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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:43 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. Edwin Camacho
	Mr. Joshua Goldstein	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner (8:03 p.m.)
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	

District A: Mr. David Heuvelman

District B: Ms. Diana Revolus Ms. Darlene Young

District C: Mr. John Kydes

District D: Ms. Heidi Alterman

District E: Mr. Thomas Livingston Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were eleven (11) Common Council members present and four (4) Common Council members absent (Ms. Ayers; Ms. McMurrer; Ms. Niedzielski Eichner and Mr. Meek). A Quorum was present.

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: March 28, 2023

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**

The following corrections were made:

Page 7 - Corrections to the motion on the demolition delay ordinance were sent to Attorney Candela.

Page 6 – He asked Mr. Ireland, Chief Building Officer, if wanted to add anything, should read, He asked Mr. Ireland, Chief Building Officer, if he wanted to add anything.

**** 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.

Ms. Diane Lauricella expressed her thanks for having a virtual option to attend this meeting, but said the IT department needs help. She spoke about items under the Department of Public Works and said the two recycling initiatives are very positive, but they need a more holistic approach. Under Land Use and Building Management, Ms. Lauricella addressed the Board of Education's

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request for a truck. She said they have to try harder to obtain electric options. Under Economic and Community Development, she feels they need to invest more money on alternative energy. The Main library needs much more investment. The Library needs additional parking and the public needs to know the plans for the Library.

Mr. Alex Knopp expressed this thanks to the members of the Common Council for entering into an agreement in 2017 for parking at the Library. He said they need to convert that into permanent parking. The Eagles space should not be viewed as a substitute to purchase the lot. Those spots are not a good substitute. Mr. Knopp noted the legal dispute about the property line between the Eagles and Mr. Milligan. The best permanent solution would be to give the Library permanent on site parking.

Mr. Tanner Thompson spoke about the capital budget and expressed this thanks for including walkability and livability as a priority and for including \$300,000 for transportation, mobility and traffic.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations or appointments announced this evening.

RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS:

REAPPOINTMENTS:

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling wished those who celebrate, a Happy Easter and a Happy Passover. He recognized April as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month.

Mayor Rilling highlighted the groundbreaking for the Stewie the Duck Swim School. He said this is going to be a great addition to Norwalk. He announced the first kickoff event for "Teen Nights Out Initiative" to be held at the Bowling Bowlero Lanes Friday, April 14, 2023, from 7PM-9PM. Lastly, in celebration of Earth Day, the City will hold its 2nd annual "Earth Day on the Green" from 11AM-12PM on Saturday, April 22nd. In addition, the West Norwalk Neighborhood Association will hold a neighborhood clean up on April 22nd.

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner joined the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Mr. Livingston said the Sixth Taxing District is also holding a neighborhood clean up.

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V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Burnett announced that this evening's Consent Calendar was being read by Mr. Livingston.

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations, appointments or reappointments announced this evening.

RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS:

REAPPOINTMENTS:

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EXTEND THROUGH APRIL 24, 2024, THE MASTER MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, ACTING THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ORIGINALLY EXECUTED IN APRIL 2013.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO A SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS INCIDENTAL THERETO WITH TOWER PLAZA ASSOCIATES LLC WITH RESPECT TO THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT RECORDED IN VOLUME 479, PAGE 501 OF THE NORWALK LAND RECORDS AND IN

CONNECTION WITH TOWER PLAZA ASSOCIATES LLC'S ELUR APPLICATION TO DEEP.

3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER TO ABLE TOOL AND EQUIPMENT FOR A CHICAGO PNEUMATIC COMPRESSOR FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,049.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 23 4031 5777 C0313

**6. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO INCREASE THE PURCHASE ORDER TO FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS PARENT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 FOR THE EAST AVENUE ADVANCED UTILITY PROJECT NO. 0301-0515NP. PARTIAL FUNDING FROM CTDOT. ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4021 5777 C0234
09 23 4021 5777 C0471
09 24 4021 5777 C0471
09 3 4021 5777 C0818**

**7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND TIGHE & BOND, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE DESIGN OF THE UNDERGROUNDING OF THE ELIZABETH STREET OVERHEAD UTILITIES - PROJECT RD2023-2, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 23 4021 5777 C0819
09 24 4021 5777 C0819**

B. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES OF MILFORD, CT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A RACK BODY TRUCK TO REPLACE A DECOMMISSIONED NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS' TRUCK FOR A TOTAL NOT EXCEED \$95,991.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09235010 5777 C0814

1B. AUTHORIZE THE NPS FACILITIES DEPT. TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR THE RACK BODY TRUCK FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$9,599.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09235010 5777 C0814

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PAT MUNGER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC. FOR

**THE NATHAN HALE & WEST ROCKS MIDDLE SCHOOLS RESTROOM
RENOVATIONS PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$578,000.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 09225010 5777 C0807**

**2B. AUTHORIZE BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS
ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$57,800.00
ACCOUNT NO. 09225010 5777 C0807**

**3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN
AGREEMENT WITH HV CONTRACTOR CORPORATION FOR THE CITY
HALL FIRST FLOOR RESTROOMS REFURBISHMENT PROJECT FOR A
TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$77,000.00
ACCOUNT NO. 09237100-5777-C0439**

**3B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE
CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED
\$7,700.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 09237100-5777-C0439**

C. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A
LEASE AGREEMENT AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO
LEASE THIRTY PARKING SPACES FROM NORWALK AERIE, NO. 588
FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES, INC. FOR TWO YEARS FOR ANNUAL
RENT \$12,600.00 WITH THREE OPTIONS TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR A
PERIOD OF ONE YEAR EACH AT MUTUAL AGREED UPON RENT.
ACCOUNT NO. 016200 5265**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING,
TO EXECUTE A NO-COST AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
NORWALK AND EYERECYCLE, LLC. FOR COLLECTION AND RECYCLING
OF GLASS BOTTLES AND CANS VIA POPUP EVENTS IN THE CITY OF
NORWALK.**

Ms. Smyth reviewed the item and said this is a pilot program that will make it easier for people to recycle their glass bottles and cans.

Ms. Valadares, Chief of Chief of Operations and Public Works explained that they are trying to bring more sustainability to the Cit. This and the next item are pilot programs. She described how the program will work and said that the idea that they want to bring recycling options to the neighborhoods that do not have a means to recycle. There will be a lot of outreach to the community.

Mr. Livingston commended the Department of Public works team for once again bringing these pilot programs to the City. This will help reduce the cost of waste in the City.

Ms. Young said this will bring inclusiveness to the City and expressed her appreciation for this vision.

Ms. Smyth commended Ms. Valdares for listening to the concerns around sustainability. She said they discussed not holding these events when the high schools hold their bottle and can drives.

Mayor Rilling said this is another example of the City's commitment to sustainability.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO** Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a no-cost Agreement between the City of Norwalk and Discover Books for placing a collection bin for used books at the Transfer Station.

Ms. Smyth reviewed the item. Ms. Valdares explained that the idea is to recycle the books and then donate some of them to schools nationwide or sell others. The ones in bad shape are recycled.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO** Approve the FY2024 Capital Budget with the noted amendments.

Mr. Kydes gave a recap of the budget and said he had an opportunity to speak to the department heads. The feedback was that they will be able to achieve their goals with their allocations.

At the request of the Board of Education, \$75,000 was moved to their Montessori program and the Committee fully supported that request.

Ms. Smyth expressed her thanks for including band instruments. She noted that these programs change lives.

Mayor Rilling said that both high school bands give Norwalk nationwide recognitions and it is important to give the students the tools they need. He commended Brien McMahon for their play Chicago. He said it was amazing and felt like a Broadway show.

Mr. Heuvelman expressed his thanks for funding for the East Avenue Corridor Study.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Mr. Camacho and Ms. Niedzielski Eichner recused themselves and left the meeting.

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING THE PARTICIPATION FORMS) NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION AS TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANTS (OPT IN): TEVA, ALLERGAN, CVS, WALGREENS, AND WALMART. THIS IS THE BEST RESULT THAT COULD BE OBTAINED FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK**

Assistant Corporation Counsel, Brian Candela reviewed the item and said that this is part of a nationwide settlement. This agreement allows the City a guarantee of recovery under the settlement.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk