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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Dixon called the Roll as follows:

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett	Mr. Joshua Goldstein
	Mr. Johan Lopez	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	
District A:	Ms. Nicol Ayers	Mr. Jalen Sead

District B:	Mr. Dajuan Wiggins	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Ms. Jenn McMurrer	Ms. Melissa Murray
District D:	Ms. Heather Dunn	Mr. Doug Sutton
District E:	Mr. James Frayer	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were fifteen (15) Common Councilmembers present. A Quorum was present.

Also present were Mayor, Harry Rilling; City Clerk, Irene Dixon and Corporation Counsel, Mario Coppola.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: November 28, 2023

****	MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED**
****	MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Special Meeting: December 2, 2023

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 3: Correct the spelling of Common Council members throughout.

****	MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED**
****	MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation comments are not verbatim and represent a summarization of statements unless otherwise noted. Speakers are Norwalk residents unless otherwise noted.

Ms. Diane Lauricella recommended that the dog pound be run by renewal energy. In addition she recommended that 98 South Main Street also be run by renewal energy. She spoke about the request for two plow trucks and asked if anyone looked into whether or not they were available in electric or hybrid. Ms. Lauricella questioned the appointment of Mr. Chapin Bryce as a regular member on the Planning and Zoning Commission. She said he lives in District E and asked if District A had been given an opportunity to submit names. She said she sent an e-mail to Ms. Dixon asking that Ms. Jane Ready's name be removed from being reappointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals because of an appearance of impropriety or special treatment and to do an investigation.

Mr. Chapin Bryce said he is a resident of District A.

A resident asked about the criteria for applying for funding for her local non profit, under item G1, Community Services.

Mr. Christian Teal asked about criteria for applying for funding for a local non profit under item G1, Community Services.

IV. **MAYOR**

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: Chapin Bryce, Planning and Zoning, Alternate

Mayor Rilling announced the resignation of Mr. Bryce from the Planning and Zoning Commission as an Alternate.

APPOINTMENTS:

** **MR. FRAYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**

ASHLEY PETRIDES, BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS, ALTERNATE

Mr. Frayer spoke in support of the appointment.

** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

** **MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**

Frank Ehrlich, MD, Board of Health

Ms. Smyth spoke in support of the appointment.

** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

** **MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**

Jessica Edward, Commission on the Status of Women

Ms. Young and Mr. Goldstein spoke in support of the appointment.

** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

****   MR. FRAYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**

Robert Raleigh, Pension Board

Mr. Frayer spoke in support of the appointment.

****   MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

****   MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**

Chapin Bryce, Planning and Zoning Commission, Regular

Mr. Goldstein spoke in support of the appointment.

****   MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

****   MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT**

Doris Ash, Board of Assessment Appeals, Regular

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner spoke in support of the reappointment.

****   MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

****   MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENTS**

Meggan Douglas-Ready, Board of Assessment Appeals, Alternate
Susan Dunlap, Board of Assessment Appeals, Alternate
Josphine Dupree, Board of Assessment Appeals, Alternate
Judith Hyers, Board of Assessment Appeals, Alternate
Harriet Petrides, Board of Assessment Appeals, Alternate
Jane Ready, Board of Assessment Appeals, Alternate

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner spoke in support of the reappointments.

****   MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MS. DUNN)**

****	MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT**

Norman Weinberger, MD, Board of Health

Mr. Burnett spoke in support of the reappointment.

****	MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**	MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENTS

Nick Kantor, Planning and Zoning Commission, Regular
Galen Wells, Planning and Zoning Commission, Regular
Hector Pachas, Planning and Zoning Commission, Regular

Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Sead spoke in support of the appointments. Ms. Dunn spoke in support of Mr. Kantor and Mr. Pachas' reappointments. She spoke in opposition to the reappointment of Ms. Wells.

****	MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced the lighting of the Menorah at City Hall tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. The Pancake Breakfast with Frosty the Snowman will take place on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall.

Mayor Rilling invited everyone to celebrate Kwanzaa on December 29th in the Community Room at City Hall.

Everyone is encouraged to apply for the Norwalk Fire Fighter exam that will take place on January 13th.

V. <u>**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**</u>

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations, appointments or reappointments announced this evening.

RESIGNATIONS:
APPOINTMENTS:
REAPPOINTMENTS:

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Ms. Young announced that Ms. Ayers would be reading this evening's Consent Calendar.

**** MS. AYERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC SAFETY & GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE 2024 CT. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DUI ENFORCEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT UP TO $90,000.00 PURSUANT TO SUCH GRANT FUNDING.

2. AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF, JAMES WALSH, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE 2024 CT. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DUI ENFORCEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT UP TO $90,000.00 PURSUANT TO SUCH GRANT FUNDING.

3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDER TO FIREMATIC SUPPLY COMPANY, INC, YAPHANK, NY, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) RESCUE APPARATUS FROM HGAC-BUY CONTRACT FS19VD13 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $1,399,914.00
ACCOUNT NO: 09243110 5777 C0437

4. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ODER TO FREIGHTLINER OF HARTFORD, EAST HARTFORD, CT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) RESCUE SUPPORT TRUCK FROM CT STATE CONTRACT #14PSX0239 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED
$168,546.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 09243110 5777 C0437

B. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1A. TECHNICAL CORRECTION (ACCOUNT YEAR CHANGED FROM 2023 TO 2024):
AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HINDING TENNIS, LLC, PROJECT NUMBER # 4305, TENNIS-PICKLEBALL AND BASKETBALL COURT RENOVATIONS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $718,994.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 0923 6030 5777 C0321
0924 6030 5777 C0321
0923 6030 5777 C0364
0924 6030 5777 C0364

1B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ISSUE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH HINDING TENNIS, LLC, TENNIS PICKLEBALL AND BASKETBALL COURT RENOVATIONS, FOR ADDITIONAL REQUESTED ITEMS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $43,180.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 0923 6030 5777 C0321
0924 6030 5777 C0321
0923 6030 5777 C0364
0924 6030 5777 C0364

2. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS TO HINDING TENNIS LLC, PROJECT NUMBER #4305, TENNIS-PICKLEBALL AND BASKETBALL COURT RENOVATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $71,800.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 0923 6030 5777 C0321
0924 6030 5777 C0321
0923 6030 5777 C0364
0924 6030 5777 C0364

3. TECHNICAL CORRECTION (ADDITION OF ACCOUNT):
AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TD AND SONS, INC. FOR PROJECT RNP 2021-1BRIEN MCMAHON ATHLETIC FIELD CONVERSION FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $868,065.00 (BASE BID), $288,78.00 (ALTERNATE 1-SPORTS LIGHTNING), $77,000.00 (ALTERNATE-3 PROTECTIVE NETTING).
ACCOUNT NO. 0921 6030 5777 C0659
0922 6030 5777 C0659
0923 6030 5777 C0771

C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT A 633 SQ. FT. SIDEWALK AND 281 SQ. FT. ROADWAY EASEMENT LOCATED AT 32 KNIGHT STREET; A 430 SQ. FT. SIDEWALK AND 179 SQ. FT. ROADWAY EASEMENT LOCATED AT 41 KNIGHT STREET; AND A 75 SQ. FT. SIDEWALK AND 2 SQ. FT. ROADWAY EASEMENT LOCATED AT 22 NORTH STREET, IN CONNECTION WITH PLANNING AND ZONING APPLICATION #2022-28 CAM/SPR – 32 KNIGHT STREET PROPERTY LLC – 32 KNIGHT STREET.

2.AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AUTHORIZE A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2025 MACK GR42F PLOW TRUCK, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $305,670.10.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 24 4031 5777 C0313

3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AUTHORIZE A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER TO FREIGHTLINER OF HARTFORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2024 M2 106 PLUS PLOW TRUCK, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $197,041.10.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 24 4031 5777 C0313

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE OCTOBER 24, 2023, AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND COLONNA MASONRY CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING, LLC., FOR PROJECT TMP 2023-3 CONCRETE CURBS AND SIDEWALKS ON ROWAYTON AVENUE FOR THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED $170,000.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 24 4031 5777 C0440

5.TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF JULY 12, 2022, ITEM VII.B.3 FOR AN ON-CALL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND ALMSTEAD TREE & SHRUB CARE COMPANY LLC AND MINUTEMEN LAND SERVICES, LLC FOR THE SUPPLY AND PLANTING OF TREES AND SHRUBS. TASK ORDERS NOT TO EXCEED $700,000.00 IN THE AGGREGATE BETWEEN THE TWO (2) COMPANIES. ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR THE NORWALK TREE ACCOUNT. ACCOUNT NO'S. 380000-
4805 AND 380000-5790.
ACCOUNT NO. 13 4010 5796 APW08
13 3710 5796 AEC18 380000 4805
380000 5790

6.AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE APRIL 12, 2021, AGREEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND CLEAN HARBORS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC. PROJECT 4079 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $64.90 PER HOUSEHOLD AND $39.00 PER ½ HOUSEHOLD.
ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 42 5258

7A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND M. RONDANO, INC., FOR PROJECT DRG2023-3 ON-CALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $1,020,060.00. WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS FOR ONE (1) YEAR EACH.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4062 5777 C0361
09 24 4062 5777 C0361
09 24 4021 5777 C0302
09 22 4021 5777 C0021
09 24 4021 5777 C0021
09 21 4021 5777 C0440
09 22 4021 5777 C0440
09 24 4021 5777 C0440
09 20 4027 5777 C0643
09 21 4021 5777 C0643
09 22 4021 5777 C0643

7B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND M. RONDANO, INC., FOR PROJECT DRG2023-3 ON-CALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $102,006.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4062 5777 C0361
09 24 4062 5777 C0361
09 24 4021 5777 C0302
09 22 4021 5777 C0021
09 24 4021 5777 C0021
09 21 4021 5777 C0440
09 22 4021 5777 C0440
09 24 4021 5777 C0440
09 20 4027 5777 C0643
09 21 4021 5777 C0643
09 22 4021 5777 C0643

8. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND AI ENGINEERS, INC, FOR PROJECT PSC2023-1 ON-CALL SURVEYING AND MAPPING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS PROJECTS FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK. THE AGREEMENT IS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR AT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $200,000.00 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS FOR ONE (1) YEAR EACH.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 23 7100 5777 C0583
09 24 4021 5777 C0318
09 23 4021 5777 C0021
09 24 4021 5777 C0021
09 24 3750 5777 C0441
09 23 4120 5777 C0649
09 24 3750 5777 C0649
09 23 4120 5777 C0824
09 24 3750 5777 C0824
01 40 30 5258

D. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

8. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DOWNES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC AS THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER (CM) FOR THE CRANBURY PARK/GALLAHER MANSION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL INCLUDE:
• PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES - $49,300
• CM FIXED FEES – 2.5%
• CM CONTINGENCY – 5% (BALANCE REVERT TO THE CITY AT PROJECT COMPLETION)
• GENERAL CONDITIONS FEE - $581,539 (ACTUAL AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED AT THE TIME OF GMP)
SUBSEQUENT TO TRADE CONTRACTORS' BIDDING, FINAL GMP AMENDMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. FUNDS FOR THIS AGREEMENT ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE STATE DECD GRANT. ACCT #09236030 5782 C0831

E. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CTDOT) TO RECEIVE $800,000 IN 2023 COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY GRANT

CONSTRUCTION FUNDING RELATED TO THE HOSPITAL HILL VILLAGE SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS.

1. APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF $3,320,918.00 IN SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION FUNDS FOR THE CITY'S 40% SHARE OF THE PROJECT COSTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE HVAC GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL HVAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THIS SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION SHALL BE FUNDED THROUGH $3,320,918.00 OF AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY.

2. APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF $1,330,900.00 IN SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION FUNDS FOR THE CITY'S 40% SHARE OF THE PROJECT COSTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE HVAC GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HVAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THIS SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION SHALL BE FUNDED THROUGH $1,330,900.00 OF AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY.

3. APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF $1,650,085.00 IN SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION FUNDS FOR THE CITY'S 40% SHARE OF THE PROJECT COSTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE HVAC GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MARVIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HVAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THIS SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION SHALL BE FUNDED THROUGH $1,650,085.00 OF AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY.

4. APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF $1,210,206.00 IN SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION FUNDS FOR THE CITY'S 40% SHARE OF THE PROJECT COSTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE HVAC GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SILVERMINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HVAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THIS SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION SHALL BE FUNDED THROUGH $1,210,206.00 OF AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY.

5. APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF $4,263,447.00 IN SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION FUNDS FOR THE CITY'S 40% SHARE OF THE PROJECT COSTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE HVAC GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ROWAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HVAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THIS SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION SHALL BE FUNDED THROUGH $4,263,447.00 OF AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY.

6. APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF $2,584,750.00 IN SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION FUNDS FOR THE CITY'S 40% SHARE OF THE PROJECT COSTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE HVAC GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NARAMAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HVAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THIS SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION SHALL BE FUNDED THROUGH $2,584,750.00 OF AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. **COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

D. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:**

1. RESOLVED THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A GRANT FOR THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL.

RESOLVED THAT THE LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS THE BUILDING COMMITTEE ABOUT THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL.

RESOLVED THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES AT LEAST THE PREPARATION OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS AND OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL.

2. RESOLVED THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A GRANT FOR THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

RESOLVED THAT THE LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS THE BUILDING COMMITTEE ABOUT THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

RESOLVED THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES AT LEAST THE PREPARATION OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS AND OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

3. RESOLVED THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A GRANT FOR THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE MARVIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

RESOLVED THAT THE LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS THE BUILDING COMMITTEE ABOUT THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE MARVIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

RESOLVED THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES AT LEAST THE PREPARATION OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS AND OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE MARVIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

4. RESOLVED THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A GRANT FOR THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE SILVERMINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

RESOLVED THAT THE LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS THE BUILDING COMMITTEE ABOUT THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE SILVERMINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

RESOLVED THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES AT LEAST THE PREPARATION OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS AND OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE SILVERMINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

5. RESOLVED THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A GRANT FOR THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE NARAMAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

RESOLVED THAT THE LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS THE BUILDING COMMITTEE ABOUT THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE NARAMAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

RESOLVED THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES AT LEAST THE PREPARATION OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS AND OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE NARAMAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

6. RESOLVED THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A GRANT FOR THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE ROWAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

RESOLVED THAT THE LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS THE BUILDING COMMITTEE ABOUT THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE ROWAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

RESOLVED THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES AT LEAST THE PREPARATION OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS AND OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE HVAC IAQ GRANT AT THE ROWAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL."

Ms. Smyth explained that Norwalk Public Schols has been working on the HVAC for all the schools. The State does not normally reimburse for this work. She described the grant, that if approved would fund air conditioning in the six schools. The action allows the City to apply for these grants. A requirement is to set aside 40%.

Mr. Lo was present to answer questions.

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner expressed her thanks to all involved for making this a priority project. Mr. Burnett said this work is meant to cover six schools, but the remaining schools will not be forgotten. They will continue to look at the schools not on the list. Ms. McMurrer said this action shows the City's commitment to addressing the HVAC issue; they are listening to the parents and students. Mayor Rilling thanked Mr. Lo for working on this and also expressed his thanks to the members of the Common Council.

****	MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE FOLLOWING ACTIONS REQUIRED FOR THE DECD GRANT FOR THE PROPOSED NORWALK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER AT 98 SOUTH MAIN STREET:**

"WHEREAS, THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY OF NORWALK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED NORWALK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER AT 98 SOUTH MAIN STREET: AND

WHEREAS, IT IS DESIRABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE CITY OF NORWALK MAKES AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE FOR $1,200,000 IN ORDER TO UNDERTAKE THE NORWALK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK:
1. THAT IT IS COGNIZANT OF THE CONDITION AND PREREQUISITES FOR THE STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IMPOSED BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DECD); AND

2. THAT THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY THE CITY OF NORWALK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,200,000.00 IS APPROVED; AND

3. THAT HARRY W. RILLING, MAYOR, CITY OF NORWALK IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AND FILE SUCH APPLICATION WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DECD), TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, TO EXECUTE SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED, TO EXECUTE AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IF SUCH AS AGREEMENT IS OFFERED, TO EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS, DECISION, AND REVISIONS THERETO, AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, INCLUDING ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT."

Ms. Smyth said they are moving forward with a project that will benefit the community.

Mr. Lo described the proposed renovations. He noted they will need to remediate the grounds. The proposed time line is that the construction project will take 14 months and the facility will open in 2026.

Ms. McMurrer expressed her thanks to Mr. Stowers and Mr. Lo.

Ms. Young said the building has been empty for a long time. She expressed her thanks to Mr. Stowers and Mr. Lo. She noted that the folks in the community have been concerned. They need to have a community center and not just a building with rooms.

Mr. Wiggins noted the importance of having a community center. He expressed the need for the community center to be inclusive and said it is imperative to hire individuals from Norwalk and from within the community.

Mr. Burnett also expressed his thanks to Mr. Stowers and Mr. Lo. He noted that when Mr. Stowers arrived, he pointed out that Norwalk did not have a community center.

Ms. Smyth added her thanks to Mr. Stowers and Mr. Lo.

Mr. Sead said this was exciting for the people in South Norwalk and Norwalk. He said he hopes certain organizations will be allowed to utilize space in the community center.

Mr. Fryer said that when he joined the Board of Estimate and Taxation in 2017, this was an item that came up. It is gratifying to be here now and it looks like they will have something they all can be proud of.

Mayor Rilling said this was a long time in coming. This building is situated in an area where it can serve the community. He expressed his thanks to Mr. Sowers and Mr. Lo.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH VAD CONSTRUCTION CORP, FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $248,892.50. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNT #430000 5765**

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $24,889.25. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNT #430000 5765"

Ms. Smyth explained that the Animal Control facility received an extraordinary private gift. Police Chief Walsh described the project. He said that in 2023 they received a donation of $331,000 for the care and upkeep of the Animal Control facility. An essential part of the renovation will be to provide space for the dogs to run outside.

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner expressed gratitude to the donor for this generous gift.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

E. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ROUGH EDGE COLLECTIVE INC. FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE MONROE STREET UNDERPASS MURAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $50,000.**
ACCOUNT NO: 0922-3760-5777 0923-3760-5777

Mr. Goldstein described the project and said that this is an expenditure that was approved in the capital budget.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) VOTES IN OPPOSITION (MS. DUNN AND MS. YOUNG)**

G. COMMUNITY SERVICES

**** MS. AYERS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO EXTEND CONTRACT FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR WITH NORWALK ACTS LOCATED AT 9 MOTT AVENUE, NORWALK, CT, 06850 FOR THE NORWALK WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY INITIATIVE WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF $100,000.00. ACCOUNT NO. 132010 5796 ACS01.**

Ms. Ayers explained that Norwalk ACTS is a local non-profit that focuses in the area of workforce development.

Mr. Lamond Daniels described the work being done by Norwalk ACTs and said this is about a continuum of activities.

Mr. Jesse Buccolo, Deputy Director of Norwalk ACTs described their partnership with the City of Norwalk and said it has been very successful. He provided highlights from the past year and one half. He added they will be focusing on a Citywide marketing campaign and focusing on finding funding opportunities.

Mr. Wiggins said that Norwalk ACTs is doing a great job. He talked about how the funding is allocated and asked if they could be more inclusive when dispersing the funding. He noted the two individuals who spoke earlier. He said of the $2 million spent, about $100,000 went to brown and black business leaders. He asked how it will look for these organizations to apply going forward.

Mr. Daniels explained that grant was designed to support smaller organizations. He added that the grant funding opportunity was publicized in various areas. Mr. Wiggins asked if individuals will be able to apply for ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. Mr. Daniels said he is open to entertaining Mr. Wiggins' concerns, but was not prepared to answer this evening.

Ms. Smyth thanked Mr. Daniels and Mr. Buccolo.

Ms. Ayers explained that ARPA is limited funding issued by the Federal Government and they need to be careful about attaching themselves to those funds. She acknowledged the people who spoke but said thee are no more ARPA funds.

Mr. Sead said smaller organizations need help and suggested providing them with funds. He added that they need to keep working on inclusiveness.

Mr. Frayer explained that the ARPA money was not going to be here forever. He said he was impressed with what Mr. Buccolo is doing with the different organizations.

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner said there is a sense that Norwalk ACTs is here to help with smaller non profits.

Mr. Goldstein suggested there could be opportunities for non profits will less experience.

Mr. Daniels examined that anyone who applied for a grant was given assistance on how to apply for the grant.

Ms. Smyth said that after the first distribution of ARPA funds, a program was established and Norwalk ACTs did outreach to help non profits in grant writing.

Mr. Burnett noted that this item indicates extending the contract for one year. He asked about plan B. Mr. Daniels said that Norwalk ACTs has been finding funding beyond the $100,000. This is a one-time funding allocation.

Mr. Wiggins said it is about equity and practices. He loves the work being done by Norwalk ACTs, but the process is the problem. He asked how they can make sure the process is equitable.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VIII. **<u>RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL</u>**

There were no resolutions presented this evening.

IX. **<u>MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE</u>**

There were no motions postponed to a specific date this evening.

X. **<u>SUSPENSION OF RULES</u>**

There were no suspensions of the rules this evening.

XI. **<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>**

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

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

ATTEST:________________________
Irene Dixon, City Clerk