

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

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Ms. Smyth led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Dixon called the roll. Twelve members were present, constituting a quorum.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: September 23, 2025

****MS. WENNERSTRAND MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 REGULAR MEETING.**

****THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MR. GOLDSTEIN AND MR. WIGGINS).**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Diane Lauricella

Ms. Lauricella of 21 Little Fox Lane spoke regarding the Ely Avenue mural project process, expressing concerns about irregularities, lack of equity, and the need for accountability, training, apologies, and a donor program.

Melissa Murray

Ms. Murray spoke in support of the nominations of Mr. Jones for Planning and Zoning Commission and Ms. Randall for Bike/Walk Commission, highlighting their community work.

Romney Donald

Ms. Donald of 45 Stewart Avenue spoke in strong support of Mr. West for the Ely Avenue mural, emphasizing representation and community collaboration, and also endorsed Ms. Randall for Bike/Walk Commission.

Jahmane West

Mr. West spoke, thanking everyone involved in the mural process, acknowledging controversy, expressing intent to engage the community further, and noting his personal connection to Ely Avenue.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. RESIGNATIONS

a. David Westmoreland, Redevelopment Agency

Ms. Smyth noted the resignation of Mr. Westmoreland from the Redevelopment Agency.

2. APPOINTMENTS

a. David Heuvelman, Redevelopment Agency

Mr. Goldstein spoke in support, praising Mr. Heuvelman's community service, experience as a former council member, and qualities as an attorney.

Ms. Smyth spoke in support, noting Mr. Heuvelman's commitment to responsible growth, zoning, and equity.

****MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPOINT MR. HEUVELMAN TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Harvey Jones, Planning & Zoning Commission, Regular

Mr. Lopez spoke in support, citing Mr. Jones's analytical perspective and technical insight from his background in computer science and engineering.

****MR. LOPEZ MOVED TO APPOINT MR. JONES TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION AS A REGULAR MEMBER.**

****THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) OPPOSED (MS. DUNN).**

c. Christina Randall, Bike/Walk Commission

d. Brian A. Clarke Jr., Bike/Walk Commission

Mr. Sead, Ms. Smyth, Ms. Young, and Mr. Lopez all spoke in support of Ms. Randall, highlighting her community involvement and leadership in sustainable initiatives.

Mr. Sead also noted support for Mr. Clarke Jr. Based on his overall positivity & resume.

****MR. SEAD MOVED TO APPOINT MS. RANDALL AND MR. CLARKE JR. TO THE BIKE/WALK COMMISSION.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. MAYOR'S REMARKS

Ms. Smyth delivered the Mayor's remarks. Last week, Mayor Rilling issued a proclamation in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in partnership with the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, the Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, the Norwalk Commission on Gender Equity, and the Norwalk Police Department.

At the event, Chief Walsh spoke about the department's ongoing efforts to combat domestic violence and support victims. Earlier that morning, the Norwalk Business Development Office and the Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce hosted a training session by the Domestic Violence Crisis Center for the business community at City Hall, highlighting the critical role employers play in preventing, recognizing, and responding to domestic violence.

On Saturday, October 25th, from 2 to 10 p.m., the City is hosting an annual Halloween night fair on Washington Street, a family-friendly fall celebration where kids can come in costumes and participate in activities, with the main purpose to support local downtown businesses and bring the community together for fun.

Norwalk has a municipal election on November 4th; early voting is available at Norwalk City Hall Community Room from October 20th to November 2nd, with hours posted on the website.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

No additional items were discussed.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Lopez read the consent calendar items as follows below.

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

1. Special Capital Appropriation and Authorization in the amount of \$90,000 for the Fire Department to cover increased construction costs at the Station 1 located at 90 New Canaan Avenue.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. a. Authorize Mayor Harry W. Rilling to execute an extension Agreement with All City Management Services under RFP project number 4280, from August 22, 2026 until

August 21, 2027, based on the availability of funds not to exceed \$401,946.00 per year from account #013026-5258.

b. Authorize the City of Norwalk Purchasing Agent, to execute purchase orders on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department to All City Management Services under RFP project number 4280, based on the availability of funds not to exceed \$401,946.00 per year from account #013026-5258.

2. a. Authorize Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all documents and agreements necessary to accept grant funding under the Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office, Drug Recognition Enforcement Instructor Grant.

b. Authorize Chief of Police, James Walsh, to execute any and all documents and agreements as may be necessary to implement the Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office, Drug Recognition Enforcement Instructor Grant. These items were included in the consent calendar and approved therein.

C. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1. a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a contract with Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation (TKE) for the Norwalk Main Library Elevator Upgrade and Modification project for a total not to exceed \$171,033.32. Account #09267100 5777 C0119.

b. Authorize the Office of Building Management to execute change orders on the contract for a total not to exceed \$17,103.33. Account #09267100 5777 C0119.
2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an agreement with Seaman Construction Inc., for snow removal & ice control services at the Norwalk Police Headquarters Parking Lots, 3 Belden Avenue, and the Ben Franklin Center. The agreement begins 2025-26FY for three (3) years with an option of two additional years, including a 2% increase annually for a total not to exceed \$32,000/yr. Accounts #013055 5298, 014088 5298, 014074 5298.

D. PUBLIC WORKS

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to increase the Purchase Order for the First Amendment to the April 9, 2024, Agreement between the City of Norwalk and Burns Construction Company, Inc., for Project PM2024-2 – Permanent Roadway Repairs and Surface Restoration, by an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. Account No. 03 00 00 2602
2. STR2025-1 Project 4467 Colonna Concrete & Asphalt Paving LLC
 - a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement with Colonna Concrete & Asphalt Paving LLC for City Purchasing Department Project 4467 - Project STR2025-1 Replacement of the Lexington Avenue Retaining Wall (11, 19 and 21

Snowden Street), for an amount not to exceed \$395,895.00. Account No. 510000 5796 GGP01 510000 5796 GGP07

b. Authorize the Chief of Operations and Public Works to execute orders on the Contract with Colonna Concrete & Asphalt Paving LLC for City Purchasing Department Project 4467 - Project STR2025-1 Replacement of the Lexington Avenue Retaining Wall (11, 19 and 21 Snowden Street), for an amount not to exceed \$39,589.50. Account No. 510000 5796 GGP01 510000 5796 GGP07

3. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements and other documents necessary to accept a temporary construction easement over a portion of 779 and 789 Connecticut Ave. for purposes of and as may be necessary for constructing a public sidewalk in the City's right of way along Connecticut Ave.

E. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an agreement with Fiber Optic Plus, LLC to provide City Fiber Optic Cable Emergency and Maintenance Services for an amount of \$50,000. ACCTS: 0916-4120-5777-C0232, TMP 0922-4120-5777-C0232, TMP 0923-4120-5777-C0232, TMP 011370-5245, IT
2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute orders on the contract with Colonna Concrete for the Rowayton Sidewalk Project for a sum not to exceed \$40,481.00. ACCTS: 0922-3750-5777-C0774 0926-3750-5777-C0649
3. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a Master Agreement for On-Call Traffic Engineering Services with AKRF, Inc., Creighton Manning Engineering and Surveying. PLLC, FHI Studio, now IMEG, Fuss & O'Neill, Greeman Pederson Inc, M&J Engineering, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB), and Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc for a sum of approximately \$100,000 annually for each firm. ACCTS: 0926 3750 5777 C0441 0926 3750 5777 C0562 0921 4120 5777 C0648 0920 4120 5777 C0649 0926 3750 5777 C0649 0924 3750 5777 C0777 0921 4095 5777 C0782 0922 4095 5777 C0782 0925 3750 5777 C0824 0926 3750 5777 C0824 0924 3750 5777 C0835

****MR. LOPEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to execute a contract with Jahmane West for the Ely Avenue Fencing Mural in an amount not to exceed \$70,000. ACCT: 520000-5796 (MLK Grant)

Several members spoke in support of the mural proposal.

Mr. Goldstein praised the design as "stunning" and reflective of the "fabric of the city," noting its inspiration from the Gee's Bend quilt-making tradition and its connection to Ely

Avenue's character. He also highlighted Mr. West's local roots and dedication to community collaboration.

Ms. Niedzielski-Eichner commended the references to African American art history, including Jacob Lawrence and others, and emphasized the project's potential for community engagement and education.

Mr. Sead expressed support, sharing personal ties to Ely Avenue and acknowledging Mr. West's positive cultural influence in South Norwalk. Mr. Wiggins echoed Mr. Sead's comments and thanked Ms. Niedzielski-Eichner for her insight into the artwork's historical context.

Mr. Lopez also voiced support but expressed disappointment over the limited inclusion of 19th- and early 20th-century history, referencing similar concerns raised in the past. He nonetheless appreciated Mr. West's openness to additional community input.

Ms. Dunn supported the project, recalling her experience commissioning one of Mr. West's earlier works and recognizing his professional growth and mentorship within the arts community.

Ms. Young congratulated Mr. West, encouraged continued prioritization of local artists for future projects, and noted the mural's connection to MLK grant funding. Ms. Smyth also expressed support, acknowledging the collaborative process, Mr. West's thoughtful remarks, and the mural's significance as a gift to the city.

****MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MR. WEST FOR THE ELY AVENUE FENCING MURAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

No resolutions were offered.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

No motions were postponed.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

No suspensions were requested.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**COMMON COUNCIL
NORWALK,
CONNECTICUT**

**REGULAR MEETING
7:30 PM**

**OCTOBER 14, 2025
VIA ZOOM**

****MR. WIGGINS MOVED TO ADJOURN.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary