

Council at Large:

Mr. Joshua Goldstein
Mr. Johan Lopez
Ms. Nicol Ayers

Mr. Jesse Buccolo
Mr. Colin Hosten

District A:

Mr. Jalin Sead

Mr. Broderick Sawyer

District B:

Mr. Dajuan Wiggins

Ms. Darlene Young

District C:

Ms. Nicolé Eaddy

Ms. Anne Wennerstrand

District D:

Mr. Jan Degenshein

Mr. Richard Dellinger

District E:

Mr. James Frayer

Mr. Brian Bailey

The City Council meeting of March 24, 2026, was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Barbara C. Smyth in the Council Chambers.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Elbourne (City Clerk), called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: March 10, 2026

****MR. DELLINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 10, 2026 AS AMENDED.**

****THE MOTION CARRIED WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS (MR. BAILEY & MR.
BUCCOLO).**

****THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS AMENDED.**

Ms. Eaddy noted a correction on page 6 where the word “minutes” was misspelled.

Mr. Goldstein made a reference to being able to handle complex applications, which was not applicable to the particular situation as she had been referring to someone else.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Barbara C. Smyth noted that the appointment of Tricia Ciccone would be tabled. There were no speakers in Council Chambers or online. Public participation was closed.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. APPOINTMENTS

a. Tricia Ciccone, Board of Ethics, Regular

****MR. GOLDSTEIN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE APPOINTMENT OF TRICIA CICCONE TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE APPOINTMENT WAS TABLED.**

b. Simone Elaine Morris, Commission on Gender Equity

****MS. WENNERSTRAND MOVED THE APPOINTMENT OF SIMONE ELAINE MORRIS AS COMMISSIONER ON GENDER EQUITY.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE APPOINTMENT WAS APPROVED.**

Ms. Wennerstrand spoke to the qualifications of Simone Elaine Morris, noting her 25-plus years of corporate and entrepreneurial leadership development, her work toward a PhD in Human Development and Organizational Systems, her role as a board member with Norwalk Acts, her service as an advisory council member with Live Girl in New Canaan, Connecticut, her work as a coach with Stand Beside Them, Inc., her multiple professional certifications, her affiliation with the Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, and her alumni status with Goldman Sachs' 1 Million Black Women in Business. She stated that Ms. Morris would be an excellent addition as a commissioner for gender equity, especially during Women's History Month following the Elevate and Lead program.

Mr. Buccolo spoke in support, noting Ms. Morris's excellence as a board member on Norwalk Acts, her role as a parent and active community member, her expertise in DEI, her focus on the culture of teams and equity and inclusion in a professional capacity, and her value to Norwalk as an author with many skills. Congratulations were extended to Ms. Morris.

B. MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Barbara C. Smyth thanked Ms. Wennerstrand for highlighting the great event in the concert hall with Norwalk Public Schools and the Commission on Gender Equity. She thanked everyone who attended the first ever bunny run at Calf Pasture Beach, especially the employees, noting that the event raised funds for the park, recreation Play and Learn camp and had more than double the expected number of attendees. She recognized April as Autism Awareness Month and announced the Autism Acceptance event at the Town Green on April 13th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. She also recognized Sexual Assault Awareness Month and reaffirmed that the community does not tolerate violence of any kind. She announced her first Meet the Mayor event at Sweet Ashley's to support local businesses and engage with the community. She announced her first Mayor's Night Out on April 30th at the Marvin from 6 to 8 p.m., open to all residents, with City Hall employees from different departments available to provide information and receive feedback. She wished everyone who celebrates a happy Passover and Happy Easter.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Goldstein congratulated Mr. Buccolo for running the Bunny Run. He encouraged everyone to attend the public hearing on the Board of Estimate and Taxation the following day at 6:30 p.m. in the concert hall regarding this year's operating budget. Council President Goldstein then turned the reading of the consent calendar over to Mr. Sawyer.

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Sawyer read the consent calendar, which encompassed every item on the agenda of tonight's meeting.

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. Executive Session - Authorization to Settle Claim: Authorize Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to enter into and/or execute the Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form, any and all other agreements and/or other documents necessary to effectuate the proposed settlement with the Six Distributor Defendants, Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); J.M. Smith Corp.; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Co., Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Co., Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries Super-Valu and Advantage Logistics).

VII. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

1. Narrative on Tax Collections dated March 2026
2. Monthly Tax Collector's Reports dated February 2026
3. Approve Claims Committee Report dated March 2026
4. RESOLUTION: Authorize a Special Appropriation for Transportation, Mobility, & Parking department in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the Gregory Boulevard Roundabout project from the Municipal Grant-in-Aid Funding account 580000-5796-AID08.
5. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to Powerschool Group LLC, for Student Information System, for an amount not to exceed \$241,811.96, account 09265010-5777-C0112.
6. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to ClassLink Inc., for the application portal, for an amount not to exceed \$47,918.60, account 09265010-5777-C0112.

7. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to CDW Government, for StuGoogle Workspace Licensing, for an amount not to exceed \$61,506.00, account 09265010-5777-C0112.
8. Authorize a Special Appropriation for Department of Public Works in the amount of \$94,500 for Snow and Ice removal supplies due to recent severe snowstorms from the Municipal Grant-in-Aid Funding account 580000-5796-AID03.
9. Authorize a Special Appropriation for Department of Public Works in the amount of \$70,000 for Fleet Maintenance overtime due to recent severe snowstorms from the Municipal Grant-in-Aid Funding account 580000-5796-AID04.
10. Authorize a Special Appropriation for Department of Public Works in the amount of \$557,000 for Operations overtime due to recent severe snowstorms from the Municipal Grant-in-Aid Funding account 580000-5796-AID05.
11. Authorize a Special Appropriation for Department of Public Works in the amount of \$60,000 for Rec and Parks overtime due to recent severe snowstorms from the Municipal Grant-in-Aid Funding account 580000-5796-AID09 — new account.
12. Executive Session: Authorize Mayor Barbara Smyth to execute a sole source purchase order on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department for the purchase of (1) one police rescue vehicle for a total not to exceed \$361,000. Account #(09213610-5777 C0638)

B. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to enter into an agreement for the use of Calf Pasture Beach and Taylor Farm by National Marine Manufacturers Association for their Norwalk Boat Show to be held on Thursday, September 24th, Friday, September 25th, Saturday, September 26th and Sunday, September 27th, 2026 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Set-up on Monday, September 21st at 8:00 A.M. to Wednesday, September 23rd until 5:00 P.M with tear-down by Sunday, September 27th at 10:00 P.M. Approximately 10,000 people.
2. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to enter into an agreement for the use of Washington Street Plaza by City of Norwalk Department of Economic and Community Development for their Sono Saturdays to be held on Saturday, May 30th, Saturday, June 27th, Saturday, July 25th and Saturday, August 29th, 2026 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M with set-up at 9:00 A.M and tear-down by 4:00 P.M. Approximately 1,000 people.
3. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to enter into an agreement for the use of Oyster Shell Park by Norwalk Nice for their 10th Annual NICE Festival to be held on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026 from 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Set-up on Friday, October 2nd at 6:00 A.M. with tear-down by Sunday, October 4th at 12:00 P.M. Approximately 500 people.
4. Authorize the purchasing agent to issue a sole source purchase order, in an amount not to exceed \$28,500, to PlanIt Geo for the implementation and continuation of tree inventory and canopy software up to May 2029, from grant account 380000 5790 G0058.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. a. Authorize Mayor, Barbara Smyth, to execute any and all documents and agreements necessary to accept grant funding under The Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Project Number 0206-0712-AH, FY26 Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement Grant.

b. 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 Project Number 0206-0712-AH, FY26 Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement Grant.

D. PUBLIC WORKS

1. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF OCTOBER 28, 2025 ITEMS VII.D.1 & VII.D.2 TO ADD ACCOUNT NUMBER 580000-5796-AID01

The Soundview Avenue Retaining Wall project (TMP 2024-08) will utilize funds from a Special Appropriation from the Municipal account (580000-5796-AID01), as approved during the October 28, 2025 City Council meeting. TMP is requesting the following authorizations to add the account to this project:

Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute a Master Agreement for Construction Services with Colonna Concrete & Asphalt Paving LLC for a sum not to exceed \$381,556.00. ADD Account: 580000-5796-AID01

Authorize the Director of Transportation, Mobility, and Parking to execute orders on the contract with Colonna Concrete & Asphalt Paving LLC for a sum not to exceed \$76,312.00. ADD Account: 580000-5796-AID01

2. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF OCTOBER 28, 2025 ITEMS VII.D.3 & VII.D.4 TO ADD ACCOUNT NUMBER 580000-5796-AID06

The Route 1 (Connecticut Avenue) Pedestrian Bridge project will utilize funds from a Special Appropriation from the Municipal account (580000-5796-AID06), as approved during the October 28, 2025 City Council meeting. TMP is requesting the following authorizations to add the account to this project:

Authorize the Director of Transportation, Mobility, and Parking to execute a purchase order for Design and Permitting Services with IMEG Corp (Formally FHI Studio) for a sum not to exceed \$90,500.00 ADD Account: 580000-5796-AID06

Authorize the Director of Transportation, Mobility, and Parking to execute orders on the agreement with IMEG Corp (Formally FHI Studio) for a sum not to exceed \$9,050.00 ADD Account: 580000-5796-AID06

****MR. GOLDSTEIN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR
WAS APPROVED AS READ.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

XI. ADJOURNMENT

****MS. YOUNG MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary