

Council at Large:	Mr. Joshua Goldstein Mr. Johan Lopez Ms. Nicol Ayers	<i>Mr. Jesse Buccolo</i> Mr. Colin Hosten
District A:	Mr. Jalin Sead	Mr. Broderick Sawyer
District B:	<i>Mr. Dajuan Wiggins</i>	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Ms. Nicolé Eaddy	Ms. Anne Wennerstrand
District D:	Mr. Jan Degenshein	Mr. Richard Dellinger
District E:	Mr. James Frayer	<i>Mr. Brian Bailey</i>

Mayor Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and lead the council in the pledge of allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Elbourne, City Clerk, called the roll and a quorum was established.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: February 24, 2026

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 24, 2026, were presented.

****MS. AYERS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MIUNUTES.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 24, 2026, were approved as presented.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation was opened. The Jordan family was welcomed. Several speakers addressed the Council in strong support of the honorary naming of Knight Street to Cutie Mae Jordan Way.

Ms. Williams-Murchinson spoke on behalf of Ms. Cutie Mae Jordan and shared personal testimonies about how Ms. Jordan had spoken into her life and her husband’s life. She introduced the next speaker on behalf of Reverend Dr. Sonia Mayor-Williams.

Mr. Allen shared how Ms. Jordan had drastically affected his life through marriage into the family and how she had raised a village that produced judges, parole officers, doctors, lawyers, and military members across the United States.

Ms. Jordan read a letter from the First Congregational Church on the Green supporting the naming and detailing Ms. Jordan’s establishment of the gospel choir and music ministry. Mr.

Jordan spoke about initiating the request in honor of his father's legacy and his grandmother's impact on the community and on his own life as a teacher and mentor.

Ms. Allen shared memories of growing up with Ms. Jordan as a mother who was always present for her children while also serving the entire community.

The President of the NFEP Union spoke about three impactful lessons from Ms. Jordan: being the best version of oneself, the necessity of love for community, and helping somebody along the way so that one's living would not be in vain.

Ms. Guilford spoke about sacrifice and Ms. Jordan's seventy-plus years of service in churches and the community.

Ms. Jordan spoke about her grandmother's upbringing as a sharecropper and the lasting recognition she receives throughout the city.

Reverend Curtis expressed that having Ms. Jordan join Grace Baptist Church under his pastorate was one of the greatest honors he had received.

Ms. Zuniga voiced support for the street naming. Rep. Travis Simms spoke about Ms. Jordan's profound personal and family impact and her leadership during the 1968 march mourning Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Public participation was then closed.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. REAPPOINTMENTS a. Katherine Williams-Murchinson, Board of Ethics, Regular Ms.

Ayers spoke in support of the reappointment of Ms. Katherine Williams-Murchinson to the Board of Ethics as a regular member. She described Ms. Williams-Murchinson as a civic-minded person of high quality and character who continues to serve the city well on the board. Ms. Williams-Murchinson was present in the gallery.

****MS. AYERS MOVED TO REAPPOINT MS. KATHERINE WILLIAMS-MURCHINSON TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS AS A REGULAR MEMBER.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPOINTMENTS a. John Hubers, Planning and Zoning Commission, Regular, District B

Mr. Goldstein moved the appointment of Mr. John Hubers to the Planning and Zoning Commission as a regular member in District B. He noted that Mr. Hubers is a renter, which is rare and important for representation on the commission given the number of renters in Norwalk.

Mr. Hubers professionally assists nonprofit organizations in improving their business operations so they can focus on service. He has attended Planning and Zoning Commission meetings regularly for months and comes with recommendations from city officials including the head of Economic and Community Development and the chair of the commission. Mr. Goldstein, a former member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, emphasized that Mr. Goldstein is conscientious and prepared to handle complex applications and decisions.

****MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPOINT MR. JOHN HUBERS TO THE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AS A REGULAR MEMBER.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Barbara C. Smyth delivered remarks thanking those who supported the Mayor's ball as they raised money to support foundations. She also recognized Women's History Month and International Women's Day, honoring the contributions of women in government, education, public safety, healthcare, business, the arts, and families. She also marked the conclusion of the Holy Month of Ramadan and extended wishes for a joyful Eid al-Fitr to the Muslim community. She announced that the Board of Estimate and Taxation would hold its public hearing on the budget on March 25th at 6:30 p.m.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approve changing date of Community Services Committee monthly meetings from the third Wednesday to the fourth Wednesday each month in calendar year 2026.

This item was included in the consent calendar.

B. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

No discussion occurred on this item.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Lopez read the consent calendar as follows:

A. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to enter into an agreement for the use of Calf Pasture Beach by City of Norwalk Department of Recreation & Parks for their Bunny Run to be held on Saturday, March 21st from 9:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. Set-up at 8:30 A.M. with tear-down by 11:30 A.M. Approximately 100 people

B. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute any and all instruments to effectuate a boundary adjustment between 328 Flax Hill Road (a/k/a Fodor Farm) and 25 Pogany Street in accordance with the map entitled "Property Survey depicting adjustment of lot lines Lot 1 & 4, Map 13083 N.L.R. 25 Pogany-Norwalk, CT prepared

- for Douglas Peoples" prepared by Ryan and Faulds on file in the Law Department.
3. The City is hereby authorized to purchase, acquire and/or take by exercise of eminent domain a pedestrian right of way easement in the real property identified as *"proposed 9.5' wide pedestrian right of way easement (cross-hatched area)"* on a survey map entitled *"City of Norwalk showing proposed pedestrian right of way easement over portion of undeveloped Gilbert Hill Road located between Woodbine Road & Hunt Street Norwalk, Connecticut"* dated September 22, 2025 and prepared by advanced surveying for purposes of pedestrian passage by the general public, and further that the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth or her designee is authorized to execute and deliver any and all agreements, documents and other instruments necessary to purchase, acquire and or take by exercise of eminent domain powers said property.
 4. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to AAA Band Rentals, LLC. for project 4471R Band Instruments Replacements for Norwalk High, Brien McMahon, West Rocks, Ponus Ridge, Nathan Hale, Roton and Concord schools in the amount of \$282,363.00. Acct. #09265010-5777-C0685.
 5. Approve Online Building Systems, LLC as the sole source vendor to service and repair the 911 dispatch center's backup power (UPS) system at the Police Headquarters. This approval shall expire July 1, 2029.

C. PUBLIC WORKS

2. a. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute an Agreement with Yield Industries, LLC for City Purchasing Department Project 4489 - Project BR2026-1 – Rehabilitation Project for Bridge No. 102-025 – Bonnybrook Trail Over Holy Ghost Fathers Brook and Bridge No. 102-029 – Bonnybrook Trail Over Holy Ghost Fathers Brook, for a sum not to exceed \$334,350.00.
Account No.
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09 26 4021 5777 C0315
- b. Authorize the Chief of Operations and Public Works to execute orders on the Contract with Yield Industries, LLC for City Purchasing Department Project 4489 - Project BR2026-1 – Rehabilitation Project For Bforge No. 102-025 – Bonnybrook Trail Over Holy Ghost Fathers Brook and Bridge No. 102-029 – Bonnybrook Trail Over Holy Ghost Fathers Brook, for a sum not to exceed \$33,435.00.
Account No.
09 24 4021 5777 C0315
09 25 4021 5777 C0315
09 26 4021 5777 C0315
3. Authorize the Chief of Operations and Public Works to execute orders on the Contract Between the City of Norwalk and Alcaide, Inc., DBA A&J Construction for Project PM2025-2 Paving at Various Locations (LOCIP Reimbursement), for a sum not to exceed \$215,000.00.
Account No.
09 26 4021 5777 C0021

a. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute an Agreement between the City of Norwalk and Burns Construction Company, Inc. for Project Bid No. 4493, Project RD2026-1 Roadway Paving and Sidewalk Installation for Roton Avenue and Pine Point Road (McKinley Street to Nearwater Road) for a sum not to exceed \$1,203,301.25.

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b. Authorize the Chief of Operations and Public Works to execute orders on the contract with Burns Construction Company, Inc. for Project Bid No. 4493, Project RD2026-1 Roadway Paving and Sidewalk Installation for Roton Avenue and Pine Point Road (McKinley Street to Nearwater Road)for a sum not to exceed \$180,495.19.

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Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute any and all agreements and instruments necessary to acquire drainage easements for the City of Norwalk from property owners located at 13 Heather Lane and 15 Heather Lane, per Drainage Easement Map 13 Heather Lane and Drainage Easement Map 15 Heather Lane. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute a Second Amendment to the February 6, 2024 Agreement between the City of Norwalk and AI Engineers Inc. for Project PSC2023-1 On-Call Surveying and Mapping Services. The Amendment is to extend the Agreement for a period of one (1) year at a sum not to exceed \$200,000.00.

Account No.

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****THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES B. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

2. a. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to enter into agreements and other such instruments as deemed necessary to complete the receipt of a gift in the amount of \$100,000 or more from the Celeste Garr Trust. b. The City of Norwalk authorizes a room of no less than 200 square feet, accessible to the general public within the Norwalk Public Library to be named the Celeste Y Garr Children's Reading Room. The location or relocation of which shall be at the sole discretion of the City of Norwalk.

Mr. Hosten moved items 2a and 2b together. He stated that although the items are not necessarily dependent on each other, he was moving them jointly and read them as presented. He then requested and received permission to offer an amendment to correct the name of the trust.

****MR. HOSTEN MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION BY REPLACING THE CELESTE GARR TRUST WITH THE W. RANDALL GARR AND LAUREN KELMAN LIVING TRUST.**

****THE AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Hosten then stated that the corrected motion should read: authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth to enter into agreements and or such instruments as deemed necessary to complete the receipt of a gift in the amount of \$100,000 or more from the W. Randall Garr and Lauren Kelman Living Trust. He briefly commented on the importance of honoring public servants like Celeste Garr and how such namings create lasting legacies that inspire future generations, noting the parallel to the earlier discussion about renaming a street.

****MR. HOSTEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS AND OTHER SUCH INSTRUMENTS AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE RECEIPT OF A GIFT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 OR MORE FROM THE W. RANDALL GARR AND LAUREN KELMAN LIVING TRUST AND TO NAME A ROOM OF NO LESS THAN 200 SQUARE FEET, ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITHIN THE NORWALK PUBLIC LIBRARY AS THE CELESTE Y GARR CHILDREN'S READING ROOM, THE LOCATION OR RELOCATION OF WHICH SHALL BE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE CITY OF NORWALK.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Hosten noted that Mr. Garr may be participating via Zoom and invited him to comment. Mr. Garr expressed appreciation for the timing of the proposals, noted that both items honor women

and mothers dedicated to service, thanked the Council for shepherding the proposal, and stated that he was impressed with the organization and conduct of the meeting. He also thanked the Council for the opportunity to contribute.

Mayor Barbara C. Smyth thanked Mr. Garr and stated that the City welcomes families large and small and appreciates his contribution to the library.

C. PUBLIC WORKS

1. Approve the Honorary Naming of Knight Street to Cutie Mae Jordan Way.

Ms. Wennerstrand moved the item. She thanked all who were present and those who had spoken at the Public Works Committee public hearing. She expressed how moved she was by everything learned about Ms. Cutie Mae Jordan and the visible legacy and light in the family members. She referenced Mr. Hosten earlier words about places and people carrying legacy and stated that the chain of love and inspiration reaches far beyond the family. She opened the floor for comments.

Mr. Sead thanked Kyle Jordan for spearheading the request. He shared that he is also a grandma's boy and found it touching to see the effort. He recalled going to school with Kyle and noted that at age 16 or 17 Kyle was already preaching. He spoke of Uncle Mac, Pastor Jordan, and others who touched his life, including State Rep. Kadeen Roberts. He referenced Matthew 7 about knowing a good tree by its fruit and stated that the family are good fruit. He noted that Ms. Cutie Mae helped raise a village and that the village is now raising a village. He highlighted the honor of having the naming in his district and District A on 9th Street and her impact on major churches including the First Congregational and Bethel. He thanked the family and asked Ms. Cutie Mae to continue praying for the city.

Ms. Young stated that honoring those who give back to the community is what being a council member is all about. She noted that the life, love, and legacy live on and shine in all the family members across decades and generations. She described the name as a shining star and example of a God-fearing woman and referenced 1 Corinthians 13 on faith, hope, and love as the greatest gift. She emphasized that love keeps us and makes us do things for each other and that this process of naming streets and buildings is about what one gives. She expressed being honored to know the family.

Ms. Ayers addressed her remarks primarily to her colleagues. She described the moment as a very special one for the community in which they were honoring a living legacy. She noted that Ms. Cutie Mae is 90 years old and that when the weather breaks for the official naming, the fire department would be sent if needed to ensure Ms. Cutie Mae is present. She stated she is always a proponent of giving people their flowers while they can smell them. She described Ms. Cutie Mae as a remarkable songstress whose voice has inspired and uplifted with messages of faith and perseverance for decades, performing at the Pentagon and before dignitaries while remaining rooted in the community. She shared personal memories of growing up listening to Ms. Cutie Mae sing Precious Lord, Bloodstained Banner, Too Close, Walk Around Heaven All Day, and her favorite, Rise Again. She connected the renaming of Knight Street to the history of Norwalk

and of faith, noting that Bethel AME Church, the oldest Black church in Norwalk, was founded on 9th Street and that Ms. Cutie Mae and her husband were members who moved with the congregation to its current location. She made a personal suggestion that Ms. Cutie Mae sing at the 4th of July celebration during the bandstand event as America marks its 250th anniversary. She congratulated Norwalk for reflecting its rich history by acknowledging a living legacy.

Mr. Sawyer stated that Ms. Cutie Mae is everyone's mom, a wonderful person and mother who raised a wonderful family, and that this is an easy vote.

Ms. Eaddy shared that she and Keisha were in school together. She recounted how Ms. Cutie Mae was a blessing later in life at Ludlow Commons, checking on her grandmother. She told of the night her grandmother was rushed to the hospital and how Ms. Cutie Mae spoke to her and her aunt in the hallway in her calm, sweet, anointed voice, assuring them everything would be okay if they put their trust in God.

****MS. WENNERSTRAND MOVED TO APPROVE THE HONORARY NAMING
OF KNIGHT STREET TO CUTIE MAE JORDAN WAY.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Congratulations were extended.

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. Executive Session – Authorization to Settle Claim: Century National Insurance Company v. City of Norwalk

There was no executive session.

2. Executive Session – Authorization to Settle Claim: City of Norwalk v. SSMLN, LLC

There was no executive session.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL

No resolutions were presented.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

No motions were postponed.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

No suspension of rules was requested.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY COUNCIL
NORWALK,
CONNECTICUT**

**REGULAR MEETING
7:30 PM**

**MARCH 10, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS &
VIA ZOOM**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary**