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- I. ROLL CALL**
- II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - A. Regular Meeting: December 10, 2024**
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- IV. MAYOR**
 - A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**
 - 1. REAPPOINTMENTS**
 - a. Steve Klocke, Conservation Commission, Regular**
 - B. MAYOR'S REMARKS**
- V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**
 - A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**
 - B. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

1. RESIGNATIONS
 - a. Patricia Agudow, Board of Ethics, Alternate
2. APPOINTMENTS
 - a. Patricia Agudow, Board of Ethics, Regular
 - b. Amy Ayala, Board of Ethics, Alternate

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. Reappointment of Brian Candela, Esq. as Assistant Corporation Counsel.

B. BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

1. Narrative on Tax Collections dated December 2024
2. Narrative on Tax Collections dated January 2025
3. Monthly Tax Collector's Reports dated November 2024
4. Monthly Tax Collector's Reports dated December 2024
5. Claims Committee Report dated December 2024
6. Claims Committee Report dated January 2025
7. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments as may be necessary in accordance with the Pennsylvania Education Purchasing Program for Microcomputers (PEPPM) Contract # 533902-165 with Connecticut Business Systems, LLC for a sixty (60) month Lease, a total amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. ACCOUNT: Various Department Orgs-5294
8. Authorize the allocation of \$2,450,000.00 in Special Capital Appropriation funds to the Recreation and Parks Department for the development and construction of the Norwalk Community Recreation Center at 98 South Main Street.
9. Authorize the reduction of \$2,450,000.00 from free balance in the Cranbury School Improvement Project – capital budget account #09215010 5777 C0786.

10. Authorize the Mayor to enter into a five-year purchase agreement with Total Communication, Inc. for Cisco ISE licenses, with a total cost not to exceed \$44,748.00. City Account: #09251370 5777 C0375

B. ORDINANCE

1. Approve revisions to Chapter 95, Streets and Sidewalks, Sections 95-0 through 95-39.

C. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, 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 & Kids Fun Run to be held on Sunday, October 5th, 2025 from 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Set-up time by 8:00 A.M. Saturday, October 4th, 2025 with tear-down by 5:00 P.M. Approximately 1200 people.
2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter into an agreement for the use of Calf Pasture Beach, Taylor Farm and immediate surrounding grounds by Norwalk Marine Manufacturers Association for their Norwalk Boat Show to be held on Thursday, September 18th, Friday, September 19th, Saturday, September 20th, and Sunday, September 21st, 2025 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Approximately 13,500 people.
3. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Amendment to the October 26, 2021 agreement between the City of Norwalk and Race Coastal Engineering for Purchasing Project 4154 Design and Permitting for Replacement of Veterans Memorial Park Public Marina Docks for a sum not to exceed \$47,471.00 for construction administration services.
ACCOUNT NO.09
22 6030 5777 C036709
23 6030 5777 C036709
24 6030 5777 C036709
25 6030 5777 C0367
4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter into an agreement for the use of Brien McMahon High School and immediate surrounding grounds by Boston Buildup for their 10K Run to be held on Sunday, January 19th, 2025 from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Set-up time by 7:40 A.M. Sunday with tear-down by 11:10 A.M. Approximately 150 people.
5. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to sign any and all documents required for the installation of a micro forest at Meadow Street Park, project DEPA00002011221 South Norwalk "Pavement to Micro-Forest" Urban Resiliency Project, awarded through the Norwalk River Watershed Authority.
6. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter into an agreement for the use of Silvermine Elementary School and immediate surrounding grounds by Boston Buildup

for their 10K Run to be held on Sunday, March 2nd, 2025 from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Set-up time by 7:40 A.M. Sunday with tear-down by 11:10 A.M. Approximately 150 people.

7. Approve Norwalk Park Curfew Hours as follows:

Neighborhood and Pocket Parks

September (Labor Day) to May (Memorial Day) – Proposed Hours 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM

May (Memorial Day) to September (Labor Day) – Proposed Hours 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Regional Parks

September (Labor Day) to May (Memorial Day) – Proposed Hours - 7:00 AM to 9:30 PM

Except Veterans Park – Proposed hours 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

May (Memorial Day) to September (Labor Day) – Proposed Hours 7:00 AM to 10:30 PM

Oyster Shell Park; Calf Pasture Beach; Taylor Farm, and Cranbury Park

Except Veterans Park - Proposed Hours – 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM

8. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to enter into a multiple (3) year sole source agreement with Dunning Industries for the purchase of Dura Edge Classic field clay.
9. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to extend the Geese Relief geese control contract, for an additional year, per the terms of the existing agreement, with the extension ending July 26, 2026.
10. Approve resolution concerning the regulation of dogs at City Parks.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF DOGS AT CITY PARKS

THE REASON AND RATIONALE SET FORTH BY THIS RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF DOGS AT CITY PARKS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, Department of Recreation and Parks Regulation § 1-4 inaccurately states that dogs are not allowed to run loose or roam at large upon any park in the City of Norwalk (hereinafter “City”); and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department seeks to correct and update its regulations concerning the presence of dogs at certain parks within the City.

Department of Recreation and Parks Regulation § 1-9(6) provides that “[n]othing herein contained shall be deemed to limit the power of the Director to promulgate regulations respecting recreational facilities and activities of the City, including but not limited to the use of playgrounds, gold [golf] courses, tennis courts, platform tennis courts, skating rink, bowling greens, community center ball fields, parks and City buildings, subject to Common Council approval ...”

Pursuant to Department of Recreation and Parks Regulation § 1-9(6), the Director of the Recreation and Park Department submits the three regulations below for approval by the Common Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Dogs shall be allowed off leash at Taylor Farm Park as long as the owner, keeper or person having charge of the dog is present and has it under command. The owner, keeper or person having charge of the dog must pick up after it.
2. Dogs shall be allowed at Oyster Shell Park only while on leash unless designated otherwise. Within Oyster Shell Park there shall be a designated enclosed area where dogs shall be allowed to run loose or roam off leash. After entering the enclosed area and closing the gate, the dog can be taken off leash and allowed to run loose or roam within the confines of the fenced in dog park as long as the owner, keeper or person having charge of the dog is present and has it under command. Dogs shall not be allowed on the playground at Oyster Shell Park. The owner, keeper or person having charge of the dog must pick up after it.
3. Dogs shall be allowed on the trails at Cranbury Park while on leash or under voice control so as to not unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of the Park by others. Within the confines of the dog park at Cranbury Park, dogs can be taken off leash and allowed to run loose or roam within its confines as long as the owner, keeper or person having charge of the dog is present and has it under command. Dogs shall not be allowed on the Great Lawn, Playground, Tea Garden, Patios or Pavilion at Cranbury Park. The owner, keeper or person having charge of the dog must pick up after it.
4. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 22-357, all dog owners and/or keepers shall be liable for any and all damage or injury that their dog may cause or inflict. Further, if the dog owner and/or keeper is a minor, the parent or guardian of such minor shall be held liable for any such damage or injury.

This Resolution, adopted by the Common Council on January 14, 2025, shall take effect immediately upon enactment and shall remain in effect until or rescinded or modified.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. Authorize Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all documents and agreements necessary to accept grant funding under Department of Justice (DOJ) BJA FY 24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award# 15PBJA-24-GG-04596-JAGX.
2. Authorize Chief of Police, James Walsh, to execute any and all documents and agreements as may be necessary to implement the Department of Justice (DOJ) BJA FY 24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award# 15PBJA-24-

GG- 04596-JAGX.

E. COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. CT Health Foundation Grant
 - a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept grant funds from the CT Health Foundation in the amount of \$100,000 for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.
 - b. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments or amendments as may be necessary to implement the CT Health Foundation grant for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

F. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a Final Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment Two to Newfield Construction Group, LLC's contract for the new Norwalk Community Recreation Center at 98 South Main Street for a total not to exceed \$4,645,770.00. Terms of the Agreement shall include the following:

Total Trade costs - \$3,570,686.00

CM Fixed Fees at 1.95% for \$264,260.00

CM Contingency at 1.5% for \$192,581.00 (balance revert to the City at project completion)

General Conditions fee - \$618,243.00 Funds are available from accounts:

134030 5796 ABL01 – ARPA funds -for Community Rec Center

140000 5796 ACMF3 – ARPA funds for 98 South Main Street Comm. Rec. Center

510000 5796 GGP02 – GGP funds for Comm. Rec. Center

09191340 5796 C0634 – GGP funds for Comm. Rec. Center

09256030 5777 C0719 – Capital Budget funds for 98 S. Main Comm. Center

Acct. TBD - 2025 Special Capital Budget Appropriation

09247100 5799 G0050 – State DECD

09247100 5779 G0050 - HUD

2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment to the Downes Construction Company, LLC's Construction Manager (CM) contract for the Cranbury Park/Gallaher Mansion Improvement Project for a total amount not to exceed \$4,173,342.00. Terms of the agreement shall include:

- Total Trade costs - \$3,298,884.00

- CM Fixed Fees at 2.5% for \$102,991.00

- CM Contingency at 3% for \$121,554.00 (balance revert to the City at project completion)

- General Conditions fee - \$649,914.00.

Funds for this agreement are available from the State DECD grant. Acct #09236030 5782 C0831

3. Authorize the City's Purchasing Agent to execute a Sole Source Agreement with Connecticut Temperature Controls, LLC for the Kendall School building management system for a total not to exceed \$94,127.00. Funding is available in the following account: Acct. #09255010 5777 C0721
4. Building Management - LED Retrofit lighting projects - City Hall
 - a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an agreement with Energy Resources USA, LLC to provide LED Lighting Retrofit Improvements at City Hall for a total not to exceed \$199,102.56.
 - b. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all documents with Eversource Energy to apply for Energy Incentives and Energy Efficient Upgrade Financing through Eversource on-bill financing program for the City Hall LED Lighting Retrofit Improvements project.
5. Building Management - LED Retrofit lighting projects - Norwalk Health Department
 - a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an agreement with Energy Resources USA, LLC to provide LED Lighting Retrofit Improvements at the Norwalk Health Department for a total not to exceed \$35,622.16.
 - b. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all documents with Eversource Energy to apply for Energy Incentives and Energy Efficient Upgrade Financing through Eversource on-bill financing program for the Norwalk Health Department LED Lighting Retrofit Improvements project.
6. Building Management - LED Retrofit lighting projects - Nathaniel Ely Center
 - a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an agreement with Energy Resources USA, LLC to provide LED Lighting Retrofit Improvements at the Nathaniel Ely Center for a total not to exceed \$60,493.39.
 - b. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all documents with Eversource Energy to apply for Energy Incentives and Energy Efficient Upgrade Financing through Eversource on-bill financing program for the Nathaniel Ely Center LED Lighting Retrofit Improvements project.
7. Building Management - LED Retrofit lighting projects - Roosevelt Senior Center
 - a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an agreement with Energy Resources USA, LLC to provide LED Lighting Retrofit Improvements at Roosevelt Center for a total not to exceed \$41,548.66.
 - b. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all documents with Eversource Energy to apply for Energy Incentives and Energy Efficient Upgrade Financing through Eversource on-bill financing program for the Roosevelt Senior Center LED Lighting Retrofit Improvements project.
8. South Norwalk School- Furniture purchase

- a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to W.B. Mason Co. Inc. for various furniture items for the South Norwalk Elementary School for a total sum of \$1,108,466.00. Funds are available in Acct. #0922 5010 5777 C0808.
- b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Change Orders on Purchase Order for a total not to exceed \$100,000.00.
9. Authorize the leasing of approx. 1059± sq. ft. of space at the South Norwalk Train Station (inbound side) to SoNo Brewing Company for a term of 10 years with three (3) lessee options to extend the term for consecutive (5) years period each, rent to be negotiated and approved by the Norwalk Parking Authority.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

XI. ADJOURNMENT

APPOINTMENTS

BOARD OF ETHICS	C	Chapter 32-12
PATRICIA AGUDOW (I) 212 Richards Avenue, #7 Norwalk, CT 06850		Term Expires - 03/10/2027 Regular
AMY AYALA (D) 42 Raymond Terrace Norwalk, CT 06855		Term Expires - 03/10/2027 Alternate

REAPPOINTMENTS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION	M/C	Nwlk. Code 35-2
STEVE KLOCKE (U) 2 Rockridge Drive Norwalk, CT 06854		Term Expires - 01/01/2030 Regular