

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2024**

Attendance: Josh Goldstein; Douglas Sutton; Heather Dunn; Nicole' Eaddy; James Frayer; Nicol Ayers; Nora Niedzielski-Eichner; Darlene Young

Absent: Jalin Sead

Staff: Michele DeLuca, Deputy Director of Emergency Management; Stuart Wells, Registrar of Voters; Melissa Lepore, Deputy Chief, Norwalk Police Department; Brian Candela, Corporation Council; Steve Mednick; Corporation Counsel; Asst. Chief Edward McCabe, Norwalk Fire Department; Deputy Chief Joseph Coppola, Norwalk Fire Department

Others: Priti Mathur, ARC Bridge; Sam Mathur, ARC Bridget; Brenda Penn-Williams; Scott Goodwin; Kenneth D'Arinzo; Khea Gibbs; Diana Paladino-Christopher

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Goldstein called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Goldstein called the roll and all members that are listed were in attendance.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Elsa Obuchowski

Ms. Obuchowski spoke on the agenda item related to reapportionment and said she knows that not many people have spoken up about the reapportionment for numerous reasons and that Norwalk's taxing districts are legally defined entities in the city charter and special legislation at the state level. The reapportionment task includes a duty to keep each taxing district within a single Common Council district practicable and avoid splitting up communities on interest. We have a practicable soliton which is the plan that Registrar Mr. Wells had submitted in July, and that is what she believes should be followed if modifications to it are needed that is understandable, but that type of plan would accomplish what needs to happen without breaking up the First Taxing District.

Todd Bryant

Mr. Bryant read an email he had sent to the committee into the record as follows:

Mayor Rilling and Mr. Livingston,

The Norwalk Preservation Trust strongly supports keeping the center of District A intact. It is the historic center of the old Borough of Norwalk and should not be politically divided. This area includes Norwalk Green and its surroundings, including the Norwalk Green Historic District, the Norwalk Historical Society's Town House (a former city hall) at Mill Hill Historic Park and two historic churches. It also includes the boundaries of the First Taxing District, which was created in the 1913 consolidation. This part of central Norwalk was the Borough of Norwalk from 1836 until incorporation as the first City of Norwalk in 1893. In 1913 the separate cities of Norwalk and South Norwalk, as well as the unincorporated portions of the Town of Norwalk consolidated to form the current City of Norwalk.

Dividing this historic area into two Council Districts serves no purpose. It would complicate the city's governance by having each half of this cohesive area represented by different council members. It would also put the First Taxing District, a remnant of the old City of Norwalk, into two districts. This division would make it difficult for citizens of those districts to knowledgeably vote for First Taxing District candidates for its governing body. **The plan proposed by Registrar of Voters Stuart Wells accomplishes the goals of redistricting without this disruptive division.** His deep knowledge of Norwalk and its voting districts far exceeds that of any consultant. He has taken not only the practical aspects of the population but also Norwalk's history into account in his plan. We are amazed and distressed that his recommendations are ignored. We urge you to follow Mr. Wells' plan to redistrict appropriately and to respect our own history.

Brad Craighead submitted the following comment via email:

As the proprietors of Norwalk Green Living, my wife Tracy and I own six properties located on and around The Norwalk Green and manage about 40 different residential and commercial tenants.

We are also founders of the Norwalk Green Association, a neighborhood activist group that works with our key stakeholders to build community, promote cultural events and advocate for pedestrian safety, mobility and connectivity in Norwalk.

As appealing as it may be to effectively double our representation within the Common Council - by dividing up the core of our neighborhood into two districts - our conclusion is that we strongly support the alternative "Wells Plan".

Proposed by Registrar of Voters Stuart Wells and recommended by the First Taxing District's Chair Elsa Obuchowski, the Wells Plan would preserve the geographic footprint of the Norwalk Green Historic within District A - an area that contains many of Norwalk's most iconic symbols: Morgan Avenue, the First Congregational Church, St. Paul's on The Green and Mill Hill Historic Park.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1987, the Norwalk Green Historic District contains 54 contributing buildings and 3 contributing sites which includes all of the areas listed above, including the Norwalk Green's Gazebo.

Norwalk is extremely fortunate to have a Historic District that is so rich in history and contains such a plentiful range of architectural gems, clearly, we all need to work together to raise awareness about this special area because its unique and designated status did not seem to be sufficiently considered as part of the reapportionment studies.

In recent years, the Norwalk Green Historic District has experienced a dramatic revitalization that has attracted thousands of visitors to the area - led by events hosted by the First Taxing District and the City of Norwalk, including Earth Day. Located at Norwalk's geographic center, and clearly a destination for many visitors, the district serves as a gateway to Wall Street for pedestrians - anything that would potentially divide the neighborhood and compromise the ongoing community building substantially warrants a more appropriate alternative in order to achieve the reapportionment goals of Norwalk.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES-

**** MS. DUNN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS- MR. GOLDSTEIN AND MS. AYERS.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Reapportionment Committee

DISCUSS AND VOTE ON SENDING THE REDISTRICTING 2024 PROPOSED PLAN, MAP, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDISTRICTING OPPORTUNITIES AFTER EACH CENSUS, EACH AS ACCEPTED BY THE REAPPORTIONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Mr. Goldstein recognized the efforts of the members of the Reapportionment Advisory Committee (RAC) for their time to delve into an issue that has not been looked at since the early 1960's.

Mr. D'Arinzo said the advisory committee went through four separate options related to Mr. Well's comments.

Ms. Mathur said they have worked with the (RAC) since July and have listened to them and presented the options that they have selected.

Ms. Mathur presented the proposed plan as was accepted by the RAC on September 12, 2024. She provided an overview of the census data and said the census blocks are used nationwide for redistricting

purposes as they can be used as building blocks to create the districts. The goal of the redistricting process is to distribute the population as equally as possible between districts. A deviation of up to 10% between the most populated and least populated is a norm followed nationwide.

While redistricting is mandated every 10 years is federally mandated to adjust the district boundaries and population, Norwalk has not done any redistricting for several censuses. As such the district and other boundaries are not in alignment with the census boundaries. Census blocks and data contained within are official counts of population and demographic information and using this geography protects any jurisdictions from legal challenges.

The purpose of this project was to evaluate the Common Council district boundaries and to ensure that they meet the requirements of law as stated in the city ordinance and if necessary, and to assist the city in developing new district boundaries. The redistricting requirements as per the city voting rights act and the city ordinance include population equality, compact & contiguous, fair representation of minorities, communities of interest, historical boundary lines, taxing districts, and CTVRA.

The City of Norwalk has a population of 91,184 and a voting age population of 72,682. The current maximum deviation is 18.86% which is more than 10% of the norm and the current district boundaries are not aligned with census blocks and found that Districts A and B are minority-majority districts, District B is a Hispanic majority district, and District C, D, and E, not non-Hispanic white-majority districts. Based on the data elements four options for the RAC and emphasized while we have a lot of knowledge about census data we worked with the RAC as well as the Registrar of Voters to get their feedback. In all the options, census blocks were used and followed the redistricting guidelines as per the City Charter. The RAC requested a hybrid option which was option number four which was selected by the RAC to be presented to the Common Council.

The proposed changes that were accepted by the RAC bring the maximum deviation down from 18.86% to 3.75% and include taking away areas from District A and assigning them to District C, taking away areas from District A and assigning them to District E, taking away areas from District E and assigning them to District D, and taking away areas from District D and assigning them to District E. She said they tried to keep the changes as minimal as possible and follow the maximum deviation guidelines.

Mr. Goldstein clarified that these changes will not affect the upcoming election.

Mr. Mednick said this is a constitutional process and the consultants have done this throughout the country as well as in other areas in Connecticut, and the goal is to meet the standard that was established in 1962 and to be sure there are districts that reflect the concept on one person-one vote and are in compliance with the Voting Rights Act, and that the RAC and the consultant should be commended for the time that they had spent on this.

Mr. Candela also thanked the RAC as well as the consultants for assisting in getting this done and was not easy but had to be done.

Ms. Ayers also thanked the RAC and said the Common Council members do not take volunteerism for granted. As a representative of District A she asked if it is possible to get a list of the streets that will be affected by the redistricting. Ms. Mathur said "Yes". Ms. Ayers asked if option four was unanimously agreed on by the RAC and what made that option stick out more than the other options. Mr. D'Arinzo said that based on the Registrar there were things that needed to be considered, and the Republican Registrar pointed out some concerns along East Avenue, so the RAC thought option four was the best way to move forward. Ms. Ayers asked other than opening this up to public participation if there were any

other concerns related to the redistricting. Mr. D'Arinzo said within the public participation in each of the RAC meetings a majority of who had commented also commented this evening. Mr. Goodwin said the RAC vote to choose option four was not unanimous and that there was one member who abstained due to the concerns that Ms. Obuchowski had raised.

Mr. Frayer asked if cost is a factor in any of this. Ms. Mathur said some administrative costs are involved but are part of the process. Ms. Paladino-Christopher said the benefit of balanced representation outweighs the costs of managing the split precincts and in her opinion, the expenses are minimal and manageable. Mr. Wells said he thinks this is a terrible idea to make tiny precincts and does not think it is legally required, and he completely disagrees. Ms. Mathur said there are tiny precincts now. Mr. Wells said he disagreed. Mr. Goodwin said anything that is done will have administrative costs associated with it. Ms. Paladino-Christopher said the thing that stands out the most to her is the core mission of the committee and with the deviations in Districts A and C are far exceeding the acceptable limits and are not meeting the national standard and need to use the census blocks to ensure fairness and representation and neighborhood continuity is important to address today.

Ms. Niedzielski-Eichner said she thinks this process has surfaced remnants of old things that need to get cleaned up and expressed enormous gratitude to the RAC and the consultants for coming up with a legal solution, and although census blocks may not be required it has been extremely clear by the consultants who do this everywhere that this is how it is done and how it is defended in court and is important that we are showing we are "doing the right thing". She said she does not understand why the taxing district has not asked the state to revisit its lines when they were drawn in 1913 when roads did not exist are useless and we as a city cannot change them. She said she thinks it behooves the city to think about this problem before the next census and work as necessary as possible with the Census Bureau to make sure our lines for the census blocks, and line up with logical lines for the city and thinks this has been a really important exercise and she hopes the First Taxing District will take this opportunity to get themselves in line with 2024 roads.

Ms. Ayers asked if a polling district determines the historical location of where their property is. Mr. Mednick said "No" and that the historical standards/districts can change over time and have nothing to do with polling locations.

Ms. Ayers asked what the neighboring municipalities are doing and if they are using the census lines or using other metrics. Mr. Mednick said on the municipalities that he is aware of following the census district.

Mr. Goldstein asked how many people would be affected by the proposed changes. Ms. Mathur said approximately 3,000 people. Mr. Goldstein said he wants to be sure if this is approved that there will be a plan to inform these people if their precincts change.

Ms. Young thanked the committee for having this meeting to provide clarification for everyone and going forward how this is communicated to the residents will be important.

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO APPROVE MOVING THE PLAN TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Goldstein said there will be a special meeting of the Ordinance Committee held at a date to be determined.

Fire Department

1. **AUTHORIZE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE THE MULTI-MUNICIPALITY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ENTITLED 'AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, FAIRFIELD COUNTY HAZARDOUS INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM'.**

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2. **AUTHORIZE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO SIGN A 4 YEAR AGREEMENT FOR THE INET EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH INDUSTRIAL SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF GAS DETECTION EQUIPMENT (METERS) FOR ALL APPARATUS CITYWIDE. THE SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM WILL ALLOW US TO OWN THE EQUIPMENT ONCE THE 48-MONTH TERM HAS CONCLUDED. WE WILL BE BILLED MONTHLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$793.95 BY INDUSTRIAL SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION FOR A TOTAL 4-YEAR TERM COST NOT TO EXCEED \$38,109.60**
ACCOUNT# 0131-20-5262

Deputy Chief Coppola said they are looking to replace their gas detection meters as they are older and have been experiencing problems with them and need repair. He said he researched an option that will allow them to replace the meters on a subscription program for four years for a monthly fee and in the event, there is an issue with them they will send a replacement overnight which would be a huge benefit. Mr. Frayer asked who would own the meters. Deputy Chief Coppola said after the four years they would own them but would need to come up with a way to maintain them. Mr. Frayer said the end of the contract states they would have to buy the meter. Deputy Chief Coppola said the price quote states that they would own the equipment and has been approved by the purchasing and IT departments.

Mr. Goldstein asked if the exchange agreement is a renewal of a previously done agreement or if is this a whole new agreement. Deputy Chief Coppola said it is a whole new agreement, and they currently have four gas meters on all of the apparatus and have been having a lot of issues with them and he has been looking into some other options and through his research with different cities and towns in the region who use this program and product are extremely happy with it, and the Fairfield County Hazmat Team also uses this technology and is a better option that they have currently been using.

Ms. Dunn asked if they would have to enter into a maintenance agreement separately. Deputy Chief Coppola said they could or just do what they are doing now and just budget funds to make the repairs as needed.

Mr. Goldstein asked if this was approved when they would get the meters and be operational. Deputy Chief Coppola said that once approved they would receive the meters within approximately three weeks and there would be another three weeks for training. He also said he requested that the vendor extend the quote because this has been dragging on for a while and has been extended until the end of October. Mr. Goldstein requested that Deputy Chief Coppola get assurance from INET that there will not be an increase in the price because the next Common Council meeting will not be held until after the end of October.

Mr. Frayer asked if this was a budgeted item. Deputy Chie Coppola said “yes”.

Asst. Chief McCabe with this new program the maintenance of the meters will be outsourced which will allow less downtime on the meters, and the meters are used every day to detect hazardous environments and gases so overall this program will be good for the department.

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**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH DELTA-LEVEL DEFENSE FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$26,684.22 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 19 SETS OF TACTICAL BODY ARMOR.

ACCOUNT# 0133120-5341

Asst. Chief McCabe said this is the second part of the purchase as they had made the purchase last year and split the purchase and is to provide tactical body armor for the firefighters when they are operating at incidents with the police department for any mass casualty or incidents with an active threat. The firefighters come in to back up the police department with treating casualties etc. and this is to get the body armor up to code and update the current sets that they have.

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4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MES SHIPMAN'S FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$279,591.25 FOR NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT SCBA AIR BOTTLES, COMPLIANT WITH THE LATEST NFPA STANDARD.

ACCOUNT# 0131205269

Asst. Chief McCabe said this is part of the mandated self-contained breathing apparatus and will bring them in compliance with the latest NFPA standards.

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Police Department

1. **AUTHORIZE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE, DRUG RECOGNITION ENFORCEMENT INSTRUCTOR GRANT.**

Deputy Chief Lepore said the CTDOT Department of Transportation Highway Safety has approved the application for funding under the drug recognition enforcement and is an annual grant that they are awarded and was approved in the amount of \$44,659.38 and the funding start date was October 9, 2024, and ends September 30, 2025. The grant funds are used to combat the large increase of drivers using marijuana or illegal drugs, and between 2018 and 2022 over 50% of drivers that were involved in fatal car accidents tested positive for drugs so the highway safety plan calls for highly visible enforcement of impaired drivers, and the training of law enforcement officers in the latest methods of drug evaluation and classification and to certify their officers as drug recognition experts.

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**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. **AUTHORIZE CHIEF OF POLICE, JAMES WALSH, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE, DRUG RECOGNITION ENFORCEMENT INSTRUCTOR GRANT.**

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**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE AGENDA.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **AUTHORIZE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION ARPA-ATV-2023-NWK-1A GRANT.**

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Deputy Chief Lepore said that items three and four of the agenda all pertain to one grant which is an ARPA grant and the grant award number ends in 2A and as of this morning when they were talking with the state department regarding that grant they had advised them that there was a grant ending in 1A that was awarded but that had not been utilized or accepted so they are allowing the award of 1A and 2A. The grant is identical, but they had provided more funding and extended the usage time of one year to the grant so twice the amount of money can be used in the same year.

Deputy Chief Lepore said it is called the ARPA grant and was awarded to the Norwalk Police Department and the original grant was awarded in 2021 which was accepted, received, and utilized. There was more funding that was awarded in 2023 and again in 2024 which is the 1A and 2A of the grants.

Deputy Chief Lepore said the police department has experienced a surge in individuals committing auto theft and other crimes related to auto theft within the city and surrounding municipalities and this funding will pay for increased patrol to help deter auto thefts, violent crimes, and criminal acts from taking place.

Mr. Goldstein asked why the grant was not accepted the first time. Deputy Chief Lepore said they did not know it was awarded, and the grants coordinator had retired so they did not know where to send the award. Mr. Goldstein asked if other grants may have not been earned and not accepted. Deputy Chief Lepore said there is a Lieutenant who is now in the position and has done a phenomenal job.

Mr. Frayer asked if the grant is earmarked for auto theft. Deputy Chief Lepore said "yes" it is to help deter auto theft and any crimes related to auto theft.

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THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. EADDY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd