

**COMMON COUNCIL REVISED ACTION FEBRUARY 22, 2011
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 8:00 P.M. EST. CONCERT HALL**

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 at 8:00 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. **ROLL CALL:** 14 present (Absent: Simms, T.)

II. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting: FEBRUARY 8, 2011 **APPROVED**

III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** 38 speakers

IV. **MAYOR**

A. **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

RESIGNATIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: Josephine Deupree, Board of Assessment Appeals **APPROVED**

MAYOR'S REMARKS: Thank you to the audience, I've had discussions with some members of the audience and we may differ in some areas. It is some tough times for elected officials, Board of Education, people who work for the Board of Education and there has been some that say it is Board of Education vs. the City, Seniors vs. Taxpayers, Taxpayers vs. Employer. Sometimes it gets that way; I don't think that is the way. We see the signs supporting Education here and remembering November. I am glad we are not getting political. Also remember, as an elected official, we have to hold many signs, signs for taxpayers, signs for public safety, signs for DPW, signs for all the other departments in town. And that is a balancing act for all of us. Just remember tonight is not the final straw, it goes to the Board of Estimate and there are other options, we can still meet with the Board of Education and many of the union officials. As the Mayor, I do not underestimate our school system, I understand that it needs improvement but that can be said about many urban school systems. Some suburban towns do not face what we face. We are not Darien or Wilton, we are a diverse city.

V. **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

A. **GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

B. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** *The following items are on consent:* VI.A.1 and 2; VII.A.1 through 7; VII B. 1 through 4.

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VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION

FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

1. **RESOLVED**, that a sum not to exceed \$20,000 be and the same is hereby transferred from Increased Estimated Revenues to the Parks and Recreation Department to cover tree removal expenses. (Account No. 01-6031-5298). **RESOLVED**
2. **RESOLVED**, that a sum not to exceed \$6,895 be and the same is hereby transferred from Increased Estimated Revenues to the Fire Department to cover expenses associated with the Code Red System. (Account No. 01-3160-5258). **RESOLVED**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Approve the use of the grounds at Silvermine School by the YMCA of Norwalk, Inc. for a Summer Day Camp from Monday, June 27, 2011 through Friday, August 19, 2011 from 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM for ages 4-15. Estimated attendance 160-180 children. **APPROVED**
2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with The Round Hill Highland Game Inc. for their use of Cranbury Park along with the Parking Area at Cranbury School for off site parking, for their Annual Round Hill Highland Games to take place Saturday, July 2, 2011 from 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Set-up to take place Friday, July 1, 2011 6:00 AM and tear down no later than 12:00 Noon on Sunday, July 3, 2011. Admission Fees: Adults \$15.00, Seniors \$10.00, Children \$5.00. Estimated attendance 3,000+. **AUTHORIZED**
3. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Kayak for a Cause Miles Spencer for their use of Calf Pasture Beach, for their Annual “Kayak for a Cause X” to be held Saturday, July 30, 2011 from 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM. Set-up to take place Friday, July 29, 2011 at 12:00 Noon and tear down no later than 12:00 Noon Sunday, July 31, 2011. Estimated attendance 1,500. **AUTHORIZED**

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4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Norwalk Seaport Association for their use of Veteran's Park for the 2011 Oyster Festival to be held Friday, September 9, 2011 from 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM, Saturday, September 10, 2011 from 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM, and Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Set-up to take place starting Friday, August 26, 2011 with tear down no later than September 23, 2011. Admission Prices: General Admission \$12.00, Seniors 65+ \$10.00, Children (5-12) \$3.00, Children (under 5) Free. Estimated attendance 50,000+.

AUTHORIZED

5. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Child Guidance Center of Mid Fairfield County, Stuart Greenbaum for their use of Calf Pasture Beach for a 1st Annual Norwalk "Bike and Run" to be held Sunday, June 5, 2011 from 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM, with a rain date of Sunday, June 12, 2011. Estimated attendance 200-250.

AUTHORIZED

6. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute an agreement with Fuss & O'Neil, Inc. for the Project #2993, Athletic field Design Services Nathan Hale Middle School for a sum not to exceed \$57,000. Account #09116030-5777-C0487.

AUTHORIZED

7. Technical Correction

Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the Norwalk Karting Association for the use of Calf Pasture Beach for their Spring & Fall Racing Season.

Spring: March 26, April 2, 9, 16, **21**, 30, May 7, 15, 21(no rain date), 2011

Fall: October 1(no rain date), October 8(no rain date), October 15, 22, 29, 2011

November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2011 Estimated attendance 100+.

CHANGE TO:

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B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Accept and Approve the Report of the Claims Committee dated: February 10, 2011. **ACCEPTED**
2. For Informational Purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report dated: January 31, 2011. **ACCEPTED**
3. For Informational Purposes only: Narrative on Tax Collections dated February 10, 2011 **ACCEPTED**
4. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all documents necessary to amend Loan Agreements with Oak Hills Park Authority in order to restructure debt service payments to the City of Norwalk in accordance with the Restructuring Plan dated February 4, 2011. **AUTHORIZED**
5. **WHEREAS**, Section I-289 of the Norwalk Charter requires that a majority of the Common Council vote to establish a specific spending limitation on locally funded expenditures during the process of establishing the next fiscal year's operating budget.

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

The maximum limit on total appropriations for the City of Norwalk for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011 shall be no more than \$273,078,988. This appropriation cap represents total expenditures of \$287,119,594 less estimated intergovernmental grants of \$14,040,596M, **which represents an increase of \$7,015,943 or 2.64% as compared to last Fiscal Year's approved Appropriations CAP of \$266,063,055.**

Therefore, let it be further resolved that:

The Common Council of the City of Norwalk encourages the Board of Education, and the Board of Estimate and Taxation find additional reductions of expenses and additional sources of revenues.

The Common Council of the City of Norwalk shall work with the Board of Education, the Mayor of the City of Norwalk and the Board of Estimate and Taxation in best efforts to maintain educational programs.

Be it further resolved that the result of this vote and resolution, together with the attached 2011-12 Budget Guide, be forwarded by the Clerk of the City of Norwalk to the Board of Estimate and Taxation.

Adopted by majority VOTE: 10 in favor 4 against

RESOLVED AS AMENDED

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| VIII. <u>RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL</u> | NONE |
| IX. <u>MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE</u> | NONE |
| X. <u>SUSPENSION OF RULES</u> | NONE |
| XI. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> | at 11:08 p.m. |

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APPOINTMENTS

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEAL M/C CGS/NWLK Cht 1-271/NCC 103

Josephine Deupree (R)
35 Bettswood Road
Norwalk, Connecticut 06851

APPROVED

Term Expires: 11/01/2013

REAPPOINTMENTS