

**CITY OF NORWALK
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 7, 2025
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Goldstein called the meeting to order at 6:48p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Josh Goldstein, Chairman; Darlene Young, Barbara Smyth, Heather Dunn

STAFF: Sabrina Godeski

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman Goldstein called the Roll: Josh Goldstein, Chairman; Darlene Young, Barbara Smyth, Heather Dunn

At Roll Call there were four (4) Committee members present, constituting a quorum.

James Frayer, Lisa Shanahan and Jalin Sead were absent.

**III. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE CITY OF NORWALK
PARTICIPATING AS A MEMBER MUNICIPALITY IN THE STATE OF
CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CMDA)**

A. CMDA INFORMATION

Diane CeCe urged the committee to vote no or postpone this authorization. She said this should have been taken up in the Charter. She has a few concerns about this. It is heavily focused on housing with no benefit to Norwalk. She said affordable housing and jobs are needed in Norwalk. She said they do not know what the unintended consequences are. She feels that this memorandum would be a gift for the developers. Ms. CeCe wants to know if they could opt out of this. All neighborhoods have not been listed. She will put something together in writing about this.

Chairman Goldstein stated that there is no vote tonight on that item.

Diane Lauricella 21 Little Fox Lane. She said this has great potential. It also has potential for bypassing rules or regs. Transparency has to be part of this in all areas if Norwalk should become a part of this. The public should be asked for their opinion.

Chairman Goldstein closed the public hearing at 7:03p.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:03p.m. immediately followed by the Regular Meeting