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COMMON COUNCIL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

October 29, 2024

6:00 p.m. – By Videoconference and Teleconference

AGENDA

- 1. ROLL CALL:**
- 2. PUBLIC HEARING (possible action on):**
- 3. PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION:**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
- 5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**
 - October 15, 2024 – regular meeting of the ordinance committee
- 6. OLD BUSINESS:**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Discuss and vote on Section 9-32, entitled Districts Established (new section), of the Ordinance Establishing an Advisory Committee for the Reapportionment of Common Council Voting Districts. Attached as part of Section 9-32 is the Reapportionment Advisory Committee's map with all street names.
 - Access to the Reapportionment Advisory Committee's Proposed Plan, Map and Letter can be accessed as follows: <https://www.norwalkct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/34478/Redistricting-Proposed-PlanMapLetter?bidId=>
- 8. DISCUSSION ITEM:**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT:**

**CITY OF NORWALK
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Lisa Shanahan, Chair; Heather Dunn; Joshua Goldstein; Johan Lopez;
Nora Niedzielski Eichner; Jalin Sead

STAFF: Brian Candela, Corporation Counsel; Greg Pacelli and Jim Travers,
Transportation, Mobility and Parking; Vanessa Valadares, Chief of
Operations

OTHERS: Gregory Burnett; Nicole Eddy; James Frayer Common Councilmembers

ROLL CALL

Ms. Shanahan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and called the Roll as indicated above.

PUBLIC HEARING (possible action on)

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Ms. Diana Lauricella spoke in support of the Complete Street Project and said it will increase the quality of life and create a safer environment. She added that it is important to have all options.

Ms. Jamie Faeles spoke in support of the Complete Street Ordinance and said a few things could be added to it such as mandating the coordination with private developers, requiring the Committee to engage with Norwalk not for profits and having a reporting requirement.

Mr. Mike Mushak spoke in support of the Complete Streets Ordinance and said he saw nothing in the Ordinance he would change; however, a shortfall in Norwalk becoming a true 15 minute city are the State routes through the City. He said that in 2012 he presented the need for a bike lane on East Avenue and noted a 4ft. shoulder acts as a traffic calming measure. The latest plan from the State is 4ft lanes and no bike lanes on East Avenue. He said he would fight the battle because it is a matter of saving lives and public safety. A huge obstacle to Norwalk becoming bike friendly are the State's obsolete rules.

Mr. Harvey Jones spoke in support of the Complete Streets Ordinance and said the high level goal is awesome and a great investment. He said he would like to see efficiency and coherence in the transportation network.

Mr. Paul Fox spoke in support of the Complete Streets Ordinance and spoke about section one in the ordinance regarding exemptions, specifically signal modifications. He said consideration should be given to best practice for safety and complete streets.

Mr. Thomas White spoke in support of the Complete Streets Ordinance and emphasized the use of traffic calming measures.

Ms. Emily Bernaman, Chair Bike Walk Commission spoke in support of the Complete Streets Ordinance.

Ms. Becca Stolls spoke in support of Complete Streets Ordinance and pointed out the need for full, unobstructed sidewalks.

Mr. Tanner Thompson spoke in support of Complete Streets Ordinance and provided details on why it is needed.

PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION

Discuss and vote on the City of Norwalk Complete Streets Ordinance

Ms. Shanahan thanked everyone involved who worked on the Ordinance.

Mr. Candela shared his screen and went through the changes made to the Ordinance. Mr. Goldstein said this was a real team effort and highlighted the Ordinance. He noted it is an exception review board and progress reports are included in the Ordinance.

Mr. Goldstein expressed his thanks to everyone who worked on the Ordinance and to the many residents who made their voices heard.

Ms. Shanahan asked Mr. Travers to discuss the mobility definition. He shared comments about the definition of mobility.

Ms. Dunn asked if they discussed including a Police Officer on the Committee to review exceptions. Ms. Shanahan said she believes that Mr. Travers is involved due to his expertise on design. Mr. Goldstein added that the Police have a voice on the Traffic Authority. He said this is an exception review board and he does not feel, in this

particular circumstance, the need to have them involved. Ms. Dunn said she would like to hear from the Police. Mr. Travers said communications will be key. He said they value the opinion from the Police and speak with them on a regular basis.

- ** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED THE COMPLETE STREETS ORDINANCE TO THE
NOVEMBER 12, 2024 MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Ms. Diane Lauricella spoke about the issue related to the Department of Public Works and said none of her suggestions she offered last month were put in. She said she did not see why they could not mention recycling and reusing. She said the Ordinance should show the main goal should be to reduce the collection of solid waste.

Ms. Lauricella highlighted specific areas of the Ordinance and urged that the Chief of Operations have an Engineering background. She said qualifications should not be reduced. In addition, senior staff should be able to have the skills to manage staff and consultants.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

September 17, 2024 – special meeting of the Ordinance Committee

- ** MS. DUNN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

OLD BUSINESS

- ** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO TAKE THE AGENDA OUT OF ORDER
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discuss and vote on Chapter 90, Department of Operations and Public Works, Sections 90-1 through 90-12

Ms. Shanahan led the discussion reviewing the changes made to the Ordinance.

- ** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS
CHAPTER 90, DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS,
SECTIONS 90-1 THROUGH 90-12 AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 19, 2024**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discuss Chapter 95, Streets and Sidewalks, Sections 95-0 through 95-39

The item was reviewed and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Discuss and vote on Chapter 58A, Blight Prevention, Sections 581 and 58A-4

Mr. Candela reviewed the changes that were made to the Ordinance.

- ** MS. DUNN MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS
CHAPTER 58A, BLIGHT PREVENTION, SECTIONS 581 AND 58A-4 AT THE
NEXT MEETING OF THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 19,
2024**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed this evening.

DISCUSSION ITEM

There were no additional discussions items presented this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO ADJOURN**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further discussion, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services

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§ 9-32. Districts Established.

The 2024 Five-District Plan which realigns the districts of the City of Norwalk in accordance with the requirements of Law, which plan is incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved and adopted.

- A. Operative Effect.** The plan shall be operative on January 1, 2025 for the sole purpose of facilitating the administration of the nomination and elections for candidates for the Council members in the 2025 Municipal General Election and for Board of Education members in the 2027 Municipal General Election.
- B. Effective Date.** The effective date for 2024 Five-District Plan shall be;
- (1) January 1, 2026 for members of the Council;
 - (2) January 1, 2028 for members of the Board of Education elected by district; and,
 - (3) Thereafter shall remain in full force and effect until further revised following the next decennial census.
- C. Interim Vacancies.** Any appointments for vacancies on the Council and Board of Education prior to the effective date shall be filled as set forth in the Charter in accordance with the district lines in effect prior to the effect of the 2024 Five-District Plan.
- D. District Boundaries.** The Districts are established, as follows:

District A

Starting at Riverside Avenue & New Canaan Avenue & Ponus Avenue
East along New Canaan Avenue to Norwalk River
North along Norwalk River to Broad Street
East along Broad Street to Main Street
South along Main Street to Ward Street
Southeast along Ward Street to Random Road
Northeast along Random Road to Buttonball Trail
Southeast along Buttonball Trail to Jarvis Street
Northeast along Jarvis Street to West Rocks Road
Southeast along West Rocks Road to Glendenning Street
East along Glendenning Street to East Rocks Road
North along East Rocks Road to Lane Road
South along Lane Road to Cannon Street
East along Cannon Street to Newtown Avenue
North along Newtown Avenue to Roosevelt Street
East along Roosevelt Street to Dry Hill Road
South along Dry Hill Road to Westport Avenue
Southwest along Westport Avenue to East Avenue
South along East Avenue to Moodys Lane

West along Moodys Land and continuing west to the east shore of Norwalk River
South along Norwalk River to I-95
West along I-95 to Crescent Street overpass
North along Crescent Street to a point due east of the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum
Due West to Connecticut Avenue
Southwest along Connecticut Avenue to Clinton Avenue
Northwest along Clinton Avenue to Phillips Street
Southwest along Phillips Street to Ferris Avenue
Northwest along Ferris Avenue to Benedict Street
Southwest along Benedict Street to North Taylor Avenue
Northwest and north along North Taylor Avenue to Fillow Street
Northwest along Fillow Street to Stepping Stone Road
North on Stepping Stone Road to Maher Drive
North along Maher Drive to Eleanor Lane
Northeast along Eleanor Lane to Beau Street
Southeast along Beau Street to Ingleside Avenue
East along Ingleside Avenue to Spring Hill Avenue
North along Spring Hill Avenue to Ponus Avenue
East along Ponus Avenue to Riverside Avenue & New Canaan Avenue & Ponus Avenue

District B

Starting at Wilson Avenue & Martin Luther King Drive
North along Martin Luther King Drive to Taft Street
West along Taft Street and continuing west to Conrail Railroad
South along Conrail Railroad to a point east of Riordan Street
West to Riordan Street
West along Riordan Street to Bouton Street
North along Bouton Street to Glasser Street
North along Glasser Street to Soundview Avenue
Northeast along Soundview Avenue to Arbor Drive
North along Arbor Drive to Flax Hill Road
West along Flax Hill Road to Woodlawn Avenue
North along Woodlawn Avenue to McAllister Avenue
West along McAllister Avenue to Richmond Hill Road
North along Richmond Hill Road to Senga Road
West along Senga Road to Scribner Avenue
Northeast along Scribner Avenue to West Cedar Street
Northeast along West Cedar Street to North Taylor Avenue
South along North Taylor Avenue to Connecticut Avenue
Northeast along Connecticut Avenue to a point due west of the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum
Due east to Crescent Street
South along Crescent Street to I-95 overpass
East along I-95 to Norwalk River

South along Norwalk River to Washington Street Bridge
West along Washington Street Bridge to western shore of Norwalk River
South along Norwalk River and Norwalk Harbor to a point southeast of Neptune Avenue & Naromake Avenue
Northwest to Neptune Avenue & Naromake Avenue
Southwest along Naromake Avenue to Woodward Avenue
Southwest along Woodward Avenue to Dock Road
Southwest along Dock Road to the end, then continuing southwest to inlet
North along inlet to the end
West to Wilson Avenue
Southwest along Wilson Avenue to Wilson Avenue & Martin Luther King Drive

District C

Starting at Westport Avenue & East Avenue
Northeast along Westport Avenue to Dry Hill Road
North along Dry Hill Road to Roosevelt Street
West along Roosevelt Street to Newtown Avenue
North along Newtown Avenue to Murray Street
Northeast along Murray Street to city boundary
South along City Boundary to Long Island Sound
West and north along Long Island Sound, Norfolk Harbor, and Norfolk River to a point west of Moodys Lane
East to Moodys Lane
East along Moodys Lane to East Avenue
North along East Avenue to Westport Avenue & East Avenue

District D

Starting at Newtown Avenue & Cannon Street
West along Cannon Street to Lane Road
North along Lane Road to East Rocks Road
South along East Rocks Road to Glendenning Street
West along Glendenning Street to West Rocks Road
Northwest along West Rocks Road to Jarvis Street
Southwest along Jarvis Street to Buttonball Trail
Northwest along Buttonball Trail to Random Road
Southwest along Random Road to Ward Street
Northwest along Ward Street to Main Street
North along Main Street to Broad Street
West along Broad Street to Norwalk River
South along Norwalk River to New Canaan Avenue
West along New Canaan Avenue to Ponus Avenue
West along Ponus Avenue to Spring Hill Avenue
South along Spring Hill Avenue to Ingleside Avenue
West along Ingleside Avenue to Beau Street
Northwest along Beau Street to Eleanor Lane
Southwest along Eleanor Lane to Maher Drive

South along Maher Drive to Stepping Stone Road
South along Stepping Stone Road to Fallow Street
West along Fallow Street to Hunters Lane
North along Hunters Lane to Ponus Avenue
West along Ponus Avenue to Styles Lane
Northeast along Styles Lane to Glen Pines Lane
North along Glen Pines Lane to Glen Avenue
North along Glen Avenue to New Canaan Avenue
West along New Canaan Avenue to Carter Street
North along Carter Street to city boundary
North, east, and south along city boundary to Murray Street
West along Murray Street to Newtown Avenue
South along Newtown Avenue to Newtown Avenue & Cannon Street

District E

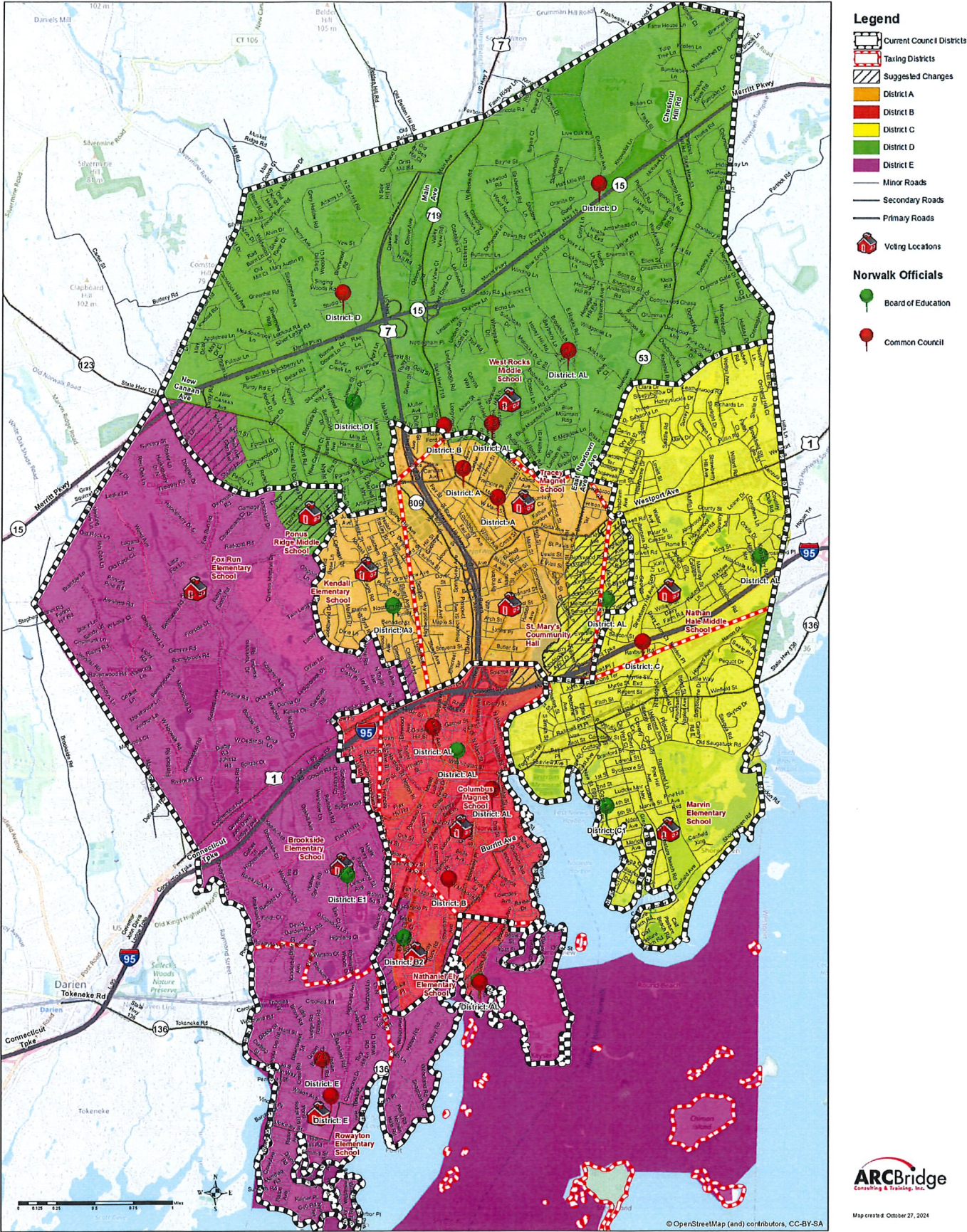
Starting at Stepping Stone Road & Fallow Street
Southeast along Fallow Street to North Taylor Avenue
South along North Taylor Avenue to Benedict Street
Northeast along Benedict Street to Ferris Avenue
Southeast along Ferris Avenue to Phillips Street
Northeast along Phillips Street to Clinton Avenue
Southeast along Clinton Avenue to Connecticut Avenue
West along Connecticut Avenue to North Taylor Avenue
North along North Taylor Avenue to West Cedar Street
Southwest along West Cedar Street to Scribner Avenue
Southwest along Scribner Avenue to Senga Road
East along Senga Road to Richmond Hill Road
South along Richmond Hill Road to McAllister Avenue
East along McAllister Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue
South along Woodlawn Avenue to Flax Hill Road
East along Flax Hill Road to Arbor Drive
South along Arbor Drive to Soundview Avenue
Southwest along Soundview Avenue to Glasser Street
South along Glasser Street to Bouton Street
South along Bouton Street to Riordan Street
East along Riordan Street, then continuing east to Conrail Railroad
North along Conrail Railroad to a point west of Taft Street
East to Taft Street
East along Taft Street to Martin Luther King Drive
South along Martin Luther King Drive to Wilson Avenue
Northeast on Wilson Avenue to a point west of the northern tip of the inlet
East to northern tip of inlet
South along inlet to a point southwest of Dock Road
Northeast to Dock Road
Northeast along Dock Road to Woodward Avenue
Northeast along Woodward Avenue to Naromake Avenue
Northeast along Naromake Avenue to Neptune Avenue
Southeast to Norfolk Harbor
East then southwesterly along Norfolk Harbor and Long Island Sound to city boundary

North along city boundary to Carter Street
South along Carter Street to New Canaan Avenue
East along New Canaan Avenue to Glen Avenue
South along Glen Avenue to Glen Pines Lane
South along Glen Pines Lane to Styles Lane
Southwest along Styles Lane to Ponus Avenue
East along Ponus Avenue to Hunters Lane
South along Hunters Lane to Fallow Street
East along Fallow Street to Stepping Stone Road & Fallow Street

Each of the Districts are set forth on the map as follows.

City of Norwalk CT, Redistricting 2024

Proposed Council Districts as approved by the
Reapportionment Advisory Committee on 9-12-24



The Reapportionment Advisory Committee's Proposed Plan, Map and Letter can be accessed as follows

<https://www.norwalkct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/34478/Redistricting-Proposed-PlanMapLetter?bidId=>