ALL COMMON COUNCIL ACTIONS TAKEN AT THIS MEETING TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS OR TO ACCEPT BIDS AND OTHER PROPOSALS REQUIRING THE EXPENDITURE OF CITY FUNDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. and led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. King, the City Clerk, read the notice stating that the meeting was being videotaped and audio recorded for public broadcast. She also stated that assisted listening devices were available.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. King called the roll.

Council at Large:	Mr. Richard Bonenfant	Mr. Bruce Kimmel, Council President
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. Steven Serasis
District B:	Ms. Phaedrel Bowman	Mr. Travis Simms
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Michelle Maggio
District D:	Ms. Shannon O'Toole-Giandurco	
District E:	Mr. John Igneri	Mr. Thomas Livingston

There was a quorum of eleven (11) present and four (4) absent (Corsello, DePalma, Hempstead, and Sacchinelli).

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: August 23, 2016

**** MR. SIMMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 23, 2016 REGULAR MEETING.**
**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 23, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Rilling said that there had been an expectation that the Treetop Adventure at Cranbury Park issue would be included on the agenda. He went on to explain that after much discussion among the Council members, an administrative decision had been made to remove the item from the agenda. Mr. Simms said the Council had heard the public's concerns and the Committee members came to the conclusion that it was not in the best interest of the residents. The item will be sent back to the Recreation and Parks Committee. He said that the Recreation and Parks Committee would not be voting on the item, so it would die in Committee.

Ms. Debora Goldstein, of Osborne Avenue, came forward. Ms. Goldstein said that she was present to speak about Agenda Item 9, which had been postponed to a specific date by Mr. Simms. This item was tabled to the September 13th meeting in the March 22nd meeting minutes She said that Mr. Simms did not move to send this item back to Committee. Mason's Rules does not allow for an item to be just sent back to Committee to die without further action.

Regarding the authorization of the Master Municipal Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Projects, Ms. Goldstein said that there were a number of ConnDOT projects that will be affecting Norwalk in the years to come. She would requested that the Council to review the contract carefully to preserve whatever rights the Council still has for the . residents. In the past, the Council has been reluctant to join other groups due to their concerns about losing sovereignty and ability to govern. The proposed agreement will sign away many of those same powers for the next ten years.

She urged the Council to review Article 7 that has to do with the design standards in the various engineering publications and suggested that the language be amended to include a clause reading "providing that the municipality shall have the right to request the exercise for any discretionary exception procedure outlined in the engineering publications, approval of which shall not be reasonable withheld by the DOT."

She also suggested that the Council carefully review the conflicts in Article 20 whereby the DOT determines the sole discretion to use the strictest standard when there is a conflict any of the paperwork or any of the manuals. She urged the Council to consider proposing a mutual negotiation of the acceptable standards in that case, not to be unreasonable withheld on either side.

There has been a great deal of conflict over these proposals and the residents have asked the Council to stand up for them over a variety of issues in the engineering contracts. She said that frequently, the Council finds its hands tied because they will lost the money because the Council or the administration does not have the authority in the issue. Ms. Goldstein cautioned the Council about signing away their authority over the contract for the next ten years without trying to preserve the power they have.

Mayor Rilling asked if there was anyone else who wished to address the Council on any matters on the agenda. Seeing none, he then closed the Public Participation portion of the meeting.

IV. MAYOR:

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS:

Joseph K. Passero, Zoning Commission, Regular
R. Richard Roina, Zoning Commission, Alternate

Joseph K. Passero

**** MS. O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. JOSEPH K. PASSERO, TO THE POSITION OF ZONING COMMISSION, REGULAR.**

Mr. Bonenfant said he could not support either appointments because neither of the candidates resides in District A. It is nothing personal. He said that he had submitted two names from District A and both of those had been shot down. The residents of District A should be upset that they have no representative on the Zoning Commission.

Mr. Serasis said that he would be abstaining from the vote and that he would be echoing Mr. Bonenfant and that he would like to see someone who was from the urban core. He mentioned a number of high density projects that are planned for the downtown area. . He said that he had no problems with the individuals but wanted the record to show why he was abstaining.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. JOSEPH K. PASSERO, TO THE POSITION OF ZONING COMMISSION, REGULAR PASSED WITH NINE (9) IN FAVOR (KIMMEL, MELENDEZ, BOWMAN, SIMMS, KYDES, MAGGIO, O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO, IGNERI AND LIVINGSTON); ONE (1) AGAINST (BONENFANT) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (SERASIS).**

R. Richard Roina

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. R. RICHARD ROINA TO THE POSITION OF ZONING COMMISSION, ALTERNATE.**

Mr. Kydes said that he was happy to see Mr. Roina stepping forward to help the City. Mr. Igneri then spoke highly of Mr. Roina. Ms. Maggio thanked Mr. Roina for his willingness to serve.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. R. RICHARD ROINA TO THE POSITION OF ZONING COMMISSION, ALTERNATE PASSED WITH NINE (9) IN FAVOR (KIMMEL, MELENDEZ, BOWMAN, SIMMS, KYDES, MAGGIO, O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO, IGNERI AND LIVINGSTON); ONE (1) AGAINST (BONENFANT) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (SERASIS).**

The Mayor then congratulated the new Commissioners and invited them forward so that the City Clerk could administer the Oath of Office.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

September 14th, the Mayor will be officially opening the Norwalk Early Childhood Center at 10:00 AM

September 14th at from 3 to 6 p.m., there will be a Trades Fair at the South Norwalk Community Center in South Norwalk. The unions are looking for those who wish to enter one of the trade apprenticeship programs.

The naming of the Cranbury Park entry way will be formally named as "Joseph Côte Way" on Saturday at 10 a.m.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Kimmel said that the 9/11 ceremony was excellent and he thanked Ms. King and her staff for their hard work on the ceremony.

Mr. Kimmel said that last week, the Finance Committee had the first of their yearly discussions on the Senior Tax Relief Credits. He said that he hoped that this would be a yearly increase.

Mr. Kimmel commended former Mayor Alex Knopp for his work in the CJEF case. Norwalk residents must do all they can to make sure that the ECS formula is changed. He said that he hoped that the issue regarding the fact that the education budget is based on property taxes also needs to be addressed.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

B. BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION

**** MS. BOWMAN MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. APPROVE THE UPDATED ASSISTANT CIVIL ENGINEER JOB DESCRIPTION.

B. <u>ORDINANCE COMMITTEE</u>

1. APPROVE PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGES ON NORWALK CODE CHAPTER 15, ANIMALS AND FOWL.

2. APPROVE PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGES ON NORWALK CODE CHAPTER 96, EXCAVATION AND ENCROACHMENT IN PUBLIC STREETS AND GROUNDS.

C. <u>LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT</u>

1a. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH HOFFMAN LANDSCAPES INC. FOR THE OAK HILLS PARK FOUNTAIN GARDEN AND GREAT LAWN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $190,000. ACCT. #09151340 5799 C0558

1b. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $10,000.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO MCNEIL DESIGN COLLABORATIVE, INC.'S DESIGN SERVICES CONTRACT FOR OAK HILLS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $7,000. ACCT. #09151340 5799 C0558"

3a. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SILVER PETRUCELLI ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE WEST ROCKS SCHOOL EXTERIOR WINDOWS AND DOORS REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $67,525.00. ACCT. #09175010 5777 C0566

3b. AUTHORIZE A CONTINGENCY FOR ADDITIONAL SERVES AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $6,700.

5. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO THE ERGONOMIC GROUP FOR LAPTOPS AND DESKTOP COMPUTERS FOR SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $84,600.00. ACCOUNT # 0917-5010-5777-C0112

6. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO APPLE STORE FOR EDUCATION INSTITUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF MACBOOKS AND IPADS FOR SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $24,961.00. ACCOUNT #09175010-5777-C0112

7. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO CDW-G FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHROMEBOOKS, CARTS, HEADSETS AND TABLETS FOR SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $151,206.00. ACCOUNT # 09175010-5777-C0112

8. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO HOVERCAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF TV MONITOR AND CAMERAS FOR SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $2,136.00. ACCOUNT # 0917-5010-5777-C0112

9. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SCHOOL OUTFITTERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHROMEBOOK TECH TUBS FOR SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $4,826.50. ACCOUNT # 09175010-5777-C0112

10. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO BLACK ROCK TECHNOLOGY GROUP FOR THE PURCHASE OF LOGITECH KEYBOARD FOR SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $1,368.75. ACCOUNT # 0917-5010-5777-C0112

D. PLANNING COMMITTEE.

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE MAYORAL CERTIFICATION FOR THE PY41 CAPER.

2. APPROVE THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE PY41 CAPER TO HUD.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CDM SMITH, INC. FOR TASKS 1-3 IDENTIFIED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES PROPOSAL REVISED 8/10/2016 FOR THE SOUTH NORWALK TOD PILOT PROGRAM FOR A

SUM NOT TO EXCEED $48,770.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09-13-403105777-C0514.

2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO CN WOOD COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2016 ELGIN "PELICAN" THREE WHEEL HIGH DUMP MECHANICAL STREET SWEEPERS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $370,000.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09-17-4031-5777-C0313.

7. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER TO CARGILL FOR TREATED ROAD SALE FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL, PRICING NOT TO EXCEED $88.87 PER TON FOR NORMAL AND AFTER-HOUR DELIVERIES EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2016-2017 WINTER SEASON. ACCOUNT NO. 01-40-25-5322.

F. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE "EXCHANGE CLUB OF NORWALK" TO CONTRACT FOR THE PARKING AT CALF PASTURE BEACH, SHADY BEACH, MARVIN SCHOOL AND TAYLOR FARM FOR THE ANNUAL NORWALK INTERNATIONAL IN WATER BOAT SHOW TO TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $4,500. ACCOUNT # 016027-5258.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII C 4. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to CBS - Connecticut Business System for the purchase of Smart Boards and projectors for schools for a total not to exceed $65,994.00. Account # 0917-5010-5777-C0112

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Livingston said that this was one of a number of items that had been presented to the Committee by the BOE IT. Mr. Kimmel asked Mr. Valenzisi to come forward. Mr. Kimmel stated that he was uncomfortable with voting on items that have a direct impact on the delivery of curriculum to the students. The BOE makes a general allocation for IT and Mr. Kimmel wanted to know if the BOE had considered the detailed allocations. Mr.

Valenzisi said that the Capital budget is allocated into various categories such as projection systems and so on.

Mr. Kimmel asked if the BOE was aware that they would be spending $65,994.00 on the Smart Boards. Mr. Valenzisi said they were and that most of the purchases were on the State vendor list. Mr. Kimmel pointed out that while the BOE allocated the funding, but the Council is in the position of saying no on the purchases and wreck havoc on the schools. He said that there were questions about whether this was legal and in compliance with State Law. This discussion has been held before. Mr. Kimmel added that even though he has questions, he would be supporting the item.

Mr. Serasis said that he agreed completely with Mr. Kimmel. He said that he had concerns that that District was using both Apple and Chromebooks. He wondered how the video made on a closed Apple device would be transferred to a different platform.

Mr. Valenzisi said that Mr. Kimmel 's points were very good and that the infrastructure was the backbone of the system. He said that he would bring it back to the Board and see if a committee can be set up. Mr. Kimmel said that as technology moves forward, the Council is gaining more control over the curriculum via the technology. He said that the Council and the BOE need to figure out a way through this type of situation.

Atty. Coppola explained that the reason the item came to the Council was because the City's Technology Department was involved in the purchases. Mr. Valenzisi pointed out that it was a Capital expense and had been reviewed by the subcommittees. Atty. Coppola pointed out that the City's IT Committee is involved in making the recommendations. Mr. Valenzisi said that he confers with Ms. DelVecchio on a regular basis and he is also a member of a subcommittee.

Mr. Serasis said that he would like to have more information from the IT Committee discussion about these types of purchases in order to make a qualified vote. Mr. Valenzisi said that in the past, when items like Smart Boards were purchased, he arranged tours to show what the Smart Board could do at the various schools.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII C 11a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement with Power Point Energy for the Belden Main Library energy efficient lighting retrofit project. Terms of the agreement shall include the following:

- **Total Project Cost - not to exceed $152,980**
- **Projected incentive amount - $96,012**
- **Net cost to the City to be financed by Eversource - $56,968**

11b. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all documents necessary to apply and receive energy incentive funds from Eversource for the Belden Main Library efficient lighting retrofit project.

11c. Approve to establish a contingency fund in the amount of $8,000 to cover project related expenditures. Acct. # 09157100 5777 C0149

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED AGENDA ITEMS 11a, 11b AND 11c.**

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING FROM:**

11b. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY AND RECEIVE ENERGY INCENTIVE FUNDS FROM EVERSOURCE FOR THE BELDEN MAIN LIBRARY EFFICIENT LIGHTING RETROFIT PROJECT.

TO:

11b. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY AND RECEIVE ENERGY INCENTIVE FUNDS AND FINANCING FROM EVERSOURCE FOR THE BELDEN MAIN LIBRARY EFFICIENT LIGHTING RETROFIT PROJECt.

Mr. Livingston said that the lighting at the Belden Street Library would be replaced with more efficient lighting that will reduce the electric bill and will pay for itself in 1.7 years. He went on to explain that the amendment simply allowed the Mayor to sign the financial documents.

Mr. Bonenfant said that he believed that the project would pay for itself in 1.7 years and would reduce the electric bill.

Mr. Kydes said that this would reduce the out of pocket cost for the City. This is the same company that replaced the lights in City Hall and it has worked out well.

Mayor Rilling thanked Mr. Kydes and others who were involved in identifying issues like this and said that he was pleased to see Norwalk becoming a Green City. Mr. Simms also spoke about how he believed that the City should have more solar energy. He said that he had recommended some of these changes years ago and would like to see the schools also using solar energy.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS 11a, 11b AND 11c AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII E3. Approve the necessity for the abandonment/discontinuance of a portion of Bates Court beginning at the northwesternly boundary of the property located at 1 Bates Court (Tax Lot 2-53-5-0) and heading south to the southerly terminus as depicted on a map prepared by William W. Seymour & Associates, P.C. entitled "Property Survey For Abandonment Of A Portion Of Bates Court And Acquisition Of Properties From City Of Norwalk Prepared For Metropolitan Realty Associates, LLC, Norwalk, Connecticut," dated August 5, 2015 last revised August 24, 2016, at a scale of 1" = 20' on file in the Department of Public Works for a fee of $14,400.00 and appoint Freeholders.

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Igneri said that this item was to appoint Freeholders to review the parcel to determine the value and schedule a public hearing.

Mr. Bonenfant said that his comments would apply to Agenda Items E4 and E5 also. He pointed out that one of the parcels involved a quarter acre of land and was being sold for $35,000. He said that if the developers get their way and bypasses the bidding process because they are the abutting neighbor, they should pay a premium price.

He also commented that these items had not gone to public hearing yet, but were already on the agenda for the Zoning Commission.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEM PASSED WITH TEN (10) IN FAVOR (KIMMEL, MELENDEZ, BOWMAN, SIMMS, KYDES, MAGGIO, O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO, IGNERI, SERASIS AND LIVINGSTON); AND ONE (1) AGAINST (BONENFANT).**

VII E4. Schedule a Public Hearing to hear the Freeholder's Report and any public comment on said report for the abandonment/discontinuance of a portion of bates court beginning at the northwesterly boundary of the property located at 1 Bates Court (Tax Lot 2-53-5-0) and heading south to the southerly terminus as depicted on a map prepared by William W. Seymour & Associates, P.C. entitled "Property Survey For Abandonment Of A Portion Of Bates Court And Acquisition Of Properties From City Of Norwalk Prepared For Metropolitan Realty Associates, LLC, Norwalk, Connecticut," dated August 5, 2015 last revised August 24, 2016, at a scale of 1" = 20' on file in the Department of Public Works for a fee of $14,400.00. The Public Hearing shall be conducted in order to hear all parties interested in commenting on the acceptance of such report, to determine if the Freeholder's Report is in the best interests of the city and to take such action on said report that the committee may deem advisable. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:00 P. M. in Room 231, Second Floor in Norwalk City Hall, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT.

Properties From City Of Norwalk Prepared For Metropolitan Realty Associates, LLC, Norwalk, Connecticut," dated August 5, 2015 last revised August 24, 2016, at a scale of 1" = 20' on file in the Department of Public Works for a fee of $14,400.00. The Public Hearing shall be conducted in order to hear all parties interested in commenting on the acceptance of such report, to determine if the Freeholder's Report is in the best interests of the city and to take such action on said report that the committee may deem advisable. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:00 P. M. in Room 231, Second Floor in Norwalk City Hall, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT.

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Igneri said that after approving the necessity of having the Freeholders review the abandonment, this item would schedule a public hearing to hear the Freeholder's Report.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEM PASSED WITH TEN (10) IN FAVOR (KIMMEL, MELENDEZ, BOWMAN, SIMMS, KYDES, MAGGIO, O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO, IGNERI, SERASIS AND LIVINGSTON); AND ONE (1) AGAINST (BONENFANT).**

VII E5. Schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:15 P. M. in Room 231, Second Floor in Norwalk City Hall, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT to consider the sale of the excess City owned property located at 1 Bates Court (Tax Lot 2-53-5-0) and heading south to the southerly terminus as depicted on a map prepared by William W. Seymour & Associates, P.C. entitled "Property Survey For Abandonment Of A Portion Of Bates Court And Acquisition Of Properties From City Of Norwalk Prepared For Metropolitan Realty Associates, LLC, Norwalk, Connecticut," dated August 5, 2015 last revised August 24, 2016, at a scale of 1" = 20' on file in the Department of Public Works. The Public Hearing shall be conducted in order to hear all parties interested in commenting on the sale of this parcel to the abutting property owner or its affiliate for the appraised value of $35,900.00, to determine if the sale is in the best interests of the city and to take such action on said report that the committee may deem advisable.

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Igneri said that this public hearing was being held in order to hear all parties interested in commenting on the sale of this parcel to the abutting property owner or its affiliate for the appraised value of $35,900.00, to determine if the sale is in the best interests of the city and to take such action on said report that the committee may deem advisable.

Ms. Bowman said that she was on the Committee and that the Committee had requested that the staff check with all the Department heads to see if any of them had any use for the land. The public hearing will allow anyone who is opposed to comment at that time.

Mr. Serasis asked if the hearing would address the issue about paying a premium price that Mr. Bonenfant mentioned. Mr. Lo came forward and explained that one of the first things that is done is by the staff is to determine whether the parcel is buildable. He said that the parcels are not automatically offered to the abutting property owner. He then outlined the process for the Council Members and pointed out that if it went out to bid, someone might purchase it that has a different proposal. His recommendation was to have the public hearing to decide whether to sell the parcel or not. After that, the administration decides which proposed uses and prices were acceptable. Typically, the dollar amount is not included in the agenda item. A minimum price may be included, but it depends on what the proposed use may be. The City needs to get the best benefit from the proposal, whether it is use or price.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEM PASSED WITH TEN (10) IN FAVOR (KIMMEL, MELENDEZ, BOWMAN, SIMMS, KYDES, MAGGIO, O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO, IGNERI, SERASIS AND LIVINGSTON); AND ONE (1) AGAINST (BONENFANT).**

VII E6. Resolve that the Honorable Harry W. Rilling is hereby authorized to sign the agreement entitled "Master Municipal Agreement For Preliminary Engineering Projects" with the State of Connecticut in accordance with letter dated August 10, 2016.

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED THE ITEM.**

Ms. Maggio said that she understood that this was just a contract to allow the department heads to agree on various terms of the project without having to go back to the Mayor or the Council on every detail. She did not think it would cause the Council to give up control on various small projects around the City.

Mr. Bruce Chimento came forward and said that Ms. Maggio was correct and that the City can negotiate with the State and also allows the City to receive grants and aid for various different items such as traffic control items. These contracts all go through the DPW committee, just like the replacement of the West Rock Road bridge over the Merritt Parkway. The Walk Bridge is much too large a project and would not be part of this.

Mr. Serasis asked if the City did not sign this contract, they would not be able to negotiate any part of the project. Mr. Chimento said that the City would have to remain "hands off".

Mr. Serasis asked if the City would be able to apply for grant funding if they did not sign the contract. Mr. Chimento said that this was correct.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were no resolutions from the Council to consider at this time.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were no motions postponed to a specific date at this time.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were no suspensions of the rules to consider at this time.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services