
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 7:30 p. m. and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

City Clerk King read the notice that this meeting is being videotaped and audio recorded for public broadcast, and assisted listening devices are available.

I. ROLL CALL

City Clerk King called the roll. The following Council Members were present:

Council at Large:	Mr. Richard Bonenfant	Mr. Michael Corsello
	Mr. Douglas Hempstead	Mr. Bruce Kimmel
	Mr. Nick Sacchinelli	
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. Steve Serasis
District B:	Ms. Phaedrel Bowman	Mr. Travis Simms (7:42 p. m.)
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Michelle Maggio
District D:	Mr. Michael DePalma	Ms. Shannon O'Toole Giandurco
District E:	Mr. John Ignéri, Council President;	Mr. Tom Livingston

Mayor Harry Rilling, Attorney Mario Coppola, Corporation Counsel; Donna King, City Clerk; The meeting began with 15 present. Absent: Mr. Travis Simms. Mr. Simms entered the meeting at 7:42 p. m.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting September 12, 2017

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Regular Meeting September 26, 2017

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH 14 IN FAVOR AND ONE ABSTENTION (MS. MAGGIO.)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mr. Michael Shanahan came forward. He stated that he is a retired firefighter. HE stated that sixteen retirees passed this year. He asked why the rules need to be changed now. He stated that the health benefits contract impacts the Fire Department retirees as well as the current employees.

Ms. Carolyn Shanahan came forward. She stated that the City is turning its back to the retired firefighters. They have worked long hours for many years and have made many sacrifices. She stated that they are not being treated fairly in the health benefit changes that are going to be put in place.

IV. MAYOR

A. Resignations and Appointments

Resignation	Lee H. Levey, Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate
Appointment	Lee H. Levey, Zoning Board of Appeals, Regular

**** MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO APPOINT LEE H. LEVEY AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

Mr. Kimmel stated that Mr. Levey is an intelligent and hard-working man. Mr. Hempstead stated that Mr. Levey brings expertise to the table and has served the people of Norwalk with vigor for many years. Mayor Rilling stated that Mr. Levey has aimed to make the City the best it can be.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

City Clerk King administered the oath of office to Mr. Levey.

Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Rilling stated that the NAACP and the Norwalk Health Department are sponsoring a health fair starting at 10:00 a. m. this Saturday, October 14th here at City Hall. The Silvermine School's Annual Fall Festival will start at 12:00 p.m. this Saturday.

Mayor Rilling stated that Mr. Hal Alborg, the former Director of Public Works. His funeral services will be held this Saturday at the Green Funeral Home in Danbury. Mayor Rilling expressed the Council's condolences to the Alvord family. He stated that Mr. Alvord worked very hard for the City of Norwalk.

Mayor Rilling stated that Norwalk High School will be hosting the Annual Cavalcade of Bands starting at 5:00 p. m. on Saturday, October 14th.

On Saturday, October 21st, the Human Service Council will hold its Annual Touch a Truck Kids Festival. We are all encouraged to wear a costume for the Kid's Parade.

Mr. Simms entered the meeting at 7:42 p. m.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. General Council Business:

No items were brought forward.

B. Consent Calendar:

Mr. Igneri asked Mr. Sacchinelli to present the Consent Calendar.

** **MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS FOLLOWS:**
VII. A. 1. B. 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B D. 1, 2, 3 E. 1
** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Items on the Consent Calendar are in bold as follows:

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. Health, Welfare and Public Safety Committee

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, and amendments thereto as may be necessary to implement all programs through the FY2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant pursuant to such funding.

B. Planning Committee

1a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to sign the Mayoral Certification for the PY42 CAPER.

1b. Approve the advancement of the PY42 CAPER to HUD.

2a. Approve Planning and Zoning’s request to execute separate Master Services Agreements with WSP Brinckerhoff and John. P. Thompson for on call professional consulting services.

2b. Authorize the Mayor Rilling, Harry W. Rilling to execute the contracts.

D. Public Works Committee

1. A Resolution for the Norwalk River Valley Multi-Purpose Trail – Phase 2; Union Park to New Canaan Avenue:

Whereas, the City of Norwalk has published a news release, mailed a copy of the news release to required officials and agencies, and mailed a preliminary notification letter to abutting property and business owners, announcing a proposed transportation project known as State Project 102-350 Norwalk River Valley Multi-purpose Trail – Phase 2; and

Whereas, a public comment period was given from September 20, 2017 to October 3, 2017 which allowed interested parties to voice their concerns; and

Whereas, the construction phase will be funded utilizing 80% Federal funds and 20% Municipal funds;
and

Whereas, WestCOG has selected this project as a regional priority and to utilize federal funds for
construction activities, and

Whereas, the Mayor has considered the concerns of the residents from the public comment period
and finds that the proposed Norwalk River Valley Multi-purpose Trail is in the best interest of the City
of Norwalk, and will promote the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents and provide for
the convenience and safety of the traveling public, and

Whereas, the City of Norwalk based on the above information, and by virtue of this resolution, hereby
fully supports the proposed State Project 102-350 Norwalk River Valley Multi-purpose Trail –Phase 2;
and

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the City of Norwalk hereby supports the STP Urban Transportation
Project titled State Project 102-350 Norwalk River Valley Multi-purpose Trail – Phase 2 and hereby
commits to funding the municipal share and proceeding with final design.

Account N. 09-16-4021-5777-CO407\$286,500
 09-17-4021-5777-CO407\$300,000

2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Sole Source Purchase Order to Cargill for Treated Road
Salt for Snow and Ice Control, pricing not to exceed \$81.82 per ton for normal and after-hour
deliveries effective for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Account No. 01 40 25 5322

3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Gabrielli Truck Sales of Milford, for the
purchase of two (2) 2019 Mack GU713 Plow Trucks for a sum not to exceed \$446,546.00.

Account No. 09 18 4031 5777 CO313

E. Ordinance Committee

1. Approve resolution for name change from The Norwalk Shorehaven Special Services Taxing District
to the Canfield Island Special Services Taxing District.

** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. C. Personnel Committee

1. Approve tentative agreement between city and Fire Union, IAFF Local 830. (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

- ** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND REMOVE ITEM VII. C. 1. APPROVE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND FIRE UNION, IAFF LOCAL 830 FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADD IT TO THE REGULAR AGENDA.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Maggio recused herself from this item.

- ** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND FIRE UNION, IAFF LOCAL 830.**

Mr. Raymond Burney, Director of Personnel and Labor Relations came forward in support of the item. He recommended approval of the final collective bargaining agreement with the Fire Department Union. It was overwhelmingly ratified by the rank and file by more than a ten to one margin. He stated that it contains the same wage increases that we approved for the Police Union in June of this year. He stated it has everyone, actives and retirees, going into the Connecticut Partnership Plan 2.0.

Mr. Burney stated that out of network doctors can easily be brought into the plan so that actives and retirees can continue to go to their current doctor. He said there is currently a 90% overlay of doctors between the old plan and the partnership plan. Once the new plan is approved, proponents of the partnership plan will work with us to get doctors to join the Connecticut Partnership Plan.

Mr. Burney stated that the benefits of retirees under Connecticut Partnership Plan 2.0 are equivalent or better than what they had on the date they retired. Mr. Hempstead stated that it doesn't seem like that was communicated well to the retirees. He stated that it seems they think they will be getting less benefits than they had before.

Mr. Burney stated that in the last week of this month or, more likely, throughout November and early December, we will hold sessions for active employees and retirees to come in and hear about the plan and have their questions answered. Our objective is to make the transition as seamless as possible.

Mr. Hempstead asked Mr. Burney if there was a guarantee that specific doctors would be included in the plan. Mayor Rilling asked Mr. Burney if there is assurance that active employees and retirees will have equal or added benefits. Mr. Burney stated that the benefit levels are not in doubt at all. It is at least as good or better. He stated there is not guarantee that every doctor will enroll in the Connecticut Partnership Plan 2.0.

Mayor Rilling asked Mr. Burney if we adopt the Connecticut Partnership Plan 2.0, could firefighter retirees be allowed to choose to stay in the current plan. Mr. Burney stated that it would be cost prohibitive to allow the firefighter retirees choose to stay in the current plan. No insurance carrier would cover that small a group at that age with that potential exposure.

Mr. Kimmel stated that this is a contract that was agreed to by the Union. He asked Mr. Burney if the retiree benefits would be at least the same level or better and their cost would go down. Mr. Burney stated that Mr. Kimmel was correct.

Mr. Burney stated that the entire financial basis for resolving these contracts is predicated on January 1, 2018 entrance into Connecticut Partnership Plan 2.0. If we delay, the drop dead date is, more or less, November 1st.

Mr. Kimmel stated that the Council's job is to look at the net cost to the City. We did not negotiate this contract, and we are not meant to micro-manage negotiations. He stated that this agreement is within guidelines that we established and we should not vote it down.

Mr. Hempstead stated that the retirees were not communicated to, and communication should not happen after the agreement is passed. What the Union has ratified cannot be undone but their questions should be answered before we vote yes.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO TABLE APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND FIRE UNION, IAFF LOCAL 830 UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.**

Mr. Kimmel asked what the ramifications are of delaying the vote. Mr. Burney stated it slows down developments with other unions. He strongly advised that we not take that course of action.

Mr. Hempstead withdrew his motion.

Ms. Melendez asked if representatives from the State would come to speak to the retirees if the vote was delayed. Mr. Burney stated that they will not come until the plan is approved.

Mr. Serasis stated that the retirees should have the opportunity to have their questions answered and a special meeting of the council should be called if necessary.

Ms. Bowman asked IAFF Local 830 President Mr. Eleferois Petrides if he was comfortable with the plan. He stated that he was comfortable with the plan.

**** MAYOR RILLING CALLED FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND FIRE UNION, IAFF LOCAL 830.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH ELEVEN (11) VOTES IN FAVOR AND THREE (3) ABSTENTIONS (MR. SERASIS, MS. BOWMAN, AND MR. SIMMS.)**

VII. D. 4 Health, Welfare and Public Safety Committee

Technical Correction of Common Council Action of February 14, 2017, ItemVII.D.3 to add SoNo Collection Project and account number 0100000 2365:

Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement with CDM Smith Inc. for Construction Management and Construction Engineering & Inspection Services pertaining to the Raymond & Day Streets Project and the SoNo Collection Project for a sum not to exceed \$744,320.00.

**Account No. 09 16 0910 5777 C0560
010000 2365**

Mr. Hempstead recused himself from the item.

- ** **MR. IGNERI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE, THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CDM SMITH INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING & INSPECTION SERVICES PERTAINING TO THE RAYMOND & DAY STREETS PROJECT AND THE SONO COLLECTION PROJECT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$744,320.00.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII.RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

No items were brought forward.

IX.MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

No items were brought forward.

X.SUSPENSION OF RULES

No items were brought forward.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- ** **MR. KYDES MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney
Telesco Secretarial Services