

ALL COMMON COUNCIL ACTIONS TAKEN AT THIS MEETING TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS OR TO ACCEPT BIDS AND OTHER PROPOSALS REQUIRING THE EXPENDITURE OF CITY FUNDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I. ROLL CALL 14, Mr. Hempstead absent

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting(s): December 22, 2015 APPROVED

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 1

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

**APPOINTMENTS: Joseph A. Perella, Harbor Management APPROVED
Robert C. Wagman, Conservation Commission (alternate) APPROVED**

**REAPPOINTMENTS: William T. Gardella, Harbor Management APPROVED
Dennis J. Santella, Harbor Management APPROVED
Ed Holowinko, Conservation Commission APPROVED**

MAYOR'S REMARKS: Tickets to the Mayor's Ball are selling fast. Mayor encouraged reservations to be sent in as soon as possible. He also discussed the upcoming Martin Luther King Holiday and several celebrations in the City to commemorate the event.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

**RESIGNATION: Dale Ford, Ethics Board ACCEPTED
William Fitzgerald, Ethics Board ACCEPTED
Louis M. Seeley, Ethics Board ACCEPTED**

**APPOINTMENTS: Antoinette R. Williams, alternate, Ethics Board APPROVED
Haroldo V. Williams, Ethics Board APPROVED**

B. CONSENT CALENDAR – VII.C.1, VII.C.2, VII.C.3, VII.C.4, VII.C.5

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. HEALTH, PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY

1. Approve the assignment of the Agreement by and between CWH Research Inc. dated October 23, 2015 to Industrial /Organizational Solutions Inc., pursuant to a Purchase Agreement. **APPROVED**
2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute Consent to Assignment document evidencing the City's Consent to the Assignment and Assumption of the Written Agreement. **AUTHORIZED**

B. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Approve OPM Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Grant Program Certified Resolution. **APPROVED**

C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute the Second Amendment to September 2, 2011 agreement for On-call Traffic Engineering Services with RBA Group of Connecticut, LLC to prepare a traffic signal timing and optimization study for intersections at (1) Fairfield Avenue, Flax Hill Road, Washington Street and Dr. Martin Luther king Jr. Drive and (2) Connecticut Avenue and West Avenue for an amount not to exceed \$9,000. (scope of services date December 3, 2015 attached).

Account No. 09 03 4120 5777 C0232 **AUTHORIZED**
2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an agreement with the Town of Wilton pledging Norwalk's support for its share of the 20% matching contribution due under the grant from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to Wilton for the construction of a portion of the Norwalk River Valley Trail that transverses the Town of Wilton and City of Norwalk. (copies of the grant documents between Wilton and DEEP and the agreement included in packet) **AUTHORIZED**
3. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an agreement with the Town of Wilton and the Friends of the Norwalk River Valley Trail, Inc. (NRVT) whereby NRVT pledges to provide the 20% matching contribution under the grant from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to Wilton for the construction of a portion of the Norwalk River Valley Trail to be made on behalf of both Wilton and Norwalk. (copy of the agreement included in packet) **AUTHORIZED**

4. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to Crowley Ford, LLC, for the purchase of one 2016 Ford Explorer for a sum not to exceed \$26,053.60 (State contract #10PSX0239)

Account No. 09 16 4031 5777 C0313

AUTHORIZED

5. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement with K & J Landscaping, LLC per RFP# 3630 for Tree Removal/Trimming Services (for a sum not to exceed \$100,000 per year).

Account No. 01 40 29 5298

AUTHORIZED

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

CHARTER REVISION RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

A. In accordance with Section 7-188 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Common Council of the City of Norwalk initiates the process of amending the Charter of the City of Norwalk and, for that purpose hereby, appoints a Charter Revision Commission. (This action must be adopted by a 2/3 vote of the membership of the Common Council.)

B. In accordance with Section 7-190 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Common Council hereby appoints the following individuals as members of such Charter Review Commission:

1. William Fitzgerald (D) – Chair of the Commission
2. Steven Keogh (D)
3. Yvonne Rodriguez (D)
4. Michael Witherspoon (D)
5. Mary Roman (R)
6. Glenn Iannaccone (R)
7. Jerry Petrini (R)

C. The Common Council hereby recommends that the Charter Revision Commission consider amending the Charter of the City of Norwalk as follows:

1. Amend Charter Section 1-166 to provide that the town and city election for the office of Mayor shall occur every four years rather than biennially;
2. If the Mayoral term is increased to four years, then amend Charter Section 1-166 so there is a two-term limit for the Mayor;
3. Investigate the possibility of extending the terms of Common Council members, the Town Clerk, and other City officials to four years;

4. Investigate the possibility of amending Charter Section 1-167 to correspondingly adjust the election of the members of the Board of Education, which currently are on the ballot "at each general municipal election";
5. Amend Charter Section 1-166 to remove all references to Selectman, City Treasurer and Sheriff;
6. Amend Charter Sections 1-215 and 1-224 to remove all references to the salaries of City officials; or, investigate the possibility of amending those sections so the Board of Estimate and Taxation sets the salaries of city officials.

D. The Charter revision Commission shall submit its draft report to the Common Council on or before April 5, 2016.

APPROVED

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

XI. ADJOURNMENT

APPOINTMENTS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION	M/C	NWLK CODE 35-2
ROBERT C. WAGMAN (D) 36 Morehouse Lane Norwalk, CT 06850	APPROVED	Term Expires – 1/1/2021 Alternate
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION	M/C	NWLK CODE 69
JOSEPH A. PERELLA (D) 5 Girard Street Norwalk, CT 06850	APPROVED	Term Expires – 12/31/2019
ETHICS BOARD	C	Chapter 32-12
ANTOINETTE R. WILLIAMS (D) 8 Amundsen Street Norwalk, CT 06855	APPROVED	Term Expires – 3/10/2018 Alternate replaces Dale Ford (moved out of town)
HAROLDO V. WILLIAMS (D) 62 Bayne Street Norwalk, CT 06851	APPROVED	Term Expires – 3/10/2017 replaces William Fitzgerald (resigned)

REAPPOINTMENTS

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION	M/C	NWLK CODE 69
WILLIAM T. GARDELLA (R) 71 Cove Avenue Norwalk, CT 06855	APPROVED	Term Expires – 12/31/2019
DENNIS J. SANTELLA (R) 131 Winfield Street Norwalk, Ct 06855	APPROVED	Term Expires – 12/31/2019
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	M/C	NWLK CODE 35-2
ED HOLOWINKO (D) 57 Russell Street Norwalk, CT 06855	APPROVED	Term Expires – 1/1/2021