvermine Brook, for a sum not to exceed \$42,140.40.

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4b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to Conte Company, LLC for Project DPW 2010-1, Retaining Wall Repairs at Silvermine Avenue over Silvermine Brook, for a sum not to exceed \$4,214.04. Account No. 014060-5777

6. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Milone & MacBroom, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for the design of the Rowayton Avenue Culvert Replacement Project for a sum not to exceed \$27,400.00.

Account No. 0909 4027 5777 C0395

7. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute a Planting Maintenance Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Transportation related to the planting of trees along State Route 136 (Highland Avenue).

**B. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

1. Approval of the attached federal housing cooperation agreement between the City of Norwalk and the Norwalk Housing Authority as requested by the Office of the Corporation Counsel and the Norwalk Housing Authority.

2a. Authorize the Mayor to submit on the City's behalf a Statement of Interest to the National Endowment for the Arts a Mayor's Institute for City Design 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Initiative.

2b. Authorize the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to submit a full application, if invited, to the National Endowment for the Arts for a Mayor's Institute for City Design 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Initiative grant.

2c. Authorize the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency to handle the administrative functions associated with the grant and related compliance.

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

5a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with Deering Construction, Inc. for Project No. PM 2010-1, Proposed Pavement Management Program, for a sum not to exceed \$1,847,122.50.

5b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to Deering Construction, Inc. for Project No. PM 2010-1, Proposed Pavement Management Program, for a sum not to exceed \$184,712.25.

Account Nos.: 030000-2602

0906 4021 5777 C0318

0908 4027 5777 C0422

0909 4021 5777 C0318

0910 4021 5777 C0318

0910 4027 5777 C0302

0910 4021 5777 C0021

Mr. Conroy moved the items together as one item. There were no comments or questions from the Council members.

**\*\* MR. CONROY MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR PROJECT NO. PM 2010-1, PROPOSED PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,847,122.50 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ISSUE ORDERS ON CONTRACT TO DEERING CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR PROJECT NO. PM 2010-1, PROPOSED PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$184,712.25. ACCT NOS:030000-2602; 0906 4021 5777 C0318; 0908 4027 5777 C0422; 0909 4021 5777 C0318; 0910 4021 5777 C0318; 0910 4027 5777 C0302; 0910 4021 5777 C0021**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE VOTES IN FAVOR AND TWO VOTES OPPOSED (MR. HEMPSTEAD AND MS. KING)**

4. Approval of Workforce Housing Strategy.

Mr. Hempstead requested the item be sent back to Committee for further information to be voted upon at the May meeting. Mr. Hilliard asked what happened to April and Mr. Hempstead stated that there was a full plate of items on the April agenda including the CBDG grants, a public information session on the Cap, and since there was no time frame would like to give the Committee more time to evaluate the proposal.

Mr. Hilliard replied that he just wanted to know why it was not recommended for earlier approval by Committee, since this item has been presented in Committee several times.

Mayor Moccia stated that questions could be directed to Mr. Moore in advance via e-mail, rather than losing the time it takes to go back to Committee, for then to come back with unanswered questions. He added that this would allow them to be able to reflect any changes.

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOTIONED TO TABLE THE ITEM TO BE SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR FUTHER INFORMATION.**

Mayor Moccia called for a roll call vote.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH NINE VOTES IN FAVOR AND FIVE VOTES OPPOSED (MR. HILLIARD, MS. LINDSTROM, MS. KING, MR. SIMMS, MR. JAEGER.)**

V. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

There were no reports from Departments, Boards and commissions

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were no resolutions from Common Council.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were no motions postponed.

X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were no suspensions of the rules.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Moccia added a statement to acknowledge Reverend Dancy who was not present during the acceptance of his appointment, but had entered the room. He stated that he has done a terrific job for the City and has been very diligent in his service to the Community. He stated that he also wanted to publicly extend his condolences to him and his family during the recent loss of his brother. He extended an official welcome to Reverend Dance to the Ethic Commission and thanked him for his on-going efforts and hard work.



Mr. Bondi stated that as a reminder the Building and Land Use Committee meeting is tomorrow at 6:00 pm at Brien McMahon High School, and asked if anyone could not make it to please let him know. He added that on the agenda was a discussion about the purchase of computers and an inventory and a needs assessment for computers in the district will be included for review.

There were no further additional comments.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox  
Telesco Secretarial Services

