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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
	Mr. Johan Lopez	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner (7:47 p.m.)
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	

District A:	Ms. Nicol Ayers	Mr. Jalin Sead (joined while meeting in progress)
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	

At Roll Call there were twelve (12) Common Councilmembers present and three (3) absent (Ms. Niedzielski Eichner, Mr. Sead and Ms. Shanahan). A Quorum was present.

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: October 8, 2024

The following correction was made to the minutes:

Remove Mr. Frayer's name under attendance.

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were no resignations announced this evening.

APPOINTMENTS:

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**
BRENDA PENN-WILLIAMS, FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Ms. Young and Ms. Smyth spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were no reappointments announced this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling welcomed Ms. Anne Wennerstrand to the Common Council where she will represent District C. He said Mr. McQuaid administered the Oath of Office yesterday. He announced that early voting, prior to the November 5th General Election, will begin on Monday and goes through Sunday, November 3 from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and includes weekends. He added that people will be able to register to vote at City Hall. Mayor Rilling encouraged everyone to vote, noting that people sacrificed so much to give us the right to vote.

City Hall will have extended early voting hours on October 29th and October 31st which take place from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mayor Rilling announced the Halloween Nightfair, which is a family friendly event that will take place this Saturday, October 26th, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mayor Rilling mentioned the groundbreaking for the Wall Street Project and thanked everyone who has been part of this effort over the years. This project will bring 115 affordable housing units.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO TAKE THE AGENDA OUT OF ORDER AND MOVE
THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK PRESENTATION TO LATER IN THE AGENDA
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations or appointments announced this evening.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Ms. Young announced that Mr. Sutton would be reading this evening's Consent Calendar.

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO EXTEND THE STUDENT PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAMS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2026.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY WITH ELM CITY VILLAGE, INC. AND THE HOUSE OF DARLA TO PROVIDE VITAL SERVICES TO HIGH-RISK YOUTH REFERRED TO THE JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD (JRB), CARE COORDINATION, AND HIGH UTILIZERS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 ADMINISTERED BY THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. ACCOUNT # 132010-5796-ACS02.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Ms. Ayers, Ms. Young, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wiggins left the Common Council chambers.

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS WITH THE SELECTED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AS OUTLINED IN THE FINAL ARPA NONPROFIT GRANT ALLOCATIONS REPORT. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO 20 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT THEIR RECOVERY EFFORTS AND CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE NORWALK COMMUNITY, AS ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT. FUNDING SOURCE: ARPA ACCOUNT 132010-5796-ACS03 (\$400,000) AND 140000-5796-ACMF5 (\$300,000).**

Mr. Burnett introduced the item.

Mr. Daniels, Chief of Community Services reviewed the item and expressed his thanks to Mayor Rilling who made the commitment to support non-profits. Ms. Niedzielski Eichner thanked everyone involved in this effort. Mayor Rilling added that the ARPA funds given to Norwalk amounted to \$39 million. These funds helped carry the local non profits.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Ayers, Ms. Young, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wiggins returned to the Common Council chambers.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT (continued)

A. General Business

1. Economic outlook presentation.

Ms. Young introduced Ms. Shannon O'Toole Giandurco, President of the Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. O'Toole Giandurco introduced herself. She noted that during her time, the Chamber of Commerce has welcomed 40 new members.

Ms. O'Toole Giandurco presented the economic outlook and fielded questions from Common Council members.

Following the presentation, Ms. Young thanked Ms. O'Toole Giandurco and said she would like to offer these presentations on a regular basis.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were no resolutions offered 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 suspensions of the rules this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

ATTEST:

Irene Dixon, City Clerk