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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.

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. 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 fifteen (15) Common Councilmembers present. A Quorum was present.

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

The consent calendar was read by Ms. Dunn. Comments attributed to Ms. Muray were made by Ms. Young.

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

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. Robert Covello spoke about the renovations at Lockwood Mathews Mansion Museum.

Ms. Lisa Briton spoke about the budget and asked Common Council members to vote as independent thinkers.

Ms. Diane Lauricella spoke about the budget and offered recommendations on where to make cuts.

Ms. Ana Tabachneck spoke about the budget and said for $400.00 a year it is not worth losing the level of services.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

There were no resignations or appointments announced this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling gave a shout out to the Men's and Woman's UConn Husky teams. A victory parade will take place on Saturday in Hartford beginning at 11:00 AM

The South Norwalk school ground breaking event took place yesterday. Mayor Rilling Expressed his thanks to Senator Duff for getting the 60% reimbursement for the school. In addition the Norwalk High school groundbreaking event took place last week and mayor Rilling thanked Senator Duff for the 80% reimbursement.

The free family friendly Earth Day event will take place on Saturday April 27th

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations or appointments announced this evening.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Due to a potential conflict of interest Ms. McMurrer left the meeting.

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

2. AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE CLAIM: COLAROSSI, STEPHEN A. V. CITY OF NORWALK, ET AL, DOCKET NUMBER FST-CV20-6048630-S. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Young announced that Mr. Sutton would be reading this evening's consent calendar.

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

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE CLAIM: GARCIA, SKYLYNN, ET AL V. CITY OF NORWALK, ET AL, DOCKET NUMBER FBT-CV23-6122593-S. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS NECESSARY WITH EVERBRIDGE FOR USE OF THEIR MASS NOTIFICATION PRO SOFTWARE FOR RESIDENTS FOR THREE YEARS. COST FOR YEAR 1: $31,053.00. COSTS FOR YEARS 2 AND 3: $25,697.78 GSA CONTRACT # 511210-EVERBRIDGE101-00-22-8606-000. ACCOUNT #: 0131-60-5258

B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE "MASTER MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS" REQUIRED FOR MUNICIPAL PROJECTS FOR CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADWAYS, STRUCTURES AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE CONN. DOT, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OR BOTH, TOGETHER WITH SUCH PROJECT AUTHORIZATION LETTERS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE FUNDING AND UNDERTAKE SUCH CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UNDER THAT MASTER AGREEMENT.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH WIN WASTE INNOVATIONS HOLDINGS (FORMER CITY CARTING, INC.) FOR CITY-WIDE MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2012, TO EXERCISE ITS OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, BASED ON THE TERMS AND FEE SCHEDULE SET OUT IN THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL DATED DECEMBER 1, 2022. THE FEE FOR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025, THE FEE WILL BE $2,220,750.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 28 5258

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH WIN WASTE INNOVATIONS HOLDINGS (FORMER CITY CARTING, INC.) FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES, DATED JUNE 30, 2004, TO EXERCISE ITS OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, BASED ON THE TERMS AND FEE SCHEDULE SET OUT IN THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL DATED DECEMBER 1, 2022. THE FEE FOR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025, WILL BE $1,572,480.00. AN ADDITIONAL COMMODITY PROCESSING FEE OF $750,000.00 WILL BE ADDED TO EACH ANNUAL BASE FEE AND IS SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE INCENTIVES BASED ON THE COMMODITY REVENUE SHARE (80% CITY OF NORWALK) 20% (WIN WASTE).
ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 43 5298

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH WIN WASTE INNOVATIONS HOLDINGS (FORMER CITY CARTING, INC.) FOR TRANSFER STATION OPERATION, TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE DATED AUGUST 4, 2008, TO EXERCISE ITS OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, BASED ON THE TERMS AND FEE SCHEDULE SET OUT IN THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL DATED DECEMBER 1, 2022. THE TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS FEE FOR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025, WILL BE $919,800.00 AND TRANSFER AND DISPOSAL FEE OF $101.85 PER TON.
ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 42 5298

5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN ACCESS LICENSE AGREEMENT IN FAVOR OF EVERSOURCE FOR USE OF A PORTION OF MADISON STREET PARK NEEDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING ITS DETERIORATING OPTICAL GROUND WIRE, 1028 LINE OPGW REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE FEBRUARY 23, 2021, AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE MATERIALS BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND WIN WASTE INNOVATIONS HOLDINGS (FORMERLY CITY CARTING) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $275,000.
ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 42 5299

7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MARCH 11, 2021, AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF STREET SWEEPINGS/CATCH BASIN GRIT AND BROKEN STRUCTURAL CONCRETE BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND D.W. TRANSPORT & LEASING INC., FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $150,000.
ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 42 5299

C. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND INDIGO RIVER CONSULTING, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $166,000 FOR THE SCOPE OF SERVICES TO CONDUCT THE NORWALK STRATEGIC HARBOR PLAN.

ACCOUNT NO. ARPA ACCT# 133710-5796-AEC21
ACCOUNT NO. GRANT ACCT# 363710-5258-G0049.

D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO INCREASE THE PURCHASE ORDER FOR SPECIAL TESTING LABORATORIES, INC. FOR MATERIALS TESTING AND FIELD INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE NEW CRANBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $45,000. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCOUNT #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

2A. RESOLVED, THAT THE NORWALK LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO THE FOX RUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FLOORING REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

2B. RESOLVED, THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES AT LEAST THE PREPARATION OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS, COST ESTIMATE AND OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE FOX RUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FLOORING REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

2C. RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY OF NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE CITY OF NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A GRANT FOR THE FOX RUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FLOORING REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

3A. RESOLVED, THAT THE NORWALK LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO THE BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL PROJECT.

3B. RESOLVED, THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES AT LEAST THE PREPARATION OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS, COST ESTIMATE AND OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL PROJECT.

3C. RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY OF NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE CITY OF NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A GRANT FOR THE BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL PROJECT.

4A. RESOLVED, THAT THE NORWALK LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO THE TRACEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL AND BOILER IGNITER REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

4B. RESOLVED, THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES AT LEAST THE PREPARATION OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS, COST ESTIMATE AND OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE TRACEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL AND BOILER IGNITER REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

4C. RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY OF NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE CITY OF NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A GRANT FOR THE TRACEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL AND BOILER IGNITER REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

5. AUTHORIZE TO INCREASE THE CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES WITH TECTON ARCHITECTS FOR THE SOUTH NORWALK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $50,000. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCOUNT ACCT. #09225010 5777 C0808.

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HEBREW BETH ISRAEL SOCIETY, INC. DBA BETH ISRAEL CHABAD OF WESTPORT/NORWALK ON KING STREET FOR THE CITY’S USE OF 20 PARKING SPACES RELATING TO NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT. LEASE PAYMENT SHALL BE $40 PER SPACE PER MONTH. START DATE TO BE ESTABLISHED AT THE TIME OF AGREEMENT EXECUTION TO JUNE 30, 2028. REMAINING TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE PER ALAN LO’S MEMO DATED MARCH 27, 2024. ACCT. #0918/195010 5777 C0610.

7. AUTHORIZATION: THE CITY OF NORWALK IS HEREBY RE-AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE, ACQUIRE, TAKE AND/OR EMINENT DOMAIN THE PROPERTIES LISTED BELOW, AND FURTHER, THAT THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, OR HIS DESIGNEE, IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE, ACQUIRE AND/OR TAKE SUCH PROPERTIES. ACCOUNT NO. 0919 205010 5777 C0619:

(1) 16 MEADOW STREET EXT., NORWALK, CT, TO PROVIDE FOR ENHANCED VEHICULAR AND STUDENT ACCESS, ADDITIONAL PARKING, AND RECREATIONAL AND OPEN SPACE AREA FOR THE SOUTH NORWALK SCHOOL.

(2) A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PORTION OF PARCEL A TO BE DEEDED TO THE CITY OF NORWALK, AREA =44,338 S.F.± (1.01786 ACRES), AND PORTION OF LOTS 8 & 9 TO BE DEEDED TO THE CITY OF NORWALK, AREA = 4,426 S.F. ± (.010161 ACRES) ON AND AS SHOWN IN A CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED "BOUNDARY SURVEY (PARCEL A AND LOTS 8 & 9)" SCALE 1' = 30' DATED JULY 27, 2023 PREPARED BY LANGAN CT, INC., ON FILE IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, TO PROVIDE FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING REMOVING EXISTING C SIGHTLINE OBSTRUCTION BY THE MODIFICATION OF TRAVEL LANE AND RECONFIGURATION OF THE INTERSECTION AT THE SOUTH MAIN STREET/MEADOW STREET/ WILSON AVENUE/MEADOW STREET EXTENSION AND OTHER RIGHT OF WAY IMPROVEMENTS

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. **<u>COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES</u>**

A. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

DISCUSS AND VOTE ON WHETHER TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWALK.

Ms. McMurrer reviewed the following item and said Mr. Wells, Registrar of Voters, offered the rationale to keep the early voting at City Hall. She added that they could revisit this item.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM

2. **APPROVE THE FY 2024-25 CAPITAL BUDGET WITH NOTED AMENDMENTS.**

Mr. Goldstein reviewed the item and noted that Mayor Rilling asked all department to make 40% cuts.

Ms. McMurrer expressed frustration and said she could not vote for the budget as it stands. She said she is passionate about the Fire Station, but there are wants in the budget.

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner agreed that the fire station is a priority and recommended cutting $500,000 from the budget.

** MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO REMOVE $500,000 FROM THE BUDGET AS FOLLOWS:

$25,000	ADA
$100,000	DISPATCHER
$150,000	ARTS COMMISSION
$60,000	FLEET MAINTENANCE
$165,000	PARK MAINTENANCE

Mr. Burnett asked if a discussion took place with the departments being impacted and if an analysis of the impacts were done. Ms. Niedzielski Eichner said she did not hear back from the departments.

Mr. Sead said it was inappropriate to budget $250,000 for special events; he said he could not vote on a budget with wants. Ms. McMurrer spoke in support of the amendment.

Mr. Burnett said they need transparency, by hearing from the departments, otherwise they should not make these changes.

Mr. Wiggins said they have to care about the people and need to go back and scrub some of the budget. Ms. Ayers spoke in support of the amendment.

Mr. Frayer said many hours were spent going through the budget and speaking to the department heads. The department heads worked hard to make the reductions.

Mr. Burnett asked about the impact from the reductions and said that was a common sense question. Ms. Niedzielski Eichner said they heard 4 1/2 hours in committee that her proposal is not arbitrary. She added that she could not speak for the staff.

Ms. Smyth said she was not comfortable with the amendment and understands the fire department renovations are intended for next year. She added that $500,000 will not give the city the Firehouse and that the budgeting process needs to be discussed during the charter revision forum.

Ms. Shanahan said she was not comfortable voting on the amendment without more information.

Ms. Ayers said the public deserves to hear this banter and said there may be places where changes could be made. She said this is what they are supposed to do; this is going to be the start of several cuts and it is not personal this is 15 people trying to do their best.

Mr. Lopez said he was trying to understand the rationale of waiting to the last minute to present this amendment. Ms. Niedzielski Eichner said she and Ms. Murray spent a lot of time trying to get answers and said she wished they were able to bring this forward sooner. Mr. Lopez asked if they should table this item. Mr. Coppola explained the Common Council has until April 15th to approve the capital budget and would have to hold a special meeting.

Ms. Dunn expressed concerns and said they did not build the budget together. She noted they are here due to the trust from the public, but they lose that trust when they hear about the $75,000 Christmas tree. She said she appreciates what Ms. Godeski does, but suggested they seek doners to sponsor events.

Mr. Goldstein addressed the capital budget process and ensuring that the members of the Common Council and departments have more time. He added that he will work to make this a better process next year.

Ms. Young said this process started in November and they are now going into May. She said the process was faulty and they need to find a way to do this better. Ms. Young said it was unrealistic and unfair to tell a department at this point to cut their budget.

Mr. Wiggins said they have to be aware of the community and doing a better job of letting them have a say. He added that they need to listen to the constituents.

Ms. Murray said she heard constituents suggest Christmas trees build community. In addition there are plans for public and private partnerships.

** **MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO REDUCE THE ADA BUDGET BY $250,000**
** **MOTION PASSED WITH FOURTEEN VOTES (14) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION**

** **MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO REDUCE THE POLICE BUDGET BY $100,000**
** **MOTION FAILED WITH SEVEN (7) VOTES IN FAVOR AND (8) EIGHT VOTES IN OPPOSITION**

** **MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO REDUCE THE ARTS & CULTURAL BUDGET BY $150,000**

In response to Ms. Smyth's question, Ms. Vonashek described how the reduction would impact the summer mural event. Mr. Wiggins asked if they could seek donations. Mayor Rilling explained they always look for sponsors, but it is difficult. Ms. Ayers asked for clarification on the designated area. Ms. Vonashek explained it is located in the Urban core.

Ms. Shanahan asked if there was a figure that could cover the summer event. Ms. Vonashek said it would be what the Common Council feels is appropriate.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH EIGHT (8) VOTES IN FAVOR AND SEVEN (7) VOTES IN OPPOSITION**

**** MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO REDUCE THE FLEET VEHICLE BUDGET BY $60,000**

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner explained these are vehicles driven by the staff. Ms. Valdares said some of the vehicles are due for replacement. In addition, they were directed to go with electric or hybrid vehicles. Mr. Goldstein said that since the City advocated for electric and hybrid vehicles, he would not support this reduction. Ms. Niedzielski Eichner suggested having fewer vehicles and moving toward reimbursement. She questioned the need for this many vehicles.

**** MOTION FAILED WITH SIX (6) VOTES IN FAVOR AND NINE (9) VOTES IN OPPOSITION**

**** MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO REDUCE THE TAYLOR FARM BUDGET BY $165,000**

Mr. Stowers reviewed the request to fund the expansion of the dog park parking lot. He said the dog population is growing and this recommendation is in the Recreation and Parks master plan. Ms. McMurrer said residents can park at Marvin School. Mr. Hughes said they constantly get complaints from the school about dog owners parking there.

**** MOTION FAILED WITH SEVEN (7) VOTES IN FAVOR AND EIGHT (8) VOTES IN OPPOSITION**

**** MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL BUDGET AS AMENDED FOR A TOTAL OF $45,192,280**

Mr. Burnett asked for clarification. Mayor Rilling said this was a vote to reduce the capital budget by $175,000. Mr. Coppola said a motion was needed if they want to reallocate the $175,000**.** Ms. Niedzielski Eichner said she would withdraw her motion if they wanted to reallocate the $175,000.

**** MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER WITHDREW HER MOTION**

**** MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED FOR A RECESS**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

A recess was called at 9:52 p.m. The members of the Common Council returned at 10:01 p.m.

Mayor Rilling asked if anyone wanted to make a motion to reallocate the $175,000.

**** MS. MURRAY MOVED TO REALLOCATE $175,000 FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT REPAIRS**

Mr. Burnett asked for details on the current request from the Fire Department. Ms. Murray said she suspected it would go to HVAC or flooring.

Mr. Lopez questioned if the concern was about reallocating funding to the Fire Department or for the taxpayers. Ms. Murray said they are certainly concerned about the taxpayers; this is a minimal amount.

Mr. Wiggins said it was important to table this item because they do not know where the money is going. Ms. Dunn pointed out that anything they do will have to be voted on.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE (12) VOTES IN FAVOR, TWO (2) VOTES IN OPPOSITION AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION**

**** MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL BUDGET AS AMENDED FOR A TOTAL ALLOCATION OF $45,367,280**

**** MR. WIGGINS MOVED TO TABLE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED CAPITAL BUDGET**

**** MOTION FAILED WITH THREE (3) VOTES IN FAVOR, ELEVEN (11) VOTES IN OPPOSITION AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION**

Ms. Dunn asked for a roll call vote.

Ms. Young said this process was wrong and took $175,000to make a statement. She said a statement could have been made in other ways.

Mr. Lopez said this is very disappointing on how this was undertaken it was very unprofessional and bringing up the line items at the last minute is not the way to conduct business.

Mr. Wiggins said he agreed with Mr. Lopez and Ms. Young and feels like nothing was accomplished.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ELEVEN (11) VOTES IN FAVOR (MR. BURNETT; MR. GOLDSTEIN; MR. LOPEZ; MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER; MS. SMYTH; MS. AYERS; MS. MCMURRER; MS. MURRAY; MR. SUTTON; MR. FRAYER AND MS. SHANAHAN) AND FOUR (4) VOTES IN OPPOSITION (MR. SEAD; MR. WIGGINS; MS. YOUNG AND MS. DUNN)**

E. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Burnett introduced the following item.

1. Presentation of BET Approved Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Mr. Ellis, Director of Management and Budgets shared his screen and highlighted his presentation.

Mr. Gorman, Tax Assessor reviewed the impact of the revaluation on the taxpayers.

Mr. Ellis explained they ran close to 100 different scenarios to come up with the best option to reduce the burden on the taxpayers.

Mr. Burnett noted that the numbers presented this evening can change. They had to make assumptions in order to do the phase in.

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner asked everyone to start engaging with the Charter Review process.

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 10:42 p.m.

ATTEST: ______________________________
Irene Dixon, City Clerk