# *DERBY BOARD OF ALDERMEN*
# *REGULAR MEETING*

## *DERBY CITY HALL – JULY 22, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.*

## *MINUTES*

The Honorable Mayor Anthony Staffieri called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call**
Present: Barbara DeGennaro, Stepen Iacuone, Joseph DiMartino, David Lenart, Joseph Bomba, Scott Boulton and Ken Hughes - President.

Absent: Beverly Moran and James Benanto.

Also Present: Corporation Counsel - Joseph Coppola, Chief Administrative Officer - Phil Robertson and City Treasurer - Keith McLiverty.

**Additions, Deletions and Corrections to the Agenda**. There are three additions: under Committee Reports - discussion/action regarding Griffin Hospital sign request, Sodom Lane easement/sale - discussion, Executive Session regarding contract negotiations for trash hauling and transfer station.

**A MOTION** to approve the agenda by Mr. Lenart, second by Mr. DiMartino, all in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Public Portion**
Unidentified woman from Seventh Street. She is raising grandchildren that she cannot let out of her house. It is a terrible street and nothing is being done about it. Three o'clock in the morning a guy is beating on a girl who is crying.

Geoffrey Martino – 8 Seventh Street. There has been a murder on Seventh Street, two stabbings on top of the hill, a beating etc. There is a lot more police presence and a task force in place, but that won't last for too long. Several years ago, there was a HALO plan. We need something long range for the future. Absentee landlords are a problem.

Jim DiMartino – 63 Sherwood Avenue. He agrees, something needs to be done. The town is getting a bad name. It is all over the news. The joke in New Haven is what is going on tomorrow in Derby.

Arlene Yaccobacci - 10 Lombardi Drive. Ms. Yaccobacci thinks a dog park is a good idea. She does not want to see a ban on dogs at the greenway. Will there be additional parking for the dog park? She feels people are confusing dog poop with geese poop. There has not been any issues with dog poop.

Public Portion closed.

**Approval of Minutes - Special Meeting – June 10, 2010**

**A MOTION** to approve the minutes by Mr. Bomba, second by Mr. Hughes, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes - Special Meeting - June 30, 2010**
**A MOTION** to approve by Mr. Boulton, second by Mr. DiMartino, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes - Special Meeting - July 12, 2010**
**A MOTION** to approve by Mr. Bomba, second by Mr. Iacuone, all in favor, Mr. Hughes abstained. **Motion carried.**

**Committee Reports – Community Relations**
The committee met on the resolution for Birmingham Health Care and President Hughes suggested bringing it back to the full board with some deletions. The consensus of the committee was that it was not appropriate for the City to get directly involved in the labor dispute. The recommended resolution was read into the record:

"BE THAT WHEREAS, the City of Derby is proud of its long and distinguished tradition of supporting vital health and human service jobs within our community including the jobs and the employees of the Birmingham Health Center skilled nursing facility and

WHEREAS, the contributions of the caregivers employed at the Birmingham Health Center to the Derby community are vital to the City's health and welfare, economy, culture and civic character and

WHEREAS, more than fifty of the workers and their families currently represented by the New England Healthcare Employees Union District 1199 who are currently on strike at the Birmingham Health Center and its sister facility in Ansonia the Hilltop Health Center reside within the City of Derby

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Derby Board of Aldermen calls upon Spectrum Health Inc. and District 1199 to bargain in good faith for terms and conditions of a new contract".

**A MOTION** to approve the resolution regarding the Birmingham Health Center by Mr. Hughes, second by Mr. Iacuone, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

The committee also voted to recommend to the full board three blighted properties: 1-9 Lafayette Street, 200 Derby Avenue and 37 Hawkins Street.

**A MOTION** to approve by Mr. Hughes, second by Mr. DiMartino, all in favor. **Motion passes.**

The committee addressed Griffin Hospital's request for a banner. Commissioner Culmo stated U.I. was concerned of the stress of the banner on the poles. There are three alternatives for the sign placement: the intersection of Elizabeth and Main, and near Tailgators on the grassy area and the intersection of Derby/Shelton bridge and Main. **A MOTION** by Mr. Hughes to approve the three requested locations for the Griffin Hospital sign pending a meeting with Dave Kopjanski and that Griffin Hospital be responsible for putting up and taking down the sign(s) and that the veteran's monument at the Tailgator's is to be unobstructed, second by Mr. Boulton, all in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Department Reports**
Board of Education - No one present.

Cultural Commission – No one present.

Public Works - The flood gate system and pump station is fully operational. The engineer will get back to Mr. Culmo on the tow drains.

Building Report - The engineer responsible for the rock face at Lowe's will be checking it out, the bond is still in place for the design modifications. There is no chance of collapse.

The garage on Minerva Street had a large section of brick facing on the south side let go, and brick piled up in the driveway. The owner has been contacted and will be given an opportunity to repair the building or tear it down.

Facilities Inspector Report – The owner at 200 Derby Avenue has applied for a demolition permit..

Fire Marshall Report - Mr. Hawks said Deputy Fire Marshall Charles Christensen has retired.

Fire Department Report – No one present.

Police Report - Chief Mascolo addressed the public's concerns regarding Seventh Street and police presence. There has been an increase in the police presence. There are a lot of things that go on behind the scenes. There is an application for an additional police officer. The department is also involved in the Mayor's task force. The department has been asked by the Mayor to investigate the cost of a field dog. The department will also get involved in the program "Safe Neighborhood" through the U.S. Attorney's office.

Chief Mascolo is asking for a wage increase for the dog warden and the records clerk tonight.

Parking Authority Report - No one present.

**Refund of Excess Taxes requested thru July 16, 2010 - $1,100.96 - Cinda Buchter, Tax Collector.**
**A MOTION** to approve by Mr. Bomba with a second by Mr. Hughes, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Phase III of Greenway Resolution - Discussion & Action**
A resolution was approved previously for a design phase of Greenway Phase III. Tonight's resolution is for a design modification or amendment to that agreement. **A MOTION** to approve by Mr. Lenart, second by Mr. Boulton, all in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Polish Falcons of America, Nest 208, Derby - Permission for use of Greenway - Sept 11, 2010 for a Walkathon to benefit Griffin Hospital Cancer Center 10:00 a.m. - Rain date Sept 18, 2010.**
**A MOTION** to approve by Mr. Lenart provided the necessary insurance papers are in order, second by Ms. DeGennaro, all in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Three Saints Orthodox Church - permission for use of Greenway - Aug 28, 2010 from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. for a Walkathon to benefit Turkana Kenya Africa - Orthodox Christian Mission Center - Rain date Aug 29 2010.**
**A MOTION** to approve by Mr. Lenart provided they provide insurance waiver, second by Mr. Iacuone, all in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Approval of 2010-2011 Capital Plan** - the Little League bleachers have already been purchased.
**A MOTION** to approve by Mr. Hughes, second by Mr. Bomba, all in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Fee Waiver - Picnic Grove - DHS All Class Reunion Sat Sept 4 2010.**
**A MOTION** by Mr. Hughes, second by Mr. DiMartino, all in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Presentation,Discussion & Possible Action of U.I.'s Replacement of Street Lights in the Derby Program.**
U.I. will replace all of the street lights including the entire heads. The last time the system was re-lamped was approximately five or six years ago. There has been an increase in street lights out which ties up a number of crews. Derby can decide to reduce the wattage by one size at no cost. It will take three to four weeks to complete. **A MOTION** to accept by Mr. Lenart, second by Mr. Bomba, all in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Direct Energy Electricity Purchase - Discussion & Possible Action**
Mr. Robertson addressed the board by presenting the generation rate. The rate for a twelve month contract is 0.07510 cents and less for a twenty four month contract. **A MOTION** by Mr. Hughes to extend the contract for twenty four months at 0.07430, with the maximum set at 0.07510 second by Mr. Lenart, all in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Derby Senior Center - Approval of Non Union employees Pay Increase - Executive Director Mary LaBranche, Administrative Assistant Susan Foster and Membership Services Theresa Porcu.**
**A MOTION** to approve by Mr. Hughes, second by Mr. Bomba, all in favor, Ms. DeGennaro abstained. **Motion passes.**

**Derby Dog Warden - Pay Increase**
**A MOTION** to approve by Mr. Lenart, second by Mr. Iacuone, all in favor. **Motion passes. A MOTION** to amend to add the records clerk by Mr. Lenart, second by Mr. Iacuone, all in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Dog Park**
Ms. OMalley addressed the board. There is grant money available towards the construction of a dog park. This item will go to the Community Relations subcommittee for review to the full board.

**Sodom Lane Easement**
Attrorney Coppola addressed the board. There is a need for an easement along Sodom Lane to do some repair work for the sewer drain.

The owners of the property approached the City for the sale of excess property. This was previously discussed in January.

The appraisal for the purchase of the easement and the sale of the property has been received. The purchase of the easement the City would need to spend $1500.00 and for the sale of the excess property the value is $2000.00.

The easement is twenty feet wide by approximately one hundred feet long along the river stream from Sodom Lane to the back of the plaza. The property being sold borders the stream and is twenty feet wide by approximately one hundred forty feet long. The property was given to the City after the State widened Sodom Lane.

**Executive Session**
A MOTION to go into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations for the trash hauling at transfer station and invite Phil Robertson, Corporation Counsel Joe Coppola with no action coming out of Executive Session by Mr. Hughes, second by Mr. Boulton, all in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Adjournment** - Meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.
*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Denise Cesaroni*
*Recording Secretary*

****These minutes are subject to approval by the Board of Aldermen at their next regular meeting.