

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
NORWALK CITY COUNCIL  
NORWALK, CALIFORNIA  
FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

**STUDY SESSION**

Mayor Ramirez called the Study Session to order at 5:01 p.m. in the U.S. Constitution Room/#4, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California. City Council was present in its entirety with Councilmembers Kelley, Luera, and Stefenhagen, Vice Mayor Mendez, and Mayor Ramirez responding to roll call. Also present were Ernie V. Garcia, City Manager; Thomas E. Lynch, Assistant City Manager; Steven L. Dorsey, City Attorney; and Theresa Devoy, City Clerk.

**ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATE**

**UPDATE ON PROJECTS**

1. Hoxie and Firestone – Based on a committee member's suggestion to place a sign at the site identifying the artwork as Norwalk's, a sketch was provided to City Council for consideration. City Council did not support placing signage at the site.
2. Rosecrans and Funston – Sketches of the proposed paperboy with a bicycle and estimated costs were provided for City Council consideration. City Council directed staff to proceed with a paperboy sitting on a rock holding a paper with words identifying Norwalk's incorporation.
3. Social Services Center – Three sketches were distributed to City Council. They were a bridge incorporating words that describe the services provided by Social Services, people of different ages helping others step up, and a partially completed puzzle of the words describing the services. City Council did not support any of the proposed art pieces.
4. Sports Complex Photo Collage – Based on the recommendation of the Art in Public Places Committee, staff presented photos taken at the complex depicting action shots of the activities that occur at the facility. City Council directed staff to come back with different shots for further review.

**RECESS**

City Council recessed at 5:39 p.m. pending commencement of the regular meeting.

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**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Ramirez called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California. City Council was present in entirety with Councilmembers Kelley, Luera, and Stefenhagen, Vice Mayor Mendez, and Mayor Ramirez responding to roll call. Also present were Ernie V. Garcia, City Manager; Thomas E. Lynch, Assistant City Manager; Steven L. Dorsey, City Attorney; and Theresa Devoy, City Clerk.

The invocation was delivered by Anthony Ayala, Jr., William Orr Elementary School, followed by the salute to the flag led by Diego Martinez, William Orr Elementary School.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Kelley reminded residents to vote, congratulated new businesses that recently opened in the City, informed residents of the Deal or No Deal game taking place at the Senior Center on February 23 and that health screenings are being offered at the Senior Center, thanked the American Legion for participating in the dedication commemorating the Norwalk Air Disaster, and requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Christian Rogers. Councilmember Luera invited residents to attend the Norwalk Lions Club Pancake Breakfast being held on February 9. Councilmember Stefenhagen informed residents that a wheelchair basketball tournament is being held February 8 - February 10 at the Sports Complex, invited residents to attend the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on February 12 and the State of the City address on February 27 at the Norwalk Marriott; and requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Carol Supple. Mayor Ramirez asked Transit staff to distribute a memo to drivers regarding driver safety and asked Recreation staff to look into the possibility of offering Norwalk seniors help with removing Christmas lights.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

A video highlighting the 2007 Angel Tree event was presented followed by City Council's recognition of the 2007 Angel Tree Program sponsors.

George Cole, Executive Director of the Steelworkers Old Timers Foundation, along with Staff and Minh Ha, Director of Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging, presented City Council and the Norwalk Senior Center with a Distinguished Site Award.

City Council recognized Northgate Market for their innovative approach to keeping shopping carts off the city streets.

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**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The City Attorney reported that City Council authorized staff to make an offer on the property located at 12843 Norwalk Boulevard.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Consent calendar items are considered routine matters, which may be enacted by one motion and roll call vote. Councilmember Kelley moved and Councilmember Stefenhagen seconded to approve the consent calendar as recommended by staff.

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: Councilmembers Kelley, Luera, and Stefenhagen, Vice Mayor Mendez\*, and Mayor Ramirez**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**MEETING MINUTES**

City Council approved the minutes of the regular adjourned meeting of January 16, 2008 and the special joint meeting of January 22, 2008. 825-04

\*Vice Mayor Mendez abstained from taking action on the minutes of January 16, 2008, as he was not present at the meeting.

**PAYROLL**

City Council approved the payroll for the period December 20, 2007 – January 12, 2008, in the total amount of \$872,290.08. 630

**COMMERCIAL DEMANDS**

City Council approved the warrant register dated January 29, 2008, in the total amount of \$3,430,126.48. 640

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**REQUEST TO DESTROY OBSOLETE RECORDS**

City Council approved requests to destroy obsolete records submitted by the Community Development and Social Services departments. 870-02

**CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM (COPS) – QUARTERLY REPORT**

City Council received and filed the quarterly report for supplemental law enforcement services funds allocated for the program. 730-03-02

**ORDINANCE NO. 08-1604 - COMMON CARRIER PIPELINE FRANCHISE – CARDINAL PIPELINE**

City Council accepted for second reading and adopted **Ordinance No. 08-1604, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK GRANTING A COMMON CARRIER PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO CARDINAL PIPELINE, L.P.**, by title only and waived further reading. 618-12

**PARCEL MAP NO. 68726 – SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ROSECRANS AVENUE AND STUDEBAKER ROAD**

City Council approved Parcel Map No. 68726 and accepted dedication for street and highway purposes thereon. 320-14-68726

**AGREEMENT AMENDMENT – EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS**

City Council approved Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Larry Martin, increasing the amount of compensation from \$35,000 to an amount not to exceed \$64,320; and authorized the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the City, in a form approved by the City Attorney. 1120-10

**AGREEMENT AMENDMENT – I-5 JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

City Council approved Amendment No. 4 to the I-5 Joint Powers Authority agreement, deleting the provision requiring a unanimous vote to approve and extend agreements. 1015-02-01

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**APPOINTMENTS**

**ADVISORY BODIES**

Councilmember Kelley appointed Phyllis Barth to the Social Services Commission. **There being no objection it was so ordered.**

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Phyllis Barth.

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**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 08-1603 - TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 280 - MODIFY AND ESTABLISH NEW ANIMAL REGULATIONS**

Councilmember Kelley moved and Councilmember Stefenhagen seconded to accept for second reading and adopt **Ordinance No. 08-1603, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AMENDING THE NORWALK MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ANIMAL PERMIT PROCEDURES AND ANIMAL REGULATIONS FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF NORWALK**, by title only and waive further reading. **MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: Councilmembers Kelley, Luera, and Stefenhagen, Vice Mayor Mendez and Mayor Ramirez**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

320-05-280

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-06 – PROJECT NO. 7417 – RELOCATION OF INTER-CONNECTION VAULT WITH PARK WATER COMPANY – MAPLEDALE STREET AT BRINK AVENUE**

Following a report by the Director of Community Development, Councilmember Luera questioned whether other companies were able to perform this type of work. The Director of Community Development responded that other companies were able to bid on the project, but Doty Brothers submitted the lowest responsible bid. Vice Mayor Mendez moved and Councilmember Stefenhagen seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 08-06, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2007/08 ADOPTED BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE RELOCATION OF INTER-CONNECTION VAULT WITH PARK WATER COMPANY ON MAPLEDALE STREET AT BRINK AVENUE, PROJECT 7417**, in the amount of \$20,000; award a contract to

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Doty Brothers Equipment Company, in the total amount of \$74,963; and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City in a form approved by the City Attorney. **MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: Councilmembers Kelley, Luera, and Stefenhagen, Vice Mayor Mendez, and Mayor Ramirez**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

610/1005-04-7147

**REPORTS**

**PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL INSTALLATION**

Following a brief staff report, the City Manager explained that the City has been working with St. Raphael Korean Catholic Church to address the pedestrian safety issues created by the parishioners on Rosecrans Avenue and Helwig Avenue before and after church services. The City is currently providing crossing guards, but the Church discontinued payment for those services as of November indicating that it was too costly, and they requested that the City consider placing a signal at the location. The church has offered to contribute 50% of the cost of a pedestrian signal. City Council indicated that the City should not have to pay for any portion of the traffic signal or crossing guard services, indicating that the pedestrian safety issues only arose as a result of the church outgrowing the parking lot.

City Council asked what had been done to alleviate the safety issues. The Director of Public Safety indicated that the City had arranged for crossing guard services to be placed at the location on Sunday mornings at the expense of the church, but as the parishioners continued to disobey the traffic laws by crossing mid-block, Public Safety Officers were placed to control the escalating problem. He reported that this service had been working, and in his professional opinion two properly trained crossing guards could continue providing the service successfully.

Councilmember Kelley voiced concerns about the possibility of the church losing the privilege of parking at the auto auction if the use of that property changed, and how that would affect parking in the area. Councilmember Luera expressed dismay that the church had discontinued paying for the crossing guards. Vice Mayor Mendez asked staff whether the church's' CUP could be revoked. The City Attorney advised that new conditions could possibly be added if the church was considered to be a nuisance. City Council asked what the church was paying for crossing guard services. Mr. Kim, a representative of the church, informed City Council that the crossing guards would cost

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the church \$16,000 a year. The Director of Public Safety indicated that crossing guards could be contracted for \$1,030 per month. Mayor Ramirez questioned whether the City faced any liability if an accident occurs. The City Attorney advised that since the City is aware of the existing condition, it is possible that the City could be held liable. Jerry Ori and Candelario Jalomo spoke in opposition of the signal.

Councilmember Kelley moved and Vice Mayor Mendez seconded to continue working with the church to find a solution, continue providing crossing guard services at the church's expense, and deny the request for installation of a pedestrian signal. **MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: Councilmembers Kelley, Luera, and Stefenhagen, Vice Mayor Mendez and Mayor Ramirez**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: None** 1050-04

**AGREEMENT – ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS FEE PROCESSING AND COLLECTION**

Councilmember Stefenhagen moved and Mayor Ramirez seconded to approve an agreement with Revenue Experts, Inc. in the amount of \$22 per citation or \$150 minimum monthly fee, whichever is greater and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City, in a form approved by the City Attorney. **MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: Councilmembers Kelley, Luera, and Stefenhagen, Vice Mayor Mendez and Mayor Ramirez**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: None** 616-06

**AGREEMENTS – PUBLIC WORKS INSPECTION SERVICES**

Vice Mayor Mendez moved and Councilmember Luera seconded to approve agreements with Onward Engineering, Inc. of Anaheim, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 and GK & Associates of Diamond Bar, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; with options to extend for a maximum of two 1-year periods, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements on behalf of the City, in a form approved by the City Attorney. **MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: None** 310-02

**NORWALK ALL CITY YOUTH BAND – AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE FUNDS FOR TRAVEL AND PARTICIPATION IN MUSIC PROGRAM**

Vice Mayor Mendez moved and Councilmember Kelley seconded to approve a request from the All-City Youth Band for travel and participation in a music program cruise, utilizing the City's annual contribution of \$7,700 to fund a portion of the trip. **MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: Councilmembers Kelley, Luera, and Stefenhagen, Vice Mayor Mendez and Mayor Ramirez**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: None** 415-01

**ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUTH SPORTS BOARD**

Following a report by the Director of Parks and Recreation, City Council questioned the need for a youth sports board. Vice Mayor Mendez stated that City staff is able to do the job that is being proposed for the new board. Mayor Ramirez questioned whether the board would also follow up on reports regarding facility use, as City Council was waiting on a report regarding Little Lake Park. Councilmembers Kelley and Stefenhagen questioned why the School Districts were willing to work with a new board but have been hesitant to work with City staff. Vice Mayor Mendez moved and Councilmember Stefenhagen seconded not to establish a youth sports board and directed City staff to work with the School Districts. **MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: Councilmembers Kelley, Luera, and Stefenhagen, Vice Mayor Mendez and Mayor Ramirez**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: None** 200-02

**SANITATION DISTRICT – UPDATE**

City Council received and filed a video update. 525

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**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Addressing City Council was Jerry Ori.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. in memory of Christian Rogers and Carol Supple.

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**THERESA DEVOY  
CITY CLERK**

**ATTEST:**

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**RICK RAMIREZ  
MAYOR**