

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 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of the Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Council at Large:

Mr. Fred Bondi	Mr. Douglas Hempstead (8:15 p.m.)
Mr. Warren Peña	Ms. Joanne Romano

District A: Mr. David Watts

District B: Mr. Michael Geake Mr. Carvin Hilliard

District C: Mr. Nicholas Kydes

Ms. Michelle Maggio

District D: Mr. Bruce Kimmel

Mr. Jerry Petrini

District E: Mr. David McCarthy

Mayor Richard A. Moccia, Atty. Brian L. McCann, Associate Corporate Counsel;
Ms. Erin Halsey, City Clerk

There were twelve Council members present and three absent: Ms. Anna Duleep,
Mr. Matthew Miklave and Mr. John Ignieri

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting:

September 11, 2012

**** MR. BONDI MOVED THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2012.**

The following corrections were noted:

Page 1, under **ROLL CALL – District B** , please change the following: Remove
“Mr. Carvin Hilliard”.

Page 1, under **ROLL CALL – District D**, please add “Mr. Bruce Kimmel”.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 AS CORRECTED PASSED WITH TEN IN FAVOR (BONDI, ROMANO, HILLIARD, WATTS, GEAKE, KYDES, MAGGIO, KIMMEL, PETRINI, AND MCCARTHY) AND ONE ABSTENTION (PEÑA).**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. John Frank came forward and said that he lived in Norwalk. He said that he was here to speak on the consideration on the Master Plan for Vet's Park. Mr. Frank said that there had been an application to change the status of the dock before the Council had heard about it and displayed an application document.

Mr. Hempstead joined the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Ms. Janet Kempner of 100 Seaview Avenue came forward to speak about the Veterans Park Master Plan. She said the park is under utilized and needs more people to come. However, she is against the fixed docks, one for rentals for kayaks and the other for commercial fishing. She said that it was a duplication of services and the commercial fishing can unload on the west side of the park. Renters can rent at Calf Pasture. The biggest concern is safety. She displayed a photograph of the east basin at low tide and indicated that kayakers would be sharing the same channel as commercial fishing boats.

Ms. Kempner said that she had voiced her concern about lighting at Veteran's Park. She said that she believed that the lighting at Calf Pasture Beach was too much. At Vantage Park, there are already floodlights that point right at the building. She concluded by saying while the Master Plan for the park is exciting, the dock is unnecessary.

Ms. Marie Cunliffe of 100 Seaview, came forward and said that she was also excited by the beautification. She said that she had the same concerns as Ms. Kempner. She said that one of her fellow residents is a kayaker and had issues with the commercial boats. She also had concerns about the lighting and the safety.

Mr. Jeff Spier of 100 Seaview came forward and said that he likes 95% of the Master Plan and that he had the same concerns as his fellow neighbors.

Mr. Burt Hunter, of Rocky Hill, came forward to speak about the C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) program. He encouraged the Council to approve the Clean Energy program. 50% of the energy use in this country is in commercial buildings. Clean energy has been a major focus of Governor Malloy and the legislature. He said that his agency is working to bring in more private capital and provide more efficient usage. Norwalk has 20 million

sq ft of commercial space and the buildings are older. C-PACE is an audit that can be done on older buildings. Once the results are analyzed, various actions are recommended. The company can also help connect an owner with a financial agency. Another method of financing is having a property tax added to the assessment. Because the assessment is attached to the property, if the property changes hands, the assessment remains with the property.

Mayor Moccia asked for clarification about the tax assessment against the property. Mr. Hunter clarified.

Mr. Kydes asked if this was voluntary. Mr. Hunter said that it was. He then outlined the various steps in the process and how the program determined whether the savings would exceed the cost.

Mr. Jake Silver of 100 Seaview Avenue, said that eh fully supported the beautification of the park. It will serve many. However, the additional docks will be exorbitant. There are other alternatives that exist. The money should be put into the park, not the docks.

Mr. Urban Mulvehill of 50 Quintard Avenue came forward and said that his concern was the likely over commercialization of Vet's Park. He said that there had been a philosophy that if the park can make money, that is what should be done. He mentioned the Island Belle docking there and the charge of \$5.00 for parking at the Park. There are large numbers of young people who travel to other towns to play sports. However, when the visiting teams come to visit Norwalk, they are charged to park. That is disgraceful. Norwalk residents who kayak should be able to bring their kayaks for storage without charge.

Ms. Diane Lauricella of Blue Mountain Road came forward and said that speakers were not required to identify themselves and it is not required under FOI. Mayor Moccia said that requiring the names and addresses of the speakers has been a Council requirement for decades.

Ms. Lauricella said she was in favor of the C-PACE Agreement and it was very important.

Ms. Lauricella said she was pleased that the public would be able to give input on their own ideas for the park. She pointed out that kayakers are not allowed to launch from the boat ramp.

Ms. Lauricella said that she was one of the people who had been asked to help with Cranbury Park plan, but felt that the renovation of the bunk house should be put on hold. She said that the project was expensive and not needed at this time. She then asked that this particular Capital Budget item be tabled at this time.

Ms. Diane Cece of 37 Olmstead Place, came forward and said that she had submitted her comments to the Council Members earlier in the day. One email contained her personal comments, and a second item was the official statement from the ENNA.

Sent: Wed, Sep 26, 2012 2:32 pm
Subject: Comments on Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan

Dear Common Council,

Tonight you will be asked to approve the Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan, advanced to you through the Recreation and Parks Committee.

In your consideration of this item, I am attaching 2 documents that were read and presented at the Sept. 12th final public review.

The first one is the position statement from The Eastern Norwalk Neighborhood Association, of which I am a Board member. The park lies within our geographic jurisdiction and we have a long history of seeking to preserve and protect its character and intended use, and to eliminate or mitigate private commercial ventures that provide little or no benefit to the community at large.

The second document is my own public comment regarding the plan itself, the process of its development, and some concerns going forward.

Thank you for considering these comments as you formulate your own questions and opinions regarding the plan.

If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to email me or contact me at 854-6930.

Sincerely,

Diane Cece
East Norwalk

She congratulated the consultants from TPA on the Veteran's Park Master Plan and thought it was a good plan and balanced. She cautioned everyone that the Master Plan should be a dynamic document. Particular concerns center around commercialization of the park.

It was pointed out that there was boat storage that would be rented.

Mayor Moccia asked if there was anyone else who wished to address the Council

at this time. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

IV. MAYOR

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS:

Erik T. Anderson, Human Relations Commission

The Mayor noted that Mr. Anderson would now be serving on the BET.

Ralph A. DePanfilis, Oak Hills Authority

The Mayor said that Mr. DePanfilis had served Norwalk for many years in many different roles.

APPOINTMENTS:

Ernest F. DesRochers, Oak Hills Authority

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNEST F. DESROCHERS TO THE OAK HILLS AUTHORITY.**

Mr. Kydes said that he had known Mr. DesRochers and that he would be an asset to Oak Hills.

Mr. Hempstead said that he wanted to thank Mr. DePanfilis for all his work over the years. He said that he had served with Mr. DesRochers on another committee and was pleased with this appointment.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNEST F. DESROCHERS TO THE OAK HILLS AUTHORITY PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

Cesar Ramirez, Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

**** MS. ROMANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CESAR RAMIREZ TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.**

Ms. Romano said that Mr. Ramirez was a dedicated police officer and had been working with the citizens for many years.

**** MR. WATTS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CESAR RAMIREZ TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

The Mayor stated that the Master Plan for Veterans Park is a beautiful plan and he understands the public concerns. The Mayor reminded everyone that it is a Plan and that there can be adjustments in the future. He pointed out that all of the speakers at the meeting said that 90% was acceptable. The remaining 10% is workable.

Mr. Peña left the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

There was no Council Business to conduct at this time.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were no appointments to consider at this time.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

**** MR. HILLIARD MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEM BE SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE:**

B. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH JAQUES PERSONNEL, INC. TO CONDUCT A FIRE DEPARTMENT ENTRY LEVEL EXAMINATION FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 FROM ACCOUNT #01-31-40-5258

AND THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE APPROVE ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE/CLAIMS COMMITTEE

1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: AUGUST 31, 2013

3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RICOH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, A DIVISION OF RICOH AMERICAS CORPORATION, FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED FIVE (5) YEARS, FOR MAILROOM SERVICES FOR CITY HALL, FOR FIVE (5) YEAR AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$267,643.08.

INITIAL YEARS:

10/01/2012 THRU 06/30/2013, \$ 4,400.00 PER MONTH, \$39,600.00 (9 MONTHS OF FISCAL YEAR);

07/01/2013 THRU 06/30/2014, \$ 4,536.09 PER MONTH, \$54,433.08 PER FISCAL YEAR;

07/01/2014 THRU 06/30/2015, \$ 4,676.38 PER MONTH, \$56,116.56 PER FISCAL YEAR;

EXTENSION YEARS:

07/01/2015 THRU 06/30/2016, \$ 4,821.01 PER MONTH, \$57,852.12 PER FISCAL YEAR;

07/01/2016 THRU 06/30/2017, \$ 4,970.11 PER MONTH, \$59,641.32 PER FISCAL YEAR;

ACCT 011362-5259

5. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (C-PACE) AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS.

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

2. A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK HOSPITAL FOUNDATION TO USE CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR THE “WHITTINGHAM WALK AND SALLY’S RUN” TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013 FROM 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE 5:00 PM FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013 WITH TAKE DOWN NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 2,000.

B. APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY THE NORWALK HOSPITAL FOUNDATION FOR THE “WHITTINGHAM WALK AND SALLY’S RUN” TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013 AT CALF PASTURE BEACH.

Mr. Peña rejoined the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE C.A.F.E. COLUMBIAN AMERICAN FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT TO USE VETERANS PARK FOR A LATINO-AMERICAN FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2013 FROM 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2013 AT 12:00 NOON WITH TAKE DOWN NO LATER THAN 10:00 AM MONDAY, JULY 22, 2013. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000.

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL FOR THE USE OF TAYLOR FARM FOR THE CHILDREN’S CONNECTION KIDZ FEST TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2012 FROM 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE AFTER 12:00 NOON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2012 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 10:00 AM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2012. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 500+

5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MID-FAIRFIELD CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER INC FOR THE NORWALK BIKE AND RUN TO BE HELD AT CALF PASTURE BEACH SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2013 FROM 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.

6. APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY THE Y.M.C.A. OF NORWALK INC. FOR THEIR FAMILY FUN FEST TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012 FROM 1:00 PM

– 5:00 PM.

7. APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY THE FRANK C. GODFREY AMERICAN LEGION POST 12 FOR THEIR ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING TO BE HELD SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2012.

8. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TRIFITNESS FOR THEIR ANNUAL TRIFITNESS WOMEN DUATHLON AND TRIATHLON TO BE HELD AT CALF PASTURE BEACH SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2013. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE AT 12:00 NOON SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2013 WITH TAKE DOWN NO LATER THAN 1:00 PM SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2013. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 300.

9. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA, CONNECTICUT VALLEY REGION FOR THEIR FATHER'S DAY CONCOURS 2013 TO BE HELD AT CRANBURY PARK SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2013 FROM 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 140.

10. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO APPLY AND RECEIVE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF OUR MARINE SEWAGE DISPOSAL FACILITY IN VETERANS PARK IN AMOUNT OF \$5,597.63. THE GRANT IS FOR 75% OF THE OPERATING COSTS MATCHING FUNDS THROUGH ACCOUNT #016034-5130.

11. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTIAN RAE STUDIO, LLC FOR PROJECT #3162 DESIGN FOR PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATH AND TREE CANOPY AREA AT 50 WASHINGTON STREET PARK PLAZA FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500. ACCOUNT #09126030-5777-C0499

12 A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH F.V. CONSTRUCTION LLC PROJECT #3113R RENOVATION ADAPTIVE REUSE OF THE BUNKHOUSE AT CRANBURY PARK FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$249,000.00. ACCOUNT #09126030-5777-C0366, 09116030-5777-C0366

B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$24,900.00. ACCOUNT #09116030-5777-C0366

13. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DESIGN BUILT LLC DBA CHILD SCAPES PROJECT #3196 PLAYGROUNDS TRACEY, RYAN PARK, SILVERMINE FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$156,600. ACCOUNT #09136030-5777-C0364

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

C. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Approve the Master Plan for Veterans Park – TPA Presentation questions.

Mr. Petrini said that he was glad to hear from the residents that they were pleased with most of the plan. He reminded everyone that as the Plan was broken into phases and as the phases were implemented, each phase would come back to the Committee and the Council for approval. He assured everyone that they would have their say when the time came.

Mr. Kimmel said that he was not a member of Parks and Recreation Committee, but he had attended the meetings. He said that the meetings were very inclusive and wanted to thank everyone for that. The Council is aware of the fact that there is only about 40 feet between the channel and the slips. The Master Plan is a guideline. Both the Council and the Committee will listen to all the voices.

Mr. Kydes said that he had some concerns. He was opposed to utilizing any tax payers funds for commercial uses. He mentioned the proposed restaurant. The snack bar is already there and it can't make it financially. Mr. Kydes also objected to the pier and its location. When it is low tide, the area turns into a mud flat. He said that he would vote on the general plan, however he is dead against the commercialization aspect of the park.

Mr. Watts asked Mr. Moccia to come forward. Mr. Watts asked for elaboration on the concerns. Mr. Moccia said that it was as the Mayor had said earlier.

The wave attenuation was originally proposed by the Harbor Commission ten years ago. However, if boating does not come back, the marina would not be built.

Ms. Maggio said that she was on Recreation and Parks Committee and that she had a lot of questions. She said that she would like to commend Ms. Hajna and Dave for all the time they spent with the Committee. Ms. Maggio said that she would reiterate the concerns expressed by the residents of 100 Seaview Avenue

Mr. Bondi said that Mr. Moccia had done was a wonderful job. He said that he would have liked a band shell, but the plan was great. Hopefully in 15 years, the project will be finished and paid for.

Mr. Hempstead thanked Mr. Moccia, TPA, and Mr. Petrini for all the hard work. The plan was very inclusive and the way a Master Plan should be done. He said that most people seem happy with the project from tidal wetlands landward. It brings some natural resources that are needed. Mr. Hempstead said that it was a good guidepost. Moving forward it is a good 15 year plan.

Mayor Moccia thanked Ms. Hajna for her understanding and prompt response. He added that the residents are using the parks and it provides a venue for many non-profits to raise money. He said that it would be important find the balance between passive and active use. The Mayor said regarding the boat, the City is taking steps to resolve the situation.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MASTER PLAN FOR VETERANS PARK PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

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

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were no motions postponed to a specific date at this time.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were no issues requiring a suspension of the rules at this time.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services