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I. **ROLL CALL** 13 at Roll Call – Mr. Wiggins arrived late.

II. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Special Meeting: September 9, 2024
Regular Meeting: September 10, 2024

**APPROVED
APPROVED AS AMENDED**

III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** 4

IV. **MAYOR**

A. **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

RESIGNATIONS: Theresa Quell, Board of Health **ACCEPTED**

APPOINTMENTS: Donald Remson, Harbor Management Commission **APPROVED**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

MAYOR'S REMARKS: The Mayor invited the public to attend the Touch-a-Truck and Open House event this Saturday, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, at the Norwalk Public Works Operation Center. Visitors are encouraged to

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NORWALK, CONNECTICUT**

**ACTION
7:30 PM EST**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2024
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bring non-perishable food items in support of the Open Door Shelter. The Mayor spoke about Norwalk's Youth Mental Health Gap Analysis in partnership with Norwalk Public Schools, Silver Hill Hospital, the Norwalk Community Health Center and Norwalk ACTS. It is being initiated to assess needs and develop a sustainable system for long-term support. The Mayor reminded everyone that with the General Election happening soon. There will be 14 days of Early Voting prior to Election Day, November 5. To learn more, visit the city website. On Friday Governor Lamont received confirmation that President Biden approved a major disaster declaration which authorizes federal funding to help those affected by the flooding that impacted our State on August 18. Impacted residents and business owners can begin applying for assistance at www.disasterassistance.gov, or by calling FEMA or using the FEMA app. Lastly, the Mayor mentioned that a ribbon-cutting ceremony and walking tour of the new sidewalks on Rowayton Avenue at the entrance of Pinkney Park will be happening on September 25, 2024. This project aims to enhance quality of life and reduce the City's carbon footprint. The Mayor thanked the TMP department and everyone on the Council who helped to make this effort possible.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

B. CONSENT CALENDAR: VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.B.1, VII.B.3, VII.B.4, VII.B.5, VII.B.6, VII.B.7, VII.B.8, VII.E.1, VII.E.2, VII.E.3, VII.E.4, VII.F.1, VII.F.2

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to approve the use of Washington Street Plaza and immediate surrounding grounds by City of Norwalk for their Halloween Nightfair to be held on Saturday, October 26th 2024 from 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Rain Date on Sunday, October 27th from 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Set-up time by 8:00 A.M. Saturday with tear-down by 12:00 am Midnight. Approximately 6,000 people. **AUTHORIZED**
2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter into an agreement with Alzheimer's Association for the use of Calf Pasture Beach and immediate surrounding grounds for their Walk to End Alzheimer's to be held on Sunday, October 27th, 2024 from 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Set-up time by 6:00 A.M. Saturday with tear-down by Sunday 1:30 P.M. Approximately 2,500 people. **AUTHORIZED**

B. FINANCE AND CLAIMS

1. Claims Committee Report: September 2024 **ACCEPTED**
2. Narrative on Tax Collections dated September 2024 **NO VOTES AND NO ACTION TAKEN**
3. Monthly Tax Collector's Reports dated August 2024 **ACCEPTED**
4. 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. **AUTHORIZED**

5. REQUESTING a Special Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 for the purchase of a replacement boat for the Harbormaster to manage and oversee the operation of the Norwalk Harbor, Norwalk Islands and a portion of the Long Island Sound and authorize the issue of bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to finance said appropriation. Account 09254010-5777- AEC26 Harbor Replacement Boat
APPROVED
6. REQUESTING a reduction in the amount of \$100,000 to the appropriation in account # 0925-3760-5777-C0704 (Arts & Culture Plan). Deauthorizes bonds in the amount of \$100,000.
APPROVED
7. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments needed to apply for and receive pursuant to Public Act 24-81, from the Connecticut Secretary of State a grant in the amount of \$23,726.31 for the Registrar of Voters to implement early voting in the City of Norwalk. This grant will be in place for the period 7/1/24 through 6/30/2025.
AUTHORIZED
8. Resolution: Approve ARPA transfer request in the following amounts, and in conformance with Common Council Approval of items 2a and 2b on the October 24, 2023 Agenda:

FROM:

BUSINESS COVID ASSISTANCE	133710-5796-AEC05	\$85,000
ADMINISTRATOR FOR ARP	133710-5796-AEC14	\$32,517

TO:

MOBILITY SIDEWALK & BIKE	133710-5796-AEC02	\$117,517

APPROVED

C. ORDINANCE

1. Approve resolution concerning Sportech Venues, Inc. d/b/a Winners, 24 Burnell Boulevard, Norwalk, CT (pursuant to General Statutes § 12-574a(c))

**RESOLUTION RE: SPORTECH VENUES, INC. D/B/A WINNERS
APPROVING off-track pari-mutuel wagering on Sundays**

WHEREAS, Sportech Venues, Inc. d/b/a Winners ("Winners") currently operates an off-track betting facility at 24 Burnell Boulevard in Norwalk, Connecticut;

WHEREAS, Winners is not currently open on Sundays for pari-mutuel wagering;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-574a(c), the Department of Consumer Protection and the Gaming Policy Board permit Winners to operate in Norwalk on Sundays for pari-mutuel wagering only upon approval of the legislative body of the municipality in which such facility is located; AND

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the City has no objection to Winners operating pari-mutuel wagering on Sundays and that such operations are likely to increase tax revenue for the City and create additional jobs within the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL THAT:

Sportech Venues, Inc. d/b/a Winners is hereby authorized to be open on Sundays for pari-mutuel wagering at its location at 24 Burnell Boulevard in Norwalk Connecticut, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-574a(c).

This resolution is effective upon enactment.

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D. COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments as may be necessary with Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance Center, Inc., for continued in-home Mental Health and Family Support services for Public School children under the Community Services Department for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$200,000 Account# 012010-5298 and \$100,000 Account# 132010-5796-ACS03.

AUTHORIZED

E. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to execute any and all documents for submission of the PY49 CAPER to HUD.
2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an agreement for a five-year extension of the contract designating the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency as the administrator of the City's annual CDBG entitlement grant.
3. Authorize the purchase of a 2024 PackMan Landing Craft for the Harbormaster from Munson Boats in an amount not to exceed one hundred ninety-eight thousand, one hundred forty-nine dollars (\$198,149) via sole source procurement.
4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter an agreement with ARC Documents Solutions, LLC for document digitization and cataloging in an amount not to exceed \$284,995.50.

AUTHORIZED

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ACCT: 134010-5796-AEC26

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ACCT: 133710-5796-AEC12
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F. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements and other documents necessary to acquire 6 Butler St. Norwalk, CT in an amount of \$1,400,000 plus standard closing costs. Account No. 140000-5796-ACMF1.
2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a license agreement for use of two rooms (468 sq. ft, 1st floor; 324 sq. ft. Basement) at 3 Belden Avenue, Norwalk, CT for 3 years, with 2 options to extend for a period of 1 year each for licensing fee of \$4.50 per sq. ft.

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A. APPOINTMENT AND DURATION OF THE 2024-2025 NORWALK CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

1. **WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.G.S. §7-188(b) and §11-2 of the Charter, at its meeting on September 10, 2024, the Common Council of the City of Norwalk voted to initiate action to amend the Charter of the City of Norwalk; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council seeks to establish and appoint a Charter Revision Commission in accordance with the provisions of C.G.S. §7-190 (2024-2025 Charter Revision Commission" or "Commission").

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of City of Norwalk that:

- a) Pursuant to C.G.S. §7-190(a) the following **nine (9) members** are appointed to serve as members of the 2024-2025 Commission:

Jo Bennett	Edwin Camacho
Jim Clark	Carl Dickens
Tyler Fairbairn	Doug Hempstead
John Levin	Richard McQuaid
Tanya Rhodes-Small	

Not more than one-third of these appointees hold any other public office in the City of Norwalk and not more than a bare majority of appointees are members of one political party.

- b) Pursuant to C.G.S. §7-190(b), the Commission appointed herein, shall be authorized to consider such changes and other items and matters as it deems desirable or necessary to improve the governance of the City.

- c) Pursuant to C.G.S. §7-190(b), the Commission shall submit its draft report no later than **May 30, 2025** in order to assure that the final report, proposed charter and questions will be submitted in order to be considered at referendum in the general election of 2025.

- d) Pursuant to C.G.S. §7-190(c), the 2024-2025 Commission shall terminate upon acceptance or rejection of its final report by the Common Council.

APPROVED

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

XI. ADJOURNMENT

8:59 PM

APPOINTMENTS

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION	M/C	Norwalk Code 69
Donald Remson (U) 39 Tierney Street Norwalk, CT 06851	APPROVED	Term Expires – 3/31/2027