

Council at Large:	<i>Mr. Joshua Goldstein</i> Mr. Johan Lopez	Ms. Barbara Smyth Ms. Nora Niedzielski-Eichner
District A:	Mr. Jalin Sead	<i>Ms. Nicol Ayers</i>
District B:	<i>Mr. Dajuan Wiggins</i>	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

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Harry W. Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Eleven members were present, establishing a quorum as noted above.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Special Meeting: September 10, 2025

****MR. SEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2025.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. APPOINTMENTS

a. Tatiana Santiago, Fair Rent Commission

Mr. Sead highlighted Ms. Santiago's dedication to fair and affordable housing as a bilingual mortgage professional who has assisted first-time homebuyers and renters. He noted her personal assistance in helping him buy his first home and her work with landlords on fair practices.

**** MR. SEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. TATIANA SANTIAGO TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Steven Touger, Zoning Board of Appeals, Regular

The Mayor announced that Steven Touger has asked to withdraw his name from the Zoning Board of Appeals appointment.

c. David G. Westmoreland, Historical Commission

Ms. Smyth praised Mr. Westmoreland's professional background as a landscape architect and project manager, as well as his extensive volunteer commitment to Norwalk's history. Ms. Young, Ms. Dunn, and Mr. Frayer added comments supporting Mr. Westmoreland's professionalism, responsiveness, and dedication to the City.

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. DAVID G. WESTMORELAND TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. REAPPOINTMENTS

a. Fran Collier-Clemmons, Fair Rent Commission

b. Johnnie Mae Weldon, Fair Rent Commission

The Mayor proposed the reappointment of Fran Collier-Clemmons and Johnnie Mae Weldon to the Fair Rent Commission. Ms. Eaddy moved for their reappointment, detailing Ms. Collier-Clemmons' 15-year tenure, including her role as Vice Chair, and her service in various capacities, as well as Ms. Weldon's extensive experience in early childhood education and community programs. Ms. Young and Ms. Smyth added comments on their community service and personal impact.

**** MS. EADDY MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. FRAN COLLIER-CLEMMONS AND MS. JOHNNIE MAE WELDON TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor provided remarks on upcoming events and initiatives, including a joint budget meeting and hearing with Norwalk Public Schools on September 24, 2025, at 6 PM, to be held in a hybrid format for community input on the 2026-2027 operating and capital budgets. He credited Greg Burnett for initiating this process. A community conversation with Jim Himes and State Treasurer Eric Russell was also scheduled for the same evening to discuss Connecticut's economic outlook.

The Mayor highlighted the annual Touch a Truck at Open House event on September 26, 2025, at 9 AM at Norwalk Public Works, and the final Sono Saturday Market on September 27, 2025, from 10 AM to 1 PM.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

No resignations or appointments were discussed under the Council President's agenda item.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

Ms. Shanahan read the consent calendar in its entirety, covering the following items:

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Corporation Counsel

Executive Session - Authorization to Settle Claim: Marta Rivera v. City of Norwalk, FST-CV-24-6065273-S

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

1. Narrative on Tax Collections dated August and September 2025
2. Monthly Tax Collector's Reports dated July and August 2025
3. Claims Committee Report dated August and September 2025
4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement between the City of Norwalk and Munistat Services, Inc. to perform Financial Advisory Services for a sum not to exceed \$370,500 – Account # 301340-5523
5. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement between the City of Norwalk and Shipman & Goodwin LLP to perform Bond Counsel services for a sum not to exceed \$477,500 – Account # 301340-5523

B. ORDINANCE

1. Approve changes to Chapter 27, City Buildings and Facilities, Article I, Naming, Sections 27-1, 27-2 and 27-3
2. Approve changes to Chapter 95, Streets and Sidewalks, Article II, Honorary and Historic Naming of Streets, Sections 95-37, 95-38 and 95-39

C. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter into an agreement for the use of Wolfpit Elementary School Field and immediate surrounding grounds by Wolfpit PTA for their Pumpkin Fest to be held on Saturday, October 18th, 2025 from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Set-up time by 8:00 A.M. with tear-down by 8:00 P.M. Approximately 500 people.
2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter into an agreement for the use of Taylor Farm and immediate surrounding grounds by Friends of Norwalk Dogs for their Halloween Dog Party

to be held on Sunday, October 26th, 2025 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Approximately 70 people.

3. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement between the City of Norwalk and Gerber Construction Inc. for Project RNP2025-3 Paving of Taylor Farm Parking Lot (Base Bid) and Drainage System Overflow (Alternate 1) for a sum not to exceed \$174,999.65 (Base Bid) plus \$5,117.00 (Alternate 1). Account No. 09256030 5777 C072009266030 5777 C0588

4. Authorize the Chief of Operations and Public Works to execute orders on the contract with Gerber Construction Inc. for Project RNP2025-3 Paving of Taylor Farm Parking Lot (Base Bid) and Drainage System Overflow (Alternate 1) for a sum not to exceed \$18,011.67. Account No. 09256030 5777 C072009266030 5777 C0588.

D. Economic and Community Development

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all documents associated with the submission of the PY50 CAPER to HUD.

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS READ.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

No resolutions were presented.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

No motions were postponed.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

No suspension of rules was requested.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:51 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary**