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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Dixon called the Roll:

Council at Large: Mr. Gregory Burnett
Ms. Barbara Smyth

Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner

District A: Ms. Nicol Ayers

Mr. David Heuvelman

District B:	Ms. Diana Revolus	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Jenn McMurrer
District D:	Mr. Bryan Meek	
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were twelve (12) Common Council members present and three (3) absent (Ms. Johnson, Mr. Goldstein and Ms. Alterman). A Quorum was present.

Also present were City Clerk, Irene Dixon, Assistant City Clerk, Jordan Schantz and Corporation Counsel, Mario Coppola.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: November 8, 2022

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. MEEK)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Dr. John Pinto, Chair of the Harbor Management Application Review Committee made a statement about Eversource and where they plan to place their wires under the Visitor's Dock in the Harbor as part of the WALK Bridge project. He noted the Harbor Management Commission is obligated to review all proposals that effect the Norwalk Harbor. He asked that their most recent letter along with a copy of comments that have been made over the past four years be considered. In addition, he requested that if Eversource is given approval, that the City requires a binding agreement between the City and Eversource. Dr. Pinto stressed that they were concerned about the wire going under the Visitor's Dock.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were no resignations announced this evening.

APPOINTMENTS:

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GARY LEEDS TO THE OAK HILLS PARK AUTHORITY**

Ms. Shanahan spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were no reappointments announced this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling said that the first SONO Holiday Extravaganza was held this past Sunday with over 1,200 people in attendance. He expressed his thanks to LAZ for their sponsorship and to TMP for organizing the event. Next Tuesday from 4pm-8pm, Norwalk will be holding the Miracle on Wall Street, a holiday community gathering.

Mayor Rilling said that due to overwhelming demand, Norwalk has added a third composting section, located at Cranbury Park. He thanked everyone who voted in the City's first snowplow naming contest. The Mayor's Ball will be returning this year and is scheduled for Friday, February 10th with the theme of "I Love Norwalk". The two beneficiaries will be the Open Door Shelter and Filling in the Blanks. He wished everyone a happy, safe and healthy Thanksgiving.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Livingston expressed his gratitude for the honor of serving as Common Council President for the past two years.

1. Election of Council President

**** MS. YOUNG NOMINATED MR. BURNETT AS COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

There were no other nominations.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Burnett expressed his thanks to his colleagues for entrusting him to serve as Common Council President. He thanked Mr. Livingston and Ms. Smyth for their support and leadership. He said that he looked forward to collaborating with each member of the Common Council, staff

and the Board of Education to enhance their common effort to make Norwalk better for all residents.

2. Announcement of Majority Leader

Mr. Burnett announced the appointment of Ms. Young as Majority Leader.

3. Announcement of Minority Leader

Mr. Burnett announced the appointment of Mr. Meek as Minority Leader.

Ms. Young noted that it is not an easy task to step up to be a Common Council member. She said she was honored to be a part of this process. Ms. Young said she was here to work to move this ship in the right direction.

Mr. Meek expressed his thanks.

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS:

RESIGNATIONS: There were no resignations announced this evening.

APPOINTMENTS: There were no appointments announced this evening.

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were no reappointments announced this evening.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mr. Burnett announced that this evening's Consent Calendar would be read by Mr. Livingston.

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATIONS, PARKS, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GREENWICH KENNEL CLUB, INC. FOR THE USE OF TAYLOR FARM PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS FOR THEIR AMERICAN KENNEL SANCTIONED EVENT TO BE HELD ON

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023 FROM 8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023 AT 6:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023 AT 4:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 1,000 PEOPLE.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JS ENDURANCE FOR THE USE OF VETERANS PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS FOR THEIR SONO HALF MARATHON EVENT TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023 FROM 8:30 AM TO 1:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 6:00 AM WITH A TEAR-DOWN AT 1:30 PM. APPROXIMATELY 1,200 PEOPLE.

C. PUBLIC WORKS

1. RE-AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR USE OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PROPERTY, TEMPORARY WORK AREA AGREEMENT, SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS WITH EVERSOURCE NECESSARY AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EVERSOURCE WITH RIGHTS TO UNDERGROUND ITS ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LINES AT THE NORWALK POLICE STATION AND VETERANS PARK IN CONNECTION WITH THE WALKBRIDGE PROJECT AND THE CITY'S COMPENSATION FOR SUCH RIGHTS, PER THE ENCLOSED MEMORANDUM OF VANESSA VALADARES DATED OCTOBER 26, 2022.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH ACTION TARGET NECESSARY FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FIRING RANGE TARGETING SYSTEM AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, AS PER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT PROCUREMENT REQUEST, GSA CONTRACT #GS-07F-0482F, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000. ACCOUNT # 09233010 5777 C0793.

1B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR CHANGE ORDERS TO ACTION TARGET FOR THE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION, AND SERVICE OF THE FIRING RANGE TARGETING SYSTEM, AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000. ACCOUNT # 09233010 5777 C0793

**2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH XYBIX SYSTEMS, INC NECESSARY FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF XYBIX WORKSTATIONS, AS PER COOPERATIVE PURCHASE AGREEMENT PROCUREMENT REQUEST, HGAC CONTRACT #EC07-20, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$210,000.
ACCOUNT #09213620 5777 C0638.**

**2B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR CHANGE ORDERS TO XYBIX SYSTEMS, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF XYBIX WORKSTATIONS, AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.
ACCOUNT # 09213620 5777 C0638.**

**3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH MUTUALINK, INC FOR SOFTWARE, HARDWARE AND SERVICES UNDER STATE CONTRACT #14PSX0178AA, NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 YEARLY.
ACCOUNT #013071 5255**

4A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENT, AND INSTRUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FFY 2023 COMPREHENSIVE DUI ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000. ACCOUNT: TBD. TECHNICAL CORRECTION FROM NOVEMBER 8, 2022

4B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FFY 2023 COMPREHENSIVE DUI ENFORCEMENT GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000. ACCOUNT: TBD. TECHNICAL CORRECTION FROM NOVEMBER 8, 2022

E. COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES (DCF) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 TO SUPPORT THE CITY OF NORWALK JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD (JRB) PROGRAM. NO CITY MATCH IS REQUIRED FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THESE FUNDS.

2. APPROVE THE REVISED CITY OF NORWALK RELOCATION PLAN AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE RELOCATION PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PURSUANT TO THE CONNECTICUT UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE ACT AND ALL DOCUMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE APPROVED RELOCATION PLAN.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

B. ORDINANCE

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING CITY CODE SECTIONS: TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF ALL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS.**

Ms. Shanahan briefly described the item.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. MEEK)**

C. PUBLIC WORKS

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO RE-AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GENGRAS FORD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$186,208.20 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) F-250 REGULAR CAB 4 BY 4 PICK-UP TRUCKS.
ARPA ACCOUNT: 134010-5796-ARP02 OF THE STATE CONTRACT # 19PSX0161JHK**

**AND TO RE-AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GENGRAS FORD, LLC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2022 F-350 CREW CAB DUMP TRUCKS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$136,497.40 FOR STATE CONTRACT #19PSX0161.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 23 4031 5777 C0313**

Ms. Smyth explained that these trucks were already approved, but there was a 20% increase in the cost.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER) AND TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MS. AYERS AND MS. MCMURRER)**

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were none this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:59 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk