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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. Murillo called the Roll:

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett	Mr. Joshua Goldstein
	Mr. Johan Lopez	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner (7:36 p.m.)
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	

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

At Roll Call there were fourteen (14) Common Councilmembers present and one (1) absent (Ms. Niedzielski Eichner). A Quorum was present.

Also present were Mayor, Harry Rilling; Assistant City Clerk, Esther Murillo and Corporation Counsel, Mario Coppola.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: June 11, 2024

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
**** MOTION PASSED WITH THREE (3) ABSTENTIONS (MS. AYERS. MS. MCMURRER; MR. WIGGINS)**

Special Meeting: June 12, 2024

The following correction was made to the minutes – add Mr. Wiggins to the attendance.

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED**
**** MOTION PASSED WITH SIX (6) ABSTENTIONS (MR. BURNETT; MR. GOLDSTEIN; MS. MCMURRER; MS. MURRAY; MR. SEAD; MS. SHANAHAN)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations or appointments announced this evening.

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner joined the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS:

REAPPOINTMENTS:

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling remarked on this past Sunday's Complete Streets Demonstration Day and its success, and thanked everyone who participated. He noted that about 35-40 people participated in helping to paint the street and refresh crosswalks in the North Main Street area.

Mayor Rilling will be joined on Friday by Common Council Members, Members of the Library Board and the South Norwalk Branch Team to showcase the renovations to the South Norwalk Library. He said a lot of the renovations were done using ARPA funds.

Mayor Rilling highlighted the Summer Beach Concert Series that starts tomorrow at 7:30 PM at Calf Pasture Beach with Tangled Vine.

Fireworks will take place on Wednesday July 3rd, at Calf Pasture Beach and will kick off at 9:00 PM.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations or appointments announced this evening.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. AUTHORIZE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT

FUNDING UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2024 SPEED AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING.

2. AUTHORIZE CHIEF OF POLICE, JAMES WALSH, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2024 SPEED AND AGGRESSIVE DIVING GRANT.

**3. TECHNICAL CORRECTION: AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH FIRST DUE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FOR A THREE-YEAR TOTAL OF \$143,266.60 (YEAR 1- \$48,040.00, YEAR 2- 46,452.00, YEAR 3- \$48,774.60). (ACCT # 011370-5742).
ORIGINAL APPROVAL:**

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH FIRST DUE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$48,040.00. (ACCT.#011370-5742).

C. FINANCE AND CLAIMS

1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: JUNE 2024.

2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED: JUNE 2024.

3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS DATED: MAY 2024.

4. APPROVE FY 2024-2025 PARKING AUTHORITY.

5. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO APPLE COMPUTER INC., FOR THE SUPPLY OF 25 IMAC COMPUTERS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$47,450.00 ACCOUNT 09245010- 5777-C0112.

6. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO TOTAL COMMUNICATION, INC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$159,600.35 FOR DATA STORAGE SERVER REPLACEMENT. ACCOUNT NO. 9241370-5777-C0375 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT.

7. APPROVE NORWALK PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES REVISION.

8. RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS, FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AGGREGATING \$70,217,280 FOR THE FY 2024-2025 CAPITAL BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$70,217,280 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FY 2024-2025 CAPITAL BUDGET.

9. A. REQUESTING A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,100 TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCOUNT 09250313-5777-C0385 (BUILDING REPAIRS-VARIOUS BUILDINGS) TO CONTRACT GZA GEOENVIRONMENTAL, INC FOR \$16,855 TO PERFORM PRELIMINARY SOIL TESTING IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE SCOPE OF WORK NECESSARY TO REPAIR/REPLACE THE CURRENT SINKING AND UNSTABLE APPARATUS FLOOR.

B. REQUESTING A REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,549.24 TO THE APPROPRIATION IN ACCOUNT 09233110-5777-C0385 (STATION 5-ROOF REPLACEMENT). THE PROJECT WILL BE CLOSED.

C. REQUESTING A REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550.76 TO THE APPROPRIATION IN ACCOUNT 09223110-5777-C0385 \ (STATION 5- ROOF REPLACEMENT). THE PROJECT WILL BE CLOSED.

13. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO CHARLES FELDMAN AND ASSOCIATES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 FOR AN ADDITIONAL 1(ONE) YEAR OF THE PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICE CONTRACT. ACCOUNT NO. 011320-5253 TAX ASSESSOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

14. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CLEARGOV IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,688, FOR THE ELECTRONIC PLATFORM TO CREATE DIGITAL BUDGET BOOKS. ACCOUNT 09241350-5777-C0090 DIGITAL BUDGET BOOK CAPITAL PROJECT

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Ms. Ayers, Mr. Sead and Mr. Wiggins recused themselves and left the Common Council Chambers.

1B. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUBMISSION OF THE PY50 AAP TO HUD.**

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE APPROVED PY50 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.

Mr. Goldstein reviewed the items.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Ayers, Mr. Sead and Mr. Wiggins returned to the Common Council Chambers.

C. FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**** MR. BIRNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$189,000,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$15,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS TO BE RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT.**

Mr. Burnett reviewed the item.

Mr. Schmitt, Chief Financial Officer provided information about the request. He noted the \$189 million was for an appropriation and the \$15 million was for bond anticipation notes.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS. DUNN)**

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER UNEXPENDED FUNDS**

WHEREAS, THE COMMON COUNCIL PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$72,000,000 FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE SOUTH NORWALK COMMUNITY SCHOOL (THE "PROJECT") AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS, NOTES OR TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$72,000,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION (THE "RESOLUTION");
AND

**WHEREAS, AFTER THE COMMON COUNCIL ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION, THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT INCREASED THE CITY'S SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR THE PROJECT; AND
WHEREAS, DUE TO THE INCREASE IN STATE GRANTS, UPON REIMBURSEMENT TO THE CITY, THERE WILL BE UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS THAT THE COMMON COUNCIL MAY, BY RESOLUTION, TRANSFER TO OTHER PROJECTS.**

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE COMMON COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TRANSFER OF \$19,000,000 OF UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS FROM THE PROJECT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Burnett reviewed the item.

Mr. Schmitt explained they first anticipated a lower reimbursement rate; however, it was increased to 60%.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO DEAUTHORIZE BONDS**

**WHEREAS, THE COMMON COUNCIL PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$72,000,000 FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE SOUTH NORWALK COMMUNITY SCHOOL (THE "PROJECT") AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS, NOTES OR TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$72,000,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION (THE "RESOLUTION");
AND**

WHEREAS, AFTER THE COMMON COUNCIL ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION, THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT INCREASED THE CITY'S SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR THE PROJECT; AND

WHEREAS, DUE TO THE INCREASE IN STATE GRANTS, THE CITY WILL NOT NEED TO ISSUE \$72,000,000 IN BONDS.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMMON COUNCIL HEREBY DEAUTHORIZES \$19,000,000 OF BONDS FOR THE PROJECT AS FOLLOWS:

	ORIGINAL AMT	INC/DECREASE	REV AMT
RENOVATION OF THE S.N COMMUNITY SCHOOL	\$72,000,000	\$(19,000,000)	\$53,000,000

TOTAL:	\$72,000,000	\$(19,000,000)	\$53,000,000
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Mr. Burnett reviewed the item.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS. DUNN)**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were no resolutions presented 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 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Esther Murillo, Assistant City Clerk