

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OPERATIONS & PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.
JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Chair Arthur Gerckens called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Arthur Gerckens, Stephen Iacuone

Absent: Peter M. Olenoski, Jr, Joseph DiMartino

Also Present: Alderman Carmen DiCenso
Keith A. McLiverty, City Treasurer
Anthony DeFala, Public Works Director
Marc J. Garofalo, Town & City Clerk
Francis Teodosio, Corporation Counsel

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Gerckens asked three times if anyone wished to address the committee during public portion. Hearing no requests...

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gerckens with a second by Mr. Iacuone to close the Public Portion. **Motion carried.**

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA

NONE

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 17, 2017 OPERATIONS & PROCEDURES MEETING

A MOTION was made by Mr. Iacuone with a second by Mr. Gerckens to approve the Minutes of the July 17, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried.**

FOUR PAYMENT TAX SYSTEM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AGED 65 AND OLDER. DISCUSSION ONLY

Mr. Gerckens said this has been on our agenda a few times. We are still fact finding – noting that he hasn't found another town in CT that does this. Mr. Gerckens said he has asked our Tax Department to also do some research on this.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gerckens with a second by Mr. Iacuone to **TABLE** this until next month's meeting. **Motion carried.**

WITEK PARK FIELD MAINTENANCE. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN

Mr. DeFala said approximate 7-8 months ago he contacted CT Turf and they put together an estimated cost for Witek Park for six treatments a year and one aeration. He said the City currently pays Aqua for mowing on a per diem basis. Mr. DeFala said it is very expensive to have Aqua - \$11,000 to \$14,000 a year and it would be much cheaper if Public Works did the work, practically saving 45%. He said Public Works would not handle the treatments, just the mowing, and he would like to put together a complete package to present to the committee next month. Mr. DeFala said he would have to purchase a dedicated mower to handle the work – the same as they now have at Ryan Field. Mr. Iacuone agreed stating that it would be too much for one mower to handle both properties. Mr. DeFala said that is correct and he informed the committee that the trackless no longer works and he feels it would be a good investment for the City to purchase a new one. He noted that the cost would be approximately \$10,300 and the City would be able to recoup that in about three years with Public Works doing the mowing. Mr. Gerckens told Mr. DeFala that people are always approaching him asking about chemicals getting in the water. Mr. DeFala said he would continue with CT Turf handling the chemicals. He said he will put together a package for next month's meeting.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gerckens with a second by Mr. Iacuone to **TABLE** this item until next month's meeting. **Motion carried.**

USE OF DERBY GREENWAY BY DERBY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN

Mr. Gerckens said he's been scratching away at routine things that take up time at the meetings. Thinking about how we now handle the Derby Green and Picnic Grove requests he prepared a resolution for this item, which could wait until next month's meeting. Mr. Iacuone said there was no pushback regarding how the other two sites are handled and he feels that this should go directly to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for consideration.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gerckens with a second by Mr. Iacuone to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen the resolution for the use of the Derby Greenway. **Motion carried.**

PROPERTY TAX REBATE FOR NON-WARTIME MILIARY VETERANS. DISCUSSION ONLY.

Mr. Gerckens said he is still digging his way through this item – he is not ready but is getting closer. He has researched Public Act 17-189 and he still needs to vet some items. He noted he should have something for next month's meeting. Mr. Iacuone said he has looked at some other towns and how they handle this and it seems like it's more of a disability item where they get a percentage off their taxes. Mr. Garofalo said we already do that in Derby. Mr. Gerckens said non-wartime and reservists are not getting the same thing and we need to do our due diligence on this.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gerckens with a second by Mr. Iacuone to **TABLE** this item until next month's meeting. **Motion carried.**

**CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND CITY OF DERBY FOR U STREET
EXTENSION OF ELIZABETH STREET SOUTH OF MAIN STREET AND CONNECTING TO FACTORY
STREET. DISCUSSION ONLY**

Mr. Gerckens said he has been asked to table this item for this month. Mr. Garofalo stated that Atty. Shansky is still reviewing items.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gerckens with a second by Mr. Iacuone to **TABLE** this item until next month's meeting. **Motion carried.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS TO CIVIL WAR MONUMENT ON DERBY
GREEN. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO FULL BOARD OF
ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN.**

Mr. Gerckens said he was asked to have this on the agenda tonight. Mr. DeFala said there was a meeting regarding vandalism and we need to boost the security on the Derby Green. He noted that he met with Chief Narowski and Dr. Conway and toured the Green and the Board of Education/Community Center building at 35 Fifth Street. Mr. DeFala said they created a list of items that he feels needs to be completed to increase security on the Green. The items included additional lighting, tree removal and the installation of a CCTV on the Board of Education/Community Center building. He said Chief Narowski would determine the type of camera that would be installed. The camera would record at real time – it won't be manned; however if something were to happen we would at least have the subjects taped. Mr. DeFala said funding would come from the funds raised for the monument restoration project. Mr. Iacuone suggested contacting U.I. since they are still running their "Light the Night" program. He asked Mr. DeFala who did the lights at Home Depot. Mr. DeFala said that was before he got here but he could look into it. He said his main concern right now is to just get Board of Aldermen approval to mount the lights and remove the trees. Mr. Gerckens noted that the Chief previously said that cameras don't work and now it seems that he's changed his mind. Mr. Iacuone said at least with the camera recording you'll get a timeline. Mr. DeFala said it also may have the capability to monitor it from a cell phone. Mr. Iacuone said regarding the lighting on the Green he would like to see all lighting enhanced noting that it is very dark at the concerts. He would suggest forwarding this to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen and then we can always have Chief Narowski and Dr. Conway elaborate more at the meeting.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Iacuone with a second by Mr. Gerckens to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen Mr. DeFala's plan for security measures at the Derby Green and Board of Education/Community Center building for discussion and possible action. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gerckens with a second by Mr. Iacuone to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Finn
Recording Secretary



**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OPERATIONS &
PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.**