

To allow public access, anyone may access a meeting by telephone, Zoom, and/or the City of Norwalk YouTube channel. Specific instructions and links can be found at norwalkct.gov/meetings

Members of the public who are unable to attend the meeting in person may call in to participate. Callers will not be able to see the meeting participants. All participants will be muted upon entering the meeting. To speak, dial *9 on the phone and you will be called on by the host of the meeting during the public comment section. All speakers must state their name and address. Comments must be on a topic on the agenda, and are limited to three minutes. Anyone disrupting the orderly conduct of the meeting, including by using threatening, hateful, or sexually-explicit language, will be removed. Please find the information using the link above.

Members of the public who are unable to attend the meeting in person and wish to provide "live comments" may also use the Zoom meeting platform. All participants will be muted upon entering the meeting. To speak, click the "raise your hand indicator" and you will be called by the host of the meeting during the public comment section. All speakers must state their name and address. Comments must be on a topic on the agenda, and are limited to three minutes. Anyone disrupting the orderly conduct of the meeting, including by using threatening, hateful, or sexually-explicit language, will be removed. Please find the information using the link above.

Members of the public who wish to view the meeting, but are not participating, can view a live stream on the City of Norwalk YouTube channel. This stream is delayed by approximately 20 seconds. Please find the information using the link above. The meeting recording and minutes will be posted on the City of Norwalk website within seven (7) days after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to provide public comment are encouraged to submit those via email in advance of the meeting.

For these comments to be included into the record, they must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please email Irene Dixon at ldaniels@norwalkct.gov with the subject line "Public Comment" to provide written public comment prior to the meeting.

**CITY OF NORWALK
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
VIA TELECONFERENCE
JULY 17, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Nicol Ayers, Chair; Barbara Smyth; Dajuan Wiggins (7:10 p.m.)

STAFF: Lamond Daniels, Chief of Community Services; Diana D'Amore, Director of Health; Mary Oster, Early Childhood Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Ms. Ayers called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and called the Roll as indicated above. There was no Quorum, therefore no votes would be taken this evening and Ms. Ayers will place the action items on the next Common Council agenda for consideration.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON APRIL 17, 2024

The minutes will be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting.

4. DISCUSSION

a. UPDATES FROM THE CHIEF OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, LAMOND DANIELS

Mr. Daniels reported that the Department will be issuing the last round of ARPA dollars. He described the process where local non-profits will submit their request for \$400,000. They will have to include evidence of the impact Covid had in their business such as the loss of funding and the need to provide additional services. Mr. Daniels added that they will present an applicant for approval by this Committee in mid-September. He noted this is a highly competitive process.

Mr. Daniels reported that the department is in the process of drafting a grant policy. The draft policy will be presented at the next Committee meeting. He said the policy does not require Common Council approval, but he wants to keep this Committee informed.

Ms. Ayers expressed her thanks to the Fairfield County Community Foundation for their partnership.

Mr. Wiggins joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

5. ACTION ITEMS

Health Department

Ms. Ayers presented the following two items for review.

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT

City of Norwalk
Community Services Committee
Via Teleconference
July 17, 2024
Page 2

FUNDS FROM LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,115 PER YEAR FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029 FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

1B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029.

Ms. D'Amore reviewed both items. There were no questions.

Ms. Ayers will have these items placed in the next Common Council agenda.

Ms. Ayers presented the following two items for review.

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FLOURISH AND THRIVE LABS, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000 (FROM GRANT ACCOUNT NUMBER 3520-93-5258) FOR HIPAA CONSULTATION SERVICES.

2B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY WITH FLOURISH AND THRIVE LABS, LLC FOR HIPAA CONSULTATION SERVICES.

Ms. D'Amore reviewed the two items. In response to Ms. Ayers' question, Ms. D'Amore explained this will allow the department to create more efficiencies and will lower the risk for the City from a financial standpoint.

Ms. Ayers will have these items placed in the next Common Council agenda.

Human Services

Ms. Ayers presented the following item for review.

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT(S) BY WHICH THE CITY SUB-GRANTS THE CHILD DAY CARE CONTRACT GRANT FUNDS IT RECEIVES FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2025 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS: ODYSSEY LEARNING, INC.,

**TRINITY CDC, INC., STEPPING STONES MUSEUM FOR CHILDREN, INC.,
CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITIES, INC., AND GROWING
SEEDS TOO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC.**

Ms. Oster reviewed the item. There were no questions.

Ms. Ayers will have this item placed in the next Common Council agenda.

Initiated by the Chief of Community Services

Ms. Ayers presented the following item for review.

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND
ALL DOCUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO
DISBURSE THE NONCOMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT FUNDING TO THE
NORWALK PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND
EXECUTION OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH GAP
ANALYSIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000. POSITIVE DIRECTIONS - THE
CENTER FOR PREVENTION & COUNSELING IS THE FIDUCIARY FOR TNP.
ACCOUNT NO. 012010-5A0620.**

Mr. Daniels reviewed the item. Ms. Smyth asked about Silver Hill's involvement. Mr. Daniels said they are a partner and will help them create how the research will be done; however, they intend to be a partner in the City. At present Silver Hills is a thought partner.

Ms. Ayers will have this item placed in the next Common Council agenda.

6. ADJOURN

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

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:33 p.m,

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services

City of Norwalk
Community Services Committee
Via Teleconference
July 17, 2024
Page 4