NORWALK PARKING AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2009

Attendance: Mayor Moccia
Vice Chairman Federici
Brian Meek
Burt Shatz
Julius Hayward

Staff: Hal Alvord, DPW Director
Kathryn Hebert, Administrative Services Manager
Dilene Byrd, Secretary

Others: Frank Mac Eachern, The Advocate
Robert Koch, The Hour

Vice Chairman Federici called the meeting to order at 4:10PM

1. DISCUSSION- OPERATING BUDGET 2009-2010 AND RATE STRUCTURE

Mayor Moccia said that after the rate increases went through he had received calls from many businesses and constituents and said that now is not the right time to raise these fees, considering the economy continues to languish. He said that Laz Parking must sharpen their pencils and find savings, just as the city has done in formulating its 2009-10 operating budget.

Mr. Federici said that the shortfall will be approximately $95,000 and that the Parking Authority has a lot of financial challenges, and has worked very hard on this budget to get it balanced. He said that the budget is to the bone and that the Parking Authority has a huge challenge, but he thinks they can work it out and make some cuts to get to where they need to be.

Mayor Moccia said that the fee-in-lieu fund could also be looked at to offset some of the expenses particularly in debt service and he would be checking to see how much is in that account.

Mayor Moccia praised the Parking Authority for the completed improvements to the Haviland Deck and the eastbound lobby of the South Norwalk Railroad Station, as well

as upcoming improvements to the Yankee Doodle Garage. He also said that Laz Parking has improved its customer service.

Mr. Shatz said that he thinks that the Parking Authority must make more information available to the public to let them know what the fees are going for, and what improvements are being done. He said that it is very obvious that this is not the right time to raise fees and that the economy is not strong, and it's going to get weaker.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION- PERSONNEL AND LEGAL ISSUES

**** MR. FEDERICI MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND LEGAL ISSUES**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
No action was taken.

**** MR. FEDERICI MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
The meeting adjourned at 5:15PM

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