

**COMMON COUNCIL  
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT**

**NOVEMBER 24, 2009  
8:00 P.M. DST 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.**

*Let it be noted that all remarks by the various speakers are summarized and not necessarily verbatim.*

Mayor Moccia called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. He then led all those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Wink called the roll. The following 13 members were present:

Douglas Hempstead	Fred Bondi	Joanne Romano
John Tobin	Richard Bonenfant	David Jaeger
Travis Simms	Nicholas Kydes	Laurel Lindstrom
Clyde Mount	Kelly Straniti	Andrew Conroy
Nora King		

Two members were absent: Richard McQuaid and Carvin Hilliard.  
Atty. Linda Guliuzza was present to represent the Corporation Counsel’s Office.

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting – November 10, 2009**

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2009.**

The following corrections were noted:

Page 5, paragraph 8, line 3: please change the following from “with the WBCA and” to “with SWRPA and”

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2009 AS CORRECTED PASSED WITH TWELVE IN FAVOR (HEMPSTEAD, BONDI, ROMANO, BONENFANT, JAEGER, SIMMS, KYDES, LINDSTROM, MOUNT, STRANITI, CONROY AND KING) AND ONE ABSTENTION (TOBIN).**

**Special Meeting -** November 17, 2009

**\*\* MR. BONDI MOVED THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2009.**

The following corrections were noted:

Page 1, Under Public Participation, line 1: please change “Mr. Richard Jones, cameraman,” to “Mr. Richard McGregor, cameraman,”

Page 2, RE-APPOINTMENTS - Appointment of Police Commissioners: please change the entry

**FROM:**

3. Appointment of Police Commissioners:  
CHARTER § 1-297

DANIEL O’CONNOR (D) Term 11/17/09-11/22/11  
73 Newtown Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851

PETER TORRANO (R) Term 11/17/09-11/22/11  
104 Dry Hill Road, Norwalk, CT 06851

**TO:**

3. Appointment of Police Commissioners:  
CHARTER § 1-297

DANIEL O’CONNOR (D) Term 11/17/09-11/22/11  
73 Newtown Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851 (appointed but not yet sworn in)

PETER TORRANO (R) Term 11/17/09-11/22/11  
104 Dry Hill Road, Norwalk, CT 06851

Page 2, RE-APPOINTMENTS – Item # 7: please change the following

**FROM:**

7. Andrew Garfinkle, Town Clerk

**TO:**

7. Andrew Garfinkle, Town Clerk (sworn in earlier)

Page 4, paragraph 1, line 1: please change the following from: “in support the nomination”  
To “in support of the nomination”

Page 4, paragraph 2, line 1: please change the following from: “message of support acknowledge Mr.”  
To: “message of support and acknowledge Mr.”

Page 5: Common Council Committees 2009-2011, please delete the following:

**MARITIME AUTHORITY & BOARD OF TRUSTEES** *Staff:* Jennifer Herring, President, T.M.A.  
3rd Wednesday: 5:30 p.m., Maritime Aquarium  
Donna Kind, Chairwoman, Mayor Richard Moccia, Fred Bondi, Andrew T. Conroy,  
Douglas Hempstead, Richard McQuaid  
Elizabeth Gibbs\* Amy Bien\* Kathleen Nagle\*  
\*These people are regular members of the Authority, currently serving 5 year terms.

Page 6, paragraph 7, line 5: please change the following from: “ means for one Democrat there should be two Republicans on the committees, not two.” To : “ means for every one Democrat there should be two Republicans on the committees.”

Page 7, MOTION: please change the following motion from:

**FROM \*\* MS. LINDSTROM MOTIONED FOR AN ADDENDUM TO THE COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES TO CREATE A MORE PROPORTIONATE BALANCE OF MAJORITY/MINORITY AFFILIATION MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:**

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:                    REPLACE BONENFANT WITH SIMMS**  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE:                    REPLACE MOUNT WITH KING**  
**RECREATION, PARKS/C. AFFAIRS:      REPLACE TOBIN WITH JAEGER**

**\*\* THE MOTION FAILED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR (LINDSTROM, HILLIARD, SIMMS, JAEGER, KING); 10 OPPOSED.**

**TO: \*\* MS. LINDSTROM MOTIONED FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES TO CREATE A MORE PROPORTIONATE BALANCE OF MAJORITY/MINORITY AFFILIATION MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:**

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:                    REPLACE BONENFANT WITH SIMMS**  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE:                    REPLACE MOUNT WITH KING**  
**RECREATION, PARKS/C. AFFAIRS:      REPLACE TOBIN WITH JAEGER**

**\*\* THE MOTION FAILED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 4 IN FAVOR (LINDSTROM, SIMMS, JAEGER, KING); 9 OPPOSED.**

Ms. Lindstrom stated that she believed that the Council considered the Council Rules before they voted on the Committee assignments and that this was not properly recorded in the minutes in the order that it occurred. She also requested that the minutes be amended to reflect the reason that a recess was called at 8:30 and what the outcome of that recess was. She stated that she had prepared a statement in order to correct this. Mayor Moccia said that the reason that a recess was called did not have to be recorded in the minutes and that if she wished to have her remarks added to the minutes, the City Clerk would listen to the audio tape and enter her words verbatim. Once this was done, the document would be made available for Ms. Lindstrom to review. This was agreeable to all.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2009 MINUTES AS AMENDED WITH THE VERBATIM COMMENTS FROM MS. LINDSTROM AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE RECESS TO BE INSERTED BY THE CITY CLERK AND AVAILABLE FOR MS. LINDSTROM'S INSPECTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no one present from the public who wished to address the Council at this time.

### **IV. MAYOR**

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

**Resignations:** There were no resignations to be announced at this time.

**Appointments:**

Johnnie Mae Weldon – Fair Rent Commission

**\*\* MR. BONDI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. JOHNNIE MAE WELDON TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.**

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

Timothy J. Carney – Fair Housing Advisory Commission

**\*\* MR. CONROY MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. TIMOTHY J. CARNEY TO THE FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

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

**Reappointment:**

Michael A. Kolman – Board of Estimate and Taxation

**\*\* MS. ROMANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. MICHAEL A. KOLMAN TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Michael Lyons – Board of Estimate and Taxation

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. MICHAEL LYONS TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION.**

Mr. Hempstead said that he had known Mr. Lyons for 30 years and was someone to go to for facts and figures. Mr. Conroy said Mr. Lyons was very helpful in understanding the financial aspects. Mr. Kydes agreed.

Mayor Moccia said that he would like to take a moment to point out that Mr. Kolman had taken Mr. Wells position on the BET to fill out the term. He learned the job quickly and worked hard.

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

Friedrich Wilms – Board of Estimate and Taxation

**\*\* MS. STRANITI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. FRIEDRICH WILMS TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION.**

Ms. Straniti said that she was glad that Mr. Wilms was reappointed to the BET and he has done a wonderful job in this position. Mr. Kydes said that Mr. Wilms has been in the banking industry for many years and knows how to dissect them. Mr. Kydes thanked Mr. Wilms and Mr. Lyons for their hard work. Mr. Hempstead said that he wanted to thank Mr. Wilms because as a chair, he was willing to have meetings with the Board of Education parents and work with the Board of Education on the financial situation.

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

Emil Albanese – Redevelopment Agency

**\*\* MS. ROMANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. EMIL ALBANESE TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.**

Mr. Hempstead said that he had worked with Mr. Albanese in the past and that he had done a great job with the CDBG grants. Mr. Kydes said that Mr. Albanese did a great job.

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

Felix Serrano – Redevelopment Agency

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. FELIX SERRANO TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.**

Mayor Moccia thanked Mr. Serrano for his work on the Redevelopment Agency in guiding the Redevelopment Agency through a number of projects.

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

**B. REMARKS**

Mayor Moccia said he had attended St. Matthew’s celebration regarding the Governor’s Proclamation. More than ever, the food pantries need food donations.

Mayor Moccia said that he was advised that the Governor’s mitigation program arrived late in the afternoon and he believes that there are about \$500,000 dollars in cuts, which do not include head start and other programs. The Governor is going to put together a panel of mayors and first selectmen to review the unfunded mandates. He said that he believed that these cuts were backdoor property tax increases for all the towns. He said that he believed that the mayors of the towns and cities made larger cuts than they did in Hartford.

Mayor Moccia said that he would like to invite the family and friends to Partners for pizza for the pre Thanksgiving bash.

**V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Mr. Hempstead wished everyone a happy thanksgiving and encouraged everyone to share with the less fortunate.

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

**MS. LINDSTROM FROM THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**MS. KING FROM LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO THE  
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

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

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

There were no items on the consent calendar.

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

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to sign any and all documents from the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism relating to contracting, accepting funds and implementing the Local Arts Agencies Cultural Leadership Program 2009-2010, amount \$7,950, matching funds in the amount of \$7,950 required. (Account # 0160625258)

Mr. Bonenfant presented the item for Mr. McQuaid who was not present. He mentioned that the account number is an account for Recreation and Parks , which is specifically dedicated to the Arts Council. Mr. Bonenfant also indicated that Ms. Lightfield was present to answer any questions.

Ms. Lindstrom said that she thought the grant was good, and was aware that the deadline was December 1, 2009. She said that there could have been additional backup in the information packet. She said that she understood that Ms. Lightfield had received the grant funding in the past, but did not include the information on how the grant money would be utilized in the backup. Ms. Lindstrom wished to know how the funds would be spent. Ms. Lightfield explained that the grant is to build the local arts community, and the focus was for publicity. Last year, this included the updating of website, creating a cultural survey and similar projects. Ms. Lightfield said that the upcoming year would be along the same lines.

Ms. Lindstrom said that she felt that the motion should read “up to” rather than the current wording. Ms. Lightfield explained that currently the City has allocated \$7,000 for 09-10 and it would be very likely that the operating budget will exceed \$7,950 grant funding. All of the art disciplines are equally considered for the grant funding.

Mayor Moccia added that the Committee keeps him advised of their activities. Ms. Lindstrom said that currently the minutes are not being posted. Ms. Lightfield said that the minutes are being sent to the email list, which contains over 70 members. Ms. Lightfield said that she had reminded all the committee heads to email the minutes for posting on the website.

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL**

There were no resolutions from the Council to consider at this time.

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

There were no motions postponed to another date at this time.

**X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

There were no suspensions of the rules to consider at this time.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

