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**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.**

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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:32 p. m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. She said that assisted listening devices were available.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett Mr. Michael Corsello	Mr. Douglas Stern Ms. Barbara Smyth
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. Chris Yerinides
District B:	Mr. Ernest Dumas	Mr. Travis Simms
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Beth Siegelbaum
District D:	Mr. Douglas Hempstead	Mr. George Tsiranides
District E:	Mr. John Igneri	

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

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

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**October 9, 2018**

- \*\* **MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 9, 2018 MINUTES AS AMENDED.**
- \*\* **THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE ABSTENTION (MS. SIEGELBAUM).**

### **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Stewart Wells came forward to report on the Registrar of Voters. He stated that we now have over 52 thousand registered voters in Norwalk. That is a 20% increase over the number of registered voters four years ago. He stated that as a result of the increase in voters, more voting booths are needed. We received 30 voting booths from a nearby municipality. They no longer needed them. As of the next redistricting, we will need more polling locations. He stated we will also need more tabulators and a transportation cabinet.

Ms. Christine Bradley stated that the PopUp Library is an electric vehicle that can visit schools during the summer. It will help to prevent the summer slide that students experience. She stated that we hope to have the PopUp Library ready in time to be included in the Memorial Day parade.

Mr. Alex Knopp stated that the PopUp Library is a special appropriation. We want to have it ready by April and be using it over next summer. If we waited until July 1<sup>st</sup> and the new Capital Budget, we would miss the opportunity to use the PopUp Library in the summer of 2019.

Mayor Rilling stated that there were funds left over from other Library projects. We reallocated the funds to this Library project. The PopUp Library is important to prevent the summer slide that students experience.

### **IV. MAYOR**

#### **A. Resignations and Appointments**

**Resignations:** None

**Appointments:** Cesar Ramirez, Fair Housing Advisory Commission

- \*\* **MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPOINT CESAR RAMIREZ TO THE FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

Mr. Burnett stated that Mr. Ramirez is hard working man of character and should be appointed. Mr. Simms stated that Mr. Ramirez has worked hard for the City for many years and should be appointed.

- \*\* **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Reappointments:** Nancy S. Burke, Fair Housing Advisory Commission

Jeffrey A. Ingraham, Fair Housing Advisory Commission

- \*\* **Mr. Burnett moved to reappoint Nancy S. Burke to the Fair Housing Advisory Commission.**
- \*\* **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Rilling stated that Mr. Jeffrey A. Ingraham's appointment does not end until next year. Mayor Rilling withdrew the reappointment.

**Mayor's Remarks:**

Mayor Rilling stated that tomorrow is the Washington Village Soundview ribbon cutting and groundbreaking ceremony. It will be modernized with market rate, work force, and subsidized housing.

Mayor Rilling stated that tomorrow is United Nations Flag Day. We will be raising the U. N. Flag tomorrow morning at City Hall.

Mayor Rilling stated that we are in flu season and it is recommended that we all get flu shots. It is important to get inoculated.

Mayor Rilling stated that Halloween is next week. He reminded everyone to drive safely and be alert to children trick or treating.

Mayor Rilling stated that it is still possible to register and vote. It is our right and civic duty. He stated he hopes we all vote on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**A. General Council Business**                      None

**Resignations and Appointments:**                      None

**Resignations:**    None

**Appointments:**    None

**Reappointments:**    None

**B. Consent Calendar:**

Mr. Kydes stated that for anyone who has heard their item read, it has been approved. They are not required to stay, but may do so if they choose.

Ms. Siegelbaum read the consent calendar as follows:

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

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry, W. Rilling, to enter into an agreement with Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter for their use of Calf Pasture Beach for their Walk to End Alzheimer's to be held Sunday, October 13, 2019 from 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM with set-up to begin at 6:00 AM and tear down no later than 3:00 PM on Sunday, October 13, 2019. Estimated attendance 1,500.

2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter into an agreement with Greenwich Kennel Club/Longshore Southport Kennel club for the use of Taylor Farm for their 87<sup>th</sup> Greenwich Kennel Club AKC Dog Show, Obedience & Rally Trails and Longshore Kennel Club AKC Dog Show to be held Saturday, June 8, 2019 and Sunday, June 9, 2019 from 8:30 AM – 6:30 PM. Set up to take place at 6:00 AM on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 with tear down no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, June 10, 2019. Estimated attendance 1,000.

3. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter into an agreement with Norwalk Board of Education and the Maritime Aquarium for the use of Veterans Park for their Annual Norwalk River Fun Run to be held Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM with a rain Date of Sunday, December 2, 2018. Estimated attendance 300.

4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter into an agreement with M. E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc. for the purchase of Fodor Farm Playground Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$55,270.00. Account #0918-6030-5777-C0364.

## **C. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

1. Accept and Approve the Report of the Claims Committee Dated: October, 11, 2018.

2. For informational purposes only: Narrative on Tax Collector's Report Dated: October 18, 2018.

3. For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report Dated: September 30, 2018.

4. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue purchase orders to Eagle View, a sole source provider, for the acquisition of aerial photography of the entire City of Norwalk, for an amount not to exceed \$23,530.50, per proposal Q-23970, GSA contract number GS-35F-0801N, account 09190600-5777-C0375.

5. Authorize special capital appropriation in the amount of \$75,000 to purchase the Mobile PopUp Library, Capital Fund account 09196210-5777-C0633.

**\*\* MS. SIEGELBAUM MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**VII. A1, A2, A3, A4. C1, C2, C3, C4, C5.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**A. Corporation Counsel:** None

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**B. Public Works Committee**

**1. Authorize the Water Pollution Control Authority to execute an amendment to the February 19, 2016 Agreement with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$150,000 to provide additional on-call professional engineering services on behalf of the City of Norwalk for emergency storm water system design.**

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09 13 4027 5777 C0425**

**\*\* MR. IGNIRI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEBRUARY 19, 2016 AGREEMENT WITH CH2M HILL ENGINEERS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORWALK FOR EMERGENCY STORM WATER SYSTEM DESIGN.**

Mr. Igneri stated that this is an excellent item. We have had a large amount of rain over the last few weeks. One rain storm overwhelmed our system.

Mr. Kydes stated that this is a good step forward to resolve the flooding issues we have around the City.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**D. Personnel Committee**

**1. Approval of and Vote on salary increases and bonus pool for Ordinance employees.**

**\*\* MS. SMYTH MOVED THE APPROVAL OF AND VOTE ON SALARY INCREASES AND BONUS POOL FOR ORDINANCE EMPLOYEES.**

Ms. Smyth stated that this salary increase represents a COLA increase of 2.36% for ordinance employees. Ordinance employees are non-union employees. We want to keep our non-union employees up to date with the union employees. In the past, there have been some inequities on the increases.

Ms. Smyth stated that this is an annual increase that has been included in the budget. She stated some recently hired non-union employees are not included in the increase. Employees hired as part of the reorganization are not included either.

Ms. Smyth stated that the bonus pool is a \$50 thousand amount and it has been included in the budget. It creates equity with union employees. Ms. Smyth stated that we have charged, Director of Personnel Ray Burney with creating a structured evaluation system for the bonuses.

Mayor Rilling stated that an effective evaluation system is critical to the success of the bonus program. Our employees are hard-working and put in long hours each day.

Mr. Ray Burney stated that a revised bonus evaluation system will be presented to the Personnel Committee in April.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH ELEVEN VOTES IN FAVOR WITH ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. HEMPSTEAD), AND ONE ABSTENTION (MR. DUMAS).**

## **2. Approval of and Vote on salary increases for Registrars of Voters.**

**\*\* MS. SMYTH MOVED THE APPROVAL OF AND VOTE ON SALARY INCREASES FOR REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.**

Ms. Smyth stated that there have been inequities in salary increases. We made comparisons to cities of our size in the surrounding area. January 1, 2019 the Registrar of Voters salary will be increased by 2.36% and increased again on July 1, 2019 by 2.36%. Thereafter, the Registrar of Voters salary increases will be increased at the same time as ordinance employees.

Mr. Kydes stated that this increase brings our salaries to levels similar to cities in the surrounding area. Mr. Burney stated that the last pay increase was on December 31, 2016. Under the old pay plan, they are scheduled to receive increases on December 31, 2018. The additional compensation that the Personnel Committee will be on top of the December 31, 2018 increase.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **VIII. RESOLUTIONS FORM 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**

**\*\* MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney  
Telesco Secretarial Services