

**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 ARE  
SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:39 p. m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. King, City Clerk read the notice stating that the meeting was being videotaped and audio recorded for the 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:	Mr. Richard Bonenfant Mr. Douglas Hempstead Mr. Nicholas Sacchinelli	Mr. Michael Corsello Mr. Bruce Kimmel
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. Steven Serasis
District B:	Mr. Travis Simms	Ms. Phaedrel Bowman
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Michelle Maggio
District D:	Ms. Shannon O'Toole Giandurco	Mr. Michael DePalma
District E:	Mr. John Igneri	Mr. Thomas Livingston

**I. ROLL CALL**

At Roll Call there were fifteen (15) Common Council members present.

Also present were Mayor Harry Rilling; Corporation Counsel, Mario Coppola and City Clerk, Donna King.

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting                      January 24, 2017

**\*\* MR. IGNERI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. HEMPSTEAD)**

### **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Ms. Karen Doyle Lyons, Spring Hill Avenue, spoke in support of item 7F1, Norwalk Police Emerald Society and described the event.

Ms. Debora Goldstein, Osborne Avenue addressed item 7C1, Operating Budget Recommendation. She asked that the City consider transitioning to an outcome based budget.

### **IV. MAYOR**

#### **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

##### **RESIGNATIONS:**

Mayor Rilling announced the following resignations:

Johnnie Mae Weldon, Fair Rent Commission, Alternate  
Julius Hayward, Parking Authority, Regular  
Jeannette Jean-Pierre, Fair Rent Commission, Regular

##### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF  
MARY ELLEN BARELLE AND DONALD D. OVERTON, ASSESSMENT  
APPEALS BOARD, ALTERNATE**

Mr. Livingston spoke in support of these appointments.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN J.  
MOELING, JR. CONSERVATION COMMISSION, REGULAR**

Mr. Igneri and Mr. Livingston spoke in support of this appointment and said that he is very dedicated and involved.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. SIMMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF NABIL E. VALENCIA, ALTERNATE, JOHNNIE MAE WELDON, REGULAR AND DORA WITHERSPOON ALTERNATE, FAIR RENT COMMISSION**

Mr. Simms spoke in support of the appointments and said that they have been doing a fabulous job and are great representatives of the City. Mr. Hempstead spoke in support of Ms. Witherspoon's appointment. Mr. Serasis added that He and Ms. Weldon worked together for many years and she cares about the community. Ms. Bowman said that she knows all three and they will do a good job.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CONOR JOHN PFEIFER, HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

Mr. Kimmel said that Mr. Pfeifer's resume is quite extensive and that he is an excellent choice. Ms. O' Toole Giandurco said that she knows he does a lot for the community.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. C. Eric Rains' name was withdrawn.

REAPPOINTMENTS:

**\*\* MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JEREMIAH F. CROWLEY, OAK HILLS PARK AUTHORITY**

Ms. O'Toole Giandurco thanked Mr. Crowley for his willingness to serve.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling thanked everyone for their willingness to serve and congratulated them. Ms. King administered the Oath of Office to those present.

Mayor Rilling announced upcoming events, including the celebration of Black History Month. City Hall will be closed on Presidents' Day. New Firefighters will be sworn in on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Norwalk hired some great Firefighters, among them. Norwalk's first female Firefighter.

The second public outreach by the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency will be held on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> for the development of Freese Park. The DECD awarded the City a grant for the renovation of Ryan Park.

**V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Mr. Igneri did not have any specific remarks this evening.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**\*\* MS. MELENDEZ MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**7A3A & 3B**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**7B1**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**7D1; 7D2 – CONSENT TO TABLE BACK TO COMMITTEE; 7B3; 7B4 & 7B5 CONSENT TO TABLE; 7B6; 7B7**

**LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT**

**7E1; 7E2; 7E3, CONSENT TO TABLE BACK TO COMMITTEE**

**RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**7F1; 7F2; 7F3; 7F4; 7F5; 7F7**

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

**3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MARCH OF DIMES FOR THE COMENZANDO BIEN PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**3B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE COMENZANDO BIEN PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**B. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- 1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED TO EXECUTE AND IMPLEMENT THE DOH-CDBG-DR \$4M WASHINGTON VILLAGE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS GRANT**

**D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

- 1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE SAME AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GRANT FOR “2016 MUNICIPAL RECYCLING REWARDS PROGRAM”.**
- 2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2015 AGREEMENT WITH SAFETY MARKING, INC. FOR PROJECT TRF2015-1 PROPOSED PAVEMENT MARKINGS, SYMBOLS AND LEGEND AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00. ACCOUNT NO.: 09 17 4021 5777 C0562 CONSENT TO TABLE BACK TO COMMITTEE**
- 3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CDM SMITH, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES PERTAINING TO THE RAYMOND AND DAY STREETS PROJECT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$744,320.00. ACCOUNT NO.: 09 16 0910 5777 C0560**
- 4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CDM SMITH, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES PERTAINING TO THE SONO COLLECTION**

**PROJECT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$299,790.00. ACCOUNT NO.:  
ESCROW ACCOUNT TO BE DETERMINED. (SEE ITEM #5)**

**CONSENT TO TABLE**

- 5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN ESCROW AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR SONO COLLECTION INSPECTIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$299,730.00**  
**CONSENT TO TABLE**
  
- 6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN ESCROW AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY WASHINGTON VILLAGE PHASE ONE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR LIGHTING, SIDEWALK AND OTHER INCIDENTALS ASSOCIATED WITH COORDINATING CONSTRUCTION BETWEEN THE RAYMOND AND DAY STREETS PROJECT AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS AT #S 13 BUILDING A AND 20 BUILDING B DAY STREET FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$484,000.00**
  
- 7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN ESCROW AGREEMENT WITH MARITIME VILLAGE I, LLC FOR SIDEWALK AND OTHER INCIDENTALS ASSOCIATED WITH COORDINATING CONSTRUCTION BETWEEN THE RAYMOND AND DAY STREETS PROJECT AND THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT #19 DAY STREET FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$71,500.00**

**E. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT**

- 1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING. TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE USE OF MILL HILL COMPLEX FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE YEAR OPTION TERM. REMAINING AGREEMENT TERMS TO REMAIN UNCHANGED.**
  
- 2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FAIRFIELD COUNTY CULTURAL ALLIANCE (FCCA) FOR THE USE OF MATHEWS PARK GATE HOUSE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS. FCCA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE RO ALL UTILITY PAYMENTS.**
  
- 3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO THE WALKER GROUP TO CONSOLIDATE IT DATA AND**

**STORAGE UNITS AND VIRTUAL SERVER FOR THE NORWALK  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$69,439.34.  
ACCOUNT NO.: 09175010-5777-C0112.            CONSENT TO TABLE  
BACK TO COMMITTEE**

**F. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

- 1. APPROVE THE USE OF THE VETERANS PARK FOR ASSEMBLAGE FOR THE ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE SPONSORED BY THE NORWALK POLICE EMERALD SOCIETY TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017 WITH A RAIN DATE OF FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017 FROM 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM.**
- 2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK YMCA CAMP SUNRISE FOR THE USE OF SILVERMINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR THEIR SUMMER CAMP TO TAKE PLACE MONDAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2017 – AUGUST 25, 2017 FROM 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.**
- 3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CT CHAPTER FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH TO HOST THEIR "WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S" TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017 FROM 6:00 AM – 2:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,500.**
- 4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TRIANGLE COMMUNITY CENTER TO USE MATHEWS PARK FOR "PRIDE IN THE PARK" TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017 FROM 12:00 NOON – 8:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017 AT 7:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,500.**
- 5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JDRF (JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION) TO BE HELD AT BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL JACK CASAGRANDE FIELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017 FROM 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017 AT 6:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000.**

**7. RESCIND ITEM NO. VII.A.4 ON THE COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA OF JANUARY 10, 2017 WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MARITIME ROWING CLUB TO USE A PORTION OF THE PARKING AREA ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH MARINA DOCKS AS WELL AS A PORTION OF THE LOT FOR BOAT STORAGE (TEMPORARY FENCE) AND TO USE THE EXISTING DOCK AREA FOR LAUNCHING. THIS WILL BE TEMPORARY FROM MARCH 31 – JULY 31, 2017 DUE TO DISPLACEMENT BY THE WALK BRIDGE. THE MARITIME ROWING CLUB WILL MOVE UP THE NORWALK RIVER UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR PERMITS AND DOCKS AUGUST 1, 2017.**

**NEW ACTION AUTHORIZATION REQUEST:**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WATER SPORTS CENTER, INC. D/B/A MARITIME ROWING CLUB TO USE A PORTION OF THE PARKING AREA ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH MARINA DOCKS AS WELL AS A PORTION OF THE LOT FOR BOAT STORAGE (TEMPORARY FENCE) AND TO USE THE EXISTING DOCK AREA FOR LAUNCHING. THIS WILL BE TEMPORARY FROM MARCH 31 – JULY 31, 2017 DUE TO DISPLACEMENT BY THE WALK BRIDGE. THE MARITIME ROWING CLUB WILL MOVE UP THE NORWALK RIVER UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR PERMITS AND DOCKS AUGUST 1, 2017.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

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

**\*\* MS. BOWMAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO THE EQUIPMENT SHARING AGREEMENT FOR THE MULTI-TOWN/AGENCY EQUIPMENT COOPERATIVE THROUGH THE INTERTOWN CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE INCENTIVE (ICE) PROGRAM, AS FINALIZED BY THE LAW DEPARTMENT AND**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT FUNDS**



**RELATED TO THE ICE GRANT PROGRAM, WHICH WILL BE THE CITY OF NORWALK'S SHARE OF \$160,037.00**

Ms. Bowman explained that this is a first year agreement between Stamford, Darien, Fairfield and Norwalk. The agreement will be finalized by the Legal Department and will be official once all of the towns sign on. She noted that ICE has nothing to do with immigration.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MS. BOWMAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT FOR THE PUTTING ON AIRS PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2017 TO AUGUST 31, 2017 AND**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PUTTING ON AIRS PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2017 TO AUGUST 31, 2017**

Ms. Bowman explained that the Health Director attended the committee meetings and explained that the City of Norwalk will sub-contract with Stratford. The only cost to Norwalk will be the cost of overtime, if there are weekend visits.

Mr. Hempstead said that there was not a lot of backup for his and asked if Norwalk people will be going into Norwalk homes. Ms. Bowman said that they will; the funds come through Stratford.

Mr. Kimmel asked if there would be collaboration with the schools to identify students with asthma. Mayor Rilling said that he will check with Mr. Callahan.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S 2017-2018 OPERATING BUDGET RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Kimmel explained that this is a Charter covered item. He announced that the Finance Claims Committee will hold a workshop with the Common Council on February

27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Barron and members of the Finance department will discuss the overall budget. He said that it is important to work out all of the concerns and questions.

The Finance Claims Committee will hold a public hearing on the Operating Budget on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and on February 28<sup>th</sup> the Common Council will vote on the budget cap for the entire city.

Mr. Barron, Finance Director gave a presentation outlining the recommended operating budget.

Ms. Maggio left the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Mr. Hempstead asked Mr. Barron to prepare some assumptions based on the Governor's budget. He also asked Mr. Barron to make the budget assumptions easier to understand. Mr. Barron said that he made his recommendations based on what he believes to be a fair and reasonable burden to the tax payers.

#### **F. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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

**\*\* MR. SIMMS MOVED APPROVAL OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND THE RINK AT HARBOR POINT, LLC, DATED MAY 16, 2017 TO THE RINKS AT VETERANS PARK, LLC AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING. TO EXECUTE A CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT DOCUMENTING EVIDENCING THE CITY'S CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF THE WRITTEN LICENSE**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Bonenfant returned to the Common Council Chambers.

#### **VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL**

There were none.

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

There were none.

**X. SUSPENSION OF RULES**

There were none.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Donna King, City Clerk