



## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Public comments are not verbatim and represent summarization of statements unless otherwise noted.*

Mr. Michael Mushak, Elmwood Avenue spoke as a resident and Co-Chair of the Bike-Walk Task Force. He spoke in support of approving the Cecil Group to collaborate with GGP (General Growth Properties) and said that he trusts that they will come up with some very good suggestions. He said that he supports the ramp; however, if it is decided that it is not needed, there should be good back up details.

Mr. Mushak said that he supports the bike and pedestrian lanes; Norwalk is poised to be a bike friendly city.

Mr. Mushak, as a private citizen, thanked the Common Council members. He said that serving the City is a civic virtue and a rare quality. He said that they dedicated themselves and put in a lot of time to serve the community. He offered his best wishes to those who are leaving the Common Council.

Mr. Watts joined the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

## **MAYOR**

### **Resignations and Appointments**

**Resignations:** There were none this evening.

**Appointments:** There were none this evening.

**Reappointments:** There were none this evening.

### **Mayor's Remarks**

Mayor Rilling thanked the current Common Council members. He said that service to the community is a privilege. He thanked those who are not returning, for their hard work and commitment. He said that while they might not have always agreed, they all worked toward making the City a better place. He told them that it has been an honor to work with them.

Mayor Rilling told those returning that he is looking forward to a productive next two years. He congratulated those who will be joining the Common Council for the new term.

Mayor Rilling announced the time and locations for the upcoming swearing in ceremonies.

Mayor Rilling noted that tomorrow is Veteran's Day and invited all to the annual celebration at City Hall. He asked for God's blessing for all our Veterans; to those currently serving and to those who will serve in the future.

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

#### **General Council Business**

Mr. Petrini asked the Mayor to recognize Common Council members and ask them to talk about their experience.

Mr. Iannaccone said that it has been a pleasure serving on the Common Council for the past two years. He said that he will continue to be active in some capacity.

Mr. McCarthy said that it has been an excellent four years and that he has enjoyed it a great deal.

Mr. Watts said that it has been a pleasure and a journey. He said that he was sad to go, but it was time. He asked for God's blessing on the City.

Ms. Stewart said that she enjoyed her journey and learned a lot along the way. She said that she will continue to be active in the City. She thanked everyone and said that she made a lot of friends. She said that she will be back.

Mr. Petrini said that it has been an incredible journey. He said that he has lived through an awful lot during the past two terms. He said that they all had to work together and expressed his thanks for the distinguished honor of being voted in as Common Council President. Mr. Petrini said that on the Republican side, he believes they all worked well with the Mayor.

Mr. Petrini said that he and Mayor Rilling talked on the phone daily. They did not always agree, but were respectful and worked as a team. He urged all the Common Council members who are coming on or returning, to work together and not draw a line in the sand, and to support Mayor Rilling. He said that he made some lifelong friends and will always be available. He urged everyone to work together.

Mr. Hempstead said that regardless of party affiliation, he considers each a friend. He said that they all have good intentions to make Norwalk a better place. He noted that serving on the Common Council is an education that can't be bought.

Mr. Hempstead thanked those leaving for their service. He said that a lot was done during this term and that comes with working across the aisle. He told them that it has been an honor and privilege to serve with them.

Mr. Bonenfant wished all who will not be returning well. He said that he considers everyone a friend. He congratulated those who will be returning and said that he has thoroughly enjoyed serving on this Common Council.

Mr. Kydes said that a lot was accomplished. He said that he looks at this as a family; there is a bond that will not go away. He thanked Mr. Petrini for helping everyone on the Common Council regardless of their party affiliation.

Mayor Rilling said that this is a group effort and 98 – 99% did not take party affiliation into consideration.

#### Consent Calendar

Mr. Petrini announced that each Common Council member will receive a plaque of recognition and gratitude for their service to the City.

**\*\* MR. PETRINI MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**7A1**

#### **COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

**AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO TASCA AUTOMOTIVE GROUP CT EAST, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2016 FORD F-550 DUMP BODY TRUCK FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$41,325.00**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **FINANCE**

**\*\* MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: OCTOBER 31, 2016**
- 2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

Mr. Kimmel explained that each month the Finance Claims Committee receives a very thorough report from Ms. Biagiarelli. He said that the City is very fortunate to have a Tax Collector's office where the collection rate is close to 99%.

Mr. Kimmel said that the Tax Collector's office saves the taxpayers money every month. He said that these reports are always on Consent and the general public does not know how important that department is to the City. He said that they do an excellent job and that the general public is being protected by this department.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE CECIL GROUP AS THE SELECTED PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL GROUP TO COLLABORATE WITH GGP REGARDING THE FINAL DESIGN OF THE AREA UNDER THE OVERPASS VISIBLE TO PEDESTRIANS**

Mr. Hempstead explained that his Council's approval was required. He said that Mr. Sheehan was present if there were any questions. He thanked Mr. Sheehan for all of his input and for providing information.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Hempstead sent a "shout out" to Ms. Herring for all of the work she has done on the Common Council. He said that she has another position at City Hall.

Mr. Kimmel said that during discussions, he had no idea if they would come up with a reasonable compromise. He said that one nice thing about this outcome is that they came up with a compromise that GGP and Bloomingdales can live with.

**MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE**

There were none.

**SUSPENSION OF RULES**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna King, City Clerk