

COMMON COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 25, 2022

NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

**COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS & VIA
TELECONFERENCE**

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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order 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. Joshua Goldstein
	Ms. Dominique Johnson	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	

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District A: Ms. Nicol Ayers Mr. David Heuvelman
District B: Ms. Diana Revolus
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 thirteen (13) Common Council members present and two (2) absent (Ms. Young 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: October 11, 2022

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present who wished to participate this evening.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were no resignations announced this evening.

APPOINTMENTS:

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MS.
MELODY D’ALESSANDRO TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF
WOMEN**

Mr. Burnett and Ms. Smyth spoke in support of this appointment. Ms. D’Alessandro extended her gratitude for this appointment and said she looks forward to working with her fellow Commissioners.

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**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. JOAN MCNIEL TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

Ms. Smyth spoke in support of this appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were no reappointments announced this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced that this past weekend a new plaque was hung on Heritage Wall honoring Jamaica he urged people to visit Heritage Park.

Yesterday began the celebration of Diwali the Festival of Lights and the largest celebration in India. He wished all who celebrate a happy celebration.

Mayor Rilling reported that the City of Norwalk will be opening a business development center at 2 Belden Avenue next week.

Mayor Rilling wished all a safe and happy Halloween.

Mayor Rilling said that last night a number of people had the opportunity to meet the new DEAI Officer, Ms. Latoya Fernandez. He said she is ready to start on November 1st.

Ms. Ayers read a statement welcoming Ms. Fernandez on behalf of the members of the Common Council and expressed her thanks to Ms. Johnson and to the Community Services department. She said that when the City of Norwalk decided to hire a person for this position, it became a leader in the State of Connecticut. She said she applauded the City and her colleagues for acknowledging the need. She reminded everyone that there are challenges, and they are committed to working with Ms. Fernandez.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS:

RESIGNATIONS: There were no resignations announced this evening.

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APPOINTMENTS: There were no appointments announced this evening.

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were no reappointments announced this evening.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mr. Livingston announced that Mr. Heuvelman would be reading this evening's consent calendar.

**** MR. HEUVELMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

1. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY: REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: OCTOBER 2022

2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED: OCTOBER 11, 2022

3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: SEPTEMBER 2022

4A. RESOLUTION: REQUESTING A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$195,000 TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FIRE STATION 5 ROOF REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT # 0923110-5777-C0796. THE \$195,000 OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY SHALL BE ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS AND TERMS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL BOND RESOLUTIONS THAT AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR PROJECT # 0923110-5777-C0796 (FIRE STATION 5 ROOF REPLACEMENT).

5A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH ADASHI SYSTEMS, LLC., THE INCIDENT COMMAND SOFTWARE FOR FIRE TRUCKS, AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,130.00

ANNUALLY. CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT 09231370-5777-C0375 (FIRE TRUCK TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE)

5B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, FOR ONE TIME PURCHASE OF TOUGH BOOKS, MODEMS, AND ASSORTED HARDWARE'S WITH TELREPCO (NASPO - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICIALS, STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONTRACT NUMBER: 15PSX0221) FOR FIRE TRUCK TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE WITH AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$90,925. CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT 09231370-5777-C0375 (FIRE TRUCK TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE)

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$75,000.

B. RECREATION, PARKS, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO M. E. O'BRIEN AND SONS FOR THE KENDALL SCHOOL PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS OFF THE CT STATE PRICING CONTRACT # 17PSX0081, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$163,209.00 FROM ARPA ACCOUNT # 134010-5796-ARP01

C. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT VEOCI'S VEOCI SOFTWARE AND THE SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THE RELEVANT ORDER FORM ("ORDER FORM"), WHICH IS ATTACHED AS SCHEDULE D FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,639.00 FIRST YEAR TOTAL. ARPA ACCOUNT # 132010-5796-ACS02

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

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

RESOLUTION: REQUESTING A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FIRE VEHICLES ACCOUNT #0923110-5777-C0829 TO PURCHASE THREE NEW VEHICLES. THE \$25,000 OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY SHALL BE ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS AND TERMS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL BOND RESOLUTIONS THAT AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR PROJECT #0923110-5777-C0829 (FIRE VEHICLES).

Mr. Burnett reviewed the item and said the original appropriation was for \$75,000. This additional \$25,000 will allow the City to move forward with purchasing the new vehicles. He noted they are gas powered vehicles.

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner said she supports the Fire Department and looks forward a plan that will allow them to electrify the fleet.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER)**

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 7:51 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk