

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. 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. Travis Simms
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Michelle Maggio
District D:	Ms. Shannon O'Toole-Giandurco	Mr. Jerry Petrini
District E:	Mr. John Igneri	Mr. David McCarthy

Mayor Harry Rilling; Attorney Mario Coppola, Corporation Counsel;
Donna King, City Clerk Fourteen (14) members present. Absent: David Watts

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting – April 28, 2015

- ** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2015 AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THIRTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED AND ONE ABSTENTION (KYDES)**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

1. Oscar Destrugue, said he was a 30 year resident of Norwalk, a Fire Commissioner, Pastor of El Camino Methodist Church and member of other City Boards that has worked to make Norwalk a better place. He said he is here to speak on the SoNo Community Center request for CDBG improvement funding shift from roof replacement to add a

third classroom. He said he participated in a community prayer and was invited by Rev. Curtiss to rally parents to focus on education at a recent Board of Education meeting.

Public comments – continued.

He urged the council in support of South Norwalk's children and said thank you for seeing the urgency in a need to improve South Norwalk Community Center to provide a vision of hope for our children. He spoke about the request of this as a capital improvement not services and it was approved for the roof and should be used for other improvements, such as a classroom. He asked to consider the well-being of the community and our children to make a difference in the future of children in Norwalk by recognizing the need for financial support for children to have a better place in South Norwalk.

2. César Ramirez said he came from New York in 1987 and was a Norwalk Police Officer for thirty years as community policing officer and housing commissioner. He urged the council in support of South Norwalk's children and said thank you for seeing the urgency in a need to improve South Norwalk Community Center to provide a vision of hope for our children... to look out for the well-being of the community and our children... can make a difference in the future of children in Norwalk by recognizing the need for financial support for children to have a better place in South Norwalk.
3. Warren Pena, 8 Felix Lane, said on May 4 we opened the doors to the After the Bell program, and we had 120 students apply for 62 slots. He explained that parents desire this program for their children, and right now there's more need than we are able to offer. We request your support in redirecting the funds from the roof to the first floor in order for us to construct an additional classroom possibly two if it's feasible. It's an exciting time to see the rebirth of that building and have the opportunity to have impact on the South Norwalk community. I urge you to support more children and families.
4. Gabriella Pena Perelli, 29 Ponus Avenue, spoke about the SoNo CC and said to look out for the well-being of the community and our children and you can make a difference in the future of children in Norwalk by recognizing the need for financial support for children to have a better place in South Norwalk. We had 120 students apply for 62 slots. Parents desire this program for their children, and right now there's more need than we are able to offer. We request your support in redirecting the funds from the roof to the first floor in order for us to construct an additional classroom. After the Bell program is up and running and it's a beautiful sight.
5. Lisa Thomson, 24 Highland Avenue said she spends most of her time at the BOE and this issue is about education and urged the council to support the additional classroom funding for the SoNo Community Center for the well-being of the educational community and our children. She described the need for the children that are not in their neighborhood school and have to rely on transportation. She spoke on the impact of after school programming, a much needed resource for closing the achievement gap and provide the educational assistance to make a difference
6. Vinny Mangiacopra, 8 Thistle Road, spoke in favor of funding the renovations at the SoNoCC. He explained that they have really been able to be a shining light of good things that are happening not only in South Norwalk but in our community as a whole. The need is obvious and anyone who visits the center to see the program will be impressed. Our community had a Band-Aid ripped off it when NEON started to go in the wrong direction. Many of those wounds today have yet to heal. It's a point of angst for many --a remedy and resolution for 98 South Main still deserves to be had and it deserves to be had in an open and transparent manner, where all

community members and community partners will feel that they are vested not only in the outcome but in the solution long term as well.

7. Israel Navarro, 4 Lincoln Avenue said The After the Bell program at SoNoCC, only a week old, has already created hope in the community of this positive change, a place in South Norwalk where kids can go to get their homework done ... people don't realize how great the need is.
8. Steve Serassis, 24 High Street, spoke in favor of the CDBG capital funding of the SoNo CC. He said he ran a youth program at SoNoCC, for the preceding decade as the After School Alliance Chair and at the time the funding for Title I was achieved after repairs to meet state guidelines for improvements to the bathrooms and classrooms. He explained that the center has been run correctly even though there are statements that say it hasn't, because it was rated one of the top five summer programs in the state. There is in my opinion no reason to barter with our children's future. It's the most important thing in the future of Norwalk. There's now a place in South Norwalk where kids can go to get their homework done, and there's always going to be a recreational component ... People don't realize how great the need is. I see no reason why we don't allow the phoenix to rise from the ashes and become something better to control their fate and destiny by controlling their money and ripping out the heart of the place.
9. Georgiana Rucker Scott said her grandson is at home now and has an after-school program that she can walk and pick him up or can call a neighbor to go get him. It's the first time, to be able to walk and get the child. I couldn't explain it and the fact is that the program, when I look in his eyes *I* am not going by what the teachers say, 'it's wonderful, and am going by the look I see on my child. I see the look on his eyes, he is OK. He is somewhat shy sometimes was very concerned but in a week am so pleased.
10. Alex Mesa, 26 Eversley Avenue and stated that she wanted to comment from a teachers viewpoint. She spoke about the After the Bell program, and the needs for instruction to teach children to read to improve test scores and the achievement gap. She outlined the number of teachers and assistants and the number of applicants was only able to accommodate 62 slots. She asked the Council for support in redirecting the funds from the roof to the first floor in order to construct additional classrooms. She asked to look at the needs for the children not political battles and have the opportunity to have impact on the education here in South Norwalk where kids can go to get their homework done, and have a program that transition from middle school to high school in their neighborhood. She expressed concern that this is needed to remediate social problems and to keep students engaged and take advantage of the resources that we have to make students feel save and to learn. She urged support more for our children and families.

Mayor Rilling asked if any member of the public wished to speak, and hearing none, closed the public participation portion of the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

REAPPOINTMENTS: William Ireland, Chief Building Official

Mr. Petrini moved the reappointment for discussion

Mr. Iannaccone stated that Bill Ireland is one of the most professional Building Department Chiefs that he has every worked with and he brought stability and efficiency to the office. Mr. Bonenfant stated that Mr. Ireland is a great official and community worker and he is proud to support the reappointment.

Mr. Petrini said he is very happy to support the reappointment of Mr. Ireland and said that in the four years he has been on the council does not recall having a complaint or negative comment on him. He noted that the workload is staggering and the amount of work and productivity is top notch.

Reappointment – continued

Mr. Hempstead stated that Mr. Ireland has brought integrity and honesty to the Building Department and he is grateful that he has the opportunity to support his reappointment.

**** MR. PETRINI MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM IRELAND AS CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ****

MAYOR REMARKS

Mayor Rilling announced the following upcoming events and items of City interest:

May is National Bike Month, and this week is bike to work week. Norwalk Bike/Walk Task Force has made great strides and recommends biking is a great way to see the city of Norwalk.

•Saturday, May 16 CT Tree Festival at Cranbury Park – Norwalk is a ‘Tree City USA’
Thru May 30: Norwalk ‘Bring a Book’ Drive by Norwalk Reads, Norwalk Early Childhood.

- This weekend begins the Memorial Day events that start with the Shea/McGrath at Calf Pasture Beach on Saturday May 17 that commemorates WWII Medal of Honor awards.

May 24: Rowayton Memorial Day Parade with many district festivities.

May 25: Norwalk Memorial Day Parade commences at Veteran’s Park to the Norwalk Green.

Mayor Rilling encouraged all to participate in the many commemorations to experience what it means to serve our country and the personal sacrifices made by our veterans.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- ** MR. PETRINI MOVED THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS FOLLOWS:
VII. A1a. A1b; A2; B1a, B1b; 2a. 2b; A3; D1,
- ** MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items on the Consent Calendar are in bold as follows:

Consent Calendar:

**VI. REPORTS DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:
A. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT**

1a. Authorize the Mayor Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement with Young Developers LLC — Roofing Services for the City Hall Atrium Dome Roof Replacement Project for a total not to exceed \$149,000.00. Account #09157100 5777 C0439.

1b. Authorize the Office of Building Management to issue Change Orders on Contract for a total not to exceed \$14,900.00.

2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all documents necessary to grant a Permanent Easement to properly owner at 238 Silvermine Avenue for their home (which was built possibly over 200 years ago) which encroaches 1.69 feet into the City's footpath connecting Silvermine Avenue to the back of Silvermine School.

B. PUBLIC WORKS

1 a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W, Rilling, to execute an Agreement with YB Paving, LLC for Project Misc 2015-1 Waypointe Mixed Use Development Project in West Avenue Corridor — Streetscape Upgrade for a sum not to exceed \$352,443.63,

1b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Orders on Contract with YB Paving, LLC for Project Misc 2015-1 Waypointe Mixed Use Development Project in West Avenue Corridor— Streetscape Upgrade for a sum not to exceed \$35,244.36. Account No. Norwalk Redevelopment Agency

2.a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement with Sealcoating, Inc. for Project No. PM 2015-3 Crack Sealing at Various Locations, for a sum not to exceed \$192,125.00.

2.b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute orders on the Contract with Sealcoating, Inc. for Project No. PM 2015-3 Crack Sealing at Various Locations, for a sum not to exceed \$19,213.00. Account No. 0915 4021 5777 C0021

3. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute the Second Amendment to Contract for Construction Services by and between the City of Norwalk and A. M. Rizzo Electrical Contractors, Inc. for Project No. MISC 2013-1 Waypointe Mixed Use Development in West Avenue Corridor — Utility Infrastructure Upgrade for an amount not to exceed \$90,000. Acct. No. 0913 0910 5777 C0287

4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute the Resolution in support of State Project 102-347 Norwalk Traffic Signal Controller Upgrade — Phase 3.

Consent Calendar -- continued

C. PLANNING COMMITTEE

2. Approve the applications for referral to the State's 2015 Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program as listed on attached memo.

D. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a Sub recipient Agreement with the City of Bridgeport for the receipt of Marine Radios and Transponders pursuant to FY 2013 Port Security Grant Program - the City of Norwalk is responsible for 25% match of funding and will be provided with in-kind services

VII. REPORTS DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

C. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Designate the South Norwalk TOD Redevelopment Area as meeting the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut 8-125 and CFR 570.208(b)(1)

Mr. Hempstead moved the item for discussion. Ms. Bowman stated she had concerns and asked the Redevelopment Agency to come forward to field questions.

Mr. Tim Sheehan referred to supporting documents and explained that applying the slum/blighted designation to South Norwalk is necessary to get federal grant money, a reference to state statute of the definition as an area designated as slum, blighted, deteriorated or deteriorating is eligible for funding targeted at addressing such deficiencies.

Ms. Bowman asked about the blight/slum designation opens up the door to eminent domain, and asked if there was a public hearing for input and feedback from residents.

Ms. Tami Strauss said that this designation is in order to maximize the funding resources available to projects in the South Norwalk TOD Redevelopment Area, it is necessary to determine whether or not the area meets the state and federal definitions of slum/blighted.

Mr. Bonenfant spoke about the uptown area and noted the difference between the Globe Theater being asked to have a blight designation in order to receive loans.

Mr. Sheehan noted that this was not for just one property but for the whole area and HUD asked us not the property owner.

Mr. Bonenfant stated that if we officially are going to call areas in South Norwalk a slum, he would like to hear from real estate agents, on the impact of value of houses in South Norwalk. He added that saying we are officially a slum is a tough label and he has a hard time with that. He stated that there should be a broader discussion with Board of Education and other community stakeholders.

Ms. Stewart stated that she agrees with Mr. Bonenfant and has a hard time putting this label on an area and she would like further information on how this was determined.

Ms. Strauss explained that in studying the Redevelopment area in reference to Zoning regulations, the Cecil Group analyzed the current conditions as they relate to the definition of slum, blighted, deteriorated or deteriorating in order to meet the federal standard of the properties in the South Norwalk Transit Oriented District need to exhibit deteriorated or deteriorating conditions and highlighted supporting documents and deficiencies of detrimental land uses incompatible with residential uses

Mr. Kimmel noted that according to the HUD definitions, we are assuming all of lower Manhattan would qualify as a blighted area. If you are using that standard, then most of Rowayton would be deteriorated or deteriorating. He added that this is an on-going discussion about the legal definition of blight in order to achieve certain redevelopment goals, and you have to recognize a very nice community that happens to live in a flood zone, enables the community to get hundreds of thousands of dollars. He explained that we have to go through this effort, even though it has nothing to do with what people have in their minds about what a blighted area is.

Mr. Sheehan explained that HUD looks at the area as an area of opportunity, and what we recognizing is there is a need for additional investment into the neighborhood, not that it is significantly blighted to a degree that we would normally have the standard definition.

**** MS. BOWMAN MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION.**

Mayor Rilling noted that a motion to table was not debatable and called for a roll call vote.

**** MOTION FAILED WITH SIX VOTES IN FAVOR, (BONENFANT, BOWMAN, IGNERI, KYDES, SIMMS, STEWART) EIGHT OPPOSED (HEMPSTEAD,**

IANNACCONI, KIMMEL, MAGGIO, MCCARTHY, MELENDEZ, O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO, PETRINI) AND NO ABSTENTIONS.

Ms. Stewart asked about the blight/slum designation and if the city then has the right to take the building down and how property owners get the money. Ms. Strauss replied this absolutely gives no right to take down the building and explained the next steps of funding. She noted that the property owner gets a letter from the health Department to then be able to access funds for repairs or improvement to address the blighted conditions.

Mr. Petrini asked about the designations prior to 1978 for lead paint and Mr. Sheehan noted that this was a major designation factor.

Ms. Bowman asked if there was a public hearing for input and feedback from residents.

Ms. Strauss referred to a 217 page study that listed the areas and clarified that what was included in the agenda packet is an executive summary and went through the highlights.

Ms. Bowman asked about what properties taken by the RDA would be included in this slum area. Ms. Strauss explained that the RDA does not own properties and that the Day Street properties are city assets that the Housing Authority has the option to buy with City control.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE TO DESIGNATE THE SOUTH NORWALK TOD REDEVELOPMENT AREA AS MEETING THE GENERAL STATUTES OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT 8-125 AND CFR 570.208(B)(1)**

Mr. Petrini called for a roll call vote.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH TEN VOTES IN FAVOR (HEMPSTEAD, IANNACCONI, IGNERI, KIMMEL, KYDES, MELENDEZ, MAGGIO, MCCARTHY, O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO, PETRINI) FOUR OPPOSED (BONENFANT, BOWMAN, SIMMS, STEWART) AND NO ABSTENTIONS.**

Approve Citizen Participation Plan; Approve the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) for CDBG Program Years 41 through 45 which includes the Annual Action Plan (AAP) for CDBG Program Year 41; Authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents associated with submission of the 2015-2019 ConPlan and PY41 AAP to HUD by May 15, 2015 and all documents consistent with the approved PY41 AAP.

Mr. Bonenfant stated that he was recusing himself due to a conflict because the Norwalk Seaport Association is a grant applicant and they hire him to take photographs.

Ms. O'Toole-Giandurco stated she was recusing herself from the item because her husband works part-time for the Carver Center, which is a grant applicant.

Mr. Bonenfant and Ms. O'Toole-Giandurco left the Council Chambers at 9:05 p.m. and returned after the discussion and vote on the item.

Ms. Melendez asked if Board Members should recuse themselves, and there was a request of Corporation Counsel to respond. Attorney Coppola noted that he would defer to the HUD regulations.

Ms. Strauss clarified the HUD definitions of conflict and noted that HUD had responded to the conflict notations that were accepted with exceptions as noted.

Mr. Hempstead moved the item for discussion and spoke about the process of the CDBG applications. He explained that there are three categories of CDBG funding--one is for the program, one is for the administration of the program, and the other is for capital improvements. He outlined that originally \$80,000 was requested for the roof, and it went out for public notice and the \$80,000 was allocated for the roof. He referred to the subsequent request for reallocation of those project funds for the roof to be used create a new classroom to give more children the opportunity to be in the afterschool program. He noted that the Board of Education has assured the Council that the program will be able to receive Title I funds and will continue.

He explained that there was an issue of members leaving the room after a quorum was present and if a vote taken while members were out of the room was handled in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. He stated that Corporation Counsel was consulted and he had to use his chairman's prerogative to place the item on the agenda in its original format. He further explained that the May 15 HUD deadline was in jeopardy for \$1.7 million in federal funds which was in the approval process for months. If it didn't come out of committee, we would have missed the deadline and he emphasized that he would not allow, under any circumstances, that money to be at risk as that is insane.

Mr. Hempstead further explained that he was not in cahoots with mayor and had not even consulted the mayor on any of the CDBG stuff with the exception of the money for STAR or the summer youth program. He outlined that there was email suggesting that the FBI should investigate, and he didn't violate anything, no need to be investigated, I just simply moved the agenda forward as it was presented to the committee and I made the change as such. What concerns me more than anything is what has been at risk.

Mr. Kimmel said he wanted to echo comments made by Mr. Hempstead and referred to the size of the binder with Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) information. He thanked Ms. Strauss of the RDA for all the information that she provides from HUD and the complexities of the regulatory requirements. He added that we spend more time on this as than on any other issue in this city than we do on this block grant program, there's meeting after meeting and all sorts of rules of HUD that we have to conform to.

Mr. Kimmel referred to pages from the Planning Committee Meeting minutes of March 9 and he read the motions made on the list of items approved. He referred to the recommendation for the roof repairs that have been done pro-bono and the opportunity to redirect the funds to add a classroom.

Ms. Stewart asked for a point of order that she was recognized to speak before Mr. Kimmel.

**** MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO AMEND THE CDBG BUDGET TO TRANSFER \$80,000 FROM SONO COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF TO RENAISSANCE PROJECT FOR CLASSROOM RENOVATIONS.**

There was further discussion prior to voting on the amendment.

Ms. Bowman asked about the requirement for audits and that SoNoCC has gotten CDBG funding three years in a row without producing financials. I have gone through CDBG. I know how difficult it is, how much Redevelopment pushed back on me as someone trying to apply with a small nonprofit. I want the process to be fair and I don't think the process is fair. Everybody needs to be held accountable.

Ms. Strauss clarified that the Redevelopment agency monitors spending in accordance with the approved plan and inspects work done and review bills to sign off before payment.

Ms. Stewart stated that if you are going to do one thing to NEON you can't let another organization go forth having done a lot of the same things. I am not concerned about any type of being sued because I know it's true, I was on the Board. I don't think we need to hold up all the CDBG funding, but the fact that no one is listening is of deep concern to me.

Ms. Bowman added that there was no need for concerns about anyone calling a lawyer on her because knowing the folks involved know that I know what I know. I feel the public was misled into thinking we don't care about the afterschool program. She explained that when Dr. Rivera was here made sure she spoke with him at length about this program and it can be a great program. She added that what she doesn't appreciate is the sneaky, underhanded way a lot of things were done. I don't agree with the back door process and it should have been an honest process.

Mr. Simms stated that he echoed Ms. Bowman's concerns with the process and that he is not against the classroom or the needs of children, but there should be an investigation on this organization and illegal spending.

Ms. Stewart said she was against funding any more work at SoNoCC and that the way the committee voted to advance the CDBG budget to the Council was a dirty deed and she has a problem with the process.

Mr. Simms said that accusations were made last week and committee members were allowing Mr. Pena to manipulate the CDBG process.

Mr. Simms said there are many allegations against Mr. Peña before. Mr. Peña kept his aunt on as executive director for months after it was revealed she had embezzled money to pay off a house and buy cars. He added that Mr. Peña used a SoNoCC credit card to buy himself gas and it's about process and the things that were taking place and as board members that we did see. It's not that I am being vindictive but I don't think we should fund programs when you have – individuals that – basically he is just the chairman of the Board but he operates in the capacity that he is the executive and the president and the chairman of the board. It's a nonprofit organization and it's illegal what he's doing.”

Mr. McCarthy asked about the process of financial oversight and Ms. Strauss said all the bills were monitored and money was not authorized until work was done. Mr. McCarthy added that a lot of stray accusatory statements don't really help anybody and if anything remotely as has been said is true then it's really more of a police issue than something to be thrown out in the middle of a Council meeting.

Ms. Maggio said she wasn't there when there were problems but there's nothing improper going on now as everything is going through SoNoCC Executive Director Kelly Robertson.

Mr. Simms stated that this is nothing to do with any of us being against children learning, we all push for kids to learn. We all push for education and are going based on experience, the history of what I know.

Mr. Hempstead added that he would hope, if a former Board member had issues that they went to the proper authorities to see if there was anything further to investigate or if there is anything else, somebody needs to explain to me what part of the process they think needs fixing.

Mayor Rilling stated that there was an amendment on the floor and asked Mr. Kimmel to restate his motion.

**** MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO AMEND THE CDBG BUDGET TO TRANSFER \$80,000 FROM SONO COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF TO THE SONO COMMUNITY ENTER RENAISSANCE PROJECT FOR CLASSROOM RENOVATIONS.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH NINE VOTES IN FAVOR (HEMPSTEAD, IANNACONE, IGNERI, KIMMEL, KYDES, MELENDEZ, MAGGIO, MCCARTHY, PETRINI) THREE OPPOSED (BOWMAN, SIMMS, STEWART) AND NO ABSTENTIONS.**

Mr. Kimmel noted that there was a need to vote on the item as presented with the amendment.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN; APPROVE THE 2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN (CONPLAN) FOR CDBG PROGRAM YEARS 41 THROUGH 45 WHICH INCLUDES THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AAP) FOR CDBG PROGRAM YEAR 41 AS AMENDED; AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUBMISSION OF THE 2015-2019 CONPLAN AND PY41 AAP TO HUD BY MAY 15, 2015 AND ALL DOCUMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE APPROVED PY41 AAP AS AMENDED.**

Mr. Petrini called for a roll-call vote.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH NINE VOTES IN FAVOR (HEMPSTEAD, IANNACONE, IGNERI, KIMMEL, KYDES, MELENDEZ, MAGGIO, MCCARTHY, PETRINI) ONE OPPOSED (STEWART) AND TWO ABSTENTIONS (BOWMAN, SIMMS).**

E. CORPORATION COUNSEL (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

Authorization to Settle Claim: Maria Rodriguez-Moran and Matthew Schmidt v. City of Norwalk

**** MR. PETRINI MOVED TO ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE CLAIM: JULIO GUZMAN V. CITY OF NORWALK.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THIRTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED AND ONE ABSTENTION (MELENDEZ)**

The meeting went into Executive Session at 9:35 pm and reconvened into public session at 9:45 pm

**** MS. O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO MOVED TO SETTLE THE CLAIM OF JULIO GUZMAN V. CITY OF NORWALK.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE – none

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES – Mr. Petrini suspended the rules to amend the agenda to include discussion of settlement for legal claim of Julio Guzman v. City of Norwalk.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Knox; Telesco Secretarial Services

ATTEST

Donna King, City Clerk

Date