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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:31 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. Edwin Camacho
	Mr. Joshua Goldstein	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	
District A:	Ms. Nicol Ayers	Mr. David Heuvelman
District B:	Ms. Diana Revolus	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Ms. Jenn McMurrer	
District D:	Mr. Bryan Meek	
District E:	Mr. James Frayer	

At Roll Call there were twelve (12) Common Councilmembers present and three (3) absent (Mr. Kydes; Ms. Alterman and Ms. Shanahan). A Quorum was present.

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

II. <u>**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**</u>

Regular Meeting: July 25, 2023

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MS. AYERS AND MR. MEEK)**

III. <u>**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**</u>

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

IV. <u>**MAYOR**</u>

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations, appointments or reappointments announced this evening.

RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS:

REAPPOINTMENTS:

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced for the 23rd year in a row, the City of Norwalk obtained a 'AAA' bond rating by all of the agencies. Proceeds will be used to fund many of the capital projects that have been approved.

The next SoNo Farmer's Market will be held Sunday, August 13, 2023, at Ryan Park. In honor of National Purple Heart Day, a ceremony was held recognizing all of those who have received the Purple Heart Medal. The first Purple Heart was issued in 1782.

Mayor Rilling announced that the Recreation and Parks Master Plan Hearing will be held virtually on Wednesday, August 9,2023 T 6:15 p.m. The public will have the opportunity to share comments on the final draft.

V. **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Burnett announced that the Charter Revision Commission will conclude their work at their meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m.

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations, appointments or reappointments announced this evening.

RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS:

REAPPOINTMENTS:

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

****	MS. AYERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.A.3, VII.A.4, VII.A.5, VII.A.6, VII.A.7, VII.B.1, VII.B.2, VII.B.3, VII.B.4,

VII.B.5, VII.B.7, VII.B.8A, VII.B.8B, VII.B.9, VII.B.10, VII.D.1A, VII.D.1B, VII.D.3

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC SAFETY & GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK TO SELL A FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE BOAT ON PUBLIC SURPLUS, A PUBLIC AUCTION WEBSITE, AT A STARTING BID OF$300,000.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MAGGIORE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE MEADOW STREET FIRE STATION (STATION 5) BATHROOM RENOVATION FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $84,560.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09243110 5777 C0673

3. AUTHORIZE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $3,440.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09243110 5777 C0673

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK TO SELL A POLICE DEPARTMENT RIB RESPONSE VESSEL ON PUBLIC SURPLUS, A PUBLIC AUCTION WEBSITE, AT A STARTING BID OF $10,000.

5. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO COLONIAL MUNICIPAL AUTOMOTIVE GROUP (CMG) FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEN 2023 CHEVY POLICE PACKAGE UTILITY VEHICLES UNDER THE COLLECTIVE PURCHASING OF THE GREATER BOSTON POLICE COUNCIL FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $453,000.

ACCOUNT NO. 09243010 5777 C0665

6. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO COLONIAL MUNICIPAL AUTOMOTIVE GROUP (CMG) FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2024 CHEVROLET 3500 HD UTILITY CREW CAB PICKUP TRUCK UNDER THE COLLECTIVE PURCHASING OF THE

GREATER BOSTON POLICE COUNCIL FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $53,000.

ACCOUNT NO. 092430010 5777 C0665

7. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO FLEET AUTO SUPPLY, LLC FOR EMERGENCY LIGHTING AND UP FIT FOR TEN POLICE UTILITY VEHICLES, AND ONE CHEVY CREW CAB UTILITY PICKUP FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $240,000.

ACCOUNT NO. 09243010 5777 C0665

B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO THE AUGUST 28, 2007, AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND A. DICESARE ASSOCIATES, P.C., REGARDING THE EAST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $65,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED SCOPE OF SERVICES DATED JULY 24, 2023.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 24 4021 5777 C0471

09 23 4021 5777 C0816

09 24 4021 5777 C0816

09 23 4021 5777 C0818

2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE AN INCREASE TO THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER TO FLT GEOSYSTEMS FOR THE UPGRADE TO THE SURVEY EQUIPMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $5,200.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 03 00 00 2602

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT(S) WITH H.W. LOCHNER FOR DESIGN AND COORDINATION SERVICES DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2016, IN CONNECTION WITH WALK BRIDGE PROGRAM (STATE PROJECT NOS. 201-0176, 301-0188, 301- 0187, I 02-297, 301-180) FOR A TOTAL SUM NOT TO EXCEED $265,656.46

-STATE'S SHARE.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 18 4062 5799 C0613

09 22 4062 5799 C0613

09 23 4062 5799 C0613

09 24 4062 5799 C0613

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4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE WOODARD & CURRAN AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 12, 2019, TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FLOOD REMEDIATION AT SPECIFIC LOCATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TASK ORDER 23A DATED JULY 10, 2023, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $95,000.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 13 40 10 5796 APW06

09 24 4062 5777 C0361

5. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF APRIL 13, 2021, ITEM VII.C.5 AND APRIL 12, 2022, ITEM VLL.C. L TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR THE WALK BRIDGE PROGRAM-0301-0515NP PROJECT, INCLUDING THE P.A.L., ENCLOSED WITH THIS AGENDA WHEREBY THE CITY OF NORWALK WILL TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNTS OF $3,750,000.00 ON MAY 30, 2021, $1,875,000.00 ON JULY 1, 2022 AND $1,875,000.00 ON JULY 1, 2023, TO FUND THE UNDERGROUNDING OF UTILITY LINES ON EAST AVE FROM FORT POINT STREET TO OLMSTEAD PLACE TO BE PERFORMED BY CONN DOT. ACCOUNT NO. 09 24 4021 5777 C0471.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 24 4021 5777 C0471

7. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF OCTOBER 11, 2022, ITEM VII.B.8 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR ON-CALL SURVEYING SERVICES. ACCOUNT NO. 01 41 50 5585.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 21 4021 5777 C0302

09 22 4021 5777 C0302

09 21 4021 5777 C0315

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09 23 4021 5777 C0315

09 21 6030 5777 C0365

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09 23 7100 5777 C0583

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8A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT (SOLE SOURCE) WITH FGB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PROJECT STR2023-L EMERGENCY WALL STREET RETAINING WALL AND SIDEWALK ABATEMENT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $159,820.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 23 4021 5777 C0617

09 24 4021 5777 C0617

8B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH FGB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PROJECT STR2023-L EMERGENCY WALL STREET RETAINING WALL AND SIDEWALK ABATEMENT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $15,982.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 24 4021 5777 C0617

9. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WOODS MEN'S AND BOY'S CLOTHING FOR PROJECT NO. 4087 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $25,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF ONE (1) YEAR EACH.

ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 21 5276

10. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT IN FAVOR OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR INSTALLING AND MAINTAINING A GUY WIRE WITHIN A 5 ' X 15' AREA AT 10 SEAVIEW AVENUE.

D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH OMNI DATA, LLC FOR SECURITY CAMERA ENHANCEMENTS AT BROOKSIDE, FOX RUN, KENDALL, MARVIN, NARAMAKE, ROWAYTON, SILVERMINE, SONO, WOLFPIT, BMHS SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $261,451.70.

ACCOUNT NO. 0921/23/24 5010 5777 C0537

1B. AUTHORIZE TO ESTABLISH A CONTINGENCY FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $24,864.46.

ACCOUNT NO. 0924 5010 5777 C0537

3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO INTEGRATED SYSTEM SERVICES, LLC. FOR THE ENHANCEMENT TO SCHOOL SECURITY - ACCESS CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS AT FOX RUN, MARVIN, NARAMAKE, NATHAN HALE, NECC, PONUS, ROTON, ROWAYTON, WEST ROCKS SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $196,581.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 0921/23/245010-5777-C0537

** **MOTON PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. MEEK)**

VII. **COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

A. PUBLIC SAFETY & GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

** **MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A THREE (3) YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE OPTION OF TWO (2) ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSIONS WITH EVERYTHING PARKING INC DBA CROSS SAFE FOR PROJECT 4280 FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $388,000.**

ACCOUNT NO. 013026 5258

Ms. McMurrer reviewed the item and said the Police Department is looking into outsourcing the Crossing Guards to an outside company. Police Chief Walsh explained that the funds will come out of the Community Services Account. He read a prepared statement detailing the reasons for this request. He noted that privatizing the Crossing Guards was recommended in the Efficiency Study. The plan is to onboard the existing Crossing Guards, if they want.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ALTA ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) VANTAGE LIV9DX CAB PICKUP FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $45,700.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 23 4031 5777 C0313

Ms. Smyth reviewed the item and said this is an all-electric vehicle and will be used by the Clean Street Ambassador.

Mr. Chis Torre said this vehicle expands their electric vehicle program that the Department of Public Works is undertaking.

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner thanked the Department of Public Works and said it is pat time to move to an electric fleet. Ms. Symth commended the department and the Chief for doing a great job. Ms. Young said there has been a lot of discussion about electric vehicles, but the City is in line with technology. She said she wanted the public to know they are listening.

Mayor Rilling commended all department heads. He said they are always looking at ways to reduce their carbon footprint. They are also looking at a solar canopy over the Fire Department parking lot.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. MEEK)**

C. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Ms. Ayers recused herself and left the Common Council Chambers.

**** MR. HEUVELMAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DISBURSE THE COMMUNITY IMPACT MINI-GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING TO SUPPORT SMALLER NONPROFITS ALLOCATED TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $150,000. ACCOUNT NO. 012010-5A0620**

Mr. Heuvelman reviewed the program and said it shows a commitment to working with smaller non-profits.

Ms. Ana Vivian Estrella of the Human Services department described the program and said it came out of a community need. If this request is approved, they will be able to provide full or partial funding for 50% of the applicants. The applications focused on education, health and safety.

Ms. Smyth thanked Ms. Estrella for her leadership as well as the whole Community Services department. Ms. Estrella explained that the Fairfield County Community Foundation gave applicants access to a grant writer.

Mr. Goldstein said this was a valuable program and asked if the applicants had ever completed grants before. Ms. Estrella said that some of the non-profits were formed a year ago and added that she could not give a specific number.

Mr. Burnett commended Chief Daniels and his team for listening and bringing forward a successful program.

Mr. Heuvelman expressed his thanks to Ms. Estrella and Chief Daniels and said he looks forward to the success of this program.

Mayor Rilling added his thanks.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Ayers returned to the meeting.

D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH MUTUALINK, INC FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM AT ALL NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $723,800.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 0921/23/24 5010 5777 C0537

Ms. Smyth explained that all items under Land Use and Building Management are for school safety.

Mr. Ryan Harold, Norwalk Public Schools described the program. Mr. Heuvelman thanked Mr. Harold for his work. Mr. Meek asked about the annual operating costs. Mr. Harold explained that it is a three year license agreement that will be worked into the school budget. Mayor Rilling said it is important to not they are doing all they can to make the students feel safe.

Mr. Meek said he will be a no vote. He said they have been dumping millions and millions of dollars and it would be nice to have a total system in place. He noted that they are reducing the SRO at the schools. It is throwing money at technology that someone has to monitor.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR, MEEK)**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were no resolutions 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 suspension of the rules this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

ATTEST:_ ____________________________________
Irene Dixon, City Clerk