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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rilling asked for a moment of silence to honor the memory of Richard Fuller.

Ms. Dixon called the Roll:

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett	Mr. Johan Lopez
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	
District A:	Ms. Nicol Ayers	Mr. Jalin Sead

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

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

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

I. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 11-Mr. Goldstein said that since the Common Council advocated for electric and hybrid vehicles, he would not support this reduction.

Page 8- Ms. Murray said she heard constituents suggest events trees build community.

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED**
**** 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. Gee spoke about the proposed pickleball scheduling system.

Mr. Alan Scher spoke about the proposed pickleball scheduling system and suggested having a cut off.

Ms. Janet Sachs spoke about the proposed pickleball scheduling system and asked if Woodward Ave. park will remain without a reservation system.

Mr. Aldo Viera spoke about the proposed pickleball scheduling system and said he was not excited about the new reservation system.

Ms. Lisa Fitzpatrick spoke about the proposed pickleball scheduling system and asked that no changes be made to the system.

Mr. Rob Corona spoke about the proposed pickleball scheduling system and expressed his thanks to Mr. Scher. He spoke against the proposed pickleball scheduling system.

Mr. Peter Ned spoke about the proposed pickleball scheduling system and suggested looking at team reach.

Ms. Mary Beth wood spoke about the proposed pickleball scheduling system and spoke in support of open play.

IV. **MAYOR**

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENTS:

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

HOWARD W. DIXON, FIRE COMMISSION

Ms. Smyth spoke in support of the appointment.

**　**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Nicole T. Hampton, Fire Commission WITHDRAWN

REAPPOINTMENTS:

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

OSCAR DESTRUGE, FIRE COMMISSION

Ms. Smyth spoke in support of the reappointment.

**　**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling wished the Jewish community a joyous Passover. He announced the family friendly Earth Day celebration that will take place on the Green. A citywide clean up will take place ahead of the festival. T

Mayor Rilling announced that the City of Norwalk received recertification as a 2023 Tree City USA for the 20th consecutive year.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations or appointments announced this evening.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

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

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM**
1. SETTLEMENT: CAREN PRICE V. CITY OF NORWALK – FILE NO. A23527
EXECUTIVE SESSION
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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.

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).

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).

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).

C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

1. APPROVE REVISIONS TO BIDDING AND PURCHASING, SECTIONS 19-1 AND 19-2.

3. APPROVE REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 103 – TAXATION, ARTICLE V – BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS, SECTION 103-14.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. **COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

B. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

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.

Ms. Young reviewed the following item and explained this is a pilot program and adjustments will be made. Mr. Stowers, Director of Recreation and Parks explained they hired Mr. Scher last year to develop a pickleball program at Woodward Ave. Park. He said today they heard about open play and decided to include that component as part of the reservation system. In addition they decided with the help of stakeholders they would develop a model that the City would supervise. The model is similar to Team Reach.

In response to questions, Mr. Stowers explained they will have the ability to make changes during the one-year pilot and the $15 is a court fee and is not a per person fee. He also said he was open to increasing the non-resident fees.

Mr. Wiggins said he would like to know about complaints. He also said he was not in support of having fees because it leaves out the youth who may not have the resources to play; however, he said fees are important for non-residents. Mr. Stowers explained they are hiring a temporary seasonal instructor who will start using the school gyms to teach young people how to play.

Ms. Valadares, Chief of Operations and Public Works said they appreciate all the comments and are always open to suggestions. The goal is to make it fair and accessible.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

2. APPROVE REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 63 - LAW DEPARTMENT, SECTIONS 63-1 THROUGH 63-7.

Mr. Candela, Corporation Counsel review the item and said there were minor changes made to the ordinance; however, while making the amendment some language was inadvertently removed and it was recommended putting the language back.

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ADD THE LANGUAGE BACK TO THE ORDINANCE**
**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS. DUNN)**

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED**
**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS. DUNN)**

E. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

** MS. AYERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM

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.

Ms. Ayers reviewed the request and explained this authorization allows Norwalk residents to stay in Norwalk. She said she understands that when an individual calls 211 looking for a bed their name is put in the system but they may not get a bed in Norwalk.

Mr. Daniels, Chief of Community Services said they recognize the ongoing challenge of homelessness. The Open Door shelter is the only shelter in Norwalk and serves the surrounding community. These funds will be allocated to keep Norwalk residents in Norwalk.

Ms. Conderino, Executive Director of the Open Door Shelter explain they are celebrating 40 years of service to the community. She said it is getting challenging and expensive and support from the City is appreciated.

Mr. Daniels said he will ask to allocate funds from his budget after the agreement ends in 2025.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were no resolutions presented this evening.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were no postponed motions this evening.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were no suspension 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 8:44 p.m.

ATTEST: ____________________________
Irene Dixon, City Clerk