

**COMMON COUNCIL                      MINUTES                      JUNE 26, 2012**  
**NORWALK, CONNECTICUT            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**

Mayor Moccia called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. He then led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Halsey called the Roll. The following Council Members were present:

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

There were fifteen (15) Council Members present.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting:

June 12, 2012

**\*\* MR. HILLIARD MOVED THE MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2012.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2012 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MAYOR:**

**RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**RESIGNATIONS:** There were no resignations to announce at this time.

**APPOINTMENTS:** There were no appointments to announce at this time.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

Mayor Moccia then stated that he wished everyone to know that the scheduling of the Council meeting to take place in the Council Chambers was done routinely and that he had not expected such a large turn out. Unfortunately, it was not be possible to move the meeting to the Concert Hall. He added that the City Clerk or the staff should not be blamed for this and he would accept the responsibility.

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Mayor Moccia then encouraged everyone to bring the same level of participation to our State Representatives in Hartford.

He then announced that the Council would hear those who signed up to speak and then move directly to the Resolution by the Council.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. George Maynernik came forward and said that he was a Fox Run teacher. He said that his fifth grade finished the social studies curriculum a few weeks early. His students began doing research on the school budget issue. He said that there was a conflict between what the students were learning about values and what was happening. He said that the groups wondered why the taxes weren't being used for the elementary schools, why the librarian was being let go, why the intervention aide was being laid off along with the office assistant. He said that his students were very concerned about the situation and that people need to do what they have to do to correct the mistakes. The City owes the students the best education possible.

Ms. Joanne Malinowski came forward and said that she was employed as a Norwalk School nurse for the last 20 years. She was requesting a delay in voting on the pension document since the nurses don't know what the impact will be on future retirement plans. The nurses have not been provided with a summary of the contract. The requested copies of the bylaws have also not been received. She then requested that the Council delay the document vote until the membership had received their documentation and had a chance to read it.

Mr. Scott Hess, representing Local 1042 and another union, then came forward and said that it was the timing of the vote was not appropriate because the unions needs more time and requested that the vote be tabled until September.

Dr. John Pinto, Norwalk Harbor Management Commission about the Veteran's Park Master Plan, which was not on the agenda tonight. He then recused himself.

Mr. Bela Garrison came forward and said that he was a DPW worker. He then said that the vote on the pension should be delayed.

Ms. Judy Phillips came forward and said that it had been reported that there was some discussion about the employee contribution rates. She wished to have some clarification about the increases.

Her other major request was to support the resolution because it would send a strong message that the City was behind the schools. She said that the poor planning tonight by having the meeting in the Chambers rather than the Concert Hall was typical and that the City can't continue to do this year after year.

Ms. Meghan Hopkins came forward and said that her consistent mantra was that everyone has to chip in. She said that she had learned about the special tax that could be levied. She then spoke about the "rainy day fund" and pointed out that it was raining hard. Many of the families present will put their houses on the market and leave town if the schools continue to do poorly. This needs to be taken seriously.

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Ms. Dana Molaver came forward and said that her children were at Fox Run and were devastated that their favorite teachers might not be there anymore. She said in her professional life, when a project is not going well, everyone comes together in a room to work out a solution.

Mr. John Mosby came forward and said he was the former president of the custodian's unions for over 30 year. He said that it was time for the Common Council to use some common sense. He said that he would like to see an audit done because he can see the wrong doing in the records. He said that shifting to a 401K plans was unfair. He stated that there was no leadership. Previously there were problems, but everyone worked hard. He then said to Mr. Mellion should have help out. He said that he was sick of all the politics and that if there's a loan, people have to pay it back. He then said that if the Mayor couldn't do his job, he should step down and Mr. Mosby would be happy to take over.

Ms. Koziak brought her daughter forward and said that she rents in Norwalk and doesn't own. She said that unless the City could get their act together, she would be leaving the town. She then gave a run down about her children and their accomplishments. She said that she needed to have faith that people were going to do something.

Ms. Maeve Koziak, accompanied by Alexia Bustell and her sister Grace Bustell came forward and spoke about how she and her friends would be affected if the cuts went forward.

Ms. Alexia Bustell came forward and said that she didn't want to leave Norwalk because she's lived here all her life.

Ms. Grace Bustell came forward and said that her friends were leaving Norwalk because of the budget cuts, but the students hadn't done anything wrong. Her teachers and others will be leaving too, the teachers and the staff hadn't done anything wrong, either but they were being punished.

Ms. Alexia Bustell then stated that by holding this meeting in this tiny room, it means that the Council thought that this was a tiny issue.

Ms. Liz Morelli came forward and said that she felt that although she had said this before, she felt they hadn't been heard. If she can't sell her home, they might lose their home. She said that she couldn't imagine losing the principal, the librarians and other staff. Ms. Morelli said that what the City was doing was illustrating how unimportant education was in Norwalk. She wondered how her children would get the education they deserved rather than being punished for someone else's mistakes.

Mr. Tony Ditrio came forward and said that he had been through 10 speeches today. He said that this was getting crazy with the schools. He said that it wasn't about finding reasons why they City couldn't give the money. He said that he was fed up with this and never seen it more politicized than it is now. There are loan deals that are being done in the middle of the night. The 4 million shortfall isn't their fault. The kids need teachers. His children had a great education but the young children in Norwalk won't get the same education.

Mr. Luca Conner, a student, came forward and said that he was very concerned about his school and his education. The school will be cutting one assistant and one security guard. There was an incident last year

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when a stranger was parked across the street watching the students. The security guard was the one who handled it.

Mr. Don Saunders came forward and said that while he hated these meetings, these meetings were important. He learned his auto body skills at Norwalk schools. He said that putting money into Veteran's Park was a joke and the park was often underwater. The City built a new Police Department, is building a Fire Department while at the same time the City is cutting teachers. He suggested that instead of an Oyster Festival there should be a Board of Education festival. He also asked why the money from not plowing this past year wasn't being given to the BOE.

Ms. Michelle Suita came forward and said that she grew up and was a teacher at Marvin Schools. She said that she saw parents of the children she taught, people that she had coached and others she knew. She said that she stayed because she was born and raised here, but she was losing hope. Without a good educational system, selling the homes would be nearly impossible.

Mary Jo Coleman, of Fordham Drive, came forward and said that the decision had already had been made before the Council had even stepped in the room. She said that she chooses to put her children in the schools. This went on last year and again, this year. It is important to see the City support the children. She said that this would be brought up to Hartford. The State and Government will not be giving Norwalk more money out of their good will. The elected officials need to go up there and let people know Norwalk needs more money. Educators are underpaid for what they do.

A resident of Cedar Crest Place came forward and said that she had been teaching her daughters that they should pursue their education. She wondered how it would be when we get older and the children will be the nurses or medical team to take care of the elderly. The Council took these positions because they had a vision and dream. Now is the time for the Council to make the stand. If the Council doesn't stand up for the residents, how can the people trust them? The teachers stand by the students now. When you cut the budget, the caring teachers will leave and the new teachers will not care. She then asked if a stand isn't taken now, why the council members were here.

A BMHS student named Andrea came forward and said that physics was a requirement for college and she needs the course. She said that education should be the last thing anyone touches.

Ms. Jennifer Mendez, of Wolfpit Avenue, came forward and said that she was a mother of a student and a teacher, and a taxpayer. She has a choice to make. She can send her son to a school that was hit hardest by the cuts, or taking a pay freeze that would affect her ability to send her other children to child care, or as a taxpayer when her taxes go up. Her son will be the one that is hurt the most. She and her husband felt it was important for her son to be part of the community and to be part of the group that will go all through to NHS. She hoped that they would think of her son

Ms. Amanda Brown came forward and said that she was at the BET meeting when the Board had added an additional \$400, 000 to the amount of 2.4 million. The people are asking for an additional amount. She said that the people were asking the Council to come up with the additional 1.4 million. Not doing this would be stealing from the 11,000 students. She said that sending Mr. Longo looking for accounts to scrub was fruitless. The Council was here at the will of the voters. The children have spoken and the Council was not

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so important that they would let the children suffer.

Mr. Drew Todd, of Friendly Road, came forward. This process started in January and people are still talking about how to solve the issue. He then related several stories about the students asking about their favorite teachers being fired. The citizens of this city have come to speak. The businesses should flourish. It is important to send a message of supporting the schools. It will be important fight in Hartford, also.

Mr. Rob Barlett, one of the custodians came forward and said that a security guard who was planning to get married and had a child on the way, was being cut. Mr. Bartlett said that he didn't understand how the Council Members could go home at night and sleep knowing they were

The Mayor asked if there was anyone else present who wished to address the Council at this time. No one came forward. The Mayor then closed the public participation session of the meeting.

Mayor Moccia repeated that he did not think that there would be so many people present. The budget reconciliation meeting was held in the Concert Hall but there were only about 75 people present. The last BOE meeting was in the Chambers.

Regarding the ECS money, it will be important to send a message to Hartford. He hoped that the same enthusiasm and passion could be present

**RECESS**

The Mayor announced a recess at 9:05 p.m. The Mayor called the meeting back into order at 9:20 p.m.

*Mr. Kydes did not return to the meeting.*

**\*\* MS. DULEEP MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO MOVE THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA.**

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

**RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL**

**SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ANNA DULEEP (AT-LARGE), WARREN PEÑA (AT-LARGE), MATT MIKLAVE (DISTRICT A), DAVID WATTS (DISTRICT A), MICHAEL GEAKE (DISTRICT B), CARVIN HILLIARD (DISTRICT B), AND JOHN IGNERI (DISTRICT E).**

**WHEREAS, ON FEBRUARY 28, 2012, THE COMMON COUNCIL, APPROVED OF A MAXIMUM LIMIT ON THE TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012 WHICH SHALL BE NO MORE THAN \$286,182,707; AND**

**WHEREAS, AT THE END OF APRIL 2012, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (“BOE”) NOTIFIED THE CITY NORWALK THAT IT WOULD RUN A DEFICIT OF APPROXIMATELY \$4 MILLION IN THE 2011-2012 BUDGET DUE TO A SHORTFALL IN CERTAIN ACCOUNTS. OF SAID SHORTFALL, \$1.8 MILLION IS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN FROM THE BOE**

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**BUDGET OF 2012-2013; AND**

**WHEREAS, IF NOT CORRECTED, THE CORRESPONDING BUDGET CUTS WOULD RESULT IN UNACCEPTABLE LAYOFFS AND PROGRAM REDUCTIONS; AND**

**WHEREAS, THE COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTS A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION BY THE CITY OF NORWALK TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO RESTORE FUNDING TO THE BOE.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK THAT:**

**THE COMMON COUNCIL CALLS ON THE CITY OF NORWALK TO MAKE A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CITY'S FUND BALANCE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN AN AMOUNT NECESSARY TO OVERSEE THE REMAINING BUDGET SHORTFALL, SUCH AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1.8 MILLION.**

**ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK ON JUNE \_\_, 2012.**

Ms. Duleep said that she had heard that this had been described this as a "feel good" resolution. This was actually a multi-year, multi-level plan to work towards sustainability. The independent audit will be done along with structural changes. Tonight the focus is addressing the immediate problem and it will be important to get the BOE onto level ground.

Another characterization is that it is a non-binding resolution. There are three bodies that are involved in the budget, the BOE, the BET and the Council. Ms. Duleep said that the Council only votes on the cap, the BET only votes on the BOE line item. Just because the resolution may or may not pass is not fruitless. This is a way to listen to one another and to work together, including one of the State Representatives.

This is not a partisan issue. She said that when the paper had an article about the factions were true, but the resolution was being co-sponsored by a Democrat and an Independent. It is important to get onto level ground. She thanked Council Member Geake for his help and support.

She then urged the Council to pass the resolution. It sends a powerful message to the BET about the budget. Passing the resolution would be to help the kids and everyone to find a way out of the issue.

Mr. Hempstead said that it had been suggested to him not to vote for the resolution. Atty. Maslan stated that there was not a conflict.

Mr. Kimmel then said that two weeks ago, a resolution was presented, which he could not support because of the draw down on the Fund Balance. He offered an amendment for a special appropriation of 1.8 million dollars. He felt that at the time, the money would have reduced the deficit back to 5.9 million. This had not been discussed at a committee level. The resolution did not pass.

Since then, there have been several meetings with all the parties involved about the situation. During the meetings, the reasons for the shortfall were discussed and will be approached in a much more reasonable way. Now there is another resolution, which is extremely similar, except it says not to exceed 1.8 million dollars. At the very least, if the BET acts on it, then it will bring the shortfall back to 5.9 million. He

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requested to move it back to the 5.9 million and he supported the resolution.

Mr. Hilliard said that he would be supporting the resolution because that education was a great equalizer. He said that he had been on the council for 10 years and had a history of supporting the BOE. Several speakers said that they were looking to the Council to solve the problem. He added that there were seniors who did not want their taxes to go up and they needed to be considered also since they can't afford the tax increase. Mr. Hilliard said that he favored an independent audit. During the Finance Committee, he said that all the players, including the NFT should be at the table.

Mr. Miklave said that he was proud to have co-sponsored the resolution that is being offered. He then thanked everyone for coming out and said that he had received more emails and phone calls about this issue, all of which he will respond to.

Mr. Miklave said that his children have attended a total of 27 years of Norwalk education. The resolution is one of the tools that is available. It is not a binding resolution and takes 1.8 million dollars from the Fund Balance. This will put the BOE back where it was in February. He urged the Council to use all the tools to close the gap. There are also additional tools may be available such as a transfer. He spoke about reducing the OPEB deposit, and whatever surplus the BOE may have to reduce shortfall. He said that he believed that the collective bargaining negotiators need to sit down at the table. He pointed out that by raising the taxes by a quarter of a percent to generate a quarter of a million dollars for the BOE. Between all the tools, the City should be able to find the 1.4 million to prevent the layoffs. He hoped that the Council would pass the resolution overwhelmingly to show that the City was serious

Mayor Moccia stated that the \$400,000 for snow removal had been already incorporated into the budget.

Mr. Geake said that he appreciated Ms. Duleep's thanks since the Council did not have the dollar amount. He said that he was educated in a different time and different place. His smallest class was 35 and the largest was 38. Would the children be hurt by larger class sizes, yes, but they would have an education. The claims that for the City didn't take education seriously offend him.

The Council will be sending a message to the BET. The people that show up are sending a stronger message to the BET.

Mr. Geake said that during his previous term on the Council, he had noticed a few problems with the BOE budget, but was told to bug off by the BOE Finance Committee. The BET knows what they have to do and the BOE knows what it has to do.

Mr. Bondi said that it was important for the public to get in touch with their Hartford representatives to get the additional money from the State. It will be important to put pressure on the State Representatives because Meriden gets \$40,000,000 while Norwalk get \$10,000,000 less. He said that he would be voting for the resolution. He reminded everyone that the seniors were on a fixed income.

Mr. Peña then said that he would be supporting the resolution because he believed that it was important to save the education and Norwalk's reputation. It is important to make an investment in the teachers. He said that there were multiple avenue to fix things. There are options. It will be important to exhaust all options to

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save the teachers and the children.

Mr. Peña said that he wanted to comment on the language that was used. He said that he co-sponsored the bill. At the end of the meetings, he is exhausted and the phrase "feels good" doesn't apply. He said that the resolution sends a good message. He said that he does not engage in political posturing. This is putting pressure on the parties involved. This is the right direction to move forward.

Ms. Romano said that she was somewhat upset when people claimed that the Council members did not care about the children. She said she was still offended. She raised her daughter here and her grandson was here until he was in 10th grade. She said that she had concerns about not everyone coming to the table. This isn't about the adults, but about the children. Since she plans on being here Norwalk in her senior years, these kids will be taking care of her. She said that she would be disappointed in anyone who would claim that she did not support the resolution.

Mr. Igneri said that he has been on the Council for six months, but it felt like ten years. The meetings have gone on to midnight or one, trying to find a solution. During the time that his children were in the school system, they were concerned about quality of education their children would be receiving. However, his children received a fine education. Once the financial situation is resolved, it will be important to plan for the future. It is time to move forward.

Mr. Hempstead said that it was always unfortunate when this kind of situation happens. The Council members are volunteers and they have to trust the experts who advise them. He said that there were many people who had children who had either attended the schools or were attending the schools. He then pointed out the fact that Danbury gets 24 million in ECS funding while Norwalk gets 12 million.

Mr. Hempstead then offered the following amendment to the Resolution reading "Whereas the Norwalk Common Council is committed to working with a State Delegations, Governor, Mayor and others to attain a equitable formula for ECS."

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO AMEND THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE REGARDING CREATING AN EQUITABLE FORMULA FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ECS FUNDING.**

Mr. Miklave said that the amendment was nice to hear this but there had been no discussion about this. He said this seems to be a bit of an add on, it should be deferred until the ECS formulas can be investigated. He said that he would be voting against it.

Ms. Maggio pointed out that said that the Council was at the 11th hour and could not understand why anyone would vote against the resolution. She then said that right now the BOE only needs 1.4 million rather than 1.8 and she had difficulty with rejecting the wording when it could be done.

The Mayor thanked everyone for the civility that was being displayed.

Mr. Kimmel said that he would be supporting the amendment. The formula in question has been discussed by both Norwalk and Stamford for over a decade. It needs to be reformed. Former Stamford Mayor who is

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now Governor Malloy and New Haven Mayor DeStefano have spoken about this type of reform. He said that he was disheartened by the unwillingness by the legislators in this part of the state to make this the primary issue that they focus on. An adjustment in this area would be a game changer. He said that he would support it and would like to see some develop a strategy to get this done. He said that there was a chance for unity.

Ms. Duleep said that this would be a multi-level, multi-approach. It would be important to have a full vote. She then she did not oppose the amendment, but wanted to have the main resolution to pass. She thanked the Mayor for his support.

Mr. Miklave thanked Ms. Maggio and Mr. Kimmel for their comments. They were important considerations.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT OF THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE REGARDING CREATING AN EQUITABLE FORMULA FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ECS FUNDING PASSED WITH THIRTEEN IN FAVOR (HILLIARD, HEMPSTEAD, BONDI, PENA, ROMANO, MIKLAVE, WATTS, GEAKE, MAGGIO, KIMMEL, PETRINI, IGNERI AND MCCARTHY) AND ONE ABSTENTION (DULEEP).**

Mr. Hempstead stated that he has never been comfortable going over 1 million. However, he will support the resolution.

Mr. McCarthy admitted that he was not particularly in favor of this because of among the tools that were mentioned earlier, having a resolution for 1.8 million is scary. He said that he felt that there was a need to be cautious.

Mr. Kimmel pointed out that the resolution reads not to exceed 1.8 million. He said that he was comfortable with the wording.

The Mayor said that with the current numbers were finalized, the budget shortfall potentially could be closed without using the full 1.8 million.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**RECESS**

The Mayor announced a recess at 10:25 p.m. He reconvene the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

*Mr. Kimmel did not return from the recess.*

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

There was no additional Council business to conduct at this time.

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**APPOINTMENTS:**

There were no appointments to consider at this time.

**B.        CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following items were proposed for approval on the Consent Calendar:

**VI.      REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS**

**A.      BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION**

**RESOLVED**, that a sum not to exceed \$409,946 be and the same is hereby transferred from Contingency to the Police Department to cover the cost of the FY 2011-12 Police contract settlement and DROP/severance payments. (Account No.: Various).

**RESOLVED**, that a sum not to exceed \$396,993 be and the same is hereby transferred from Contingency to Various Departments to cover the cost of wage increases in the FY 2011-12 2405 Union contract. (Account No.: Various).

**RESOLVED**, that a sum not to exceed \$34,675 be and the same is hereby transferred from Contingency to Employee Benefits to cover the cost of increased Medicare and Social Security payments due to wage increases in the approved FY 2011-12 Police and 2405 Union Contracts. (Account no.:01-9020-5418).

**VII.     COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE/CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

- 1.    Accept and Approve the Report of the Claims Committee dated: June 14, 2012**
- 2.    For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report dated: May 31, 2012 .**
- 3.    For informational purposes only: Narrative on Tax Collections dated: June 14, 2012.**
- 4.    Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an amendment to the City's existing agreement with Ricoh Professional Services, a division of Ricoh Americas Corporation, for a period not to exceed three (3) months, for continued mailroom services, for a total three (3) months not to exceed a total of \$16,389.75. Account: # 011362-5259**
- 5.    Resolution with respect to the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$26,000,000 City of Norwalk, Connecticut General Obligation bonds, series 2012.**

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6. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute Tenant's/Users Liability insurance placement for the FY2012-13 fiscal year with The Shoff Darby Agency in the deposit amount of \$1,500. Account: #168510-5418

7. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute general liability insurance placements for the FY 2012-13 with Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) for an amount not to exceed \$352,045. Account: #168510-5418

8. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute property insurance placement for the FY2012-13 fiscal year with the H.D. Segur Insurance Agency in an amount not to exceed \$493,093. Account: #168510-5418

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

1. Authorize the purchasing agent, Gerald Foley, to execute a purchase order on behalf of the Police Department, to NexGen for sole source purchase and installation of E-ticket hardware for the amount not to exceed \$32,000, from Account: # 35309A

2. Authorize the purchasing agent, Gerald Foley, to execute a purchase order on behalf of the Police Department, to NexGen for sole source purchase and installation of Hunter Smartshot Photo Booking bundle for the amount not to exceed 6,500, from Account: # 35309A

3. Authorize the purchasing agent, Gerald Foley, to execute a purchase order on behalf of the Police Department, to Bonnell Ford, terms and conditions as per bid # 3168, for the purchase of six (6) 2011 Crown Victoria Police Interceptor vehicles, for the amount not to exceed \$140,000, from Account: # 01353-5731

**AMENDED TO:**

Authorize the purchasing agent, Gerald Foley, to execute a purchase order on behalf of the Police Department, to Natick Auto Sales, terms and conditions as per bid # 3168, for the purchase of six (6) 2011 Crown Victoria Police Interceptor vehicles, for the amount not to exceed \$140,000, from Account: # 01353-5731 (Memo to Health, Welfare and Public Safety dated June 26, 2012 from Lt. Susan Zecca)

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

2. Approve the use of the Cranbury Park Pavilion and immediate surrounding grounds by the family and Children's Agency for a Foster Care Summer Event to be held Saturday, August 11, 2012. Estimated attendance 150.

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**3. Approve the use of the Show Mobile by “Kayak for A Cause” for their Annual Event to be held Saturday, July 21, 2012 at Shady Beach.**

**4. Approve the use of the grounds at Mill Hill Historic Park by the Norwalk Historical Society to host a Civil War Barbecue to be held Saturday, August 18, 2012 from 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Estimated attendance 200.**

**5. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the city of Norwalk Department of Recreation and Parks and the Norwalk Tree Alliance for the use of a portion of Fodor Farm 328 Flax Hill Road for the purpose of developing and operating the Norwalk Tree Farm.**

**6. Approve the waiver of fee for Non-Residents entering Veterans Park for the Little League’s Friendship Tournament hosting non-resident teams to be held Friday, June 22, 2012 through Tuesday, August 7, 2012.**

**TABLE TO SEND BACK TO COMMITTEE**

**7. Approve the use of Shady Beach by Priceline.com for their company picnic to be held Tuesday, July 24, 2012 from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Estimated attendance 200.**

**8. Approve the use of Calf Pasture Beach Pavilion 1 by Bridgewater Associates for a Department Summer Party to be held Thursday, July 19, 2012 with a rain date of Thursday, July 26, 2012 from 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM. Estimated attendance 150.**

**9. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with N.E.O.N. Inc. for the use of the grounds at Nathaniel Ely for a summer camp to be held Monday, July 2, 2012 through Friday, August 10, 2012 from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Estimated attendance 160.**

**E. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Approval of Tentative Agreement reached with the Pension Coalition. Subject to Union ratification.**

**TABLED TO SEND BACK TO COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**A. Approve the use of Veterans Park by Red Bull of New York to host a Soccer Challenge Festival to be held Sunday, July 1, 2012 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Estimated attendance 300.**

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- B. Approve the use of Veterans Park by Red Bull New York to host a Soccer Camp to be held Monday, August 6 through Friday, August 10, 2012 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Estimated attendance 100.**

**\*\* MR. PETRINI MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Peña introduced Morgan from the Red Bulls. He said that he had been working with a number of people to bring this event to Norwalk. This could be the introduction of a major league soccer team.

Morgan came forward and gave a brief overview of the event. The Mayor asked how many instructors would be present. Morgan said that there would be about 15 instructors. The Mayor suggested perhaps a small reception could be arranged.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**A. APPROVE THE USE OF VETERANS PARK BY RED BULL OF NEW YORK TO HOST A SOCCER CHALLENGE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2012 FROM 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 300.**

**B. APPROVE THE USE OF VETERANS PARK BY RED BULL NEW YORK TO HOST A SOCCER CAMP TO BE HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 6 THROUGH FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2012 FROM 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100**

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*Mr. Miklave recused himself from the meeting at 10:56 p.m.*

**C. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Approve the attached list of programs for inclusion in the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program.**

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM AND SEND IT BACK TO COMMITTEE.**

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

*Mr. Miklave rejoined the meeting at 10:57 p.m.*

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

There were no motions postponed to a specific date.

**X. SUSPENSION OF RULES**

Ms. Duleep moved to suspend the rules to consider the Council Resolution as the first item of business

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following the Public Participation.

**XI.    ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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