

**CITY OF NORWALK
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 16, 2026
Hybrid Meeting (Council Chambers and Zoom)**

ATTENDANCE: Jalin Sead (Chair), Anne Wennerstrand, Josh Goldstein (Council President), Jesse Buccolo, Richard Dellinger.

STAFF: Brian Candela, Steve Kleppin.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sead called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. There was a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Sead acknowledged those present as noted above.

PUBLIC HEARING A. Chapter 118 (Zoning)

Public hearing held on the proposed amendment to repeal the outdated Chapter 118 in its entirety and replace it by referencing the current City of Norwalk Zoning Regulations and Map (available at the Planning and Zoning Office and a designated website link).

One public comment was received from Eric Dice (Oakfield Road) regarding challenges in locating and understanding the agenda materials and backup documents for the item.

Minor revisions to the proposed language were discussed: correcting “Planning Zoning Office” to “Planning and Zoning Office” and removing the specific effective date (December 5, 2025) to accommodate ongoing updates.

**** MR. DELLINGER MOVED TO FORWARD THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 118 (ZONING) TO THE COMMON COUNCIL WITH THE MINOR REVISIONS AS DISCUSSED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Public hearing closed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND COMMENT

Public comments were received from Diane Lauricella (Gregory Boulevard) regarding the May 19, 2026, minutes (request that her prior comments on the Board of Ethics be reflected) and Chapter 61A (Leaf Blower), including a suggestion for clearer agenda descriptions of intent and the need for enforcement and education. The ordinance committee confirmed her comments were already included in the minutes, but she overlooked them.

It was noted that the discussion and vote on Chapter 55 (Demolition Delay) would be tabled due to the absence of required staff.

Public participation closed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes dated May 19, 2026

**** MS. WENNERSTRAND MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2026.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION (COUNCILMEMBER JESSE BUCCOLO).**

OLD BUSINESS

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

Discussion held on draft revisions to the ordinance presented by Attorney Brian Candela. Topics included restructuring around application criteria and qualifications, a potential two-thirds resident petition requirement (practical challenges noted for large streets and multifamily properties), notification procedures and costs (website/social media suggested as alternative to certified mail), “clear geographic relationship” language (suggestions to broaden), the deceased requirement and waiver provision, fees (possible limitation to special requests such as weekend ceremonies), fiscal impact, and the need for input from DPW (Vanessa) on the current application form and operational feasibility.

No vote was taken. Further drafting and review to continue. Notes from the meeting and the current application form will be distributed to committee members. A meeting with DPW will be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Chapter 55 (Demolition Delay) – Tabled (required staff not available).

B. Chapter 61A (Leaf Blower)

Discussion held on the history of the ordinance, the existing schedule for gas-powered leaf blowers (no changes proposed), and the delayed ban provision under Section 61A-3 (affirmative Council vote required by September 1, 2026 on implementation, further delay, or removal). Topics included technology advances since the original adoption, impacts on landscapers, local businesses, residents, and the workforce, lithium battery safety and fire risks, enforcement challenges and options (Click & Request app, education, and suggestion of a dedicated non-emergency police line), and the treatment of electric leaf blowers (suggestion to encourage electric use and focus restrictions primarily on gas-powered equipment).

No vote was taken. Outreach will be made to DPW, Fire Marshal Troy Donahue, and former Fire Marshal Broderick Sawyer for input on equipment, battery safety, and the ban dates/provisions. Members of the public were encouraged to provide feedback. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. BUCCOLO MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary**