

**CITY OF NORWALK
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - MAY 12, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS & VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Barbara C. Smyth; Nicol Ayers; Jesse Buccolo; Joshua Goldstein; Colin Hosten; Johan Lopez; Broderick Sawyer; Jalin T. Sead Sr.; *Dajuan C. Wiggins Sr.*; Nicolé Eaddy; Anne Wennerstrand; Jan Degenshein; Richard Dellinger; James Frayer; Brian Bailey; Darlene Young.

STAFF: Marsha Elbourne, City Clerk; Mario Coppola, Corporation Council.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll as noted above,

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: April 28, 2026

****MR. DEGENSHEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 28, 2026 MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**

****MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION (COUNCILMEMBER BAILEY). IN FAVOR (AYERS; BUCCOLO; GOLDSTEIN; HOSTEN; LOPEZ; SAWYER; SEAD SR.; EADDY; WENNERSTRAND; DEGENSHEIN; DELLINGER; FRAYER; BAILEY; YOUNG.)**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- **Andre DeNunzio** (5 Michael Street) Supported more sidewalks in the city and specifically urged approval of the Fillow Street sidewalk project.
- **Matthew Silbert** (230 East Ave) Strongly supported the VHB contract for the Gregory Boulevard Roundabout & Fifth Street Shared-Use Path. Emphasized it is fully grant-funded and necessary to create a design for public review.
- **Lou DeCanto** (21 Victory Court) Opposed the roundabout project. Long-time East Norwalk resident and retired firefighter; stated there have never been serious accidents at the location and raised concerns about cost, loss of parking, and emergency vehicle access.
- **Betty Bono** (35 5th Street) Urged the Council to pause/table the VHB contract. Cited safety concerns, loss of parking on 5th Street, and lack of procedural fairness/public input before spending money on design.
- **Reid Otterbach** (2 Roland Avenue) Opposed the roundabout. Retired fire captain and lifelong East Norwalk resident; said there have been no major accidents in 71 years and expressed concerns about parking loss and high cost.

- **Diane Ceci** (Olmsted Place) – speaking for the East Norwalk Neighborhood Association Urged the Council to pause the project until residents could see the actual design. Called for more transparency and genuine public engagement.
- **Lisa Roger** (11 Hays Avenue) Opposed approving the \$246,000 contract. Questioned the process, high cost, and the fact that no design had yet been shown to the public.
- **Joe Santo** Criticized the order of business; said the public and Council should see the consultant’s presentation/design before voting to spend money.
- **Paul Fox** (11 Hanford Place) Supported funding the design work so the public would have an actual proposal to review and comment on at the June 22 meeting.
- **Jessica Marchone** (90 Gregory Boulevard) Lives directly at the roundabout. Opposed major redesign; said the intersection works fine and any changes need thorough discussion with nearby residents.
- **Diane Lauricella** (Gregory Boulevard) Opposed the roundabout project (high cost and called for a pause). Also commented on the yard waste contract and urged the city to reduce yard waste volume.
- **Christina** (Dorset Road) Opposed the roundabout. Stated that firefighters confirmed there is no major safety issue and urged the Council to pause or vote no.

MAYOR A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. RESIGNATIONS

- a. Daniel Loftus George, Arts and Culture Commission, Regular Member – resignation accepted.

2. APPOINTMENTS

- a. Andre DeNunzio appointed to the Commission on Gender Equity (term expires September 1, 2027).

B. MAYOR’S REMARKS

Mayor Barbara C. Smyth offered remarks. She wished everyone a Happy Mother’s Day. She recognized May as Affordable Housing Month and reflected that housing represents stability, dignity, opportunity, and the foundation for families to build their lives. She noted that affordability affects young families, seniors, teachers, nurses, first responders, and essential workers, and reaffirmed her commitment to pursuing balanced, responsible solutions that increase opportunity while preserving the character and quality of life in Norwalk. She also recognized May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and honored the contributions of AANHPI communities to the city.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The reading of the consent calendar was passed to Ms. Young.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

B. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- 1. Authorize the Purchasing Department to issue a purchase order not to exceed

\$22,650.00 to Locality Media, Inc. (dba First Due) to add three modules (Scheduling, Exposure Documentation, and Reports) to the current Fire Department records management software contract. Funding available from account 01-301-031-31100-0-5742.

LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1. a. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute an agreement with Titan Enterprises, Inc. for the Concert Hall Restroom Renovations project for a total not to exceed \$397,700.00.

ACCT: 0925/26 2010 5777 C0536.

b. Authorize a contingency allowance for a total not to exceed \$39,770.00.

ACCT: 09262010 5777 C0536.

2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Facility Compliance Fire Protection LLC to provide Life Safety Services for various city buildings: a) Fire Alarm services — for an initial term of 3 years for a total of \$31,281.00 with two - one (1) year options for \$11,830.00 -FY 2029-2030 and \$12,184 -FY 2030-2031 and b) Sprinkler/Suppression Services – an initial term of 3 years for a total of \$25,817.00 with two - one (1) year options for \$9,970.00 -FY 2029-2030 and \$10,113.00 -FY 2030-2031.

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3. Authorize to increase the Owner Contingency Allowance for change orders to the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) with Newfield Construction Group, LLC for the Silvermine School HVAC/IAQ project for an additional amount not to exceed \$504,308.97.

ACCT: 09245010 5777/5799 C0842.

D. PUBLIC WORKS

1. a. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute an Agreement between the City of Norwalk and B&W Paving & Landscaping, LLC for Project PM2026-1 - Roadway Paving and Sidewalk Installation for Fillow Street (From Grandview to North Taylor) for a sum not to exceed \$2,033,555.00.

ACCTS:

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09 26 4021 5777 C0021
09 26 4021 5777 C0318

2. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute a 4-year agreement between the

City of Norwalk and Win Waste Innovations Holdings INC (City Carting LLC) for the Transportation and Disposal of Yard Waste Materials Project 4507 for an initial base price of \$67.50 per ton to be adjusted by market conditions for a period of 4 years with an option for two one-year extensions.

ACCTS:

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3. a. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute an Agreement between the City of Norwalk and A. Vitti Excavators, LLC for Project BLDG2026-1 - City Hall Drive Curb Ramp Project – 2026 – Base Bid for a sum not to exceed \$111,480.00.

ACCTS:

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b. Authorize the Chief of Operations and Public Works to execute orders on the contract with A. Vitti Excavators, LLC. for Project BLDG2026-1 - City Hall Drive Curb Ramp Project – 2026 for a sum not to exceed \$22,296.00 contingency.

ACCTS:

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****MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS READ.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. a. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute an Amendment to the Contract between the City of Norwalk and VHB for Design and Engineering Services for the Gregory Boulevard Roundabout & Fifth Street Shared-Use Path Project, in an amount not to exceed \$246,000.

2. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute an agreement between the City of Norwalk and Streetlight Data, Inc. for citywide traffic data analyses, for a sum not to exceed \$21,938.00.

ACCT: 01-37-50-525

Staff from the Transportation, Mobility, and Parking Department presented on the proposed \$246,000 contract amendment with VHB for preliminary engineering and design of the Gregory Boulevard Roundabout and Fifth Street Shared-Use Path project. The fully grant-funded amendment would support expanded design scope and a public engagement meeting scheduled for June 22, with staff citing safety data including 33 collisions over the past 10 years and a high number of bicycle incidents at the intersection.

****MS. EADDY MOVED TO TABLE ITEMS B.1.a AND B.1.b FOR TWO WEEKS.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

****MS. YOUNG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary