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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Roundtree called the Roll:

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett	Mr. Edwin Camacho
	Mr. Joshua Goldstein	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	

District A: Mr. David Heuvelman

District B: Ms. Diana Revolus Ms. Darlene Young

District C: Ms. Jenn McMurrer

District D:

District E: Mr. James Frayer Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were eleven (11) Common Councilmembers present and four (4) absent (Ms. Ayers, Mr. Kydes, Ms. Alterman, and Mr. Meek).

A Quorum was present.

Also present were Mayor, Harry Rilling; Administrative Assistant, Zulma Roundtree and Corporation Counsel, Mario Coppola; Communications Director, Michelle Woods Matthews

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES AS PRESENTED**

SPECIAL MEETING: JULY 6, 2023

**** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS (MS. MCMURRER AND MS. SHANAHAN)**

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

PUBLIC HEARING: JULY 10, 2023

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES AS PRESENTED**

REGULAR MEETING: JULY 11, 2023

**** 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.

Mayor Rilling announced that the Ordinance on leaf blowing was not on this evening's agenda.

Mr. Ken Laline, Norwalk Board of Health spoke in support of the reappointment of Ms. D'Amore as the Director of Health.

Mayor Rilling read letters of support submitted by Mr. John McNeil and Ms. Terry Quell.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations or appointments announced this evening.

RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS:

REAPPOINTMENTS:

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

DEANNA D'AMORE, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

Mr. Heuvelman, Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Burnett and Ms. Young spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT**

CHRISTOPHER MANNELLA, WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Ms. Smyth spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR’S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling noted that tax bills were sent last week and had a number of inaccuracies. He apologized to everyone who recently received an inaccurate tax bill due to the recent conversion to a new software system. The Tax Office is making corrections and hopes to send the rest of the bills out by Friday. Residents will then have 30 days to pay without penalty; anyone who already paid in excess will be reimbursed.

Mayor Rilling announced that due to the upcoming heat index, garbage collection will start at 6:00 a.m. for the remainder of this week.

The City of Norwalk is kicking off its first SONO Farmers Market at Ryan Park on July 30, 2023. For the second year in a row, the Recreation and Parks Department in partnership with SNEW has organized a series of free jazz concerts in SONO this summer. In addition, the Concerts will continue every Wednesday evening at Calf Pasture Beach.

Ms. Woods Mathews presented the City of Norwalk’s new official logo. The Common Council members reviewed the artwork. Mr. Camacho asked why the A was in the shape of a triangle. Ms. Woods Mathews explained that the logo is artwork. Mr. Tod Kallenback, Communications Consultant explained that the logo was a graphic design that was created to be unique to Norwalk.

Ms. Revolus asked about the other designs that were in the running. Mr. Kallenback said there were several designed presented, but this is the one that was chosen. Ms. Revolus noted this design was close to the “I Love NY” logo. Ms. Woods Matthews said the brand invites a broad audience and demonstrates that Norwalk is supportive and inviting. Ms. Revolus said she would like to see something more unique to Norwalk.

Ms. Smyth asked who was on the Committee that chose this logo. Ms. Woods Matthews said the Committee dates back to 2021. It was put together by the City’s Economic and Community Department. Ms. Smyth asked if the logo went through a committee and a public vote. Mr. Kallenback said it did not. Mr. Heuvelman asked if this was ever discussed at any committee meeting of the Common Council. Ms. Woods Matthews said it was not.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations or appointments announced this evening.

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APPOINTMENTS:

REAPPOINTMENTS:

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mr. Burnett announced that he would be reading this evening's Consent Calendar.

**** MR. BURNETT 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.B.1, VII.C.1, VII.C.2

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

1. CLAIMS COMMITTEE: JULY 2023 ACCEPTED

2. NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED JULY 2023 – RECEIVE REPORT AND DISCUSS.

3. MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS DATED JUNE 2023– RECEIVE REPORT AND DISCUSS.

4. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO WHALLEY COMPUTER ASSOCIATES, FOR THE SUPPLY OF 1200 HP CHROMEBOOKS, AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$362,400, ACCOUNT NO. 09245010-5777-C0112 (BUDGETED 2023/2024 IT CAPITAL ITEM).

5. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO TOTAL COMMUNICATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$126,679.45 FOR PURCHASE PURE STORAGE FLASH ARRAY WITH 36 MONTHS 24/7 SUPPORT AND STORAGE INSTALLATION. PURE STATE CONTRACT PRICING APPLIED: CONTRACT #20PSX0108A. ACCOUNT NO. 09241370 5777 C0375

6. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,063.00 FOR UPS BATTERY REPLACEMENT FOR DATA CENTER. ACCOUNT NO. 09231370 5777 C0375

B. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCKWOOD-MATHEWS MANSION MUSEUM FOR THE USE OF MATHEWS PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS FOR THEIR OLD-FASHIONED FLEA MARKET EVENT TO BEHELD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023, FROM 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM. SET-UP TIME 7:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN BY 6:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 2,500 PEOPLE.

C. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

1. 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, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS WITH SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ALLOW FOR STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY'S GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS TO BE PLACED AT THE NORWALK HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNSHIPS AND STUDENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

B. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO M. O'BRIEN & SONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$87,377.04 FOR THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE A NEW PLAYGROUND FOR MARVIN SCHOOL, FROM ACCOUNTS # 0921/22/23-6030-5777-C0364, OFF THE MHEC MC15-B14 STATE CONTRACT.**

Mr. Robert Stowers and Mr. Ken Hughes, Recreation and Parks Department were present.

Mr. Stowers explained their mission is to provide clean, safe open space and since his arrival they have made improvements to the safety of the playgrounds. Mr. Hughes said that in 2017, they replaced the playground at the rear of Marvin School. This playground is going on 16 years old and needs replacement. He added that Marvin School is unique because it is also used by the Summer Camp.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. McMurrer returned to the Common Council Chambers.

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:18 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

1. POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND/OR DISCUSSION OF ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS, CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 1-200 (6) (D) AND (E), AND 1-210(B)(10) EXECUTIVE SESSION

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The public was excused.

The members of the Common Council came out of Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. During Executive Session, no motions were made and no votes were taken.

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 9:45 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Zulma Roundtree, Administrative Assistant