

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - JULY 6, 2026
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

ATTENDANCE: Ed Abrams, Chair; Joseph Andrasko; Kendrick Constant; Troy Jellerette; Anne Yang; Anne Wennerstrand; Mayor Barbara Smyth; Councilmember Brian Bailey (non-voting).

STAFF PRESENT: Marsha Elbourne, City Clerk; Tom Ellis, Budget Director; Jared Schmitt; Jim Travers, Director of Transportation, Mobility and Parking; Jim Giuliano, Construction Solutions Group; and other staff as noted during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ed Abrams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Elbourne called the roll. A quorum was present.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: June 1, 2026

Tom Ellis noted corrections to the minutes: position titles (Budget Director, not Controller; Mickey Docimo as Administrator for the Police Department, not Chief of Police; Kim Kinsella as Assistant Budget Director); account number correction to 013010-4814 under Police Administration; and wording change under the transfer agenda to "no additional contingency authorized by any of these transfers."

****MR. ABRAMS CALLED FOR A VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED BY MR. ELLIS.**

****MOTION PASSED WITH MAYOR SMYTH ABSTAINING (NOT PRESENT AT THE JUNE 1 MEETING).**

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AGENDA

No special appropriations this month.

TRANSFER AGENDA

A. Transfer July 6, 2026

One item: Transfer of the annual central services reimbursement from the Parking Authority (compensation to the City for finance, HR, purchasing, Corporation Counsel, etc.) from the DPW budget to the TMP (Transportation, Mobility and Parking) budget. This is a housekeeping item to reflect the organizational change

moving Parking Authority oversight to TMP. No impact on actual reimbursement amounts or payments. Presented by Tom Ellis, Budget Director, and Jim Travers, Director of TMP.

****MR. JELLERETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER AS PRESENTED.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Contingency Tracker July 6, 2026

Mr. Ellis provided a report on the contingency tracker.

B. Municipal Grant in Aid Status Update

Mr. Schmitt provided an update on the municipal grant in aid.

C. Workforce Restructuring Presentation

Mr. Schmitt provided an update on workforce restructuring efforts, including position changes and associated savings.

D. Preliminary FYE 2026 Financial Estimates

Preliminary review of FY26 year-end financial estimates was presented by Mr. Schmitt, including discussion of revenues, expenditures, bond issuances, asset sales, and tax rebates/abatements.

E. NPS School Construction – Monthly Project June 2026

Jim Giuliano of Construction Solutions Group provided the monthly update:

Norwalk High School: Construction progressing well. Classroom areas nearing completion (paint, flooring). Infrastructure work continues in public areas (kitchen, cafeteria, gymnasium, pool, auditorium). Site concrete package out to bid this summer/fall. FF&E, tennis courts, and grandstands to be bid later to manage escalation. Substantial completion targeted for fall 2027.

South Norwalk School: Open and operational. Photovoltaic installation underway. Punch list items (including gymnasium floor refinishing) in progress. State closeout anticipated early October 2026.

HVAC Projects: Brookside complete; Silvermine nearing completion; Brian McMahon, Nermek, Marvin, and Rowena under construction. All scheduled for substantial completion summer/early fall 2026, with financial closeout by December 2026. Overall budgets on track.

ADJOURNMENT

****MAYOR SMYTH MOVED TO ADJOURN.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary