

**ALL COMMON COUNCIL ACTIONS TAKEN AT THIS MEETING TO
APPROVE EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS OR TO ACCEPT BIDS AND
OTHER PROPOSALS REQUIRING THE EXPENDITURE OF CITY FUNDS
ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

SPECIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of Marija Bryant. He extended his condolences to her husband Tod.

Mayor Harry W. Rilling - Swearing In of 2019-2021 Common Council Members

Mayor Rilling administered the Oath of Office to each member of the Common Council. He congratulated returning members as well as the newly elected members of the Common Council.

Ms. King read the notice stating that the meeting was being audio recorded and videotaped with subtitles for public broadcast. She asked everyone to speak clearly, one at a time, into the microphone and said that assisted listening devices were available.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. King called the Roll. The following Common Council members were present:

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett Mr. Manny Langella Ms. Barbara Smyth	Mr. Colin Hosten Mr. Nick Sacchinelli
District A:	Mr. David Heuvelman	Mr. Kadeem Roberts
District B:	Mr. Ernest Dumas	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Mr. George Theodoridis
District D:	Mr. George Tsiranides	Mr. Tom Keegan
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were fifteen (15) Common Council members present.

Also present were Mayor Harry Rilling and City Clerk, Donna King.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Ms. Eloisa Melendez, congratulated the District A representatives and offered words of advice.

Mayor Rilling recognized Ms. Melendez and Mr. Igneri and said that he intends to use their expertise on a board.

III. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Corporation Counsel

Mayor Rilling announced the reappointment of Mario Coppola as Corporation Counsel.

2. Appointment of City Clerk

Mr. Rilling spoke in support of this reappointment.

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
DONNA KING AS CITY CLERK
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Rilling administered the Oath of Office to Ms. King.

B. MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling congratulated all of the members of the Common Council and wished everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

IV. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Livingston extended his congratulations to the members of the Common Council. He thanked the members of the Common Council for the honor of serving as the Common Council President.

1. Election of Council President

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO ELECT BARBARA SMYTH AS
COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Mr. Livingston spoke in support of the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Smyth said she looked forward to working with the Common Council members. She expressed her thanks to the outgoing leaders and said she learned a lot from them.

2. Announcement of Majority Leader

Ms. Smyth announced that Mr. Burnett would be the Majority Leader.

3. Announcement of Minority Leader

Ms. Smyth announced that Mr. Keegan would be the Minority Leader.

4. Appointment of Assistant City Clerk

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
IRENE DIXON AS ASSISTANT CITY CLERK**

Mr. Burnett spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Rilling administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Dixon.

5. Organization of Common Council Committees

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RENAMING OF CERTAIN
COMMON COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**WHEREAS, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK
(THE "COUNCIL") DESIRES TO RENAME CERTAIN OF ITS
STANDING COMMITTEES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING
THE LEGISLATIVE PURVIEW AND ADVISORY FUNCTION OF SUCH
COMMITTEES; AND**

**WHEREAS, ACTING PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 1-189 AND 1-197 OF
THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORWALK (THE "CHARTER") AS
WELL AS THE PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY SET FORTH IN THE
RULES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF NORWALK,
CONNECTICUT, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 26, 1985, AS AMENDED AND
ADOPTED FEBRUARY 12, 2019 AND MASON'S MANUAL OF
LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE (2010), BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL, THAT
THE "HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE" OF
THE COUNCIL SHALL HEREINAFTER BE NAMED THE "HEALTH
AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE" AND THE "PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE" OF THE COUNCIL SHALL HEREINAFTER BE NAMED
THE "COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE".**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

This resolution, adopted by the Council on November 19, 2019, shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified.

6. Appointment of Committees

The Chairs for the 2019-2020 Common Council committees are as follows:

Finance/Claims Committee	Mr. Burnett
Health and Public Safety Committee	Mr. Sacchinelli
Land Use and Building Management Committee	Mr. Livingston

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Ordinance Committee
Community Services and Personnel Committee
Planning Committee
Public Works Committee
Recreation and Parks Committee

Mr. Hosten
Ms. Smyth
Mr. Kydes
Mr. Tsiranides
Ms. Young

7. Adoption of Council Rules

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:**

RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION NOS. 6, 7, & 19 OF THE RULES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL NOVEMBER 26, 1985 AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED FEBRUARY 12, 2019

WHEREAS, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK (THE "COUNCIL") DESIRES TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 26, 1985, AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED FEBRUARY 12, 2019 (THE "RULES") TO UPDATE CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING ITS MEETING DATES AND TIMES, AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENTAL STAFFING OF ITS COMMITTEES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL, THAT SECTION NO. 6 OF THE RULES IS HEREBY AMENDED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTED WITH THE FOLLOWING IN LIEU THEREOF:

"6. EACH COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE SHOULD SEEK TO HOLD AT LEAST ONE (1) MEETING EACH MONTH, AND IN ANY CASE, NOT LESS THAN TEN (10) MEETINGS PER YEAR, AS SCHEDULED AT A REGULAR DATE TO BE REPORTED TO THE CITY CLERK. ADDITIONAL MEETINGS MAY BE CALLED BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIR AND SHALL ALSO BE REPORTED TO THE CITY CLERK.

ALL COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS SHALL BE PUBLICIZED BY THE CITY CLERK IN FULL KEEPING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONNECTICUT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS RULE THAT THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE PUBLIC ATTENTION BE CALLED TO THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND THE GREATEST POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS BE FACILITATED AND ENCOURAGED.

FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL, 2 ABSENCES WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE WILL BE SUFFICIENT REASON FOR THE CHAIR TO REQUEST OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS AND THE COMMON COUNCIL AS A WHOLE FOR A REORGANIZATION OF THAT COMMITTEE."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SECTION NO. 7 OF THE RULES IS HEREBY AMENDED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTED WITH THE FOLLOWING IN LIEU THEREOF:

"7. EACH COMMITTEE CHAIR SHALL FACILITATE THE COLLECTION OF MINUTES BY THE ASSIGNED STENOGRAPHER. ALL COMMITTEES SHALL BE STAFFED FROM THE ASSOCIATED DEPARTMENTS WITH ASSISTANCE AS REQUIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SECTION NO. 19 OF THE RULES IS HEREBY AMENDED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTED WITH THE FOLLOWING IN LIEU THEREOF:

"19. ALL REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS SHALL BEGIN AT 7:30 AND ALL REGULAR AND SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS SHALL TERMINATE AT MIDNIGHT, EXCEPT WHEN THE COMMON COUNCIL DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO CONTINUE ITS BUSINESS. SUCH DETERMINATION TO BE MADE BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CAPTION OF THE RULES ARE HEREBY UPDATED AS FOLLOWS:

**"RULES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT,
ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL NOVEMBER 26, 1985
AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED NOVEMBER 19, 2019"**

THIS RESOLUTION, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 19, 2019, SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED OR MODIFIED.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. REMARKS

Mayor Rilling congratulated Mr. Burnett, Mr. Keegan and Ms. Smyth.

V. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk