

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Harry W. Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Fourteen members were present, constituting a quorum. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of the late Councilmember Greg Burnett.

Council at Large:	Mr. Joshua Goldstein Mr. Johan Lopez	Ms. Barbara Smyth Ms. Nora Niedzielski-Eichner
District A:	Mr. Jalin Sead	Ms. Nicol Ayers
District B:	Mr. Dajuan Wiggins	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Ms. Nicolé Eaddy	Ms. Anne Wennerstrand
District D:	Ms. Heather Dunn	Mr. Douglas W. Sutton
District E:	Mr. James Frayer	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: August 12, 2025

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2025 REGULAR MEETING.**

****THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. FRAYER).**

B. Special Meeting: August 20, 2025

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Diane Lauricella of 21 Little Fox Lane spoke in remembrance of Councilmember Greg Burnett. She also urged the Council to adopt the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy pledge, praised the sustainability measures included in the West Avenue Fire Station renovation, and encouraged the Council to further implement clean energy and energy-efficient designs in city projects, including consideration of heat pumps.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. APPOINTMENTS

a. Sharon Torres, Chief of Human Resources and Personnel.

Mayor Rilling noted the position has been vacant for quite some time and that a national search had been conducted.

Several Council members spoke in support of the nomination. Mayor Rilling acknowledged the Human Resources staff for their work during the vacancy. Ms. Torres, attending virtually, addressed the Council to express her gratitude and enthusiasm for the role.

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. SHARON TORRES AS CHIEF OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE APPOINTMENT WAS APPROVED.**

2. REAPPOINTMENTS

a. Richard Baskin, Pension Board of Trustees

b. James Hendrickson, Pension Board of Trustees

c. Francis Nash, Pension Board of Trustees

The Mayor recommended the reappointment of Mr. Richard Baskin, Mr. James Hendrickson, and Mr. Francis Nash to the Pension Board of Trustees. Mr. Frayer and Ms. Shanahan supported the motion and highlighted the qualifications and service of the appointees.

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF MR. RICHARD BASKIN, MR. JAMES HENDRICKSON, AND MR. FRANCIS NASH TO THE PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. MAYOR'S REMARKS

1. Remembrance of Councilmember Greg Burnett.

Mayor Rilling invited members of the Council to share remembrances of Councilmember Greg Burnett. Council members reflected on his mentorship, professionalism, humor, dedication to finance, and service to the City and community. Many recalled personal stories, highlighting his impact as a mentor, colleague, and friend.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations or appointments to consider at this time.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Frayer presented the Consent Calendar as follows:

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Corporation Counsel

1. Executive Session - Authorization to Settle Claim:

Authorize Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter into and/or execute the Participation and Release Form, any and all other agreements and/or other documents necessary to effectuate the proposed settlement with the Defendants, Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun & Zydus.

The authorization to settle litigation claims was included on the Consent Calendar and approved.

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter into an agreement for the use of Calf Pasture Beach and immediate surrounding grounds by Project Purple for their Steps for a Cure to be held on Saturday, October 25th, 2025 from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Set-up time by 7:00 A.M. with tear-down by 1:30 P.M. Approximately 350 people.

2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter into an agreement for the use of Washington Street Plaza and immediate surrounding grounds by City of Norwalk Department of Economic & Community Development for their Halloween Nightfair to be held on Saturday, October 25th, 2025 from 1:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Set-up time by 9:00 A.M. with tear-down by 11:55 P.M. Approximately 5,000 people.

3. Authorize the purchasing agent to issue a sole source purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$77,210.91 to Avive Solutions Inc. for the purchase of 29 AED units with a 5 year monitoring contract, from accounts 014150 5265 and 16-13-44-5258.

4. Authorize the purchasing agent to increase the existing purchase order, #200749, issued to Stantec Consulting, for an amount not to exceed \$48,000, for Broadriver Field design services, funding from account 0921 6030 5777 C0658.

5. Authorize the purchasing agent to issue a sole source purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$48,900 to Alta Equipment Company. for the purchase of an ABI Force Z23HLT ballfield laser grader from account 09256030 5777 C0486.

6. Authorize the mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to extend the existing contract with ActiveNet to an additional 3-year term for an amount not to exceed \$28,875.00, from account 400000 2652.

7. Authorize the purchasing agent to issue a sole source purchase order, in an amount not to exceed \$149,822.44, to O'Brien and Sons, for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Woodward Ave. Park. Pricing from the 2025 MHEC MC16 B14 pricing contract. Funding from account 0926 6030 5777 C0364.

B. Public Safety and General Government

1. Authorize the purchasing agent to authorize a purchase order utilizing the cooperative purchasing agreement (MHEC MC16-B11) to McCann Systems LLC. for the Norwalk Fire Dept EOC upgrade project. For an amount not to exceed \$122,514.00. CAPITAL ACCOUNT NO. 09273110 5777 C0843 (\$100,000) and OPERATING ACCOUNT 40-5272 (\$22,514).

C. Community Services

1. Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Grant

a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept grant funds from the United Way of Connecticut for the "A Public Health Approach to Comprehensive Suicide Prevention in Connecticut" program in the amount of \$40,000 for the period September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.

2. Per Capita Grant in Aid Funding

a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments needed to apply for and receive Per Capita Grant in Aid funding from the CT Department of Public Health in the amount of \$160,599.55 for the period July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

b. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments or amendments as may be necessary to implement the Per Capita Grant in Aid grant for the period beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

D. Economic and Community Development

Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a Contract Amendment with Colonna Concrete and Asphalt Paving, LLC, in accordance with the TMP2023-3 contract agreement, to include additional work for the construction of new concrete sidewalks and curbing along the easterly curb line of Rowayton Avenue from the Rowayton Train Station to Devils Garden Road in the amount not to exceed \$286,000.00.

Account No. – 0926 3750 5777 C0649

E. Land Use and Building Management

1. a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement with Antinozzi Associates, PC for architectural design services for the Westport Avenue Fire Station (Station #4) Renovation and Expansion Project for a total not to exceed \$311,200.00. Acct. # 09263110-5777-C0728.

b. Authorize design contingency with Antinozzi Associates, PC for the Station #4 Renovation and Expansion Project for a total not to exceed \$31,120.00 - Acct. #09263110-5777-C0728.

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

F. Ad Hoc Sustainability and Resilience

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to adopt and implement the pledge set for in the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy Commitment Letter on behalf of the City of Norwalk.

Mr. Lopez introduced the pledge under the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, noting its significance in positioning the City within an international alliance to address climate change and sustainable energy. The Council thanked Ms. Trendler, Sustainability Director, for her contributions and leadership.

**** MR. LOPEZ MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE PLEDGE IN THE GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY COMMITMENT LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

G. Finance and Claims Committee

1. Overview of 2025 Bond Sale

Mr. Frayer introduced Mr. Schmitt to provide a brief overview on the recent bond sale. Norwalk had received 15 bids, the highest in over a decade, resulting in a favorable interest rate of 3.69%. Both Moody's and Standard & Poor's reaffirmed the City's AAA bond rating with a stable outlook.

Mr. Schmitt explained that the City's strong financial management contributed significantly to this outcome and emphasized the importance of maintaining fund balance levels. Mayor Rilling and Council members stressed that the strong bond sale was a testament to the financial perseverance and leadership of the late Councilmember Burnett, who had chaired the Finance and Claims Committee.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were none.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

**COMMON COUNCIL
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT**

**SPECIAL MEETING
7:30 PM**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS &
ZOOM CONFERENCE**

There were none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Norwalk, CT Recording Secretary