

COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 12, 2022
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS &
VIA TELECONFERENCE

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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:38 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. Joshua Goldstein

City of Norwalk

Common Council

July 12, 2022

Common Council Chambers and

Via Teleconference

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	Ms. Dominique Johnson Ms. Barbara Smyth	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner
District A:	Ms. Nicol Ayers	Mr. David Heuvelman
District B:	Ms. Diana Revolus	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Jenn McMurrer
District D:	Mr. Bryan Meek	
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were fourteen (14) Council members present and one (1) absent (Ms. Alterman). A Quorum was present.

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: June 28, 2022

The following correction was made to page 2: Correct the spelling of Mr. Schantz' name.

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS
CORRECTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation comments are not verbatim and represent a summarization of statements unless otherwise noted.

Ms. Diane Cece, represented the East Norwalk Neighborhood Association and spoke about item VII.D.2 regarding the approval of the Industrial Zone. She explained that the ENNA requested that several changes be made, mostly relative to Industrial Zone 2. In addition, they expressed their concerns that it may open the area up to objectional uses.

Ms. Cece highlighted six allowable uses and said they are not asking to restrict any existing uses. She asked the Common Council to consider sending this back, because they could end up with six story buildings. Ms. Cece said they have asked for changes repeatedly.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS:

Mayor Rilling announced and accepted the resignation of Mr. Babar R Sheikh from the Oak Hill Park Authority

APPOINTMENTS:

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

AVA JACOBS, ART COMMISSION

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

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

CHRISTINE BISCEGLIE, BIKE WALK COMMISSION

Mr. Burnett spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

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

TANNER THOMPSON, BIKE WALK COMMISSION

Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Meek and Ms. Smyth spoke in support of this reappointment.

Mr. Tanner addressed the members of the Common Council and shared his vision for the Bike Walk Commission.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Johnson returned to the Common Council Chambers.

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

ALAN DUTTON, OAK HILL PARK AUTHORITY

Mr. Livingston spoke in support of this reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

• MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling said that COVID-19 cases were on the rise in Fairfield County and asked everyone to stay up to date on vaccinations, boosters, and take precautions. He said he will continue to update everyone.

The Connecticut Summer at the Museum initiative is back where Connecticut residents under 18 and one accompanying adult can visit participating museums free of charge, July 1st – September 5th. Some of the participating museums are the Lockwood Mathews Mansion Museum, the Norwalk Historical Society, the Norwalk Seaport Association, The Maritime Aquarium and the Stepping Stones Museum for Children.

The Summer Concert Series is back on Wednesday nights. The City is actively looking applications from jazz bands for Saturday evening concerts this summer.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Livingston welcomed Mr. Meek to the Common Council. He announced that Ms. Shanahan would be reading this evening's Consent Calendar.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

VI.A.1, VII.A.1, VII.A.3A, VII.A.3B, VII.A.4, VII.B.1, VII.B.2, VII.B.4, VII.C.1A, VII.C.1B, VII.C.2A, VII.C.2B

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. PEREZ, OLLIE V. CITY OF NORWALK, ET AL, DOCKET NUMBER FST-CV19-6044707-S. – EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC SAFETY & GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, SHARON CONNORS, TO ISSUE A PURCHASING ORDER TO THE SOLE BIDDER, SEA SUPPORT INC. OF NEW HAVEN, CT, UNDER BID #4165R, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A REFURBISHED AND CERTIFIED TO NEW 25" SAFEBOAT, DEFENDER CLASS, NOT EXCEED \$240,000. THE 25% MUNICIPAL GRANT MATCH OF \$60,000 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR IN THE 2022-2023 CAPITAL BUDGET. ACCOUNT #363185-5738-GOOOS.

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND/OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH RECOVERY NETWORK OF PROGRAMS INC., FOR THE SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTING FOR EMBEDDED SOCIAL WORKERS, AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$216,000.00 ANNUALLY. ARPA FUNDS, ACCOUNT TBD. CONSENT TO TABLE

2B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE, THOMAS KULHAWIK, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOVERY NETWORK OF PROGRAMS, COMMUNITY RESPONSE INITIATIVE WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWALK. CONSENT TO TABLE

3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDING UNDER THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FY 2022 HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECT, DRE INSTRUCTOR SUPPORT GRANT.

3B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE, THOMAS KULHAWIK, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FY 2022 HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECT, DRE INSTRUCTOR SUPPORT GRANT. ACCOUNT: TBD.

4. AUTHORIZE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO SIGN MUTUAL BENEFIT AND USE AGREEMENT FORMS TO UTILIZE THE FOLLOWING STATE OF CT CONTRACTS, AS NEEDED, IN THE EVENT OF LARGE- SCALE DISASTER RESPONSES THAT PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FEMA REIMBURSEMENT.

• DISASTER DEBRIS RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

O VENDOR: ASHBRIIT

O STATE OF CT CONTRACT #: 14 PSX 0060

• DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES

O VENDOR: TETRATECH

O STATE OF CT CONTRACT #: 14 PSX 0059

B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH M&J ENGINEERING P.C., TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE FOR TMP, PHASE 4 TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE & DMS INSTALLATION, PROJECT NUMBER #102-360, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$246,650.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4120 5777 C0232

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR STATE PROJECT 102-350 NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL PHASE 2 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,500.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 3750 5777 C0777

**4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE APRIL 13, 2021 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND THE GRASSO COMPANIES, LLC. FOR PROJECT PM2021-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$3,400,000.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 23 4021 5777 C0318
09 23 4021 5777 C0302
09 23 4021 5777 C0021
09 23 4120 5777 C0649
03 00 00 2602**

C. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH AAIS, A DIVISION OF SPECTRUM ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC (STATE CONTRACT: 103-0265 CV) FOR THE ROTON MIDDLE SCHOOL ASBESTOS FLOORING REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT EXCEED \$487,228.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. # 09225010 5777 C0595.

1B. AUTHORIZE THE NPS FACILITIES DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$48,722.00.

FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09225010 5777 C0595.

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RE-TECH LLC FOR ROOSEVELT SENIOR CENTER ADA TOILET ROOM RENOVATIONS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$79,900.00. ACCOUNT #0919/20 1000 5777 C0536

2B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$7,990.00.

D. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTATION TO RATIFY AND APPROVE THE INDUSTRIAL ZONES STUDY. CONSENT TO TABLE

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN ON-CALL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND ALMSTEAD TREE & SHRUB CARE COMPANY LLC AND MINUTEMEN LAND SERVICES, LLC FOR THE SUPPLY AND PLANTING OF TREES AND SHRUBS. TASK ORDERS NOT TO EXCEED \$700,000.00 IN THE AGGREGATE BETWEEN THE TWO (2) COMPANIES.
ACCOUNT NO.
13 4010 5796 APW08
13 3710 5796 AEC18**

Ms. Smyth reviewed the request. Mr. Anthony Carr, Chief of Operations explained they will be using ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act) and plan to have an aggressive tree planting program. They are looking for Minuteman to work in conjunction with Almstead. He added that the scope of work has not been defined yet, but as they define each area, they will issue task orders. Mr. Paul Solnik, Senior Engineer reviewed the pruning plan.

Mr. Livingston commended the Public Works department and the department of Economic and Community Development. He said this is further evidence of the City's commitment to planting more trees. Ms. Niedzielski Eichner applauded Mr. Solnik and the Public Works team and said she looks forward to seeing \$700,000 worth of trees.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTATION AND/OR RESOLUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY OF NORWALK'S OPT OUT OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT PARKING PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC ACT NO. 21-29 (HB 6107).**

Mr. Kydes explained that Mr. Baker was here to answer any questions. Ms. McMurrer asked if there were going to be regulation re-writes around parking. Mr. Baker said they are looking at parking citywide and he does not know if this will come back to the Common Council. Ms. McMurrer said there are a lot of questions about the regulation requiring 1.3 parking spaces per unit. Mr. Baker said the staff feels the existing parking is sufficient. Mr. Meek said he did not see any reason not to keep the power with the City rather than the State.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Young welcomed Mr. Meek to the Common Council and said she looks forward to seeing him at all the meetings. Ms. Smyth also welcomed Mr. Meek and said she feels he will be a great member of the Common Council. She added that he will fit right in.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were none this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk