

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – MAY 7, 2026
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

ATTENDANCE: Ed Abrams, Chair; Mayor Barbara Smyth; Joseph Andrasco; Kendrick Constant; Troy Jellerette; Artie Kassimis; Anne Yang

STAFF: Marsha Elbourne, City Clerk; Tom Ellis Finance and Budgets; Jared Schmitt, City CFO; Bryan Lutz and Sirak Legesse (Parking Authority); Vanessa Valadares and Christine Pacelli (WPCA)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ed Abrams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk conducted roll call.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Parking Authority 2026-2027 Operating Budget Bryan Lutz and Sirak Legesse presented the Parking Authority operating budget. The budget is fully funded through parking revenues with no support required from the City's general fund or taxpayer dollars. They reported modest revenue growth of 1.63% and controlled expense growth of 0.73%.

****MR. JELLERETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE PARKING AUTHORITY 2026-2027 OPERATING BUDGET.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Approval of the WPCA 2026-2027 Operating Budget Vanessa Valadares presented the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) operating budget. The budget is funded through sewer fees and related revenues. Revenues are projected conservatively at \$22.215 million with corresponding expenses.

****MR. JELLERETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE WPCA 2026-2027 OPERATING BUDGET.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Approval of the FY 2026-2027 City of Norwalk Operating Budget and Tax Rates Jared Schmitt presented a revised proposal incorporating additional state funding received after the state budget was adopted. The proposal increases the Board of Education appropriation to 4.12% (plus approximately \$1.96 million in new state education funding to reach a total 4.9% increase for BOE) and uses \$1.4 million in additional municipal grants to reduce the fund balance drawdown.

Extensive discussion followed regarding the impact on taxpayers, fund balance preservation, and Board of Education funding levels.

****MR. JELLERETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FY 2026-2027 CITY OF NORWALK OPERATING BUDGET AND TAX RATES AS PRESENTED.
MOTION PASSED IN FAVOR (ABRAMS; SMYTH, JELLERETTE; CONSTANT; ANDSRASKO) OPPOSED (YANG).

ADJOURNMENT

****MR. CONSTANT MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at around 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary