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August 18, 2025

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ATTENDANCE: Mayor Rilling; Commissioner Tony Lopez; Commissioner Ronald Paladino; Commissioner Nate Sumpter (arrived at 4:01 PM.)

STAFF: Deputy Chief Blake; Deputy Chief Joseph Dinho; Deputy Chief Melissa Lepore; Ralph Kolb, Senior Environmental Engineer, WPCA; Mario Pizighelli, Stormwater Systems Manager, WPCA

OTHERS: Melody Green-Ragin

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Rilling called the roll, and all those listed in the attendance were present.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation this evening.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

**A. APPROVE THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES FROM
JULY 21, 2025**

**** COMMISSIONER LOPEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS
SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. BLACK HERITAGE PARADE

Mr. Yeung provided an overview of the event and said the Black Heritage Parade is a new event for the City of Norwalk. It will highlight black heritage, especially in the neighborhood of South Norwalk, and is intended to go through the heart of South Norwalk for that reason. He gave an overview of the intended parade route and said it will be held on Saturday, September 13th at 11:00 AM. The event will be followed immediately with a post-parade celebration and Black

Heritage Festival in the park in front of SONO 50 for the remainder of the afternoon. He said the event organizer met with TMP and Chief Blake, and they are in agreement with the parade route.

Commissioner Lopez asked for clarification on the parade route. Mr. Yeung presented the map of the parade route and said the Parking Director has been notified of the potential impact on the Haviland parking lot and the Webster Street driveway, and North Main Street is to be closed for the entirety of the afternoon. Commissioner Lopez asked about the impact on the various businesses on Washington Street with the closure of Haviland Street. Mr. Yeung said the Haviland parking deck is only accessible from Haviland Street, but because Haviland Street will only need to be closed for approximately 20 to 30 minutes while the parade passes by, it is considered a short-term closure. There is parking available at some of the other facilities that are in the area for a brief period of time. There will also be a notification sent out to the permit parkers for the Haviland Parking deck, so they are aware of the brief period of inaccessibility during the parade.

Mayor Rilling asked Ms. Green-Ragin if she is working with the State Liquor Commission regarding the sale of alcohol. Ms. Green-Ragin said not yet, but she will once she receives the approval for the parade from the Traffic Authority.

**** COMMISSIONER SUMPTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. RAYMOND TERRACE BLOCK PARTY

Mayor Rilling said the event has been held for the past eight years or more and asked if there are any significant changes. Deputy Chief Blake said there are no changes that he is aware of. Mr. Yeung said the only outstanding item was the event organizers' request to use a private security company rather than uniform police officers for the road closures. Deputy Chief Blake said a uniform police officer is required to close a public roadway.

**** COMMISSIONER SUMPTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. WPCA SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT SUNSET HILL AVE AND BEACON STREET

Mr. Pizighelli provided a detailed overview of the project and said the purpose of the project is that over the past 20 years, during heavy wet weather events, several residents in the vicinity of Beacon Street, Willow Street, and Armstrong Court may experience sanitary sewer overflows

and backups in their homes. Depending on the size and intensity of the storm, some residents may be unable to use their bathroom and shower facilities for up to 24 hours. The proposed project will replace the existing 1,800 linear feet of sanitary sewer. In addition, the project includes the installation of new manhole structures and new sanitary sewer laterals within the city right-of-way of the project limits. This project is very needed for the residents in the area.

Mr. Pizighelli provided a detailed overview of the traffic plan and said the hours of operation will generally be from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM and will always have uniformed police officers on site as well as flaggers. Notification to all of the residents, the school, and city buses two weeks prior to the mobilization. The road will be opened at the end of the construction day, and there are no permanent closures. It will be in a phased approach, and each phase has a specific traffic detour and road closure plan., are working closely with TMP on the custom signage that will be required, including VMS signs.

Commissioner Lopez asked about emergency vehicle access. Mr. Pizighelli said that notification will be sent to all emergency personnel. Mr. Yeung said to help with mitigating queuing traffic beyond an acceptable level, there will be a no left turn restriction going southbound on East Avenue onto Sunset Hill Road. Mayor Rilling said that if there is a major occurrence, the police officers will close the site until the incident is cleared.

**** COMMISSIONER PALADINO MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER SUMPTER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd