

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

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 audio recorded and videotaped with subtitles for public broadcast. She asked everyone to speak clearly, one at a time, into the microphone and said 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. Gregory Burnett Mr. Nicholas Sacchinelli	Mr. Michael Corsello Mr. Douglas Stern
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. Chris Yerinides
District B: p.m.)	Ms. Faye Bowman (7:35 p.m.)	Mr. Travis Simms (7:46 p.m.)
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Beth Siegelbaum
District D:	Mr. Douglas Hempstead	Mr. George Tsiranides
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	

At Roll Call there were eleven (11) Council Members present and four (4) Council members present and four (4) absent (Ms. Bowman (7:35 p.m.); Mr. Igneri; Mr. Simms (7:46 p.m.) and Ms. Smyth)

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

## II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: March 27, 2018

- \*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
- \*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. SACCHINELLI)

## III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak this evening.

## IV. MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Rilling announced that Norwalk will celebrate its third annual clean city initiative on April 21st. He said this was an opportunity to remind people to keep Norwalk Beautiful.

Ms. Bowman joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Rilling announced that April is Child Abuse month and that a gathering will take place in front of the pinwheels on the lawn at City Hall on April 17th to commemorate Child Abuse Prevention Month.

## V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

- \*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- \*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO ADD A RESOLUTION TO ADD THE VOTE TO RAISE THE BUDGET GAP
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
**VII.A.1., VII.A.2a, VII.A.2b, VII.A.3,**

**LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT**

**VII.B.1a, VII.B.1b, VII.B.2, VII.B.3, VII.B.4, VII.B.5, VII.B.6a, VII.B.6b, VII.B.7a, VII.B.7b, VII.B.8, VII.B.9, VII.B.10a, VII.B.10b**

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

**A. CORPORATION COUNSEL**

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**1. RESCIND ITEM NO.**

**VII.C.1 ON THE COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2017, WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND AECOM (FORMERLY URS CORPORATION), FOR EXTRA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES REQUIRED DURING CONSTRUCTION, FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE PERRY AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE NORWALK RIVER PROJECT, CONNDOT PROJECT NO. 102-319, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,500.00. (FUNDING 80% FEDERAL, 20% CITY).**

**ACCOUNT NO: 09 17 4021 5777 C0392      09 18 4021 5777 C0392      09 16 4021 5799 C0392**

**NEW ACTION AUTHORIZATION REQUEST: INCLUDED THE FEDERAL PROJECT NO. TO HELP DIFFERENTIATE THE PROJECTS.**

**2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND AECOM (FORMERLY URS CORPORATION), FOR EXTRA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES REQUIRED DURING CONSTRUCTION, FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE PERRY AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE NORWALK RIVER PROJECT, CONNDOT PROJECT NO. 102-319, FEDERAL PROJECT NO. 6102(009), FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$74,350.00 (FUNDING 80% FEDERAL, 20% CITY).**

**ACCOUNT NO: 09 17 4021 5777 C0392      09 18 4021 5777 C0392      09 6 4021 5799 C0392**

**2B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND AECOM (FORMERLY URS CORPORATION), FOR EXTRA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES REQUIRED DURING CONSTRUCTION, FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE PERRY AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE NORWALK RIVER PROJECT, CONNDOT PROJECT NO. 102-319, FEDERAL PROJECT NO. 6102(011), FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,350.00 (FUNDING 80% FEDERAL, 20% CITY). ACCOUNT NO: 09 17 4021 5777 C0392 09 18 4021 5777 C0392 09 06 4021 5799 C0392**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE CLOSING ON THE GRANTING OF EASEMENTS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BE USED BY THE CITY FOR MULTI-PURPOSE TRAILS ALONG ROUTE 7, AS PART OF THE NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL SYSTEM.**

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

**1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH YOUNG DEVELOPERS LLC FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT THE FIRE SUPPORT SERVICES FACILITIES FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$583,709.00. ACCOUNT NO: 0918 3110 5777 C0443**

**1B. AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDER ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$58,371.00.**

**2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SUBLEASE AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITY OF NORWALK, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE HEADSTART, INC., AND, ODYSSEY LEARNING INC. FOR THE USE OF THE NATHANIEL ELY CENTER FOR THE OPERATION OF A 2018 SUMMER CHILD CARE PROGRAMMING FOR HEAD START CHILDREN FROM JULY 5, 2018 TO AUGUST 3, 2018.**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SUBLEASE AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITY OF NORWALK, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE HEADSTART, INC., AND STEPPING STONES MUSEUM FOR CHILDREN, INC. FOR THE USE OF THE BEN FRANKLIN CENTER FOR THE OPERATION OF A 2018 SUMMER CHILD CARE PROGRAMMING FOR HEAD START CHILDREN FROM JULY 5, 2018 TO AUGUST 3, 2018.**

**4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND, ODYSSEY LEARNING INC. FOR THE OPERATION OF THE NATHANIEL ELY CENTER TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FROM JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2020.**

**5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND GROWING SEEDS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER INC., CDC, LLC FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CENTER TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FROM JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2020.**

**6A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TRI STATE LED INC. FOR THE SUPPLY OF LIGHT FIXTURES FOR THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING RETROFIT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$32,554.86. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNT NO: 0916/17 7100 5777 C0327**

**6B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$3,255.40.**

**7A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AGENT, TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO AM ELECTRIC COMPANY, LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LIGHT FIXTURES FOR THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING RETROFIT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$20,560.86. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNT NO: 0917/18 7100 5777 C0327**

**7B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$2,056.00.**

**8. APPROVE NEW ENGLAND ENERGY CONTROLS, INC., AN AUTHORIZED SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE FOR KMC BUILDING ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AS SOLE SOURCE VENDOR TO SERVICE KMC EQUIPMENT. THIS APPROVAL SHALL EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2021.**

**9. APPROVE AUTOMATED BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC., AN AUTHORIZED SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE FOR ALERTON CONTROL SYSTEMS AS SOLE SOURCE VENDOR TO SERVICE ALERTON EQUIPMENT. THIS APPROVAL SHALL EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2021.**

**10A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH GIACORP CONTRACTING INC. FOR ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT THE NORWALK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$130,685.00. ACCOUNTS NO: 09166310 5777 C0573, 09176310 5777 C0573, 09156310 5777 C0579, AND 091863105777 C0549.**

**10B. AUTHORIZE THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$13,000.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **C. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Kydes said the conversation on the Capital budget started early. Over \$6 million was allocated for streets and sidewalks. In addition, the bulky waste pickup was expanded with the purchase of a new garbage truck.

The City fully funded the Board of Education's request for Chromebooks for students. Major improvements were made to the parks and funds were allocated for the West Rocks Middle School soccer field. Mr. Kydes thanked everyone for their hard work.

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**1. APPROVE THE 2018-2019 CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NORWALK WITH MODIFICATIONS AS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED MEMO.**

Mr. Hempstead asked for an explanation on the funding of the Columbus Magnet School project. Mr. Barron said he recommended that the funding stay the same as it was presented last year.

Mr. Simms joined the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Mr. Barron said funding is different from appropriated. The funding is representative of the plan embarked on last year. He said that the Board of Education's request is equal to what was presented last year and equal to what he put in the budget this year.

Mr. Hempstead asked if the money was locked to the Board of Education when it is appropriated. Mr. Barron said it is not locked for capital appropriations. He explained that the entire amount is appropriated, but if there are overruns, the Board of Education has to come back to the Common Council to request additional funds. This makes it easier to see if the Board of Education is keeping on track with the investment made in the schools.

Mr. Hempstead thanked Mayor Rilling and Mr. Kydes for putting together a good and balanced capital budget.

Ms. Bowman said she will abstain from voting over the appropriation for Columbus Magnet School and Jefferson School. She said she learned the projects will not start for two years, so does not understand why funding is being appropriated. She added that she also learned that Ponus Ridge Middle School is over budget and asked if the project was every re-assessed. Ms. Bowman said she learned that the South Norwalk schools may eliminate air conditioning.

Ms. Bowman talked about acquiring properties for the South Norwalk school and said they may go to court over different issues with one property. She said she needs to understand what things are going to cost for the schools and that she does not understand the logic of putting the cart before the horse.

Ms. Bowman mentioned putting portable classrooms at Columbus Magnet School so they could begin the renovations.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. SIMMS)  
AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS. BOWMAN)**

#### **X. SUSPENSION OF RULES**

**\*\* MR. BURNETT MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE  
FOLLOWING ITEM TO THE AGENDA  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**WHEREAS, SECTION 1-289 OF THE NORWALK CHARTER REQUIRES THAT A 2/3 RD AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMON COUNCIL IS NECESSARY TO AMEND THE MAXIMUM LIMIT ON LOCALLY FUNDED EXPENDITURES PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED ON FEBRUARY 27, 2018.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK THAT:**

**THE AMENDED MAXIMUM LIMIT ON TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018, SHALL BE NO MORE THAN \$337,118,940. THIS APPROPRIATION CAP REPRESENTS TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF \$354,088,655 LESS ESTIMATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANTS OF \$16,969,715. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE RESULT OF THIS VOTE AND RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF NORWALK TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION.**

Mr. Kydes said he knows the Board of Education was underfunded for decades but is comforted in knowing that they received the largest funding. He noted that he does not agree with the Board of Education cutting staff.

Mr. Kydes said the City is showing its commitment to the board of Education.

Mr. Hempstead asked if the bottom line to the Board of Education will become the baseline for next year's budget request. Mr. Barron said that will be the minimum budget requirement next year. He said the Board of Education's use of their anticipated insurance fund will not increase next year's appropriation by the City. Mr. Barron said they agreed to exhaust that fund except for around \$200,000 for self-funded dental and vision.

Mr. Hempstead asked if the City would have to make up any amount cut by the State for the ECS funding. Mr. Barron said it will not impact the appropriation from the City. Mr. Hempstead asked if the City would be responsible if there is an ECS cut. Mr. Barron said it would only be responsible to the extent it chooses; it would be up to the Common Council.

Mr. Hempstead said he was struggling and worried about the following fiscal year, but he knows the Board of Education has made strides; this is a leap of faith for him but said he will support this.

Mr. Hempstead said that the people in state positions, who can bring funding for ECS for Norwalk kids are accountable.



Mr. Hempstead referenced a sign in the lobby showing per student funding in other districts. He said it was inappropriate, inflammatory and inaccurate and that it was time to take down the lies. Mr. Hempstead said that the Common Council did not cut the budget for the Board of Education and the City did not tell the Board of Education to cut staff. He said the City fully funded present positions.

Ms. Bowman said if the Board of Education wanted to fund the positions, they were more than capable with the funding being provided. The funding is there to keep the individuals if they want.

Referring to the sign, Mr. Corsello said that it shows Norwalk spending less than the surrounding towns, and that is not true. He said Norwalk spends less than the town of Fairfield, but their median income is higher than Norwalk.

Mr. Barron said he feels there is a great story to tell about supporting the Board of Education. He noted he has to demonstrate how the fund balance will be restored. The rating agencies expect higher fund balances in the State of Connecticut.

Mayor Rilling thanked Mr. Barron for being a responsible protector of the City's funds. He said he is a true professional and that he has total confidence in how he handles his job as the Finance Director.

Mayor Rilling thanked the Common Council and the Board of Estimate and Taxation and said it was a challenging budget year. He said everyone is working toward making Norwalk the best it can be and giving children a world class education. He said that after many hours of hard work, he feels they came up with a balance to help keep the taxes as low as possible and funding the Board of Education.

Mayor Rilling said that over the past few years, the City has given the Board of Education \$22 million. He said he is creating a committee, that he will chair, to look at how they can craft a budget to give the Board of Education what they need while keeping taxes down.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH TWELVE (12) IN FAVOR (MR. BURNETT; MR. CORSELLO; MR. SACCHINELLI; MR. STERN; MS. MELENDEZ; MR. YERINIDES; MR. SIMMS; MR. KYDES; MS. SIEGELBAUM; MR. HEMPSTEAD; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS. BOWMAN)**

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

There were none this evening.

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

There were none this evening.

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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