

**COMMON COUNCIL
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT**

**MARCH 23, 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 led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

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

	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	
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. Simms 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. Todd Bryant, 23 Morgan Avenue, Norwalk, President of Norwalk Preservation Trust stated that he was asked to present the City with a \$20,000 grant transfer from the state. He added that this grant is to be combined with the City's \$20,000 for the purpose of a Historical Resource Inventory to identify and record historical buildings, sites, in the City of Norwalk and will be used for planning, development research for maintaining and rehabilitation of preservation of past and future historic plans. Mr. Bryant stated that Norwalk Preservation Trust is asking the City to accept these grant funds to continue the resource inventory that was started in 1979 by Ralph Bloom with projects inspired by the centennial programs of 1976. He added that the funding was originally provided under a grant from the State of Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, with funds to be combined with \$20,000 from existing City's Capital Budget allocation for the same purpose in order to fully fund the project.

Mayor Moccia stated that this is greatly appreciated, and he is pleased to accept this grant in behalf of the City. He asked how this would be applied, and Mr. Hamilton responded that it would go into the City Grants Fund account.

City Clerk Wink asked if there were other participants, and hearing none, Mayor Moccia closed the public participation of the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular meeting – March 9, 2010

Mr. Hilliard requested a notation on page 7 of the May meeting to be added regarding the meeting for approval of the Workforce Housing Strategy. Mayor Moccia clarified that this was noted on Page 6. Mr. Bondi stated that his name was listed twice on the attendance roll call, and Mayor Moccia responded that this would be corrected.

**** MR. KYDES MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 9, 2010 MEETING, WITH CORRECTION AS NOTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOURTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED AND ONE ABSTENTION (MR. MCQUAID).**

III. MAYOR

B. REMARKS

Mayor Moccia stated that he wanted to express his sincere appreciation to all of the City staff and Departments for their efforts with the storm of last week. He noted that all efforts of the City employees were duly noted especially Police Chief Rilling, Fire Chief McCarthy, Michele Deluca, Director of Emergency Management, Hal Alvord, Director of Public Works and the entire Public Works Department, and Mr. Callahan, Director of the Health Department with all the inspections that needed to be done. He thanked those that helped residents who needed emergency shelter that was provided at Brien McMahon High School, and the Norwalk Public Schools for opening up of Brien McMahon for shelter, Karen DelVecchio with the City Website (and Information Techs). He added that there were tremendous efforts to bring the city back to life, after over 16,000 residents without power at the heart of the storm, CL&P had over 70 crews, some from other states. He stated that we worked very well with them and very closely with the Interim Superintendent, Mr. Nast.

Mayor Moccia added that there were some complaints as to the closing of schools, but he felt that it just was not safe to place children at risk where downed power lines presented a safety hazard, and the City monitored the transportation systems diligently in making the school closing decisions. He stated that there would be a statement in The Hour newspaper to publish his statement of appreciation to the City and he concluded by saying it was a tremendous effort done by the City of Norwalk, and he thanks everyone for their dedication.

IV. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Hempstead thanked Mayor Moccia for his comments on behalf of the storm and emergency relief efforts by the City and stated that he echoed the Mayor's comments of appreciation. He added that it was a very humbling effect to see that Mother Nature was in ultimate control, and added his comments of acknowledgement to the many tree removal crews, and companies such as AT&T, Cablevision, and CL&P, who were all very cooperative with their emergency crews, the Second District, Third District, and to all those people that were involved with cleaning up.

Mr. Hempstead stated that as a reminder, the Ad-Hoc Committee of the Board of Education and Council would meet next week, and that the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner would be held at Bobby Valentine's.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

VII. A 1, A2, A3, A4, A5, C1, C2,C3, C4, D1, D2, D3, D4, D5a, D5b.

**** THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Items on Consent Calendar are in bold type as follows:

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. Finance Committee

- 1. Accept and Approve the Report of the Claims Committee Dated: March 11, 2010**
- 2. For informational purposes only: Narrative Tax Collections dated March 11, 2010.**
- 3. For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report Dated: February 28, 2010.**
- 4. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue purchase orders for the purchase of 15 NetMotion licenses (Mobility XE Licenses with Policy Module and 1 year warranty) for the Norwalk Police Department for an amount not to exceed \$5,156.25, account 09090600-5777-C0375 (budgeted IT Capital Expense).**
- 5. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to submit an application to the State of Connecticut for grant funds provided under the State of Connecticut's Local Capital Improvement Fund for 2010 Entitlement (\$616,531).**

Consent Calendar (continued)

B. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

REMOVED PER CONSENT

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute indemnification/hold harmless agreements for the benefit of physicians employed by the City of Norwalk.

REMOVED PER CONSENT

2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all applications, agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments as may be necessary to apply for and accept grant funds and implement the Women Infants and Children's Program with the City of Stamford for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 for the amount of \$212,821.

Consent Calendar (continued)

C. LAND USE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Automated Building Systems as the Sole Source vendor for the supply and installation of two variable frequency drives pool water pumps for the Norwalk High School pool and tie into the existing Alerton Building Energy Management System. Total cost shall not exceed \$13,865.00. Acct. #09045010 5777 B0310.

2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Automated Building Systems as the Sole Source vendor for the integration of two existing Desert Aire dehumidification/heating units in the Norwalk High School pool, with the existing Alerton Building Energy Management System. Total cost shall not exceed \$12,820.00. Acct. #09045010 5777 B0310

3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Brock Enterprises, Inc. for the supply and installation of a pool blanket and storage system at Norwalk High School for a total not to exceed \$12,643.00 (lowest quote). Acct. #09045010 5777 B0310

4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute a sub-grant agreement with the Norwalk Preservation Trust to accept grant funds in the amount of \$20,000 to be used for the preparation of the Norwalk Historic Resource Inventory. The funding was originally provided under a grant from the State of Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism. These funds will be combined with \$20,000 from existing City's Capital Budget allocation for the same purpose in order to fully fund the project. Acct. #09086310 5777 C0448.

Consent Calendar – continued

D. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. **Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the United Haitian American Society for the use of Veteran’s Park for their 7th Annual CT Haitian – American Day Celebration to be held on Saturday, July 17, 2010 from 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM with set up Friday, July 16, 2010 at Noon and break down no later than Sunday, July 18, 2010 by noon. Estimated attendance 3,500.**
2. **Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with C.A.F.E. for the use of Veteran’s Park for the Annual Columbian Festival to be held Sunday, July 11, 2010 from 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM with set up Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 9:00 AM and break down no later than Monday, July 12, 2010 at Noon.* Estimated attendance 5,000+.**
Mr. McQuaid corrections on the agenda for the above item: the set up and tear down dates were Saturday, July 10 (not July 17) and Monday, July 12 (not July 19)
3. **Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute an agreement with TO Design, LLC for professional design services in regards to RFP #2892-Linear Park for the City of Norwalk for a total not to exceed \$13,500.00 from Capital Account #010000-2352.**
4. **Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute a Consent Agreement with the State of Connecticut and any and all other reasonable and necessary documents pertaining to the running of Recreation and Parks programs for Young Children at Cranbury Park.**
5. **a) Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Norwalk Exchange Club for their Annual Antique Auto Show to be held in Taylor Farm on Sunday, April 25, 2010 from 8:00am –5:00pm with a rain date of Sunday, May 2, 2010. Set-up to take place on Thursday, April 22, 2010 after 12:00 noon with teardown no later than 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. Estimated attendance 1,500.**
b) Approve the use of the Show Mobile for the Norwalk Exchange Club for the Annual Antique Auto Show to be held in Taylor Farm on Sunday, April 25, 2010 with a rain date of Sunday, May 2, 2010.

VII B. TABLED ITEMS FROM COMMON COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2010

Items were moved from the Tabled Items to Agenda Items per the Consent Calendar

2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to The Apple Store for the purchase of 84 iPod's with accessory equipment and 3 Mac laptops for NHS World Language Lab for a total not to exceed \$35,968.65. Acct.#0908/09-5010-5777-C0112. (Amount amended to \$24,530.31 per February 5, 2010 memo attached)
3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Advance Corporate Networking for the purchase of 29 HP desktops and 1 HP laptops for NHS World Language Lab for a total not to exceed \$18,520.00. Acct.#0908/09-5010-5777-C0112.
4. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Hertz Furniture Systems for the purchase of 13 lab tables for NHS World Language Lab for a total not to exceed \$2,639.00. Acct.#0908/09-5010-5777-C0112.
5. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to W.B. Mason for the purchase of 28 lab chairs for NHS World Language Lab for a total not to exceed \$1,399.72. Acct.#0908/09-5010-5777- C0112.
6. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to The Apple Store for the purchase of 30 laptops and 2 mobile carts for NHS and BMHS Music Labs for a total not to exceed \$29,969.90. Acct.#0908/09-5010-5777-C0112.

Mr. Bondi requested to move the above items VII B 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 together as one item, and asked if there were any questions or comments on the above items.

**** MR. BONDI MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEMS VIIB 2, 3, 4, 5, 6:**

2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO THE APPLE STORE FOR THE PURCHASE OF 84 IPOD'S WITH ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT AND 3 MAC LAPTOPS FOR NHS WORLD LANGUAGE LAB FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$35,968.65. ACCT. #0908/09-5010-5777-C0112. (AMOUNT AMENDED TO \$24,530.31 PER FEBRUARY 5, 2010 MEMO ATTACHED)

3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ADVANCE CORPORATE NETWORKING FOR THE PURCHASE OF 29 HP DESKTOPS AND 1 HP LAPTOPS FOR NHS WORLD LANGUAGE LAB FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$18,520.00. ACCT. #0908/09-5010-5777-C0112.

4. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO HERTZ FURNITURE SYSTEMS FOR THE PURCHASE OF 13 LAB TABLES FOR NHS WORLD LANGUAGE LAB FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$2,639.00.

ACCT. #0908/09-5010-5777-C0112.

5. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO W.B. MASON FOR THE PURCHASE OF 28 LAB CHAIRS FOR NHS WORLD LANGUAGE LAB FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$1,399.72.

ACCT. #0908/09-5010-5777- C0112.

6. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO THE APPLE STORE FOR THE PURCHASE OF 30 LAPTOPS AND 2 MOBILE CARTS FOR NHS AND BMHS MUSIC LABS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$29,969.90.

ACCT. #0908/09-5010-5777-C0112.

**** THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Bondi thanked the Norwalk Public Schools Information & Technology Director and staff for attending this meeting and for the presentation that was provided at the Committee Meeting held at Brien McMahon High School. He added that demonstrations were done to show how Smart Boards were being used in the classroom, and this helped with the Committee's understanding of the expenditures as requested.

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:

Mr. Hempstead stated that as a reminder the Public Hearing on the Operating Budget Cap is April 1.

There were no further additional comments.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Marilyn Knox, Telesco Secretarial Services