

Council at Large:

Mr. Joshua Goldstein
Mr. Johan Lopez
Ms. Nicol Ayers

Mr. Jesse Buccolo
Mr. Colin Hosten

District A:

Mr. Jalin Sead

Mr. Broderick Sawyer

District B:

Mr. Dajuan Wiggins

Ms. Darlene Young

District C:

Ms. Nicolé Eaddy

Ms. Anne Wennerstrand

District D:

Mr. Jan Degenshein

Mr. Richard Dellinger

District E:

Mr. James Frayer

Mr. Brian Bailey

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. Ms. Elbourne, City Clerk, conducted roll call and a quorum was present.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: January 13, 2026

Ms. Eaddy noted a correction on page 14 of the minutes, changing “Ms. Winistran” to “Ms. Eaddy” in the last paragraph. No further corrections were offered.

****MR. DEGENSHEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2026, AS AMENDED.**

****THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION (MR. HOSTEN). THE
MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS AMENDED.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. RESIGNATIONS

a. Don Overton, Board of Assessment Appeals

****MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DON
OVERTON FROM THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS.**

****THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. REAPPOINTMENTS

a. Tamsen (Tammy) Langalis, Planning and Zoning Commission, Regular

Mr. Frayer spoke in support, noting Ms. Langalis’s long record of service including as commissioner of the 6th Taxing District, on the Board of Assessment Appeals, and since 2017 on the Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as her professional experience as a realtor and community involvement. Mr. Buckalo and Ms. Young also spoke in strong support, highlighting her civic engagement, listening skills, and balanced perspective.

****MR. FRAYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TAMSEN (TAMMY) LANGALIS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AS A REGULAR MEMBER, TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 1, 2029.**

****THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Diana Lenkowsky, Planning and Zoning Commission, Alternate

Mr. Frayer spoke in support, citing Ms. Lenkowsky’s 38 years of residency, her career at Purdue Pharma managing facilities and real estate, her receipt of the Walter W. Wheeler Leadership Award, and her current work in economic development and land use. No further comments were offered.

****MR. FRAYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DIANA LENKOWSKY TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER, TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 1, 2029.**

****THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. MAYOR’S REMARKS

Mayor Smyth thanked the Public Works Department, Recreation and Parks staff, and other departments for their exceptional work clearing snow and preparing the city following a major storm. She reminded residents to clear sidewalks and walkways, especially near schools and bus stops. She recognized the successful Martin Luther King Jr. events organized by the IMF, NAACP, and Norwalk Public Schools. She noted the observance of Muslim Heritage Month and the contributions of Muslim residents. She reminded residents that the final day to pay the current tax bill is February 2, 2026. She announced upcoming Black History Month events, the Mayor’s Ball on March 6, 2026 (with proceeds benefiting Triangle Community Center and Mid Fairfield Community Care Center), and the opening of registration for the Norwalk Recreation Parks Play and Learn series beginning March 23, 2026 (with payment plan registration from February 16–27, 2026).

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council President Goldstein noted that the Consent Calendar would be read by Mr. Buccolo.

A. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

1. Narrative on Tax Collections dated January 2026

2. Monthly Tax Collector's Reports dated December 2025

3. Approve Claims Committee Report dated January 2026

5. Authorize the purchasing agent to issue a purchase order to GovConnection, Inc, in an amount not to exceed \$112,733.13 for Microsoft Office 365 Licenses Renewal.
Account Allocation: 011370-574C

6. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute a five (5) year agreement with Charles B. Feldman & Associates, LLC for project 4477 Personal Property Audits for a total not to exceed \$165,000 for the 5 year period. Funding Available from Account # 11320-5253

B. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute a second amendment to the 6/22/2021 agreement between the City of Norwalk and Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. for assisting with the completion and submission of the 2027 Accreditation Rules to the National Recreation Park Association's (NRPA) Commission for Accreditation, in an amount not to exceed \$170,680, from account #400000 2652

2. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to enter into an agreement for the use of Calf Pasture Beach and Veteran's Park and the immediate surrounding grounds by the International Student Aid Association for their Walk-a-Thon to be held on Saturday, April 25th, 2026, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Set-up at 7:00 A.M. with tear-down by 2:45 P.M. Approximately 70 people.

3. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to enter into an agreement for the use of Silvermine Elementary School and immediate surrounding grounds by Club Connecticut for their Boston Buildup 10k to be held on Sunday, March 1nd, 2026, from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Approximately 150 people.

4. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to enter into an agreement for the use of Calf Pasture and immediate surrounding grounds by Pet Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) for their Run with PAWS 5k to be held on Sunday, March 22nd, 2026, from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Set-up at 7:30 A.M. with tear-down by 1:30 P.M. Approximately 200 People.

5. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to enter into an agreement for the use of Taylor Farm and immediate surrounding grounds by Greenwich Kennel Club for their AKC Dog Show to be held on Friday June 5th and Saturday June 6th, 2026, from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Set-up on June 3rd and June 4th from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Approximately 500 people.

6. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to enter into an agreement for the use of Taylor Farm and immediate surrounding grounds by Longshore Southport Kennel

Club Dog Show for their AKC Dog Show to be held on Sunday, June 7th, 2026, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. and Monday, June 8th, 2026, from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Tear-down by 12:00 P.M Tuesday, June 9th. Approximately 250 people.

7. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to enter into an agreement for the use of Veteran's Park and immediate surrounding grounds by Norwalk Police and Fire Emerald Society for their St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Saturday, March 14th, 2026, from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Set-up at 10:30 A.M. with tear-down by 2:00 P.M. Approximately 100 people.

8. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to enter into an agreement for the use of Veteran's Park and immediate surrounding grounds by JS Endurance for their Garavel Sono Half Marathon, 5k and Kids Fun Run to be held Sunday, October 4th, 2026, from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Set-up on 8:30 A.M. Saturday, October 3rd with tear-down by 3:00 P.M. Sunday, October 5th. Approximately 1,200 people.

9. (Technical Correction) Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to enter into a contract with Greenway Property Services, for grant project #4463R, Norwalk Urban Trails Projects, in an amount not to exceed \$724,828.50, from accounts 0924 6030 5799 C0846, 0926 6030 5777 C0588, and 0925 6030 5777 C0588, add account 09246030 5777 C0684.

C. COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute agreements and amendments with CT State Community College – Norwalk for Health Department staff and volunteers to use space on CT State Norwalk campus for the Know Your Numbers health screening program on various dates between February 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026.

2. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute agreements and amendments with POC Network Technologies LLC d.b.a. TransactRx to provide billing services on behalf of the Norwalk Health Department beginning on the date of signing of the agreement and continuing for a duration of one year after which the agreement will renew automatically.

****MR. GOLDSTEIN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALEDNAR AS READ.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UANNAIMOUSLY.**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

No report was given.

VII. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

4. RESOLUTION: Authorize a Special Appropriation for Transportation, Mobility, & Parking department in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the Sono Roundabout project from the Municipal Grant-in-Aid Funding account 580000-5796-AID07.

Ben Yeung from TMP provided an overview of the Sono Roundabout project, explaining that the requested \$500,000 in Municipal Grant-in-Aid state funds would supplement \$1 million in city capital funds and a \$2.5 million DECD Community Investment Fund grant. He described Phase 1 construction (removal of the rail berm and old bridge abutment), ongoing design of the modern roundabout with safe pedestrian crossings, and benefits to South Norwalk Elementary School students, families, and the community. He announced a public information open house on February 2, 2026 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at South Norwalk Elementary School. Ms. Young expressed strong support and inquired about outreach efforts. Mr. Yeung detailed mailings to properties within a half-mile radius, distribution to school families, newspaper advertisement and article, and planned social media posts.

****THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000.00.**

****THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

10. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute an Agreement with Oman's Garden Center for City Purchasing Department Project 4417 TP2025-1 Supply, Planting and Tree Pit Construction for Trees and Shrubs at Various Locations, for an amount not to exceed \$455,000.00 from account # 380000 5790 G0058.

Ms. Young introduced the item. Robert Stowers and Ken Hughes from Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs presented the project. Mr. Stowers explained that the contract is funded by a 2024 U.S. Forest Service grant (Inflation Reduction Act) aimed at increasing the city's tree canopy to levels comparable with other Connecticut communities. He noted additional grant components including education, outreach, volunteer tree care, and maintenance crews. Mr. Hughes highlighted that this is the first recent contract awarded to a local Norwalk business (Oman's Garden Center), includes a two-year watering schedule and guarantee, uses the city's recent tree master plan to select planting sites (with emphasis on South Norwalk due to low canopy), and adds tree pit construction to enable planting in previously unsuitable sidewalk areas.

****THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH OMAN'S GARDEN CENTER.**

****THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY COUNCIL
NORWALK,
CONNECTICUT**

**REGULAR MEETING
7:30 PM**

**JANUARY 27, 2026
VIA ZOOM & CITY
CHAMBERS**

****MS. YOUNG MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Baldwin,
Recording Secretary**