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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:32 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. Barbara Smyth	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner
District A:	Ms. Nicol Ayers	Mr. Jalin Sead
District B:	Mr. Dajuan Wiggins	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Ms. Nicole Eaddy	
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. A Quorum was present.

Also present were Mayor, Harry Rilling; Assistant City Clerk, Esther Murillo and Corporation Counsel, Mario Coppola.

I. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting: September 24, 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.

Ms. Elsa Peterson Obuchowski, First Taxing District Commissioner expressed concern over the Redistricting 2024 Proposed Plan. She said she and the Board members feel the map proposed by Mr. Wells makes more sense.

Mr. Tod Bryant agreed with Ms. Peterson Obuchowski and added that the center of District A is important to Norwalk history. He said Mr. Wells came up with a good alternative and suggested using the expertise of the consultant rather than dismantle the history of Norwalk.

Mr. Stuart Wells, Registrar of Voters, said he did not find anything in the Statute that requires block lines. He spoke about logistical issues with the proposed plan such as not enough storage space for voting machines or enough people to work the polls.

IV. **MAYOR**

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were no resignations announced this evening.

APPOINTMENTS: There were no appointments announced this evening.

REAPPOINTMENTS:

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

ALICE MCQUAID, NORWALK TRANSIT DISTRICT

Mr. Burnett spoke in support of the reappointment. Mayor Rilling also made supporting comments.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling spoke about the steel topping-off ceremony for the new South Norwalk School that occurred this morning. He announced the next Norwalk Health Department flu clinic is happening on Thursday, October 10, 2024 in their building next to City Hall; upcoming dates and times can be found on the City website.

Mayor Rilling spoke about National Fire Prevention Week. He expressed thanks the Norwalk Fire Department for assisting in Hurricane Helene relief efforts. He pffered prayers to everyone in Florida impacted by Hurricane Milton. He reminded the public that there will be 14 days of early voting prior to the November 5th General Election. It begins Monday, October 21 and goes through Sunday, November 3 from 10am to 6:00 pm and includes weekends. City Hall will have extended early voting hours on October 29 and October 31 which will be from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Lastly, he talked about the Halloween Nightfair, which is a family friendly event that will take place on Saturday, October 26, from 2:00pm to 10:00 pm.

V. **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

A. GENERAL BUSINESS

Ms. Young acknowledged receipt of the Redistricting 2024 Proposed Plan. She noted there is much work to be done and said there would be no vote on this item this evening.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF REDISTRICTING 2024 PROPOSED PLAN, MAP, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDISTRICTING

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER EACH CENSUS, EACH AS ACCEPTED BY THE REAPPORTIONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Ms. Young announced that the Charter Revision Committee will meet on October 16th. Tyler Fairbairn will be the Chair and Douglas Hempstead as Vice Chair. A presentation of the Economic Outlook by the Chamber of Commerce will take place on October 22nd.

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO MOVE ITEM 6A3 TO THE END OF 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 Ms. Niedzielski Eichner would be reading this evening's Consent Calendar

**** MS NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VI. <u>REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS</u>

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN ON-CALL AGREEMENT FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES WITH VIMINI ASSOCIATES, THREE-YEAR INITIAL TERM WITH TWO OPTIONS TO EXTEND FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR EACH, FOR SUM NOT TO EXCEED $130,000 IN YEAR 1, $160,000 IN YEAR 2, AND $130,000 IN YEAR 3. ACCOUNT NO. 01-0300-5258.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN ON-CALL AGREEMENT FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES WITH KERIN & FAZIO, THREE-YEAR INITIAL TERM WITH TWO OPTIONS TO EXTEND FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR EACH, FOR SUM NOT TO EXCEED $120,000 IN YEAR 1, $140,000 IN YEAR 2, AND $120,000 IN YEAR 3. ACCOUNT NO. 01-0300-5258.

VII. <u>COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES</u>

A. FINANCE AND CLAIMS

1. TECHNICAL CORRECTION: AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GOVCONNECTION, INC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $385,223.54 FOR NETWORK DISTRIBUTION AND ACCESS SWITCHES. ACCOUNT NO. 0925 1370 5777 C0375 CITY TECHNOLOGY / $250,000 FROM ARPA ACCOUNT 140000-5796-ACMF4 NORWALK NETWORK SWITCH UPGRADE.

ORIGINAL APPROVED ACTION: AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GOVCONNECTION, INC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $385,223.54 FOR NETWORK DISTRIBUTION AND ACCESS SWITCHES. ACCOUNT NO. 0925 1370 5777 C0375 CITY TECHNOLOGY.

B. PUBLIC WORKS

2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AUTHORIZE A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER TO CARGILL INC. FOR TREATED ROAD SALT FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL, PRICING NOT TO EXCEED $115 PER TON FOR NORMAL AND AFTER HOUR DELIVERIES EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2024-25 SNOW SEASON.
ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 25 5322

3. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT ALL THE NECESSARY ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS ON SCENIC ROAD - FILLOW ST: W NORWALK RD TO RICHARDS AVE, AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ON AUGUST 7, 2024.

4. A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SCHOLAR PAINTING, LLC FOR PROJECT BR2024-1 PERRY AVENUE BRIDGE RAIL PAINTING, PERRY AVENUE OVER THE SILVERMINE RIVER FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $121,819.80.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 24 4021 5777 C0682
09 24 4021 5777 C0315
09 25 4021 5777 C0315
09 24 4021 5777 C0617
09 25 4021 5777 C0617

B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH SCHOLAR PAINTING, LLC FOR PROJECT BR2024-1 PERRY AVENUE BRIDGE RAIL PAINTING, PERRY AVENUE OVER SILVERMINE RIVER FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $12,181.98.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 24 4021 5777 C0682

09 24 4021 5777 C0315
09 25 4021 5777 C0315
09 24 4021 5777 C0617
09 25 4021 5777 C0617

C. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES OF MILFORD AS A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR FOR A 2024 F-450 REFRIGERATED BOX TRUCK FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $135,000.00. ACCT. #09255010-5777-C0623

2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SOUTHWESTERN STRINGED INSTRUMENTS, INC. (PROJECT #4394 NEW STRING INSTRUMENTS FOR NORWALK MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS) IN THE AMOUNT OF $302,268.85. ACCT #09255010-5777-C0685.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TRI-STATE FOLDING PARTITIONS, INC. AS A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE STAGE DIVIDER AT MARVIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $69,975.00. ACCT. #09245010 5777 C0687.

4. AUTHORIZE SECURITY SPECIALISTS, A DIVISION OF ALERT SYSTEMS LLC, AS OUR AUTHORIZED SERVICE AND INSTALLATION REPRESENTATIVE FOR SECURITY ACCESS AND CCTV AT THE VARIOUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, NORWALK CITY HALL, NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND NORWALK HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. **<u>COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES</u>**

B. PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. Smyth introduced the following item.

1. PRESENTATION OF THE SOLID WASTE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE BY THE MANAGING PARTNER AT NEW GEN, ALLISON TRULOCK.

Ms. Valadares, Chief of Operations shared her screen and gave an overview of the project.

Ms. Trulock reviewed the current program along with key opportunities and strategies. She reviewed recommendations. She said they anticipate finalizing the strategic plan and bringing it back to the Common Council in early 2025 with an effective date of July 1, 2025. She then fielded questions from Common Council members.

**** MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:44 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

3. AUTHORIZATION: THE CITY OF NORWALK IS HEREBY RE-AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE, ACQUIRE, TAKE AND/OR EMINENT DOMAIN THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY, AND FURTHER, THAT THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, OR HIS DESIGNEE, IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE, ACQUIRE AND/OR TAKE SUCH PROPERTIES. ACCOUNT NO. 0919 205010 5777 C0619:

A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PORTION OF PARCEL A TO BE DEEDED TO THE CITY OF NORWALK, AREA = 44,338 S.F.± (1.01786 ACRES), AND PORTION OF LOTS 8 & 9 TO BE DEEDED TO THE CITY OF NORWALK, AREA = 4,426 S.F. ± (.010161 ACRES) ON AND AS SHOWN IN A CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED "BOUNDARY SURVEY (PARCEL A AND LOTS 8 & 9)" SCALE 1' = 30' DATED OCTOBER 23, 2023 PREPARED BY LANGAN CT, INC., ON FILE IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, TO PROVIDE FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING REMOVING EXISTING SIGHTLINE OBSTRUCTION BY THE MODIFICATION OF TRAVEL LANE AND RECONFIGURATION OF THE INTERSECTION AT THE SOUTH MAIN STREET/MEADOW STREET/WILSON AVENUE/MEADOW STREET EXTENSION AND OTHER RIGHT OF WAY IMPROVEMENTS.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The public was excused.

The Common Council came out of Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

During Executive Session no motions were made and no votes were taken.

VI. **REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

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**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

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

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

ATTEST: ________________________________
Esther Murillo, Assistant City Clerk