

COMMON COUNCIL  
2021

NORWALK, CONNECTICUT  
TELECONFERENCE

SPECIAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 16,

VIA

**ALL COMMON COUNCIL ACTIONS TAKEN AT THIS MEETING TO  
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Mayor Rilling called the special meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **I. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Dixon called the Roll:

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| Council at Large: | Mr. Gregory Burnett   | Mr. Joshua Goldstein          |
|                   | Ms. Dominique Johnson | Ms. Nora Niedziel Ski Eichner |
|                   | Ms. Barbara Smyth     |                               |

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| District A: | Ms. Nicol Ayers | Mr. David Heuvelman |
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| District B: | Ms. Darlene Young | Ms. Diana Revolus |
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| District C: | Ms. Jen McMurrer | Mr. John Kydes |
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| District D: | Ms. Heidi Alterman | Mr. Tom Keegan |
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| District E: | Mr. Thomas Livingston | Ms. Lisa Shanahan |
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At Roll Call there were fifteen (15) Common Council members present. A Quorum was present.

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

## **II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public wished to comment this evening.

## **III. MAYOR**

### **A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

There were no resignations announced this evening.

#### **1. Appointment of Corporation Counsel**

Mayor Rilling put forward Mr. Mario Coppola for Corporation Counsel. Mayor Rilling spoke in support of the reappointment.

- \*\* MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF**
- MR. MARIO COPPOLA AS CORPORATION COUNSEL**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS. JOHNSON)**

## 2. Appointment of City Clerk

Mayor Rilling put forward Ms. Irene Dixon for City Clerk. Mayor Rilling and several Common Council members spoke in support of the appointment.

- \*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MS.**
- IRENE DIXON AS CITY CLERK**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## B. MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling thanked the Common Council members who worked together for the past several years. He noted they had to make difficult decisions, but worked together as a team. He added that there are five people he can look at for positions of boards and commissions.

Mayor Rilling welcomed the new Common Council members and said they have taken on an important, but rewarding challenge.

Mayor Rilling welcomed the returning Common Council members. He said that Norwalk is moving in the right direction. He said he looks forward to the next two years.

## IV. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

### A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

#### 1. Election of Council President

- \*\* MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO NOMINATE MR. LIVINGSTON FOR**
- COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT.**

Ms. Shanahan spoke in support of this nomination.

Mayor Rilling asked if there were any other nominations.

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**\*\* MS. YOUNG MOVED TO NOMINATE MR. BURNETT FOR COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Ms. Young spoke in support of this nomination.

Mayor Rilling asked three times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, he closed the nominations.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH EIGHT (8) VOTES FOR MR. LIVINGSTON (MR. GOLDSTEIN; MS. JOHNSON; MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER; MS. SMYTH; MR. HEUVELMAN; MS. MCMURRER; MR. LIVINGSTON; MS. SHANAHAN) AND SEVEN (7) VOTES FOR MR. BURNETT (MR. BURNETT; MS. AYERS; MS. REVOLUS; MR. KYDES; MS. YOUNG; MS. ALTERMAN; MR. KEEGAN)**

Mr. Livingston thanked the members of the Common Council for this honor. He said he is committed to working with each member of the Common Council.

2. Announcement of Majority Leader

Mr. Livingston announced Ms. Smyth as the Majority Leader.

3. Announcement of Minority Leader

Mr. Livingston announced Mr. Keegan as the Minority Leader.

The remainder of the agenda was tabled.

4. Appointment of Assistant City Clerk

5. Appointment of Committees

6. Adoption of Council Rules

**B. REMARKS**

Mayor Rilling said he looks forward to working with this team.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO ADJOURN**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Irene Dixon, City Clerk

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## \*SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING\*

I. ROLL CALL 15

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 0

III. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Corporation Counsel – Mario Coppola
2. Appointment of City Clerk - Irene Dixon

APPROVED  
APPROVED

B. **MAYOR'S REMARKS:** Mayor Rilling thanked the outgoing Common Council Members for their service and welcomed the incoming Common Council Members.

**IV. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

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|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Election of Council President – Thomas Livingston | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| 2. Announcement of Majority Leader – Barbara Smyth   | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| 3. Announcement of Minority Leader – Tom Keegan      | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| 4. Appointment of Assistant City Clerk               | <b>TABLED</b>   |
| 5. Appointment of Committees                         | <b>TABLED</b>   |
| 6. Adoption of Council Rules                         | <b>TABLED</b>   |

**B. REMARKS:** Council President Livingston thanked the Common Council. He looks forward to working with each member of the Common Council.

**V. ADJOURNMENT      7:52 PM**