

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

To allow public access, anyone may access a meeting by telephone and/or Zoom, or a recording in the City of Norwalk YouTube channel. Specific instructions and links can be found at norwalkct.gov/meetings

Members of the public may call in to participate. Callers will not be able to see the meeting participants. All participants will be muted upon entering the meeting. To speak, dial *9 on the phone and you will be called on by the host of the meeting during the public comment section. All speakers must state their name and address.

Comments must be on a topic on the agenda, and are limited to three minutes. Anyone disrupting the orderly conduct of the meeting, including by using threatening, hateful, or sexually-explicit language, will be removed. Please find the information using the link above.

Members of the public who wish to provide "live comments" may also use the Zoom meeting platform. All participants will be muted upon entering the meeting. To speak, click the "raise your hand indicator" and you will be called by the host of the meeting during the public comment section. All speakers must state their name and address. Comments must be on a topic on the agenda, and are limited to three minutes. Anyone disrupting the orderly conduct of the meeting, including by using threatening, hateful, or sexually-explicit language, will be removed. Please find the information using the link above.

Members of the public who wish to provide public comment are encouraged to submit those via email in advance of the meeting. For these comments to be included into the record, they must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please email Irene Dixon at idixon@norwalkct.gov with the subject line "Public Comment" to provide written public comment prior to the meeting.

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the State Champion 8 Under Girls Crush softball team led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rilling read a Proclamation acknowledging the championship team and coaches.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Dixon called the Roll as follows:

Council at Large: Mr. Gregory Burnett Mr. Johan Lopez
Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner Ms. Barbara Smyth

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 thirteen (13) Common Councilmembers present and one (1) absent (Mr. Goldstein). 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: August 13, 2024

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
**** 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: There were no appointments announced this evening.

REAPPOINTMENTS:

**** MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
REAPPOINTMENTS**

**SHARON BAANANTE, COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
EMMA DIGNOTI, COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
JESSICA EDWARD, COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner and Ms. Smyth spoke in support of the reappointments.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling invited the community to join in the annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at 9:00 AM on the Eric Malmquist Track Field next to Norwalk City Hall. The Mayor talked about Paulie Veneto's Paulie's Push, a journey he takes from Boston to Ground Zero, in honor and memory of the flight attendant heroes who were on the planes on 9/11. The Mayor thanked the Norwalk Police Department for escorting him along his journey through Norwalk.

Mayor Rilling mentioned this year's final Outdoor Movie at Calf Pasture Beach, *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides!* on Friday, September 13, at dusk. He thanked the Department of Recreation and Parks for hosting.

Mayor Rilling announced the City's Budget Public Hearing. It will be a hybrid meeting in the Common Council Chambers on Monday, September 23, at 6:00 PM.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Ms. Young offered Mr. Burnett an opportunity to update the members of the Common Council on yesterday's Tax Sale. Mr. Burnett said he wanted to highlight the outstanding work done by Ms. Biagiarelli and the entire team. He noted that in November 2023, they started with 225 properties and as of yesterday, seven remained and were sold. They collected \$6.3 million in taxes. Since 2003, the Tax Sales have collected \$49 million in taxes.

Mayor Rilling commented that most if not all communities hire someone to conduct their tax sales, but Ms. Biagiarelli and her team do it in house.

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Young announced that Ms. Diana Paladino-Christopher will be appointed to the Charter Commission as the Republican designee.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

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

VII.A.1, VII.B.1A, VII.B.1B, VII.B.2A, VII.B.2B, VII.C.1, VII.D.1

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

**1. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO FREIGHTLINER OF HARTFORD, EAST HARTFORD, CT., FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) ATTENUATOR TRUCK FROM THE CONNECTICUT STATE CONTRACT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00 ACCOUNT NO. C0437
STATE CONTRACT NO. 14PSX0239**

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DATAGEN, INC. FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT SUPPORT SERVICES, FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000. THIS PROJECT IS FUNDED THROUGH A CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT. ACCT. #352093-5258.

B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY WITH DATAGEN, INC. FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT SUPPORT SERVICES.

2. A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS NEEDED TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE PER CAPITA GRANT IN AID FUNDING FROM THE CT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$176,004.42 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025.

B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PER CAPITA GRANT IN AID GRANT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025.

C. ORDINANCE

1. APPROVE REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 9 – ARTICLE IX, THE REAPPORTIONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

- 1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH INTEGRATED SYSTEM SERVICES, LLC. FOR THE ENHANCEMENT TO SCHOOL SECURITY - ACCESS CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS AT BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$107,158.45. ACCT #0924/25 5010-5777-C0537**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

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

A. INITIATION AND CREATION OF THE 2024-2025 NORWALK CHARTER REVISION

1. WHEREAS, SECTION 11-4.A OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORWALK REQUIRES THE APPOINTMENT OF A CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE WORK OF THE 2023 CHARTER COMMISSION AND TO ADDRESS ISSUES THAT WERE NOT EXAMINED DURING THAT TIME; AND, WHEREAS, THE COMMON COUNCIL HAS CONDUCTED A SERIES OF MEETINGS ADDRESSING THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL, THE MAYOR AND THE BUDGET PROCESS; AND,

WHEREAS, THE COMMON COUNCIL SEEKS BROAD PARTICIPATION OF THE RESIDENTS OF NORWALK TO BUILD UPON THE WORK OF THE 2023 CHARTER COMMISSION BY CONSIDERING WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC ACCESS, UNDERSTANDING AND INVESTMENT IN THE OPERATIONS OF ITS MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, PURSUANT TO C.G.S. §7-188(B), THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK HEREBY INITIATES AN ACTION TO AMEND THE CURRENT CHARTER BY AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION, ACTING BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF ITS ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, PURSUANT TO C.G.S. §7-190, THAT WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAY FOLLOWING INITIATION OF THE CHARTER REVISION PROCESS, THE COMMON COUNCIL SHALL, BY RESOLUTION, (1) APPOINT A COMMISSION CONSISTING OF NINE (9) ELECTORS (OR AS MAY BE OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LAW), NOT MORE THAN ONE-THIRD (1/3RD) OF WHOM MAY HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE IN THE CITY AND NOT MORE THAN A BARE MAJORITY OF WHOM SHALL BE MEMBERS OF ANY ONE POLITICAL PARTY, WHICH COMMISSION SHALL PROCEED FORTHWITH TO DRAFT ANY SUCH AMENDMENTS; AND (2) ESTABLISH THE TIMEFRAME FOR SUBMISSION OF A FINAL REPORT BY SAID COMMISSION; ALTHOUGH NOT LATER THAN THE GENERAL ELECTION OF 2025.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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 suspension 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 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk