

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 7:35 p.m. and led the assembly with the pledge of allegiance.

City Clerk King read the notice that this meeting is being video taped 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. Douglas Hempstead
	Mr. Glenn Iannaccone	Mr. Bruce Kimmel
		Ms. Sharon Stewart
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	
District B:	Ms. Phaedrel Bowman	Mr. David Watts
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Michelle Maggio
District D:	Ms. Shannon O'Toole-Giandurco	Mr. Jerry Petrini
District E:	Mr. John Igeneri	Mr. David McCarthy

Mayor Harry Rilling; Attorney Mario Coppola, Corporation Counsel; Donna King, City Clerk;
Fourteen members present. Absent: Travis Simms.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting – July 23, 2015

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JULY 23, 2015 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

City Clerk King read the name of who had signed up to speak on an agenda item and asked to come forward, state name and address and to keep comments within the three minute time limit.

Note: Public comments are not verbatim and represent summarizations of statements made unless otherwise noted.

Public Comments:

1 Mary Teresa (Missy) Conrad, 37 Stonecrop Road, Norwalk, spoke in favor of Councilman David McCarthy's proposal to support a resolution against the use of non-therapeutic antibiotics. She reported that India does not have one major city with a clean water supply. People there buy & use antibiotics indiscriminately, no prescription required. This sets the stage for the growth of super-germs. This is unsafe for us all on this one planet Earth...the US Conference of Mayors voted for the eighth straight year this past June to encourage localities to join MayorsForPeace.org. Our present US federal budget includes & projects trillions of dollars to update our nuclear weapons ...calling for redirection of these resources in support of bringing to you the request to please join Mayors For Peace & help guide our government...This is the 70th year since the only use of nuclear weapons, & now an accident is more expected by scientists. We share with you, our local leaders, the book Hiroshima as a focus on the reality & the pamphlet "One Minute for Peace" from the American Friends Service Committee, Nobel Peace Prize recipient, 1947.

Mayor Rilling asked if any members of the public wished to speak, and hearing none, closed the public participation portion of the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

IV. MAYOR

RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS - REAPPOINTMENTS:

Nora King – Zoning Commission
Douglas Stern– Zoning Commission
Roderick C. Johnson – Zoning Commission (ALT)
Michael O'Reilly – Zoning Commission (ALT)

Mayor Rilling stated that the reappointments of Nora King and Douglas Stern have been withdrawn from the agenda until the meeting of August 25.

**** MR. PETRINI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF
RODERICK C. JOHNSON AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING
COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 7/01/2018.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF
MICHAEL O'REILLY AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING COMMISSION
WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 7/01/2018.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Rilling noted that the new council chairs are in place and he thanked Mr. Lo for his work on the replacement of the old chairs. He announced the following events:

- Mayor's Health Walk this Saturday starts at Fox Run at 8 am. The walks have been very well attended and this one will be three miles.
- Head of Harbor South ground breaking is August 17 at 4 pm.
- Greek Festival August 20-23.
- Youth Concussion Summit at City Hall in the Community Room on August 24 brings attention and focus to this issue that affects many youth athletes.
- Norwalk Beaches have concerts and programs and residents are encouraged to attend and enjoy the festivities during these last days of summer.
- Back-to-school the week of August 24 brings more traffic and motorists are urged to use caution on the roads and to be aware of student pedestrians and buses.
- SONO Arts Festival this weekend, August 15-16.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Petrini announced that the Calf Pasture Beach concerts have been very successful with large attendance, and note that tomorrow is the Eagles Tribute Band, Desert Highway.

GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Petrini explained the consent calendar to those in attendance and noted that if their item is on consent it means that no further discussion will take place on the items and representatives in attendance on items are free to leave.

MR. PETRINI MOVED THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS FOLLOWS:

VII. A3, A4; VII. B1, B2; VII. C1a, C1b, C2, C3a, C3b; 4a, 4b; VII. D1.

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

Items on the Consent Calendar are in bold as follows:

VII COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY

3. Authorize Mayor Harry W. Rilling to execute an Agreement with CHW Research Inc for the development and execution of an "Entry Level Test" for the Fire Department for a fee not to exceed \$88,000. Account # 03140 5258.

Consent Calendar -- continued

4. Authorize the Fire Chief Denis McCarthy to execute change orders with CWH Research Inc. for the "Entry Level Test" for the Fire Department for a sum not to exceed \$23,700. Account # 013140 5258.

B. PUBLIC WORKS

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement with Safety Markings, Inc. for Project No. TRF 2015-1 Proposed Pavement Markings, Symbols & Legends at Various Locations for a sum not to exceed \$61,165.

2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, to execute Change Orders with Safety Markings, Inc. for Project No. TRF 2015-1 Proposed Pavement Markings, Symbols & Legends at Various Locations for a sum not to exceed \$6,116. Account No. 0916 4021 5777 C0562

C. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Carbtrol Corporation for the purchase of an Equipment Washing System for Oak Hills Park for a total not to exceed \$26,500. Funds are available from the State Grant. Acct. #09151340 5799 C0558

1b. Authorize a contingency in the amount of \$500.

2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an amendment to Silver Petrucelli Associates' architectural design services contract for Rowayton School to include \$22,601 necessary to reimburse environmental consultant for remediation monitoring services and \$17,347 for Construction Administration services relating to project phasing and modified construction schedule. #09045010 5777 B0322

3a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a Contract with Better Homes Bureau LLC for the exterior painting of the Fire Support Services Facilities at 100 Fairfield Avenue for a total not to exceed \$29,786.15. Acct. #09153110 5777 C0557.

3b. Authorize the Office of Building Management to issue Change Order on Contract for a total not to exceed \$2,978.

4a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an agreement with NAC Industries, Inc. for sidewalk and exterior concrete stair repair/replacement at City Hall and Ben Franklin Center for a total not to exceed \$31,700.00. Account #'s 09164021 5777 C0349, 09084071 5777 C0418 and 0913/157100 5777 C0476.

4b. Authorize the Office of Building Management to issue change orders on Contract for a total not to exceed \$ 3,170.00.

Consent Calendar – continued

D. PERSONNEL

- 1. Approval of Job Classification for Benefits Manager – Ordinance Position
Salary Range: \$76,600 - \$100,168)**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept grant funds from the Connecticut Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$56,175.00, with the City of Norwalk Police Department responsible for \$18,725.00 with the total cost of the enforcement effort totaling \$74,900.00.
2. Authorize the Police Chief, Thomas E. Kulhawik to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments and amendments thereto as may be necessary to implement all programs through Connecticut Department of Transportation DUI Enforcement Grant, pursuant to such grant funding.

Ms. Maggio moved items A1 and A2 together for discussion. Ms. Bowman asked Deputy Chief Zecca to come forward to answer questions.

Deputy Chief Zecca explained that item 1 is an annual grant to assist with the DUI check points that are set up along West Avenue and Route 1 at key intersections and roving patrols during peak times. She added that regarding item 2, there is no need for the bids as it is part of the state contract and pricing that is negotiated with the state.

**** MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,175.00, WITH THE CITY OF NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR \$18,725.00, WITH THE TOTAL COST OF THE ENFORCEMENT EFFORT TOTALING \$74,900.00. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF, THOMAS E. KULHAWIK TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROGRAMS THROUGH CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DUI ENFORCEMENT GRANT, PURSUANT TO SUCH GRANT FUNDING.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY – continued

5. Authorize the purchasing agent to execute a purchase order, on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to Crowley Ford, for the purchase of 2- 2016 Ford Fusions, for the amount not to exceed \$35,000. Account #013053-5731

Ms. Maggio moved the item for discussion. Mr. Kimmel noted that the price is extremely affordable. Deputy Chief Zecca acknowledged that the low price was well negotiated and explained that the vehicle is not quite as fully equipped as other standard police vehicles.

**** MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO CROWLEY FORD, FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2- 2016 FORD FUSIONS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000. ACCOUNT #013053-5731
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Authorize the Mayor of Norwalk, Harry W. Rilling, to sign any and all documents relating to the Inter-Town Capitol Equipment Purchase Incentive (ICE) Program.

Deputy Chief Zecca referred to the supporting documents and explained that the partnering municipalities grant is one where Norwalk will share equipment housed in a workstation in Weston.

**** MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF NORWALK, HARRY W. RILLING, TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE INTER-TOWN CAPITOL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE INCENTIVE (ICE) PROGRAM
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

**A Resolution Calling for a Ban on the Non-therapeutic Use of Antibiotics in Livestock
Sponsored by David McCarthy**

Mr. McCarthy explained the background and rationale in support of the resolution and read the resolution and moved for adoption, as follows:

Whereas, eighty percent of the antibiotics sold in the United States are used in livestock production, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that livestock thereby become a reservoir of resistant pathogens and resistance mechanisms; and

Whereas, low doses of antibiotics are routinely fed to livestock for disease prevention in a practice known as “non-therapeutic use”; and

Whereas, “non-therapeutic use” creates ideal conditions for the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria; and

Whereas, antibiotic resistant bacteria on livestock operations are known to spread to retail meat, farmers and farm-workers, and rural environments; and

Whereas, antibiotic resistance in pathogens due to non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock production has been a public health concern since the 1960s; and

Whereas, antibiotic resistant bacteria have been the cause of several food borne illness outbreaks, including a 2011 outbreak of antibiotic resistant Salmonella in ground turkey that sickened 136 people, hospitalized 37, and killed one and lead to the third largest meat recall in the USDA’s records and a 2013 outbreak of antibiotic resistant Salmonella in chicken that sickened 416 people and hospitalized 162;

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that at least two million Americans suffer from antibiotic resistant bacterial infections each year and twenty-three thousand Americans die from those infections; and

Whereas, the medical and social costs of antibiotic-resistance infections in just one hospital for one year have been estimated to be between \$13 million and \$18 million; and

Whereas, the federal government has limited non-therapeutic uses of two classes of antibiotics, but otherwise largely relied on voluntary guidance to attempt to reduce overuse of antibiotics in livestock production, despite regular acknowledgements that non-therapeutic use and the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria poses a significant public health threat; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Common Council of the City of Norwalk, support a statewide and national ban on non-therapeutic uses of antibiotics in livestock production; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Norwalk will send a letter to our State Representatives, Congressional Representative and U.S. Senators calling for a ban on the non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock agriculture

**** MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE – none

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES - None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Knox;
Telesco Secretarial Services

ATTEST _____ Date
Donna King, City Clerk