

**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**

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

Ms. King, City Clerk read the notice stating that this meeting is being videotaped and audio recorded for public broadcast and that assisted listening devices are available.

SWEARING IN OF 2015-2017 COMMON COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Rilling administered the oath of office individually to the following Common Council members:

Richard Bonenfant
Michael Corsello
Douglas Hempstead
Bruce Kimmel
Nick Sacchinelli
Eloisa Melendez
Steve Serasis
Phaedrel Bowman
John Kydes
Michelle Maggio
Michael DePalma
Shannon O'Toole Giandurco
John Igneri
Thomas Livingston

ROLL CALL

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

Council at Large:	Mr. Richard Bonenfant Mr. Douglas Hempstead Ms. Nick Sacchinelli	Mr. Michael Corsello Mr. Bruce Kimmel
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. Steve Serasis
District B:	Ms. Phaedrel Bowman	Mr. Travis Simms

District C: Mr. John Kydes Ms. Michelle Maggio
District D: Mr. Michael DePalma Ms. Shannon O'Toole Giandurco
District E: Mr. John Igneri Mr. Thomas Livingston
Mayor Harry Rilling; Mario Coppola, Corporation Counsel; Donna King, City Clerk
There were fourteen (14) members present and one (1) absent (Mr. Simms).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak this evening.

MAYOR

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations announced this evening.

Appointment of City Clerk

**** MR. KIMMEL NOMINATED DONNA KING FOR CITY CLERK.**

Mr. Kimmel said that Ms. King has done an excellent job and adds professionalism to the position.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Rilling administered the oath of office to Ms. King.

Appointment of Corporation Counsel

**** MR. KYDES NOMINATED MARIO COPPOLA FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Mr. Kydes said that Mr. Coppola got the City through a lot of difficult issues over the last two years. He said that he looks forward to working with him for another two years.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Rilling administered the oath of office to Mr. Coppola.

GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Election of Council President

**** MR. IGNERI NOMINATED BRUCE KIMMEL AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Mr. Igneri said that Mr. Kimmel has 16 years of experience on the Common Council. Mr. Hempstead added that he looks forward to working with Mr. Kimmel.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REMARKS

Mayor Rilling thanked the members of the Common Council for their dedication to the City of Norwalk. He said that he applauded their willingness to serve and that he looks forward to working with them over the next two years.

Mayor Rilling said that traditionally, the Common Council does not meet on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. If they do not meet, he wanted to wish everyone a happy and health Thanksgiving.

Mayor Rilling asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the tragedy that took place in Paris. He asked for God's blessing for America.

Announcement of Majority Leader

Mr. Kimmel announced that Mr. Kydes will be the Majority Leader.

Announcement of Minority Leader

Mr. Kimmel announced that Ms. O'Toole Giandurco will be the Minority Leader.

Appointment of Assistant City Clerk

**** MR. KYDES NOMINATED IRENE DIXON AS ASSISTANT CITY CLERK**

Mr. Kydes said that over the past few years, he has had the opportunity to get to know Ms. Dixon. He said that she is on many boards in the City.

Mayor Rilling said that he is very pleased that Ms. Dixon will be working in the Mayor's office. He said that her work ethic is above reproach and he looks forward to two great years.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Appointment of Committees

**** MR. KYDES NOMINATED THOMAS LIVINGSTON AS THE COMMON COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Mr. Kydes said that Mr. Livingston will be a great addition to the Historical Commission.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. DEPALMA NOMINATED PHAEDREL BOWMAN, TRAVIS SIMMS AND JOHN IGNERI TO THE MARITIME AQUARIUM AUTHORITY**

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD NOMINATED SHANNON O'TOOLE GIANDURCO TO THE MARITIME AQUARIUM AUTHORITY**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Kydes announced the appointment of Mr. Ignieri and Mr. Kimmel to the Water Pollution Control Authority.

Mr. Kydes announced the appointment of Mr. Livingston and Mr. Bonenfant to the Norwalk Facilities Construction Commission.

Mr. Kydes said that he wanted to thank friends and families for their sacrifice and asked the Mayor and Common Council members to give them a round of applause.

Mr. Kydes announced the appointment of Common Council members to Common Council committees and their respective chairs.

Adoption of Council Rules

**** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING THREE
AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL RULES**

**NUMBER 11:
MASON'S MANUAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE-2010 SHALL BE
THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL EXCEPT AS THEY CONFLICT WITH
THE RULES MENTIONED HEREIN.**

**NUMBER 14:
FOR ITEM F ONLY, THE CONTROL AND CHAIR OF THE MEETING
SHALL PASS TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**NUMBER 21:
ANY APPOINTED MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OF A CITY
DEPARTMENT, BOARD, AGENCY OR COMMISSION OR ANY BOARD
AGENCY, OR COMMISSION TO WHICH THE CITY APPOINTS THE
MEMBERS, *AT THE REQUEST OF A COUNCIL MEMBER*, MAY
ADDRESS THE COMMON COUNCIL ON MATTERS DIRECTLY
APPERTAINING TO HIS OR HER DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, BOARD
OR COMMISSION WITHOUT THE NEED FOR SUSPENSION OF THE
RULES**

Mr. Hempstead said that the Common Council rules ended with the last term. Mr. Kimmel said that these amendments are to the rules from the last term. Mr. Coppola said that past practice is to amend the rules.

Mr. Kimmel said that the rules reflect the practice.

**** MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE THREE AMENDMENTS
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REMARKS

Mr. Kimmel said that the Common Council will probably not meet next week, but he will let everyone know. He said that he plans to work with the City Clerk's office for FOI training.

Mr. Simms joined the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Mr. Kimmel thanked his wife and said that he would not be here without her. He said that he wanted to thank a number of other people who over the past several years worked with him.

Mr. Kimmel recommended that the majority and minority leaders start discussions about charter reform. The operating budget is being drafted now. He said that they need to continue their collaboration with the Board of Education to come up with a budget that is fair and balanced. Mr. Kimmel promised that the Finance Claims Committee will look at the senior tax relief program carefully. He said that the City is alive and moving forward.

SWEARING IN OF 2015-2017 COMMON COUNCIL MEMBERS (continued)

Mayor Rilling administered the oath of office to Mr. Simms.

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk