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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:30 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
	Mr. Johan Lopez	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	
District A:	Ms. Nico; Ayers (7:33 p.m.)	Mr. Jalin Sead (7:32 p.m.)

District B:	Mr. Dajuan Wiggins	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Ms. Jenn McMurrer	Ms. Melissa Murray
District D:	Ms. Heather Dunn	Mr. Douglas Sutton
District E:	Mr. James Frayer	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were thirteen (13) Common Councilmembers present and two (2) absent (Ms. Ayers and Mr. Sead). A Quorum was present.

Also present were City Clerk, Irene Dixon and Corporation Counsel, Mario Coppola.

Mr. Sead joined the meeting at 7:32 p.m. and Ms. Ayers joined the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

II. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED)**
**** 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.

Mr. Richard Bonenfant expressed concern about any future restrictions associated with the Heavy Duty vehicle grant, such as what type of vehicle can be purchased. He also talked about the unauthorized tonnage going through the transfer station. And added he does not see people displaying passes.

Diana Christopher Paladino expressed her appreciation to Ms. McMurrer her District C representative.

Mr. Andre Venezio spoke about the experience at last weekend's NICE Festival and expressed concern about the trucks going into the dump creating a traffic issue.

IV. **MAYOR**

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENTS:

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT MARY VEREL, OAK HILLS PARK AUTHORITY**

Mr. Frayer and Ms. Shanahan spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENTS**

RICHARD DELLINGER, OAK HILLS PARK AUTHORITY
ANTHONY TRIMBOLI, OAK HILLS PARK AUTHORITY

Mr. Frayer spoke in support of the reappointments.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

RESIGNATIONS:

Mayor Rilling announced Mr. Farkas' resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals and expressed his gratitude for his service.

Thomas Farkas, Zoning Board of Appeals

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced that over 10,000 people attended the City's 2024 Independence Day Fireworks event. Entertainment was provided by DJ Vinnie Campisi as well as the Funky Dawgz Brass Band. He expressed his gratitude to Recreation and Parks, DPW, Police, Fire and EMT teams for keeping everyone safe.

The Mayor talked about the success of the Friday Night Skate events at the new Skate Park at Calf Pasture Beach. Also, the first Outdoor Movie at Calf Pasture Beach received great feedback; the next movie event will take place on Friday, July 19th.

The Mayor talked about the groundbreaking of the Lockwood Lane and Heather Lane Storm Drainage Improvement Project, and thanked Senator Duff and members of the State Delegation who made this project possible through a state grant. He noted that some of the residents have sandbags on their property to prevent water from coming into their homes. He also thanked the DPW team for their work. Lastly, the Mayor talked about the new emergency notification system and how residents can sign up by visiting the city's website.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Ms. Young expressed appreciation to both Ms. Murray and Ms. McMurrer for their service during their time on the Common Council.

Mayor Rilling offered Council Members an opportunity to make comments. Council Members expressed their appreciation to Ms. Murray and Ms. McMurrer and highlighted their accomplishments. Mayor Rilling also expressed his appreciation for their service to the City of Norwalk.

Ms. Murray expressed her thanks to fellow Council Members for their time and mentorship. Ms. McMurrer expressed her thanks to her family for their support.

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Ms. Young announced that this evening's Consent Calendar would be read by Mr. Lopez.

**** MR. LOPEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. AUTHORIZE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CIVICPLUS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CIVIC CLERK: AGENDA AND MEETING MANAGEMENT SELECT A SOFTWARE PRODUCT FOR AN INITIAL 1-YEAR TERM AT A COST OF $13,008.00 AND ANNUAL RECURRING COSTS OF $16,706.00 SUBJECT TO A 5% ANNUAL INCREASE ON A SOLE SOURCE BASIS. ACCOUNT NO. 011420-5742.

B. PUBLIC WORKS

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT A .0122-ACRE STORM WATER DRAINAGE

EASEMENT OVER 7-9 GLENWOOD AVENUE, NORWALK FROM GLENWOOD AVENUE LLC.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO GRANT A 500± SQ. FT. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF THE EAST SIDE OF NORTH WATER STREET/7 CRESCENT STREET, NORWALK IN FAVOR OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PURPOSES OF INSTALLATION OF A TEMPORARY SIGN DURING WALK RAILROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN CONSIDERATION FOR $14,000 COMPENSATION OFFERED, STATE PROJECT NUMBER 301-176-033B.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO GRANT A 500± SQ. FT. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF 10 WATER STREET, NORWALK IN FAVOR OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PURPOSES OF INSTALLATION OF A TEMPORARY SIGN DURING WALK RAILROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN CONSIDERATION FOR $17,000 COMPENSATION OFFERED, STATE PROJECT NUMBER 301-176-021C.

5. WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 32-285A, THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; AND WHEREAS, IT IS DESIRABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE CITY OF NORWALK MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE FOR $2,500,000 IN ORDER TO UNDERTAKE THE SOUTH NORWALK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AREA IMPROVEMENTS, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A MODERN ROUNDABOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH MAIN STREET, MEADOW STREET (RT. 136),
WILSON AVENUE (RT .136), AND MEADOW STREET EXTENSION AND TO EXECUTE AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK

I. THAT IT IS COGNIZANT OF THE CONDITIONS AND PREREQUISITES FOR THE STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IMPOSED BY CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 32-285A

II. THAT THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY CITY OF NORWALK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $

2,500,000 IS HEREBY APPROVED AND THAT HARRY W. RILLING, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, IS DIRECTED TO EXECUTE AND FILE SUCH APPLICATION WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, TO EXECUTE SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED, TO EXECUTE AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF
CONNECTICUT FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IF SUCH AN AGREEMENT IS OFFERED, TO EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS, DECISIONS, AND REVISIONS THERETO, AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF CITY OF NORWALK.

9. A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FGB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PURCHASING PROJECT 4378, RNP2024-1. CALF PASTURE BEACH ROAD REALIGNMENT (BASEBID), MILLING AND PAVING OF CALF PASTURE BEACH (ALTERNATE 1), AND CONCRETE SIDEWALK AND SEATWALLS AROUND SKATE PARK (ALTERNATE 2) FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $742,500.00 (BASE BID) PLUS $184,850.00 (ALTERNATE 1) PLUS $67,650.00 (ALTERNATE 2).

ACCOUNT NO. 09 25 6030 5777 C0365
09 22 6030 5777 C0588
09 23 6030 5777 C0588
09 24 6030 5777 C0588
09 25 6030 4862 C0365
09 25 6030 5796 C0365

B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH FGB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PURCHASING PROJECT 4378, RNP2024-1. CALF PASTURE BEACH ROAD REALIGNMENT (BASEBID), MILLING AND PAVING OF CALF PASTURE BEACH (ALTERNATE 1), AND CONCRETE SIDEWALK AND SEATWALLS AROUND SKATE PARK (ALTERNATE 2) FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $99,500.00

ACCOUNT NO. 09 25 6030 5777 C0365
09 22 6030 5777 C0588
09 23 6030 5777 C0588
09 24 6030 5777 C0588
09 25 6030 4862 C0365
09 25 6030 5796 C0365

C. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH LOCKWOOD MATHEWS MANSION MUSEUM TO ALLOCATE AN ADDITIONAL $3,000,000.00 FOR THE LMMM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE 2024-2025 CAPITAL BUDGET ACCOUNT NUMBER TO BE ESTABLISHED.

2. A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH 4 YOU LLC, FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $184,300.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNT #430000 5765

B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $18,430.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNT #430000 5765

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A 5-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH SECURITY SPECIALISTS, A DIVISION OF ALERT SYSTEMS, LLC. FOR SECURITY MONITORING SERVICES AT NORWALK HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR A TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF $468.00. ACCT. #012012 5296

4. A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH VASE MANAGEMENT INC. FOR THE BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MONTESSORI FOURTH GRADE CLASSROOM UPGRADE PROJECT & ROWAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA FLOORING REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT EXCEED $201,586.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT(S):

ACCT. 09245010 5777 C0686
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B. AUTHORIZE THE NPS FACILITIES DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THIS CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL OF $20,159.00.
FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09255010 5777 C0686

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. **COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

B. PUBLIC WORKS

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, AND/OR THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK TO APPLY AND RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) THROUGH ITS CLEAN HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES GRANTS PROGRAM (EPA-R-OAR-CHDV-24-06).**

Mr. Frayer reviewed the item. He said this is an open ended grant and the City will have the opportunity to select the vehicle they need.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CITY CARTING LLC./WIN WASTE INNOVATIONS HOLDING, INC. ("WIN WASTE") FOR SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, BULK ITEMS, AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION, PROCESSING, AND REVENUE SHARING (THE "SERVICES"), AS APPLICABLE, INITIAL CONTRACT TERM OF SEVEN YEARS WITH ONE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, COSTS NOT TO EXCEED FEES FOR SUCH SERVICES AS BID BY WIN WASTE IN ITS PROPOSAL DATED JUNE 16, 2024, IN RESPONSE TO RFP 4375 - RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES AND TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS, PROJECT NO. 4375 DATED MAY 24, 2024 AND ADDENDUM(S) SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED THERETO.**

ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 28 5258
01 40 42 5298
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AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CITY CARTING LLC./WIN WASTE INNOVATIONS HOLDING, INC. ("WIN WASTE") FOR TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS, TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL SERVICES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS (THE "SERVICES"), AS APPLICABLE, INITIAL CONTRACT TERM OF SEVEN YEARS WITH ONE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, COSTS NOT TO EXCEED FEES FOR SUCH SERVICES AS BID BY WIN WASTE IN ITS PROPOSAL DATED JUNE 16, 2024, IN RESPONSE TO RFP 4375 - RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES AND TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS, PROJECT NO. 4375 DATED MAY 24, 2024 AND ADDENDUM(S) SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED THERETO.

ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 28 5258
01 40 42 5298
01 40 43 5298
01 40 42 5258
01 40 42 5299

Mr. Frayer reviewed the items. He offered members of the Common Council an opportunity to express their concern that the selection process was flawed and should have been more transparent. He noted that the RFP process was a collaborative effort.

Ms. Valadares reviewed the RFP process and said that items related to sustainability were added to the RFP. Ms. Conner provided an overview of the procurement process. Mr. Frayer asked if she was concerned because they only received one response, she said that they never know what kind of response they will get and that it can happen. Mr. Torre reviewed how the recycling and trash is moved.

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner said she would be a no vote, because they would have been better served by finishing the bid process. Mr. Goldstein spoke in support of the item and said he hopes they will be open to more practices as they finalize the negotiations. Mr. Burnett asked if this was potentially a 10 year contract. He also asked about annual performance and how their services will be measured. Ms. Valadares noted the RFP is 180 pages and there are areas where they will be fined.

** **MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MS. AYERS AND MR. SEAD) TWO (2) VOTES IN OPPOSITION (MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER AND MR. WIGGINS) AND ELEVEN (11) IN FAVOR (MR. BURNETT, MR. GOLDSTEIN, MR. LOPEZ, MS. SMYTH, MS. YOUNG, MS. MCMURRER, MS. MURRAY, MS. DUNN, MR. SUTTON, MR. FRAYER, MS. SHANAHAN)**

VIII. **RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL**

There were no resolutions presented by 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 suspensions 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 9:09 P.M.

ATTEST:________________________
Irene Dixon, City Clerk