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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a Moment of Silence in honor of Fire Fighter Craig Saris, who served the City of Norwalk for over 25 years and touched countless lives, working in every fire station in Norwalk

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Dixon called the Roll:

Council at Large: Mr. Gregory Burnett Mr. Edwin Camacho

	Mr. Joshua Goldstein Ms. Barbara Smyth	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner
District A:	Ms. Nicol Ayers	Mr. David Heuvelman
District B:	Ms. Diana Revulus	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Ms. Jenn McMurrer	
District D:	Ms. Heidi Alterman	
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were thirteen (13) Councilmembers present and two (2) Councilmembers absent (Mr. Meek and Mr. Kydes). A Quorum was present.

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: January 24, 2023

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** 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. Tanner Thompson spoke in support of the appointment of Benjamin Hanpeter to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He also spoke in support of the contract with A. Vitti Excavators for concrete services.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: Mayor Rilling announced the resignation of Ms. Sharon Baanante from the Library Board of Directors

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APPOINTMENTS:

- ** MS. AYERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO THE FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION**

JALIN SEAD, FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

REVEREND RICHARD CLARKE, FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

JOSEPH MANN, FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

SHERI MCCREADY-PRITCHETT, FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Ms. Ayers and Ms. Young spoke in support of these appointments.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

STEVEN FERGUSON, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - ALTERNATE MEMBER

BENJAMIN HANPETER, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - ALTERNATE MEMBER

Ms. Young spoke in support of Mr. Ferguson's appointment and Mr. Goldstein spoke in support of Mr. Hanpeter's appointment.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

AMY RICHARDSON, CONSERVATION COMMISSION - ALTERNATE MEMBER

Mr. Burnett spoke in support of the appointment.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION**

LUNISE CONSTANT, FAIR RENT COMMISSION - REGULAR MEMBER

Ms. Young spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

ASHLEY GULYAS, COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

KENDRICK CONSTANT, BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION

ANNE YANG, BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION

Ms. Young and Mr. Burnett spoke in support of the appointments.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. CAMACHO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**

PETER FULLAM, PARKING AUTHORITY

Mr. Camacho spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**

SUSAN DUNLAP, BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Mr. Livingston spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**

HAROLDO WILLIAMS, LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Burnett and Ms. Niedzielski Eicher spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

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

CAROL FRANK, FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Ms. Young spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling clarified that there had been confusion over when the public can comment on the budget. The Finance and Claims Committee Public Hearing on the budget is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 23. The Board of Estimate and Taxation Public Hearing on the budget is scheduled for 6:30 p. m. on Wednesday, March 22nd.

February is Black History Month, and the city raised the Pan-African flag at the Heritage Wall last week to commemorate. The last day to apply for the city's COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program is February 17th. Our business community that the city is hosting its quarterly Business Roundtable Breakfast on February 22nd at 9 a.m. Mayor Rilling wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Burnett commented that it was encouraging to see so many women being appointed to commissions.

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RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS:

There were no resignations or appointments announced this evening.

RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS:

REAPPOINTMENTS:

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mr. Burnett announced that Mr. Camacho would be reading this evening's Consent Calendar.

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

VII.A.1, VII.B.1, VII.B.2, VII.C.1, VII.C.2, VII.C.3a, VII.C.3b, VII.C.4, VII.C.5a, VII.C.5b, VII.C.6, VII.D.1, VII.D.2, VII.D.3, VII.D.4, VII.D.7, VII.F.1, VII.F.2, VII.F.3, VII.F.4, VII.F.5

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

A. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF TO CHANGE THE VERBIAGE IN THE 2021/2022 CAPITAL BUDGET ACCOUNT #09223010-5777-C0665 FROM THE PURCHASE OF 10 FORD INTERCEPTOR EXPLORER HYBRIDS TO 10 MARKED POLICE PACKAGE VEHICLES.

B. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE WANDERLUST GROUP, INC. FOR DOCKWA

**SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR 1 YEAR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000 WITH A 5-YEAR RENEWAL OPTION.
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 400000-2628**

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN ON-CALL CONTRACT WITH KERIN & FAZIO, LLC FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000. ACCOUNT NUMBER: 133710-5796-AEC02

C. PUBLIC WORKS

1. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF APRIL 13, 2021, ITEM VII.C.2A TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. ACCOUNT NO. 363751 5413 G0017.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND TIGHE & BOND, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION/OBSERVATION SERVICES, TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT FOR THE SECOND OF THE TWO (2) OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL TERMS, OF ONE (1) YEAR, BILLABLE ON AN HOURLY BASIS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$450,816.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4021 5777 C0021

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09 21 4021 5777 C0440

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09 20 4062 5777 C0361

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3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING, LLC.,

**FOR PROJECT RD2023-1 CURB AND SIDEWALK FOR SPRING HILL AVENUE AREA, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,181,662.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4021 5777 C0318
09 23 7100 5777 C0583
134010 5796 APW09**

**3B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING, LLC. FOR PROJECT RD2023-1 CURB AND SIDEWALK FOR SPRING HILL AVENUE AREA, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$118,166.20. ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4021 5777 C0318
09 23 7100 5777 C0583
134010 5796 APW09**

4. ACCEPT THE EXTENSION OF SEIR HILL ROAD FROM THE NORTH CORNER OF THE DRIVEWAY AT GLENROCK CONDOMINIUM (SEIR HILL ROAD SIDE) TO THE SOUTHERLY PROPERTY LINE OF 15 OAKWOOD AVENUE (SEIR HILL ROAD SIDE) AS A CITY STREET AS PER THE MAP FILED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS ENTITLED “IMPROVEMENT LOCATION SURVEY DEPICTING STONE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CONDOMINIUM, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, PREPARED FOR STONE REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC,” DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2022, LAST REVISED DECEMBER 13, 2022, AT A SCALE OF 1”= 30’ PREPARED BY REDNISS & MEAD.

**5A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN 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 22 4120 5777 C0581
09 23 4120 5777 C0581
09 20 4120 5777 C0649
09 21 4120 5777 C0649
09 22 4120 5777 C0649
09 23 4120 5777 C0649
09 22 3750 5777 C0777
09 23 3750 5777 C0777
09 23 4120 5777 C0823
09 23 4120 5777 C0824**

5B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY AND PARKING, TO EXECUTE 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 22 4120 5777 C0581

09 23 4120 5777 C0581

09 20 4120 5777 C0649

09 21 4120 5777 C0649

09 22 4120 5777 C0649

09 23 4120 5777 C0649

09 22 3750 5777 C0777

09 23 3750 5777 C0777

09 23 4120 5777 C0823

09 23 4120 5777 C0824

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION OF NRV T TRAIL PHASE II. PROJECT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,330.00. ACCOUNT NO. 01 37 50 5258

D. RECREATION, PARKS, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOL – ROWAYTON PTA FOR THE USE OF ROWAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELD AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS FOR THEIR ROWAYTON SCHOOL CARNIVAL 2023 TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 5 AND SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 FROM 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM. SET-UP TIME TO BEGIN ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 AT 8:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 AT 5:00 PM. RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023. APPROXIMATELY 500 PEOPLE EACH DAY.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NINETY 9 BOTTLES EVENTS FOR THE USE OF OYSTER SHELL PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS FOR THEIR NINETY9BOTTLES CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023 FROM 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM. SET-UP TIME TO BEING 9:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 6:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 999 PEOPLE.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NICE, INC FOR THE USE OF OYSTER SHELL PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS FOR THEIR SEVENTH ANNUAL NICE FESTIVAL EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023 FROM 11:00 AM TO 10:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 6:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 11:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 500 + PEOPLE.

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK SEAPORT ASSOC. FOR THE USE OF VETERANS PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS FOR THEIR OYSTER FESTIVAL EVENT TO BE HELD FROM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023 TO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023. SET-UP ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023 WITH TEAR-DOWN BY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. APPROXIMATELY 40,000 PEOPLE.

7. TECHNICAL CORRECTION: AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FGB CONSTRUCTION FOR PROJECT # RNP 2022-2, CALF PASTURE BEACH PARKING AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,973,035.00 BASED ON THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN OF \$1,365,292.00 (BASE BID); \$278,000.00 (ALTERNATE 1A/1B – THERMOPLASTIC MARKINGS BEACH AND WATER), \$36,461.00 (ALTERNATE 2 – MAINTENANCE DRIVEWAY AND WATER MAIN CROSSING); \$135,392.00 (ALTERNATE 3 – SOUTH PARKING LOT); AND \$157,890.00 (ALTERNATE 4 – SHADY BEACH).

ACCOUNTS # 0921/0922/0923-6030-5777-C0365

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F. FINANCE AND CLAIMS

1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: FEBRUARY 2023 APPROVED

2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED: FEBRUARY 2023

3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: JANUARY 2023

4. REQUESTING A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$425,000 TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND 09215010-5777-C0790 (SILVERMINE DRIVEWAY IMPROVEMENTS). THIS CAPITAL APPROPRIATION SHALL BE FUNDED THROUGH \$425,000 OF AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY. THE \$425,000 OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY SHALL BE ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS AND TERMS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL BOND RESOLUTIONS THAT AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR PROJECT #09215010-5777-C0790.

5. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH VISION GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, COMPUTER ASSISTED MASS APPRAISAL (CAMA), INCLUDING CERTAIN CLOUD SERVICES DURING THE REVALUATION FOR AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,694 FOR TWO YEARS. ACCOUNT 011320-5255 - IT SERVICES

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

D. RECREATION, PARKS, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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

5A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GIACORP FOR THE OYSTER SHELL PARK FENCE REPAIR PROJECT # 4256, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$230,027.00. ACCOUNT # 134010-5796-ARP01.

5B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE OYSTER SHELL FENCE REPAIR PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 23,000.00. ACCOUNT # 134010-5796-ARP01.

Ms. Young said that Mr. Stowers and Mr. Hughes were present.

Mr. Stowers explained that this is a safety issue and they have been getting complaints about the fence. They were fortunate to get ARPA funding and the bid came in within budget.

Mr. Hughes explained that this is the fence that runs along the water on the east side. It is a wooden fence and their carpenter came up with the new design.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

6A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GRINDLINE SKATEPARKS, INC FOR THE CALF PASTURE BEACH SKATE PARK PROJECT # 4237, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,411,896.92.

ACCOUNTS # 134010-57996-ARP01

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6B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE CALF PASTURE BEACH SKATE PARK PROJECT # 4237 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,594.00.

ACCOUNTS # 134010-5796-ARP01

0921/0922/0923/0924-6030-5777-C0365.

Ms. Young said that Mr. Stowers and Mr. Hughes were present. She said the Committee members thought this was a great idea.

Mr. Stowers said this was one of the best project he has seen since arriving. He added that Mr. Hughes has been working on this project for several years.

Mr. Hughes presented renderings of the proposed skate park.

Common Council members spoke in support of this project. Ms. Young commended Mr. Stowers, Mr. Hughes and the staff. Ms. McMurrer asked how this will impact the summer skate program. Mr. Hughes said they will transition it to an art camp for this summer.

Mayor Rilling discussed the new design for the Calf Pasture Beach parking lot.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

E. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH B&W PAVING & LANDSCAPING LLC. FOR THE SILVERMINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – DRIVEWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$1,744,000 (PENDING

**APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION OF \$425,000).
FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. # 0922(23) 5010 5777
C0790.**

**1B. AUTHORIZE THE NPS FACILITIES DEPT. TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS
ON THIS CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT EXCEED \$174,500 (PENDING
APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION OF \$425,000).
FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. # 0922(23) 5010 5777 CO790.**

Mr. Livingston said this project has been needed for a long time to address long standing safety issues. This project will separate the bus and parent drop offs.

The cost has gone up due to the need for additional drainage.

Ms. Smyth said the Silvermine community has waited a long time for this. Mayor Rilling agreed and said parents are very concerned about dropping off their children.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were none this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk

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Mayor Rilling called the special meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. He noted there would be two opportunities for the public to address the budget.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Dixon called the Roll:

Council at Large: Mr. Gregory Burnett Mr. Edwin Camacho

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At Roll Call there were thirteen (13) Councilmembers present and two (2) Councilmembers absent (Mr. Meek and Mr. Kydes). A Quorum was present.

Also present were Mayor Harry Rilling; Chief Financial Officer, Henry Dachowitz; City Clerk, Irene Dixon, Assistant City Clerk, Jordan Schantz and Corporation Counsel, Mario Coppola.

II. PRESENTATION OF THE 2023-24 OPERATING BUDGET

Mayor Rilling turned the presentation over to Mr. Dachowitz.

Mr. Dachowitz shared his screen and reviewed the following items:

- Budget Presentation/Calendar
- Recommended Operating Budget
- Covid and ARPA Funds
- Recommended Operating Budget by City Departments
- Unrestricted Unassigned Fund Balance
- Tax Levy and Mill Rates

Following Mr. Dachowitz' presentation, Mayor Rilling asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Livingston asked about the tax levy in the Sixth Taxing District. Mr. Dachowitz explained that using the grand list for the median home value, individual tax payers will have different rates based on the assessed value of their homes. He described the three components of the mill rate. He said that a number of homes were taken down in anticipation of reconstruction, resulting in a lower value than if they had a home on the property. During reconstruction, the

homeowner will pay less in taxes and when the assessed value goes down, their taxes go up. The grand list is a sum of all assessed values.

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner noted there is an increase of the net levy by about \$16 million and asked Mr. Dachowitz if he could speak about where he sees the increases. Mr. Dachowitz explained how the net tax levy is calculated. Ms. Niedzielski Eichner said there has been a lot of growth in the grand list and asked what revenue is coming in from new development. Mr. Dachowitz explained that when there is new construction, the assessed value goes up.

It was asked how much of the money from cannabis sales will go toward the school budget. Mayor Rilling said that has not been determined yet.

III. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk

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Special Meeting

- I. **ROLL CALL** 13 – Mr. Kydes and Mr. Meek absent
- II. **PRESENTATION OF THE 2023-24 OPERATING BUDGET**
- III. **ADJOURNMENT** 7:23pm

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Mayor Rilling called the special meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. He noted there would be two opportunities for the public to address the budget.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Dixon called the Roll:

Council at Large: Mr. Gregory Burnett Mr. Edwin Camacho

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	Mr. Joshua Goldstein Ms. Barbara Smyth	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner
District A:	Ms. Nicol Ayers	Mr. David Heuvelman
District B:	Ms. Diana Revolus	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Ms. Jenn McMurrer	
District D:	Ms. Heidi Alterman	
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were thirteen (13) Councilmembers present and two (2) Councilmembers absent (Mr. Meek and Mr. Kydes). A Quorum was present.

Also present were Mayor Harry Rilling; Chief Financial Officer, Henry Dachowitz; City Clerk, Irene Dixon, Assistant City Clerk, Jordan Schantz and Corporation Counsel, Mario Coppola.

II. PRESENTATION OF THE 2023-24 OPERATING BUDGET

Mayor Rilling turned the presentation over to Mr. Dachowitz.

Mr. Dachowitz shared his screen and reviewed the following items:

- Budget Presentation/Calendar
- Recommended Operating Budget
- Covid and ARPA Funds
- Recommended Operating Budget by City Departments
- Unrestricted Unassigned Fund Balance
- Tax Levy and Mill Rates

Following Mr. Dachowitz' presentation, Mayor Rilling asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Livingston asked about the tax levy in the Sixth Taxing District. Mr. Dachowitz explained that using the grand list for the median home value, individual tax payers will have different rates based on the assessed value of their homes. He described the three components of the mill rate. He said that a number of homes were taken down in anticipation of reconstruction, resulting in a lower value than if they had a home on the property. During reconstruction, the

homeowner will pay less in taxes and when the assessed value goes down, their taxes go up. The grand list is a sum of all assessed values.

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner noted there is an increase of the net levy by about \$16 million and asked Mr. Dachowitz if he could speak about where he sees the increases. Mr. Dachowitz explained how the net tax levy is calculated. Ms. Niedzielski Eichner said there has been a lot of growth in the grand list and asked what revenue is coming in from new development. Mr. Dachowitz explained that when there is new construction, the assessed value goes up.

It was asked how much of the money from cannabis sales will go toward the school budget. Mayor Rilling said that has not been determined yet.

III. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk