

CITY OF NORWALK
FINANCE/CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING
April 15, 2009

ATTENDANCE: Carvin Hilliard, Chair; Richard Bonenfant; Anna Duleep;
Michael Geake

STAFF: Thomas Hamilton, Director, Finance Department;
Fred Gilden, Comptroller; Lisa Giagiarelli, Tax Collector

OTHERS: Hal Alvord, Department of Public Works

Mr. Hilliard called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Claims Committee Report

Ms. Biagiarelli presented the Monthly Claims Report for review, and added that the last item was a special request by Christine Penbethy for a refund of \$5,972.10 for overpayment of escrow.

**** MR. BONENFANT MOTIONED TO APPROVE CLAIMS AS REQUIRED FOR CLAIMS REPORT DATED APRIL 09, 2009.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Narrative on Tax Collections dated April 15, 2009.

Ms. Biagiarelli presented the Narrative on Tax Collections, highlighting that as of the end of March 2009, having completed months of the fiscal year, the City had collected 97.34% of the current adjusted levy, nearly \$232 million. Mr. Hamilton added that this represented a slight decrease but was not a serious matter, given the unexpected state of the economy.

Ms. Biagiarelli added that the City nearly doubled the collections of business personal property taxes by State Marshals and Tax Collector's personal efforts with nearly \$286,000 collected between March 12 and April 14, 2009.

In addition, efforts to assist the Parks and Recreation Department with beach stickers has been a time consuming process that has hindered the efforts of the Tax Collection Department responsibilities on tax issues.

- ** MR. GEAKE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED APRIL 15, 2009.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Monthly Tax Collector's Report

- ** MR. GEAKE MOTIONED TO APPROVE MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED MARCH 31, 2009.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approve FY 2009-10 WPCA Operating Budget.

Mr. Hilliard stated that he has issued a warning last year to the Water Pollution Control Authority to change their practice of separate rates for residential and commercial and was not willing to approve the Operating Budget.

- ** MR. BONENFANT MOTIONED TO APPROVE FY 2009-10 WATER POLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY OPERATING BUDGET.**
**** VOTE WAS 1 - IN FAVOR (MR. BONENFANT)**
1 - OPPOSED (MR. HILLIARD)
2 - ABSTENTIONS (MS. DULEEP, MR. GEAKE)
MOTION PASSED TO COUNCIL PER CHAIRMAN'S PERROGATIVE

Approve FY 2009-10 Parking Authority Budget

- ** MR. BONENFANT MOTIONED TO APPROVE FY 2009-10 PARKING AUTHORITY BUDGET.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Local Capital Improvement Fund for 2009 Entitlement

Mr. Hamilton presented the detail on the LOCIF Grant and explained that funds are used to supplement the City's Pavement project, and represent the largest paving improvements in any single year. Mr. Alvord added that this is for pavement restoration which under the Federal Economy Stimulus Program requires separate bids.

- ** MR. GEAKE MOTIONED TO 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 2009 ENTITLEMENT (\$632,914).**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Board of Estimate and Taxation Special Appropriations from April 6, 2009.

Mr. Alvord explained that this appropriation is for \$35,000 for uniforms for every-other year for the employees to actually be issued uniforms and be responsible for the laundering aspect. Mr. Alvord explained that in the past uniforms were rented which included laundry services that were unacceptable.

- ** MR. BONENFANT MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM APRIL 6, 2009 FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE UNIFORMS. ****
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ****

Minutes from the March 12, 2009 Meeting.

- ** MS. DULEEP MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DATED MARCH 12, 2009. ****
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ****

Adjournment

- ** MR. GEAKE MOTIONED TO ADJOURN. ****
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ****

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox
Telesco Secretarial Services