

**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**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. King read the notice that this meeting was being videotaped and audio recorded for public broadcast and that assisted listening devices were available.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Ms. King called the Roll. The following Common Council members were present:

Council at Large:	Richard Bonenfant	
	Michael Corsello	
	Bruce Kimmel	
	Nicholas Sacchinelli	
District A:	Eloisa Melendez	Steven Serasis
District B:	Phaedrel Bowman	Travis Simms
District C:	John Kydes	
District D:	Shannon O'Toole Giandurco	
District E:	John Igneri	Thomas Livingston

Thirteen (13) Common Council members were present and two (2) were absent (Ms. Maggio and Mr. DePalma).

Also present: Mayor Harry Rilling; Attorney Mario Coppola; City Clerk, Donna King

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting(s):**

**October 11, 2016**

- \*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES TO THE NEXT MEETING FOR CLARIFICATION**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Mr. Stuart Wells, West Norwalk Road, spoke in support of the new pay scale for poll workers and for the part time office workers in the Registrar of Voters department. He noted that they had 7,670 new voters and made 7,000 changes within the last month. Mr. Wells added that there was a 40% turnover in voter rolls over the last year. He said that the department works very hard.

Ms. Karen Doyle Lyons, Spring Hill Avenue, spoke in support of the new pay scale for poll workers and for the part time office workers in the Registrar of Voters department. She said that the department handles a great deal of legal documents each day; they process 200 documents per day. The Poll workers have not had an increase since 2008. Ms. Doyle Lyons said that she hoped the Common Council would consider the increase for the people who work for our democracy.

**IV. MAYOR**

**A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**RESIGNATIONS:**

**Torgny Astrom, Planning Commission**

Mayor Rilling announced that he will regretfully accept Mr. Astrom's resignation. Mr. Hempstead said that he publicly wanted to thank Mr. Astrom and express his appreciation for his years of service to the community.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**REAPPOINTMENTS:**

**MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

Mayor Rilling announced that the 2016 Nationalization ceremony took place at Lockwood Mathews Mansion where people from 13 different countries were welcomed. After the ceremony, three people came to City Hall to register to vote.

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Ms. Maggio joined the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

The Board of Education will hold a discussion about the school master plan at Nathaniel Ely School.

The Norwalk Housing Authority will hold a fundraiser on Thursday at Skyzone.

The last day to register to vote is on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Town Clerk's office will be open on November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to accept absentee ballots.

Flu vaccines are available at the Health Department.

An announcement will be coming shortly about the date and location of the 2017 Mayor's Ball.

**V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kimmel noted that the budget season has already begun. He asked that committees with significant requests add that to their agendas so they can discuss the requests.

**RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION  
6A1;6B2**

**HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
7A1;7A2;7A3**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
7B1  
7B2**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
7C1; 7C2; 7C3; 7C5; 7C6; 7C7**

**VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS**

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION**

- 1. RESOLVED, THAT A \$15,490 SPECIAL APPROPRIATION BE MADE TO INCREASE THE BUDGETS FOR BOTH POLICE OVERTIME EXPENSE AND POLICE STATE REIMBURSEMENT REVENUE FOR PAYMENTS RECEIVED IN AUGUST OF 2016.**
- 2. RESOLVED, THAT A \$28,108 SPECIAL APPROPRIATION BE MADE TO INCREASE THE BUDGETS FOR BOTH POLICE OVERTIME EXPENSE AND POLICE FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT REVENUE FOR PAYMENTS RECEIVED IN AUGUST OF 2016.**

**A. HEALTH, WELFARE, PUBLIC SAFETY**

- 1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,950.00, WITH THE CITY OF NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR \$19,650.00, WITH THE TOTAL COST OF THE ENFORCEMENT EFFORT TOTALING \$78,600.00.  
ACCOUNT # 353075**
- 2. AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF, THOMAS E. KULHAWIK TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROGRAMS THROUGH CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DUI ENFORCEMENT GRANT, PURSUANT TO SUCH GRANT FUNDING.**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO TJ MORRIS & SON/EAGLE POINT GUN & SUPPLY COMPANY FOR ITS' ANNUAL AMMUNITION PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,217.33.**

**ACCOUNT # 013042 5327.**

**B. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

- 1. APPROVAL OF NEW PAY SCALE FOR POLL WORKERS.**
- 3. APPROVAL OF NEW PAY SCALE FOR PART TIME OFFICE WORKERS IN THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS DEPARTMENT.**

**C. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: OCTOBER 13, 2016**
- 2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED OCTOBER 12, 2016.**
- 3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**
- 5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MIDWEST MICROFILM & OPTICAL STORAGE SYSTEMS, D/B/A MIDWEST MICRO IMAGING OF GOLDEN VALLEY, MN, FOR THE DIGITIZATION OF THE LIBRARY'S SOUTH NORWALK SENTINEL MICROFILMS PURSUANT TO THE SPECIFICATIONS OF BID PROJECT #3662, FOR A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$17,600.00 ACCOUNTS 09166210-5777-C0571 AND 09176210-5777-C0571 (APPROVED CAPITAL BUDGET; NO SPECIAL APPROPRIATION NEEDED).**
- 6. RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZING CAPITAL APPROPRIATION REDUCTIONS OF ACCOUNTS 09167100-5777-C0119 AND 09157100-5777-C0119 BY \$70,000 AND \$20,000 RESPECTIVELY.**

7. **RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,000 TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION IN ACCOUNT 09177100-5777-C0119 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO RENOVATE THE PUBLIC WORKS WORKSPACE AT CITY HALL.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS**

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**C. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Mr. Igneri recused himself and left the Common Council Chambers.

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

4. **RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS TO SECURE THE REPAYMENT OF A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000) FROM THE CITY OF NORWALK TO THE SIXTH TAXING DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CAPITAL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE RENOVATION OF THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.**

Mr. Livingston explained that this item represents funds to be used for the latest renovation of the Community center. Mr. Bonenfant asked Mr. Barron to explain the interest and principle schedule and asked if there is a pre-payment penalty. Mr. Barron explained the schedule and said that there is no pre-payment penalty. In the event additional payments are made, the schedule will be recalculated.

Mr. Serasis asked about the type of community service that would take place. Mr. Livingston said that it is a central meeting place for residents and is used almost every day.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Igneri returned to the Common Council chambers.

**D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**\*\* MR. IGNERI MOVED THE FOLLOWING:**

**1. RESOLVED THAT THE HONORABLE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ENTITLED “MASTER MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PROJECTS” WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH LETTER DATED JUNE 27, 2014.**

Mr. Igneri explained that this is not a new agreement; it is a renewal of an agreement that has been in place for 10 years. He said that the Common Council approves each project and the taking of any property. Mr. Igneri said that the agreement came out of the liening process.

Mr. Robert Wright from the State of Connecticut was present. This agreement is good for 10 years and if approved, they would not have to have individual agreements for each project. A PAL (Project Authorization Letter) would be sent to the Mayor spelling out the costs and responsibilities. So far 13 other towns have signed. If Norwalk does not sign, they would have to go back to the old system; however, the State does not want to use that.

Acquisitions of property will not change under this agreement. In addition, this process only pertains to projects approved by the Common Council. The City has the right to cancel a specific project if it is problematic, even after it has been approved. If the City does not execute a PAL, it will not be able to move forward with the project. The Mayor will get the PAL, and he has to be authorized by the Common Council to sign. Ms. Beltz Jacobson reiterated that the Common Council has to authorize the Mayor to sign the PAL.

Mr. Hempstead asked if signing the PAL will give a wide berth if needed. Mr. Wright said that the DOT can only acquire what is needed for highway purposes.

Mr. Simms asked who will get the property once a project is complete. Mr. Wright said that most acquisitions are partial takes or easements. Any acquisitions are kept by the State; they do not go back to the property owner.

Mr. Wright said that the PAL streamlines the process. Ms. Bowman asked if any towns were upset with some negotiations. Mr. Wright said that most cities would rather have City of Norwalk

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the state take on the right of way acquisition activities. About 80% of the acquisitions are friendly.

Mr. Serasis said that he was concerned about the 20% who are unhappy. He asked what protection would be in place to protect those 20%. Mayor Rilling said that each individual PAL will have to be approved by the Common Council.

Mr. Coppola said that with a PAL, the Law Department will not have to review each agreement that will have the same terms. This will streamline the process. Ms. Beltz Jacobson added that the terms are not negotiable terms. Mr. Wright said that if the City does not send a letter of support to the Commissioner of Transportation, the project will not move forward. In addition, to get funding, the agreement needs to be signed.

Mr. Hempstead commented that they always get a straight answer from Mr. Wright.

A discussion took place about the WALK Bridge. Once the WALK Bridge is done, the excess property will be put out for sale. Mr. Serasis asked if the taking of the IMAX Theater is an easement. Mr. Wright said that it will be a fee acquisition.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ELEVEN (11) IN FAVOR (MR. CORSELLO; MR. HEMPSTEAD; MR. KIMMEL; MR. SACCHINELLI; MS. MELENDEZ; MR. SIMMS; MR. KYDES; MS. MAGGIO; MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO; MR. IGNERI; MR. LIVINGSTON); TWO (2) OPPOSED (MR. BONENFANT; MS. BOWMAN) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. SERASIS)**

**IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE**

There were none.

**X. SUSPENSION OF RULES**

There were none.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



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