

**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 7:40 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.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Council at Large:	Mr. Richard Bonenfant Mr. Douglas Hempstead	Mr. Michael Corsello Mr. Bruce Kimmel
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. Steve Serasis
District B:	Mr. Travis Simms	Ms. Phaedrel Bowman
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Michelle Maggio
District D:	Ms. Shannon O'Toole Giandurco	
District E:	Mr. John Igneri	Mr. Thomas Livingston

**I. ROLL CALL**

At Roll Call there were thirteen (13) Common Council members present and two (2) absent (Mr. Sacchinelli and Mr. DePalma)

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

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting: March 20, 2017

**\*\* MR.IGNERI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Ms. Pat Kirschner, spoke against the agreement with The Grasso Companies. She said they have not been in compliance for 20 years. They are trying to operate their business under the auspices of their son. She said they would only try when they had an application before Zoning. She urged the Common Council to deny the contract.

Mr. Paul Braschi said that he lives directly across from Grasso and they have been the worst neighbors you could imagine. He said he has to call the Police five or six times a year. He said this has been going on for 14 years and this behavior should not be rewarded. He urged the Common Council to deny the contract.

Mr. Thomas Rich spoke about the proposed noise ordinance. In 2008 he became a major property owner in South Norwalk and is deeply vested in the SoNo neighborhood. He said that out of control noise does not work in mixed use development. The establishments in SoNo are the lifeblood of that neighborhood and the noise violators are in the minority where this issue exists. He said they need to be good neighbors.

Mr. Luigi DiMeglio said that he agrees with those who are opposed to the contractor's yard. He said his area is zoned light industrial, but that was 100 years ago. He said the odors infiltrate into his home and he is unable to open his windows.

Mr. Luke Conrad, Counsel for Grasso, LLC said they had a few bids come up before the Common Council and said he would not want to see this municipality go with a higher bidder because this City does not like his client. He said they are receptive to the residents in the area, but work has to be done. They have a history of doing good work. They are current on their taxes and Zoning obligations. He said that Grasso LLC, owned by Joe Jr., has no legal obligation for the other companies.

Mr. Steven Kirschner said that for over 20 years, Grasso Enterprises has been bad neighbors. They were issued numerous cease and desist orders. He asked that until all violations and tax obligations are paid, that the City does not enter into an agreement with them.

Mr. Greg Geswine said he purchased in condo on Washington Street in 2011. He said that passing the proposed ordinance will adversely impact the night life and culture in South Norwalk and Washington Street will lose its draw. He said he would like to see a balance and all agree that they want to see Norwalk succeed.

Ms. Diane Lauricella suggested increasing the fine for the noise Ordinance. She said that \$250 does not go far enough and asked the Common Council to consider a gradual increase. She said that she expects that there will be talk about enforcement of the Ordinance.

Ms. Lauricella asked that the Grasso application be denied. She said she was saddened that it came so far and would have liked to have seen it die in Committee. She said this bidder is not responsible. If the City increased fines and did a better job of enforcement, it would make up the \$128,000 that the applicant says they will save the City. The fines should go toward beautification of the neighborhood.

### **III. MAYOR**

#### **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Rilling announced the following resignations and thanked them for their service to the community.

RESIGNATIONS                      Galen Wells, Zoning Commission, Alternate  
Steve Kerschner, Facilities Construction Commission

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Galen Wells, Zoning Commission, Regular

**\*\* MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GALEN WELLS, ZONING COMMISSION, REGULAR**

Mr. Igneri said that he has known Ms. Wells for five years and she has great experience.

Mr. Livingston added that it was always a pleasure to work with her. She is very involved in the community.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

James Stuart Hamilton, Facilities Construction Commission

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES STUART HAMILTON, FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION**

Mr. Livingston said his resume is very impressive and will be a great addition.

Mr. Hempstead said he served with Mr. Hamilton during his first term on the Common Council.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### REAPPOINTMENTS

William Waters, Oak Hills Park Authority

**\*\* MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM WATERS, OAK HILLS PARK AUTHORITY**

Ms. O'Toole Giandurco said that Mr. Waters has been instrumental with all of the work going on at Oak Hills Park.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Rilling thanked everyone for their willingness to serve and said that they are looking for people in the community to serve. He said all of the openings are posted on the City of Norwalk website.

#### MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Rilling announced upcoming events: The Lit Crawl will take place on April 5<sup>th</sup> and there will be a neighborhood clean up on Earth Day - April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Yesterday the UConn Huskies Women's basketball team won their 111<sup>th</sup> game and they are going on to play MS State. They put Connecticut basketball on the map.

### V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

#### A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Igneri announced that Mr. DePalma resigned from the Health, Welfare and Public Safety Committee; Mr. Kydes will take his place on the Committee.

#### RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS – there were no resignations announced this evening.

APPOINTMENTS – there were no appointments announced this evening.

#### REAPPOINTMENTS

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Heraldo V. Williams, Ethics Board

**\*\* MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF  
HERALDO V. WILLIAMS, ETHICS BOARD**

Mr. Kimmel said Mr. Williams has done a great job.

Ms. Maggio said Mr. Williams is well loved and has what is needed for this position.

Mr. Hempstead said he worked with Mr. Williams and he is even handed and will provide good stewardship.

Mr. Simms said Mr. Williams always looks to help in any way and to make the City better.

Ms. Bowman said that Mr. Williams does great work on the Ethics Committee.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Miklos P. Koleszar, Ethics Board

**\*\* MR. CORSELLO MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF  
MIKLOS P. KOLESZAR, ETHICS BOARD**

Mr. Corsello said he has known Mr. Koleszar for over 30 years and has an impeccable reputation. His only agenda is to be fair.

Mr. Bonenfant thanked Mr. Koleszar and Mr. Williams for their willingness to serve.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. King administered the Oath of Office.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**\*\* MR. SERASIS MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT  
CALENDAR**

**CORPORATION COUNSEL  
6A1 – CONSENT TO TABLE BACK TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
7A1A & 7A1B – CONSENT TO TABLE BACK TO COMMITTEE**

**LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT  
7B1**

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE  
7C1**

**HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
7D1 & 7D2**

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

**A. CORPORATION COUNSEL**

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE INDIGENCY POLICY” AS PRESENTED  
ON THE RECORD BE ADOPTED AS THAT OF THE CITY OF  
NORWALK *TABLE TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE***

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

- 1A AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE  
AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GRASSO COMPANIES, LLC FOR  
PROJECT PM 2017-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, FOR A  
SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$3,410,044.00 *TABLE BACK TO  
COMMITTEE***

**ACCOUNT NO.: 09 17 4021 5777 C0021  
09 17 4021 5777 C0302  
09 17 4021 5777 C0318  
09 17 4021 5777 C0439  
03 0000 2602**

- 2B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BRUCE  
CHIMENTO, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH THE  
GRASSO COMPANIES, LLC FOR PROJECT PM 2017-1 PAVEMENT  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$341,004.40  
*TABLE BACK TO COMMITTEE***

**ACCOUNT NO.: 09 17 4021 5777 C0021  
09 17 4021 5777 C0302  
09 17 4021 5777 C0318  
09 17 4021 5777 C0439  
03 0000 2602**

**B. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- 1. 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.: 09 17 5010 5777 C0112**

**C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 1. APPROVE PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGES IN NORWALK CODE CHAPTER 68-10 (A), NOISE.**

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

- 1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND THE TOWN OF WESTON FOR THE SUM OF \$15,000 PER ANNUM, TO BE PAID BY WESTON TO NORWALK FOR UTILIZATION OF THE NORWALK JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD PROGRAM (JRB) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017**
- 2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE SCHOOL READINESS GRANT WHICH INCLUDES THE QUALITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL**

There were none this evening.

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

There were none this evening.

**X. SUSPENSION OF RULES**

There were none this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

\*\* MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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