

**CITY OF NORWALK
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Lisa Shanahan, Chair; Josh Goldstein, Johan Lopez, Nora Niedzielski-Eichner, Jalin Sead; Heather Dunn (6:26 p.m.)

OTHERS: Atty. Brian Candela, Council Member Nicole Eaddy

1. ROLL CALL

Council Member Shanahan called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. She called the roll. A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC HEARING
(possible action on)

• Discuss and vote on revisions to the Ordinance Establishing an Advisory Committee for the Reapportionment of Common Council Voting Districts

There was no one present who wished to address the Committee at this time.

3. PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION

Atty. Candela said that there was a small change in the Ordinance Section 9-27§I, 2024 Transition Provisions where the ordinance states that if the Registrar fails to designate the ex-officio non-voting members, the Deputy Registrar may serve or the President of the Council following consultation with the Chair of the political party of the Registrar who does not serve or appoint a designee shall appoint a representative. The proposed change would be “shall designate a representative of the Registrar.” The reason for this change is this way the President of the Common Council can designate that representative as soon as the ordinance is effective, which would be at the September 10th meeting and this would allow Ms. Diana Paladino to immediately start serving in that capacity as the designee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED TO APPROVE
SUBMITTING THE DOCUMENT AS AMENDED TO THE FULL COMMON
COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL AT THE SEPTEMBER 10TH MEETING.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one who wished to comment at this time.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

• August 20, 2024 – Regular Meeting of the Ordinance Committee

Council Members Niedzielski-Eichner and Goldstein noted two changes to the minutes, which Atty. Candela corrected in the document.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2024 REGULAR MEETING REVISED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2024 REGULAR MEETING REVISED PASSED WITH FOUR (4) IN FAVOR (SHANAHAN, GOLDSTEIN, NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER AND LOPEZ) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (SEAD).**

6. OLD BUSINESS

• Discuss and vote on the City of Norwalk Complete Streets ordinance

Council Member Goldstein displayed the document on screen. He then gave a brief overview of the his proposed changed for the document and indicated where the changes were made.

Council Member Shanahan said she would like to thank the Board members and those who had submitted changes and thoughts about the document.

Council Member Niedzielski-Eichner asked about the 30 day deadline for the action and also about whether there should be a public review for the initial guide. Council Member Shanahan said that this was a technical document which usually doesn't require a public hearing. Council Member Niedzielski-Eichner asked for clarification regarding the difference between technical documents and policy documents. Discussion followed.

Council Member Dunn joined the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Council Member Niedzielski-Eichner also suggested having at least one or two Council Members on the Safe Streets Committee since there will be serious fiscal implications on the public projects. Discussion followed.

Council Member Shanahan noted that this conversation was basically to bring everyone up to speed.

Ordinance Establishing an Advisory Committee for the Reapportionment of Common Council Voting Districts CONT'D.

Regarding the issue of Public Notice for the Advisory Committee for the Reapportionment

of Common Council Voting Districts, Atty. Candela displayed a red line version Section 9 of the Ordinance on screen showing all the changes. Council Member Shanahan stated for the record that the majority of the changes in this section had been previously made and approved by the Committee. The only item that was changed at this Ordinance meeting had to do with the change regarding appointment of a designee for the Registrar of Voters.

Atty. Candela pointed out that extra time had been built in for the deadline. Previously, the 120 day deadline had been changed from September 9th to October 9th to allow Ms. Paladino to have a chance to provide input to the Reapportionment Committee and for the Committee to complete their report.

Atty. Candela noted that the Ordinance changes had been approved by the Committee and would be presented to the Council for approval on September 10th. Then the Reapportionment Committee will have until October 9th to complete their report. The Council will then have an additional 45 days to consider the item. This will conclude on November 23rd. The primary season will start in March, which will allow an ample buffer zone for the State to receive the information before the primaries start.

Council Member Niedzielski-Eichner asked for confirmation that this has been cleared by the Secretary of State's Office and also presented to the current Registrar of Voters. Atty. Candela confirmed this for her.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to consider at this time.

8. DISCUSSION ITEM:

There was no additional items to consider at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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