

**COMMON COUNCIL
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**REGULAR MEETING MARCH 12, 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND**

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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.

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

Regular Meeting: February 27, 2024

**** MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Special Meeting: March 5, 2024

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 4 - Ms. Smyth said it was a problem not having the budget book and wants to go back and ask for a list of Common Council requested positions.

Page 5 – Comments credited to Ms. McMurrer should have been credited to Ms. Murray.

**** MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were no resignations announced this evening.

APPOINTMENTS: There were no appointments announced this evening.

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

**JANE WALTERS, BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS, REGULAR
MARIA FORMANEK, BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS, ALTERNATE**

Ms. Smyth spoke in support of the appointments.

Ms. Dunn spoke in opposition of Ms. Formanek's appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

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

**ED ABRAMS, BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
ARTIE KASSIMIS, BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
ANNE YANG, BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION**

Mr. Frayer, Ms. Smyth, Mr. Sead and Ms. Dunn spoke in support of the reappointments.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling wished the members of the Muslim community safe and blessed Ramadan. He highlighted the start of Women's History Month and celebrated the awardees of the Gender Equity ImpACT Awards.

Mayor Rilling reminded the community about the closing of the East Norwalk Train Station for the next three weeks. He thanked the Norwalk Police Emerald Society for organizing the St. Patrick's Day Parade last weekend.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were no resignations announced this evening.

APPOINTMENTS:

**** MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
APPOINTMENT**

ANNE L. WENNERSTRAND, BOARD OF ETHICS, REGULAR

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

KATHRYN WILLIAMS-MURCHINSON, BOARD OF ETHICS, REGULAR

Ms. Ayers spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

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

PATRICIA AGUDOW, BOARD OF ETHICS, ALTERNATE

Ms. Dunn spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

LORI TORRANO, BOARD OF ETHICS, ALTERNATE

Ms. Dunn spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Young said this is International Womens' Month and the theme is inclusion. She noted that tonight seven women were appointed to various boards.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

**** MS. MURRAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.A.3, VII.A.5A, VII.A.5B, VII.A.6A, VII.A.6B,
VII.A.8, VII.B.1A, VII.B.1B, VII.B.2, VII.B.3, VII.B.4, VII.C.1, VII.C.2A, VII.C.2B**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND TIGHE & BOND, INC. FOR PROJECT DPW 2024-1 ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES. THE AGREEMENT IS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, BILLABLE ON AN HOURLY BASIS, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000.00/ANNUALLY, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF ONE (1) YEAR EACH.

ACCOUNT NO. 13 40 10 5796 APW01

13 40 10 5796 APW10

09 24 4021 5777 C0021

09 24 4021 5777 C0302

09 24 4021 5777 C0315

09 24 4021 5777 C0318

09 24 4021 5777 C0440

09 24 4021 5777 C0471

09 23 7100 5777 C0583

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND WESTON & SAMPSON ENGINEERS, INC. FOR PROJECT DPW 2024-1 ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES. THE AGREEMENT IS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, BILLABLE ON AN HOURLY BASIS, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000.00/ANNUALLY, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF ONE (1) YEAR EACH.

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09 24 4021 5777 C0471
09 23 7100 5777 C0583

**5A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BURNS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR PROJECT PM2024-2 PERMANENT PAVEMENT REPAIRS & SURFACE RESTORATION, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$626,607.50.
ACCOUNT NO. 03 00 00 2602**

**5B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH BURNS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR PROJECT PM2024-2 PERMANENT PAVEMENT REPAIRS & SURFACE RESTORATION, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$62,660.75.
ACCOUNT NO. 03 00 00 2602**

**6A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PRO-ELECTRIC INCORPORATED FOR THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$149,300.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 45 5462
01 40 45 5461
09 24 4031 5777 C0313
09 24 4031 5777 C0681
09 24 6030 5777 C0684
09 24 4021 5799 C0847**

**6B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$14,930.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 45 5462
01 40 45 5461
09 24 4031 5777 C0313
09 24 4031 5777 C0681
09 24 6030 5777 C0684
09 24 4021 5799 C0847**

8. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, AND AMENDMENTS

THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$179,400.00 FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (“DEEP”) AND ITS W EVSE - ZEV INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ZIP) FOR PURCHASING AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING EQUIPMENT (EVSE).

B. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH NEWFIELD CONSTRUCTION GROUP LLC AS THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR THE NORWALK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER AT 98 SOUTH MAIN STREET. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL INCLUDE:

- PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES - \$17,000**
- CM FIXED FEES – 1.95%**
- CM CONTINGENCY-1.5% (BALANCE REVERT TO THE CITY AT PROJECT COMPLETION)**
- GENERAL CONDITIONS FEE - \$519,785 (ACTUAL AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED AT THE TIME OF GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE GMP) SUBSEQUENT TO TRADE CONTRACTORS’ BIDDING, FINAL GMP AMENDMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. FUNDS FOR THE PRECONSTRUCTION PHASE FOR THIS AGREEMENT ARE AVAILABLE FROM ARPA FUNDS. ACCOUNT NO. 134030-5796-ABL01**

1B. AUTHORIZE BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT (EXAMPLE DESTRUCTIVE TESTING) FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00. ACCOUNT NO. 134030-5796-ABL01

2. AUTHORIZE BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO PROCESS RELOCATION PAYMENTS TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, RESIDENTIAL OWNERS AND BUSINESSES AT 28, 32, 36 AND 38 OXFORD STREET AND 16 MEADOW STREET EXTENSION RELATING TO THE CITY’S ACQUISITION OF SAID PROPERTIES (SUBJECT TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT’S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION) FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.

**ACCOUNT NO. 09245010 5777 C0834
09225010 5777 C0808**

3. AUTHORIZE BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO REIMBURSE NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE COSTS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ATHLETES TO OFFSITE LOCATIONS THROUGH THE SPRING 2024 SEMESTER AS A RESULT OF THE NORWALK

HIGH SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 0918/195010 5777 C0610

4. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO INTEGRITY CLEANING TO PROVIDE ANNUAL WINDOW WASHING CLEANING SERVICES FOR VARIOUS CITY BUILDINGS FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF 3 YEARS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$71,804.66 PLUS TWO - ONE (1) YEAR OPTIONS. EFFECTIVE DATES FROM 4/1/2024– 6/30/2027 AND TWO – ONE (1) YEAR OPTIONS FROM 7/1/2027 – 6/30/2029.

ACCOUNT NO. 013055 5298 013154 5298

012012 5269 014075 5298

016210 5269 016220 5269

C. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH VHB CONSULTANT ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE AND TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY IMPLEMENTATION (PHASE 5, PROJECT # 102-369), FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$380,461.16.

ACCOUNT #: 0924 3750 5799 C0848

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE MUNICIPAL BROWNFIELD GRANT PROGRAM; AND EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LAND DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (“LDA”) TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL OTHER AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED THEREUNDER WITH SONO TOD II, LLC (THE “DEVELOPER”) FOR PURPOSES OF CONVEYING A PORTION OF 30 MONROE STREET.

2B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED; TO TAKE SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR REQUIRED TO RECEIVE THE GRANT; AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK FOR ALL PURPOSES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING, LLC FOR PROJECT RD2024-1 CURBS AND SIDEWALKS FOR BERKELEY STREET AREA FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,888,185.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 03 00 00 2602

09 23 7100 5777 C0583

09 24 4021 5777 C0318

09 24 4021 5777 C0440

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING, LLC, FOR PROJECT RD2024-1 CURBS AND SIDEWALKS FOR BERKELEY STREET AREA FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$188,818.50.

ACCOUNT NO. 03 00 00 2602

09 23 7100 5777 C0583

09 24 4021 5777 C0318

09 24 4021 5777 C0440

Mr. Frayer reviewed the item.

Mr. Meehan, Principal Engineer explained that they build curbs and sidewalks ahead of the paving projects. He added that when they move the curbs, they have to move the drainage.

Ms. Ayers expressed thanks to the Department of Public Works for making this a priority. Mr. Sead noted there are a lot of kids on Berkeley Street and expressed his thanks to the Department of Public Works.

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner said it is a continual point of pride that the Department of Public Works is strategic on this project.

Mayor Rilling added that Berkeley Street is also named Pastor Sadie Miles Way.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN EXTENSION FOR A 1 (ONE) YEAR AGREEMENT WITH A. VITTI EXCAVATORS, LLC PROJECT TMP 2022-4 CONCRETE SERVICES ADA-ROW IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 23 4120 5777 C0441

09 24 3750 5777 C0441
09 23 4120 5777 C0581
09 24 3750 5777 C0581
09 24 3750 5777 C0649
09 24 3750 5777 C0777
09 23 4120 5777 C0824
09 24 3750 5777 C0824

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY AND PARKING, TO EXECUTE AN EXTENSION FOR 1 (ONE) YEAR ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH A. VITTI EXCAVATORS, LLC FOR PROJECT TMP2022-4, CONCRETE SERVICES ADA – ROW IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 23 4120 5777 C0441

09 24 3750 5777 C0441
09 23 4120 5777 C0581
09 24 3750 5777 C0581
09 24 3750 5777 C0649
09 24 3750 5777 C0777
09 23 4120 5777 C0824
09 24 3750 5777 C0824

Mr. Frayer reviewed the items and said this is a project upgrade for existing infrastructure.

Mr. Poteceli reviewed upcoming projects in this contract.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING, LLC, FOR PROJECT DRG2024-1 LOCKWOOD AND HEATHER LANE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$3,332,150.00 WHICH CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN: \$3,055,200.00 (BASE BID), \$148,000.00 (SEWER SEPARATION), \$128,950.00 (ALTERNATE #1). ACCOUNT NO. 09 24 4021 5799 C0689 09 21 4021 5777 C0440**

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING, LLC, FOR PROJECT DRG2024-1 LOCKWOOD AND HEATHER LANE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$333,215.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 24 4021 5799 C0689 09 21 4021 5777 C0440

Mr. Frayer explained that this project will affect nearly 158 households in the City. She noted the project is 100% funded and they hope to break ground in four to six weeks.

Ms. Valdares, Chief of Operation and Public Works explained this is another area where they will be able to remediate the drainage.

Ms. Smyth said she was very pleased to see this project moving forward. She complemented Ms. Valdares and her team. Ms. McMurrer said she heard rave reviews about how responsive the team is.

Mayor Rilling expressed thanks to Senator Duff and Governor Lamont for their work on this project.

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 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST:_____

Irene Dixon, City Clerk