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THIRD TAXING DISTRICT
of the City of Norwalk
Special Commission Meeting
September 27, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: David Brown, Chair; Charles Yost, Debora Goldstein;
Michael Intrieri, Treasurer

STAFF: Jim Smith, General Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public was in attendance to comment.

TTD POSITION ON VINCENT PENNA SITUATION

Commissioner Brown referenced the rally that took place on September 7, 2016 and that Mr. Penna had come to the September 12, 2016 meeting to thank the Commission for their support. He mentioned that the Commissioners were in attendance as individuals and not as a group.

Commissioner Goldstein said there had been a query from one of the ratepayers and asked if the TTD Commission would act as a body and take a position on the situation.

There was concern whether or not the Commission's position to support the situation would affect the day-to-day activities and reputation that Mr. Smith has been building with the DOT with regard to other projects taking place in the area. Some other areas of concern would be the loss of revenue to TTD should the current ratepayers in the Liberty Square area need to leave, environmental issues with the river, the effect of the mall project and traffic in the area.

Commissioner Yost received a letter from a maritime biologist analyzing the current issues on his perspective of the situation (both environmentally and on the design) which he subsequently forwarded to Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith will forward this letter to the Commission. Commissioner Yost will check into having him come to a meeting to discuss the issues further.

Commissioner Brown asked the Commission if they would be willing to support Mr. Penna and the other businesses at Liberty Square as a body vs. individuals and to make a written public

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statement. This statement would possibly be read at the next public hearing, as well as being made public through other venues, i.e., TTD website, local media, letters to the editor, etc.

**** COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED THAT TTD SUPPORT THE PENNA SITUATION ON THE WALK BRIDGE'S EFFECT ON THE TTD OPERATIONS.**
**** COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DOT COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Goldstein informed the Commission that the DOT has hired a communications firm (WSP) to help disseminate information about traffic impacts, as well as other impacts, from the walk bridge project in particular, as well as all of the other DOT projects being conducted around the District.

The proposal would be for WSP to inform TTD's ratepayers of any information pertinent to the District. The suggestion would be to use TTD's email distribution list and the website to stream the information to the TTD ratepayers. In theory, WSP could work in conjunction with Jumar to work out a plan.

**** COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN MOVED THAT THE TTD AUTHORIZE AND INSTRUCT JUMAR TO WORK WITH THE PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM FOR THE DOT (WSP) TO DISSEMINATE TIMELY INFORMATION ABOUT THE WALK BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.**
****COMMISSIONER YOST SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Personnel Matters – Performance Review

**** COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS (PERFORMANCE REVIEW).**
**** COMMISSIONER YOST SECONDED.**
**** COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN ABSTAINED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED TWO TO ONE.**

The Commissioners, Treasurer, and Mr. Smith entered into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

**** COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION.**
**** COMMISSIONER YOST SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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The Commissioners, Treasurer, and Mr. Smith returned to public session at 8:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COMMISSIONER YOST SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Tenney
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