

**CITY OF NORWALK
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 23, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Barbara C. Smyth, Brian Bailey, Jan Degenshein, Anne Wennerstrand, James Frayer, Richard Dellinger, Broderick Sawyer, Jalin T. Sead Sr. (Majority Leader), Dajuan C. Wiggins Sr., Darlene Young, Nicolé Eaddy, Joshua Goldstein (Council President), Colin Hosten, Johan Lopez, and Jesse Buccolo.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Barbara C. Smyth called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2026

**** MR. BUCCOLO MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2026.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION (MS. WENNERSTRAND).**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

MAYOR A. Resignations and Appointments

1. Resignation The resignation of Carol Frank from the Fair Housing Advisory Commission was accepted.

2. Appointments

a. Jordan Saxe – Harbor Management Commission (Term expires 12/31/2029)

**** MOTION TO APPOINT JORDAN SAXE TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Jordan Saxe was sworn in during the meeting.

b. Harry W. Rilling – Representative Policy Board

(South Central Connecticut Regional Water District / Aquarion Water Authority) (Term expires 06/30/2027)

**** MOTION TO APPOINT HARRY W. RILLING TO THE REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Smyth congratulated the graduates of Norwalk Public Schools and those 8th graders who were promoted to high school. She thanked the teachers, paraprofessionals, staff, and administrators for their support of students throughout the year and wished everyone a restful summer. The Mayor announced that the City's annual 4th of July fireworks celebration will be held on Friday, July 3, 2026, at Calf Pasture Beach, with festivities beginning at 6:00 p.m. She also highlighted the Democracy on the Green event scheduled for July 4, 2026, as well as the return of the summer concert series and movie nights at the beach.

Mayor Smyth further announced that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 23-58, she is designating **Kenneth Hughes**, Superintendent of Parks, to serve as **Tree Warden** for the City of Norwalk, effective June 29, 2026. Mr. Hughes brings extensive experience in the management and maintenance of the City's public spaces. This designation will ensure continuity in the oversight and care of the City's trees and public rights-of-way.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Ms. Wennerstrand read the Consent Calendar as follows: Under Section A, Finance and Claims Committee, items 1 through 9. Under Section B, Ordinance, item 1. Under Section C, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs, items 1 through 2. Under Section D, Public Safety and General Government, item 1.

**** MR. GOLSDSTEIN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS READ.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

C.3 – Norwalk Conservatory – Broadway in the Park Series (Mathews Park)

Mr. Hosten recused himself from this item.

**** MAYOR SMYTH CALLED FOR A VOTE TO APPROVE THE USE AGREEMENT.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C.4 – Gregory Burnett, Sr. Memorial 5K & Fun Run (Calf Pasture Beach) Several Council members spoke in remembrance of former Councilmember Greg Burnett.

**** MAYOR SMYTH CALLED FOR A VOTE TO APPROVE THE USE AGREEMENT.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

SUSPENSION OF RULES

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MADE A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD ONE ADDITIONAL ITEM TO THE AGENDA.**

**** MOTION PASSED.**

ADDITIONAL ITEM – Kingdom Restoration Community Block Party (Ryan Park)

**** MAYOR SMYTH CALLED FOR A VOTE TO APPROVE THE USE AGREEMENT FOR THE EVENT ON JULY 25, 2026.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary