

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 7:32 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the attacks on September 11, 2001.

Ms. King 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. Michael Corsello	Mr. Nicholas Sacchinelli Mr. Douglas Stern
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. Chris Yerinides
District B:	Mr. Ernest Dumas	
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Beth Siegelbaum
District D:	Mr. Douglas Hempstead	Mr. George Tsiranides
District E:	Mr. John Igneri	Mr. Thomas Livingston

At Roll Call there were thirteen (13) Common Council members present and two (2) absent (Mr. Simms and Ms. Smyth)

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

## II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: August 28, 2018

The following correction was made to page 7, last paragraph, second sentence should read: He said the current lease situation is unsustainable.

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

## III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Ms. Nancy Rosette spoke in support of the creation of an Economic and Community Development Department. She submitted the following:

The Bike/Walk Commission supports the creation of an Economic and Community Development Department and the position of Transportation Planner. One of the purposes of our commission is to “promote Complete Streets programs and facilities for bicycles and pedestrians in Norwalk”.

Complete streets are for everyone. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.

Over the past few years, the commission and its predecessor organization, has worked with the Department of Public Works to improve the built environment for all users of the roads, which is a large part of the Complete Streets philosophy. Having a single department responsible for transportation and mobility as well as business development and tourism will bring Complete Streets improvements to Norwalk more efficiently and economically. The Transportation Planner would also plan and develop projects with an emphasis on Complete Streets and work toward long-term solutions and improvements.

Mr. Richard Bonenfant said that in the written handout of the organizational chart the Common Council was not listed. He urged the Common Council members to be careful that they are not giving away any of their powers.

Mr. Jim Clark said to do it right or not at all. He said he believes that the Mayor’s re-organization proposal will achieve organizational effectiveness. He urged the Common Council to adopt the Mayor’s proposal.

#### IV. MAYOR

##### A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were none.

APPOINTMENTS: There were none.

REAPPOINTMENTS:

Danielle Vinci, Arts Commission

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DANIELLE VINCI TO THE ARTS COMMISSION**

Mr. Hempstead said what is better than appointing an artist to the Arts Commission.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling said a moment of silence was held at the beginning of this meeting. The annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony was held this morning at City Hall. He noted that Norwalk lost 14 residents in the attack and he does not want to forget the sacrifices made that day. He thanked Ms. King and the staff in his office for organizing the event.

On Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> the WHEELS2U pilot program will begin. The cost of a ride is \$2.00 and the first 12,500 rides will be paid by the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency.

The Norwalk in water boat show will take place from September 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> at Norwalk Cove Marina.

#### V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Kydes announced that Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> is Salute to Norwalk Day at The Maritime Aquarium. Norwalk residents will get free admission that day.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were none.

APPOINTMENTS: There were none.

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were none.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.A.3, VII.A.4, VII.A.5, VII.A.6, VII.A.7b, VII.A.8, VII.C.1a, VII.C.1b, VII.C.2a, VII.C.2b, VII.C.3a, VII.C.3b, VII.C.4a, VII.C.4b, VII.C.5, VII.C.6, VII.D.1

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

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

B. BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR PROJECT RD2018-1 CONCRETE CURBS AND SIDEWALKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 19 4021 5777 C0318**

**2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC. TO ASSIST WITH THE REVIEW OF CTDOT'S TRAFFIC STUDY RELATED TO WALK BRIDGE PROJECTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00. ACCOUNT 01 40 30 5258**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:  
STATE PROJECT 102-362 OVER-HEIGHT VEHICLE DETECTION SYSTEM FOR WASHINGTON STREET METRO NORTH RAILROAD BRIDGE NO. 3693R**

**WHEREAS, THE CITY OF NORWALK, CT HAS CONDUCTED A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT, STATE PROJECT 102-362 OVER-HEIGHT VEHICLE DETECTION SYSTEM FOR WASHINGTON STREET VEHICLE DETECTION SYSTEM FOR WASHINGTON STREET METRO-NORTH RAILROAD BRIDGE NO. 3693R:**

**AND WHEREAS, THE CITY OF NORWALK, CT HAS PUBLISHED A LEGAL NOTICE DISPLAY AD, MAILED A NEWS RELEASE TO MULTIPLE OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES, AND MAILED A FORMAL LETTER TO ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS, ANNOUNCING THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT;**

**AND WHEREAS, THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING WAS HELD ON AUGUST 22, 2018 AT NORWALK CITY HALL, AT WHICH RESIDENTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS;**

**AND WHEREAS, THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL HAS CONSIDERED THE CONCERNS OF RESIDENTS FROM THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING AND FINDS THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, CT AND WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF ITS RESIDENTS AND PROVIDE FOR THE CONVENIENCE AND SAFETY OF THE MOTORING PUBLIC AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC. THE CITY OF NORWALK, CT WILL CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE RESIDENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AS DESIGN DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT PROCEEDS.**

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF NORWALK, CT BASED ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION, AND BY VIRTUE OF THIS RESOLUTION, HEREBY FULLY SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED PROJECT. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.**

**4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TRAFFIC TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, INC. (ITS) AT NO COST TO THE CITY TO SHARE REAL-TIME TRAFFIC SIGNAL INFORMATION IN EXCHANGE FOR AUTONOMOUS INFORMATION FROM CONNECTED VEHICLE APPLICATIONS TO IMPROVE ROADWAY SAFETY, REDUCE CONGESTION, AND OPTIMIZE TRAFFIC FLOW.**

**5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CONNECTED SIGNALS, INC. AT NO-COST TO THE CITY TO SHARE REAL-TIME TRAFFIC SIGNAL INFORMATION IN EXCHANGE FOR AUTONOMOUS INFORMATION FROM CONNECTED VEHICLE APPLICATIONS TO IMPROVE**

**ROADWAY SAFETY, REDUCE CONGESTION, AND OPTIMIZE TRAFFIC FLOW.**

**6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH LIVE TRAFFIC DATA TRAFFIC AT NO-COST TO THE CITY TO SHARE REAL-TIME TRAFFIC SIGNAL INFORMATION IN EXCHANGE FOR AUTONOMOUS INFORMATION FROM CONNECTED VEHICLE APPLICATIONS TO IMPROVE ROADWAY SAFETY, REDUCE CONGESTION, AND OPTIMIZE TRAFFIC FLOW.**

**TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF MARCH 13, 2018, ITEM VII.A.3 TO ADD AN ACCOUNT DESIGNATED FOR FOOTPATH REPLACEMENT, ACCOUNT NUMBER 09 18 4021 5777 C0503**

**7A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GRASSO COMPANIES, LLC FOR PROJECT PM2018-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$2,875,598.75.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 17 4021 5777 C0021 09 18 4021 5777 C0021 09 18 4027 5777 C0302 09 17 4021 5777 C0515 03 00 00 2602 09 18 4021 5777 C0303 09 19 4021 5777 C0303 09 18 4021 5777 C0503**

***CONSENT TO TABLE TO NEXT MEETING***

**7B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH THE GRASSO COMPANIES, LLC FOR PROJECT PM2018-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$287,559.87.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 17 4021 5777 C0021 09 18 4021 5777 C0021 09 18 4027 5777 C0302 09 17 4021 5777 C0515 03 00 00 2602 09 18 4021 5777 C0303 09 19 4021 5777 C0303 09 18 4021 5777 C0503**

***CONSENT TO TABLE TO NEXT MEETING***

**8. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER TO CARGILL, INCORPORATED FOR SALT, ROAD SAFETY FOR TREATED ROAD SALT FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL, PRICING NOT TO EXCEED \$82.57 PER TON FOR NORMAL AND AFTER HOURS DELIVERIES EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2018-19 WINTER SEASON.**

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

**1A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO VERNIER SOFTWARE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PURCHASE OF BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY SUPPLIES FOR**

**NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,749.00 PLUS A CONTINGENCY OF \$3,200. ACCT. #09195010 5777 C0609**

**1B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO VERNIER SOFTWARE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PURCHASE OF BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY SUPPLIES FOR BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,986.40 PLUS A CONTINGENCY OF \$4,700. ACCT. #09195010 5777 C0609**

**2A. AUTHORIZE THE CITY'S PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO AUTOMATED BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL RETRO-COMMISSIONING ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,478.00. ACCT. # 09195010 5777 C0621**

**2B. AUTHORIZE THE BOE FACILITIES DIRECTOR TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON P.O. FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$2,147.00.**

**3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH J.A. ROSA CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL FREIGHT ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$248,182.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09185010 5777 C0610**

**3B. AUTHORIZE THE NFCC TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDER ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00.**

**4A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SAV-MOR COOLING & HEATING, INC. FOR THE CHILLER REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT THE NORWALK MUSEUM FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$47,489.00. ACCTS# 0916 7100 5777 C0325 AND 0918 7100 5777 C0476.**

**4B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$4,748.**

**5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERUSALEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE USE OF 4 TITO COURT FROM AUGUST 1, 2018 (RETROACTIVE) TO JULY 31, 2019. LEASE TERMS SHALL BE AS OUTLINED IN ALAN LO'S MEMO DATED AUGUST 30, 2018.**

**6. APPROVE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT USE OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 194 RICHARDS AVENUE:**

**“WHEREAS, THE CITY OF NORWALK OWNS APPROXIMATELY TEN (10) ACRES OF UNIMPROVED LAND BORDERING THE SITE OF THE NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED ON RICHARDS AVENUE AND WEST CEDAR STREET (THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AT 194 RICHARDS AVENUE, BLOCK 68, LOT 220); AND**

**WHEREAS, THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WAS FORMERLY PART OF PROPERTY COMPRISING THE SITE OF THE JOHN D. MCGRATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (THE SCHOOL PROPERTY), A PUBLIC SCHOOL OPERATED BY THE NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND WHEREAS, IN 1984 THE NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTED TO RETURN THE SCHOOL PROPERTY, TO THE CITY OF NORWALK FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE “OF HOUSING THE NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE”; AND**

**WHEREAS, IN OCTOBER 1985, THE CITY OF NORWALK TRANSFERRED THE SCHOOL PROPERTY TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT WHILE RETAINING OWNERSHIP OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; AND**

**WHEREAS THE SUBJECT PROPERTY REMAINS UNIMPROVED LAND TO DATE.**

**THEREFORE, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK HEREBY AFFIRMS THAT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY HAS AT NO TIME BEEN DEVELOPED, USED OR MAINTAINED AS A PUBLIC PARK AND HAS NEVER BEEN DEDICATED BY THE CITY AS SUCH BUT, RATHER, IS AND REMAINS SIMPLY UNIMPROVED PROPERTY.”**

**D. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HARRIMAN TO CONDUCT A TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT STUDY AT THE EAST NORWALK RAILROAD STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000, PURSUANT TO A \$125,000 GRANT RECEIVED FROM CT OPM THROUGH THE 2017 RESPONSIBLE GROWTH AND TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

**1. APPROVAL OF AND VOTE ON NEW POSITION DESCRIPTIONS, ORDINANCES AND FINANCIAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED REORGANIZATION**

Mr. Sacchinelli commended and thanked everyone involved with the re-alignment. He described this as an internal personnel alignment. He said it was the Mayor's idea to add a performance dashboard.

Mr. Sacchinelli said the powers held by the Common Council and Common Council committees will not be touched.

Mr. Hempstead said he would not support the reorganization. He said he believes in change but early on when he asked if a study was done, he said he was told no. Mr. Hempstead said he does not know why three new super positions are being created and is not sure what the measurable steps are.

Mr. Burnett said the accountability rests with the Common Council. They do not have all the answers tonight, but this is a beginning. As the Common Council, they have the responsibility to ensure success.

Mr. Corsello said a great deal of work went into the reorganization. He said his concern is that it is being implemented all at once. He said he would have liked to see a plan that saved money. Mr. Corsello said he would not support the reorganization.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH THREE (3) VOTES IN OPPOSITION (MR. CORSELLO, MR. DUMAS AND MR. HEMPSTEAD)**

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:03 P.M.**

The public was excused and left the Common Council Chambers.

1. Discussion regarding litigation titled, City of Norwalk and City of Norwalk Redevelopment Agency vs. ILSR Owners, LLC and Wall St Opportunity Fund, LLC, which is currently pending in the Stamford-Norwalk Judicial District at Stamford, and discussion regarding the land disposition and development agreement by and between the City of Norwalk, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Norwalk and POKO-IWSR Developers, LLC, dated November 14, 2007 (as amended), and the conditional

agreement by and between the City, the Agency and POKO, dated July 27, 2015 and the loan recognition agreement, by and between POKO-IWSR Developers, LLC, the City of Norwalk, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Norwalk, Citibank, N.A., State of Connecticut Department of Housing, State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, National Equity Fund, Inc., MC Credit, LLC, IWSR Owners, LLC and ILSR Owners, LLC, dated November 14, 2007 (as amended).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Common Council members came out of Executive Session at 9:09 p.m. During Executive Session, no motions or votes were taken.

**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**

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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