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Ms. Young opened the public hearing at 7:30 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 Mr. Johan Lopez Ms. Barbara Smyth	Mr. Joshua Goldstein Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner
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District A:	Ms. Nicol Ayers
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District B:	Mr. Dajuan Wiggins	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Ms. Nicole Eaddy	Ms. Anne Wennerstrand
District D:	Ms. Heather Dunn	Mr. Douglas W. Sutton
District E:	Mr. James Frayer	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were fourteen (14) Common Councilmembers present and one (1) absent (Mr. Sead). A Quorum was present.

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING

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

A. Chapter 9 - Administration, Article IX - Reapportionment Advisory Committee, Section 9-32 - Districts Established

B. Reapportionment Advisory Committee's Proposed Plan, Map and Letter

Ms. Elsa Peterson Obuchowski, representing the First Taxing District suggested changing the language in the plan to be gender neutral. She expressed concern over the proposed changes to the District. She read a statement from the Census Bureau.

Mr. Stuart Wells, Democratic Registrar of Voters urged the Common Council to not create tiny precincts due to the misguided opinion that they have to follow census blocks. He expressed concern over the proposed changes to the Districts.

Mr. Richard Bonenfant, Republican Town Chair, District A said this proposed change will kick him off of the Republican Town Committee; however, he said he did not think the change will be that much of a big problem.

Ms. Diane Lauricella suggested postponing the vote on this issue to consider all of the alternatives.

Ms. Diana Pasladino Christopher, incoming Republican Registrar of Voters said she felt the goal of the Committee has been met. She suggested considering the expertise of those who worked on this.

There were no other comments and Ms. Young closed the public hearing.

III. PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION

Ms. Shanahan said she was comfortable relying on the work of the Committee, Attorney and Consultant.

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner said they need to get the Districts to an equitable/even amount. The issue is that the taxing districts do not align with the existing streets and the lines do not function. She added that there is a sense of urgency in order to prepare for the next upcoming municipal election.

Mr. Goldstein said this Commission did an excellent job, working in a multipartisan way. He said he will support the plan put forward by the Commission.

Ms. Barbara Smyth said she feels they need to move Norwalk forward into a more modern city.

Mr. Ken D'Arinzo, Chair, Reappointment Advisory Commission described how they came up with their four options, working with Mr. Wells and Ms. Paladino Christopher and how they reached their final option.

Mr. Scott Goodwin, Reappointment Advisory Commissioner said the taxing districts will still be the taxing districts; however, a person may vote in a different area from where they vote today.

Ms. Young expressed thanks to everyone on the Commission. She also thanked the members of the Common Council who have been addressing issues that are long overdue.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further discussion, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk

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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rilling asked for a Moment of Silence to honor Norwalk Police Department Lieutenant Thomas Roncinske, Jr. and Nancy Chapman, founder of *Nancy on Norwalk*. He shared Lieutenant Roncinske's many accomplishments and contributions to Norwalk and said he asked to have the flags flown at half mast. He also described Ms. Chapman's contributions as the founder of *Nancy on Norwalk*.

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District D:	Ms. Heather Dunn	Mr. Douglas W. Sutton
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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

A. Regular Meeting: October 22, 2024

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED
** 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.

Mr. Richard Bonenfant expressed concern that the Complete Street initiative will lead to more density in choke area; he added that it is very hard to get across town. He said he was in support of naming the walking track in honor of Ms. Roman. He also spoke in support of approving the requests from the Police Department.

Mr. Paul Fox spoke in support of the Complete Streets Ordinance and described the benefits of the Ordinance.

Mr. Thomas Lind spoke in support of the Complete Streets Ordinance and described the benefits of the Ordinance.

Ms. Becca Stolt spoke in support of the Complete Streets Ordinance and described the benefits of the Ordinance.

Mr. Tanner Thompson spoke in support of the Complete Streets Ordinance and added that it will allow residents to interact with the residents they share the community with.

Ms. Diane Lauricella spoke about the agenda items related to environmental health. She spoke in support of naming the walking trail in honor of Ms. Roman. She also spoke in support of the Complete Streets Ordinance. She requested adding members of the Norwalk Transit to the Complete Streets group. Ms. Lauricella said it was important that the Committee enhance the Fairfield County hazardous waste response team.

Mr. Brad Craighead, representing the Norwalk Green Association spoke in support of the Complete Streets Ordinance.

Mr. Anthony Pavis, representing the City Hall Neighborhood Association spoke in support of the Complete Streets Ordinance.

There were no other members of the public who wished to comment this evening.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations or appointments announced this evening.

1. RESIGNATIONS

2. APPOINTMENTS

3. REAPPOINTMENTS

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

A. RICHARD CLARKE, FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

B. DAISY FRANKLIN, FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

C. JOSEPH MANN, FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

D. ALEXANDRA SOLLAZZO, FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Mr. Burnett, Ms. Ayers and Mr. Sead spoke in support of the reappointments.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. MAYOR’S REMARKS

Mayor Rilling spoke about Monday’s Annual Veterans Day ceremony at City Hall and thanked everyone that helped make the ceremony meaningful. He noted that Norwalk ranked No. 1 in the State’s first Early Voting period within a General Election. He said almost 18,000 votes were cast. Mayor Rilling thanked everyone who assisted with the Early Voting efforts. Lastly, he announced that the CT Department of Economic and Community Development designated the City of Norwalk as an Arts and Cultural District.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations or appointments announced this evening.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

Ms. Young announced that Mr. Wiggins would be reading this evening’s Consent Calendar.

**** MR. WIGGINS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL PROJECT AUTHORIZATION LETTERS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY CONN. DOT NEEDED FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS UNDER THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S URBAN ACTION GRANT (UAG) PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO RICHARDS AVENUE AND WEST CEDAR STREET AS PART OF STATE PROJECT NO. DOT01020376GR.

ACCT. NO. 363701 4120 G0060 363701 5799 G0060

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENT(S) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT AND RECEIVE THE BENEFIT OF THE EECBG PROGRAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VOUCHER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$144,600.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR STATE PROJECT 102-375 (EAST NORWALK CONNECTIVITY ENHANCEMENTS) FOR NON-STANDARD ITEMS.

ACCT. NO. 0924 3750 5777 C0562

B. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

2. HERTZ FURNITURE SYSTEMS LLC

A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HERTZ FURNITURE SYSTEMS LLC., FOR THE STUDENT LOCKER REPLACEMENT AT ROTON MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$159,900.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09255010 5777 C0722.

B. AUTHORIZE THE NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACILITIES DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THIS CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$15,990.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09255010 5777 C0722.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A 3-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH ADT SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE CCTV AND SECURITY MONITORING SERVICES FOR 3 BELDEN AVENUE AT A TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF \$1,460.40. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT #014088 5298.

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A 5-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH SECURITY SPECIALISTS, A DIVISION OF ALERT SYSTEMS LLC, FOR THE SECURITY MONITORING SERVICES AT SOUTH NORWALK LIBRARY FOR AN ANNUAL COST OF \$480.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT #016220 5296.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE MULTI-MUNICIPALITY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ENTITLED "AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, FAIRFIELD COUNTY HAZARDOUS INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM".

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO SIGN A 4-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR THE INET EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH INDUSTRIAL SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF GAS DETECTION EQUIPMENT (METERS) FOR ALL APPARATUS CITYWIDE. THE SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM WILL ALLOW US TO OWN THE EQUIPMENT ONCE THE 48-MONTH TERM HAS CONCLUDED. WE WILL BE BILLED MONTHLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$793.95 BY INDUSTRIAL SCIENTIFIC

**CORPORATION FOR A TOTAL 4-YEAR-TERM COST NOT TO EXCEED
\$38,109.60 FROM ACCOUNT # 0131-20-5262.**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A
CONTRACT WITH DELTA LEVEL DEFENSE FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED
\$26,684.22 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 19 SETS OF TACTICAL BODY ARMOR.
(MUNIS ACCT. 0133120-5341)**

**4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A
CONTRACT WITH MES SHIPMAN'S FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL NOT
TO EXCEED \$279,591.25 FOR NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT SCBA AIR
BOTTLES, COMPLIANT WITH THE LATEST NFPA STANDARD. (MUNIS
ACCT. 0131205269) TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$154,230.00 FOR THE
PURCHASE OF TWO FORD EXPLORER STAFF VEHICLES. THIS PROJECT
IS FUNDED THROUGH ARPA FUNDS AS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 13,
2024 COMMON COUNCIL MEETING. (ACCT. 133110-5796-AFN03)**

6. DRUG RECOGNITION ENFORCEMENT INSTRUCTOR GRANT

**A. AUTHORIZE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL
DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT
FUNDING UNDER THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE, DRUG RECOGNITION
ENFORCEMENT INSTRUCTOR GRANT.**

**B. AUTHORIZE CHIEF OF POLICE, JAMES WALSH, TO EXECUTE ANY AND
ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO
IMPLEMENT THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE, DRUG RECOGNITION ENFORCEMENT
INSTRUCTOR
GRANT.**

**7. STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
AND PUBLIC PROTECTION ARPA-ATV-2023-NWK-2A GRANT**

**A. AUTHORIZE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL
DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT
FUNDING UNDER STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION ARPA-ATV-2023-NWK-
2A GRANT.**

**B. AUTHORIZE CHIEF OF POLICE, JAMES WALSH, TO EXECUTE ANY AND
ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO
IMPLEMENT THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION ARPA-ATV-2023-
NWK-2A GRANT.**

**8. STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
AND PUBLIC PROTECTION ARPA-ATV-2023-NWK-1A GRANT**

**A. AUTHORIZE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL
DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT
FUNDING UNDER STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION ARPA-ATV-2023-NWK-
1A GRANT.**

**B. AUTHORIZE CHIEF OF POLICE, JAMES WALSH, TO EXECUTE ANY AND
ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO
IMPLEMENT THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION ARPA-ATV-2023-NWK-
1A GRANT.**

9. CLICK IT OR TICKET (CIOT) ENFORCEMENT GRANT

**A. AUTHORIZE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL
DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT
FUNDING UNDER THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECT NUMBER 0205-0702-CD,
25/25 CLICK IT OR TICKET (CIOT) ENFORCEMENT GRANT**

**B. AUTHORIZE CHIEF OF POLICE, JAMES WALSH, TO EXECUTE ANY AND
ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO
IMPLEMENT THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECT NUMBER 0205-0702-CD,
25/25 CLICK IT OR TICKET (CIOT) ENFORCEMENT GRANT**

10. FY25 DUI ENFORCEMENT GRANT

**A. AUTHORIZE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL
DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT
FUNDING UNDER THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY SAFETY, FY25 DUI ENFORCEMENT GRANT,
PROJECT NUMBER 0205-0722-1-BD.**

**B. AUTHORIZE CHIEF OF POLICE, JAMES WALSH, TO EXECUTE ANY AND
ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO
IMPLEMENT THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY SAFETY, FY25 DUI ENFORCEMENT GRANT,
PROJECT NUMBER 0205-0722-1-BD**

E. PUBLIC WORKS

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT AUTHORIZATION LETTER TO WALK BRIDGE PROGRAM - 301-0515NP PROJECT, WHEREBY THE CITY OF NORWALK WILL TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$821,637.00 ON NOVEMBER 15, 2024, AND \$821,637.00 ON JULY 1, 2025, TO FUND THE UNDERGROUNDING OF UTILITY LINES ON EAST AVE FROM FORT POINT STREET TO OLMSTEAD PLACE TO BE PERFORMED BY CONN DOT.

ACCOUNT NO.

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2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AUTHORIZE A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2026 MACK GRANITE PLOW TRUCK, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$310,139.00.

F. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK HOUSING AUTHORITY (“NHA”) PERMITTING NHA, AND ITS CONTRACTORS TO MAKE USE OF MEADOW STREET POCKET PARK AT NO COST THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2025 FOR SET UP OF MOBILE OFFICE AND VEHICULAR PARKING IN CONNECTION WITH NHA’S REDEVELOPMENT OF MEADOW GARDEN AT 45 MEADOW STREET.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

B. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

**** ms. Smyth moved to Approve the naming of the walking track at Malmquist Field in memory of Ms. Mary Roman, a Norwalk resident who left an indelible mark on the City of Norwalk she called home for over half a century. She was an accomplished athlete and contributed substantially to the Norwalk athletic community.**

Ms. Smyth explained that this request came to the Land Use and Building Management from Mr. Joe Madafari. She said so many residents spoke in support of this initiative. Ms. Smyth shared Ms. Roman’s many accomplishments and contributions.

Mr. Burnett shared his memories of Ms. Roman and her many accomplishments in track and field. He said she had an impact on many senior athletes across the country and internationally. Mr. Burnett said this was a great tribute and was sure she would be elated with this.

Mayor Rilling said they will make the track worthy of the name it will hold.

Ms. Young shared her experiences when she was the Assistant City Clerk and Ms. Roman was the City Clerk. She said Ms. Roman was professional and very helpful and inspiring. She said she was very happy they crossed paths.

Ms. Dunn said she was so blessed to have Ms. Roman as a friend. She said she was always so calm and there for people. Ms. Dunn said she was very happy they could do this for her.

Mayor Rilling said he had known Ms. Roman for many years; she was humble, kind and put Norwalk on the map with her participation and accomplishments in the Senior Olympics. He noted that she was quite an athlete.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. ORDINANCE

**** ms. Shanahan moved to Approve new ordinance: Complete Streets (Sections 1 through 10)**

Ms. Shanahan said the Ordinance represented several years of work. She said this will help set higher standards for Norwalk.

Mr. Goldstein provided an overview of the Complete Streets initiative. He highlighted the funding received by Norwalk that will be used to implement the Complete Streets initiatives.

Mr. Goldstein recognized and expressed his thanks to all those who worked on this Ordinance. He said that while it will take time to implement, it will pay off. Mr. Sead said this is great for the City and is not an attack on cars. It will make the streets safer for everyone.

Mayor Rilling thanked Ms. Shanahan and Mr. Goldstein and everyone who has a part in this.

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1-3 ON
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**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE REAPPORTIONMENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE'S PROPOSED PLAN, MAP AND LETTER**

Mayor Rilling expressed his thanks to the Committee.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were no resolutions from Common Council members this evening.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

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

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were no suspension of rules this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further discussion, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk