

**CITY OF NORWALK
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – MAY 19, 2026
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

ATTENDEES: Richard Dellinger, Josh Goldstein, Jalin Sead, Anne Wennerstrand, Johan Lopez.

STAFF: Brian Candela, Steve Kleppin.

OTHERS: Pat Toney, Amy Ayala, Kitty Tsang (Board of Ethics).

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dellinger called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee. He noted that a quorum was present.

II. ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Discuss and vote on Chapter 7 (General Provisions), Article II (City Seal), Section 10 (Custody)

Mr. Candela confirmed there were no emails received in advance and no members of the public raised their hand to speak.

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO FORWARD THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 7 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), ARTICLE II (CITY SEAL), SECTION 10 (CUSTODY) TO THE FULL CITY COUNCIL.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Discuss and vote on new ordinance: Financial Disclosures and Impact of Ordinances

Mr. Candela confirmed there were no emails received in advance. Ms. Diane Lauricella spoke in support of the ordinance but stressed the need for politically neutral evaluations and a user-friendly way for the public to access cost comparisons.

A minor change was made to Section 3A to require that the fiscal impact statement or written statement be completed in coordination with the Chief Financial Officer or their designee.

**** MR. LOPEZ MOVED TO FORWARD THE NEW ORDINANCE ON FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES AND IMPACT OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, TO THE FULL CITY COUNCIL.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Discuss and vote on Chapter 32 (Code of Ethics), Section 1 (Title; Administration)

Mr. Candela confirmed there were no emails received in advance and no members of the public raised their hand to speak. The only changes were from “Common Council” to “City Council” and increasing the Board of Ethics from 5 members plus 2 alternates to 9 members.

**** MS. WENNERSTRAND MOVED TO FORWARD THE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 32 (CODE OF ETHICS), SECTION 1 (TITLE; ADMINISTRATION) TO THE FULL CITY COUNCIL.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Discuss and vote on Chapter 32 (Code of Ethics), Section 3 (Definitions)

Mr. Candela confirmed there were no emails received in advance and no members of the public raised their hand to speak. A minor amendment was made for consistency in language regarding political party affiliation for the hearing board.

**** MR. LOPEZ MOVED TO FORWARD THE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 32 (CODE OF ETHICS), SECTION 3 (DEFINITIONS), AS AMENDED, TO THE FULL CITY COUNCIL.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. Discuss and vote on Chapter 32 (Code of Ethics), Section 12 (Board of Ethics)

Mr. Candela confirmed there were no emails received in advance. Ms. Diane Lauricella spoke, expressing support for increasing the size of the Board but emphasizing the need for more public outreach, training, and efforts to attract qualified volunteers to prevent burnout.

Mr. Candela and members discussed the proposed changes, including increasing the Board to 9 members (3 Democrats, 3 Republicans, 3 unaffiliated), updating quorum size, removing alternate language, and ensuring political neutrality.

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO FORWARD THE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 32 (CODE OF ETHICS), SECTION 12 (BOARD OF ETHICS) TO THE FULL CITY COUNCIL.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

April 21, 2026

**** MR. RICHARD DELLINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 21, 2026.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discuss and vote on Chapter 95 (Streets and Sidewalks), Article II (Honorary and Historic Naming of Streets), Sections 37, 38, 39

Extensive discussion was held on proposed criteria for honorary street naming, including residency requirements, fees, notice to residents, community contributions, and political party considerations. No vote was taken. The item will be discussed further at a future meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss and vote on Chapter 118 (Zoning)

Mr. Steve Kleppin explained that the current links in the City Code under Chapter 118 point to outdated zoning regulations. He recommended replacing the detailed list of articles with a single link to the current zoning regulations and map on the Planning and Zoning webpage.

**** MR. DELLINGER MOVED TO FORWARD THE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 118 (ZONING) TO THE FULL CITY COUNCIL.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. DISCUSSION

There were no additional items.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. DELLINGER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary