COMMON COUNCIL ACTION APRIL 23, 2024
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 7:30 PM EST COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Moment of silence in honor of Rick Fuller.

I. ROLL CALL 13 – Mr. Goldstein and Ms. Niedzielski-Eichner absent

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: April 9, 2024 **APPROVED AS AMENDED**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 8

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENTS: Howard W. Dixon, Fire Commission **APPROVED**
Nicole T. Hampton, Fire Commission **WITHDRAWN**

REAPPOINTMENTS: Oscar Destruge, Fire Commission **APPROVED**

MAYOR’S REMARKS: The Mayor began with a moment of silence in memory of Rick Fuller. The Mayor wished the Jewish community a joyous Passover. The Mayor also mentioned the Earth Day on the Green event that includes a citywide clean up ahead of the festival. The Mayor announced that the city has received recertification as a Tree City USA for 2023 for the 20th consecutive year.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

B. CONSENT CALENDAR: VI.A.1, VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.A.3, VII.A.4, VII.A.5, VII.A.6, VII.A.7, VII.C.1, VII.C.3, VII.D.1, VII.D.2, VII.D3, VII.E.1, VII.E.2, VII.E.3, VII.E.4, VII.E.5

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. Settlement: CAREN PRICE v. CITY OF NORWALK – FILE NO. A23527
EXECUTIVE SESSION **APPROVED**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Accept and Approve the Report of the Claims Committee Dated: April 2024. **ACCEPTED**

2. For informational purposes only: Narrative on Tax Collections Dated: April 2024. **ACCEPTED**

3. For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Reports Dated: March 2024. **ACCEPTED**

4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute the Grant Assignment Certification, SFY 2024 assigning State of Connecticut 13b-38bb Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Municipal Grant Program apportioned funds to operation of transportation services coordinating entity, Norwalk Transit District. City match $390,000 account 012010- 5A0620. **AUTHORIZED**

5. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to submit an application to the State of Connecticut for grant funds provided under the State of Connecticut's Local Capital Improvement Fund for Local Capital Improvement Program ($847,944.96 – 2024 Grant). **AUTHORIZED**

6. Authorize the Norwalk Public School Purchasing Agent to issue purchase orders in accordance with City Procurement Guidelines for hardware plus Forticare premium for an amount not to exceed $122,208.98 account 09110600-5777-C0375 (09235010-5777-C0112 AND 09245010-5777-C0112). **AUTHORIZED**

7. Authorize the appointment of Auditors to audit Fiscal Year 2024 at a fee of $103,000. (Account 011310-5253 Accounting and 015725160-330-57 BOE Other Professional Services). **AUTHORIZED**

B. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to pilot a new reservation system for outdoor tennis and pickleball court use via the Active Net Registration and Reservation system. The proposed fees shall be: $15.00 per 90 minutes per court for Residents, and $25.00 per 90 minutes per court for non-residents, also a component of the pilot program will be to develop an app modeled after TEAM Reach aligning player with players of their skill level and an open play component for both the Tennis and the Pickleball programs.
AUTHORIZED AS AMENDED

C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Approve revisions to Bidding and Purchasing, Sections 19-1 and 19-2. **APPROVED**

2. Approve revisions to Chapter 63 - Law Department, Sections 63-1 through 63-7. **APPROVED AS AMENDED**

3. Approve revisions to Chapter 103 – Taxation, Article V – Board of Assessment Appeals, Section 103-14. **APPROVED**

D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements and other instruments necessary to convey a 72 ± sq. Ft. Temporary construction easement for purposes of installing a temporary guy anchor in Veteran's Park per CONN DOT 102-301-176-54 compilation map dated November 2023 enclosed with agenda for just compensation of $2,500. **AUTHORIZED**

2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement between the City of Norwalk and Exceptional Home Improvements LLC for Project RD2024-2 Curbs and Sidewalks for Various Locations for a sum not to exceed $622,343.95 with an option to extend for two (2) additional terms of one (1) year each.

Account No. 03 00 00 2602
09 23 7100 5777 C0583
09 24 4021 5777 C0021
09 24 4021 5777 C0318
09 25 4021 5777 C0318
09 24 4021 5777 C0440 **AUTHORIZED**

3. Authorize the Chief of Operations and Public Works, to execute orders on the contract between the City of Norwalk and Exceptional Home Improvements LLC, for Project RD2024-2 Curbs and Sidewalks for Various Locations for a sum not to exceed $124,468.79.

Account No. 03 00 00 2602
09 23 7100 5777 C0583
09 24 4021 5777 C0021
09 24 4021 5777 C0318
09 25 4021 5777 C0318
09 24 4021 5777 C0440 **AUTHORIZED**

E. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments with Fairfield 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. **AUTHORIZED**

2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments with American Heart Association as may be necessary to allow for the Norwalk Health Department to help distribute automatic blood pressure cuffs and educational materials at partner organizations and locations throughout the community. **AUTHORIZED**

3. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter into a contract with Daydream Communications in an amount not to exceed $35,000 (from grant account number 3520-87-5298) for the development and implementation of a regional public health communications campaign. **AUTHORIZED**

4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments necessary to apply for and accept the School Readiness Grant which includes the Quality Enhancement Grant for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. **AUTHORIZED**

5. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments to reappoint Family Children's Agency, Inc. as the Municipal Agent for the Elderly for the period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. FY 25 $163,000 Account # 012010-5298. **AUTHORIZED**

6. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments as may be necessary with The Open Door Shelter (dba Open Doors) located at 4 Merritt Street Norwalk, CT 06854 in the amount of $92,000.00 to provide shelter services for persons experiencing homelessness for Norwalk residents. Beginning June 1, 2024 to May 30, 2025. Account #012010-5A0620. **AUTHORIZED**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

XI. ADJOURNMENT 8:44 PM

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NORWALK, CONNECTICUT **7:30 PM EST** **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

APPOINTMENTS

FIRE COMMISSION	M/C	Norwalk Code 1-333
Howard W. Dixon (U) 25 Park Hill Avenue Norwalk, CT 06851	**APPROVED**	Term Expires – 11/18/2025
Nicole T. Hampton (U) 8 Norden Place Norwalk, CT 06855	**WITHDRAWN**	Term Expires – 11/18/2025

REAPPOINTMENTS

FIRE COMMISSION	M/C	Norwalk Code 1-333
Oscar Destruge (D) 4 Carothers Lane Norwalk, CT 06851	**APPROVED**	Term Expires – 11/18/2025