

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

I. ROLL CALL

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting(s):

September 23, 2014 (Had been TABLED)
October 14, 2014

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS:

REAPPOINTMENTS:

B. MAYOR'S REMARKS:

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS :

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

VI. REPORTS: AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PLANNING

1. Approve and Authorize the Mayor to execute the Maritime Aquarium Lease Agreement

B. PUBLIC WORKS

1. Approve the following resolution:

Resolution Against Bullying

Sponsored By David McCarthy, Michelle Maggio, David Watts, John Kydes and Travis Simms

Whereas, Bullying is a pervasive problem that can have negative consequences for the climate and for the right of children and adults to exist in a safe environment without fear, and one that can have negative lifelong consequences, both for those who bully and for their targets; and

Whereas, Bullying is comprised of direct behaviors such as teasing, taunting, threatening, hitting, intimidating and stealing that are initiated by one or more people against a target, as well as indirect behaviors such as spreading rumors and acting in other ways to cause a person to be socially isolated through intentional exclusion, with such behaviors, direct or indirect, amounting to physical or psychological intimidation occurring repeatedly over time to create an ongoing pattern of harassment and abuse; and

Whereas, Bullying others and being the target of bullies are considered risk factors for violence by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other relevant organizations, and bullies whose behavior goes unchallenged risk ending up escalating, engaging in domestic violence and child abuse; and

Whereas, Bullying for too long has gone unchallenged, with parents and others, who are often unaware of the bullying problem in school and in the community, neglecting to talk about it with their children; with targets feeling that outside intervention is infrequent and ineffective and will only bring more harassment from bullies; and with many viewing bullying as a harmless rite of passage that is best ignored; and

Whereas, Those who stand by passively watching or actively encouraging bullying are also affected by these hostile acts; they encourage bullying by creating an audience, they may become desensitized to cruelty, they may learn to imitate bullying behavior and become bullies themselves, and/or they may be fearful for their own safety, adding to their own insecurity; therefore be it

Resolved, That Common Council of the City of Norwalk supports policies and programs that address the prevention, intervention, and elimination of bullying; and

Resolved, That Common Council of the City of Norwalk shall endeavor, via all means available and appropriate to bring about an atmosphere of zero tolerance for bullying behavior, and an attitude that bullying behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in homes, schools, playgrounds, buses, school activities, city events and meeting, nor in the community in general; and be it further

Resolved, That Common Council of the City of Norwalk work with the appropriate agencies of the city and state, as well as any national organizations, to inform the general public about the risks and cost of bullying for both the bully and the target, as well as those who witness bullying, and bring about a change in societal attitudes toward bullying.

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C. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Norwalk High Marching Band (MBI) for the use of the Shea McGrath Athletic Complex as well as Norwalk and Andrews Lots for event parking for the MAC Championships (Musical Arts Conference) to be held Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Set up to take place Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 8:00 AM with break down no later than 11:00 PM on Saturday, November 1, 2014. Estimated 4,500.

D. ORDINANCE

1. Proposed Road Naming – Honorary and Historical
2. Proposed Senior Tax Relief

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED FOR A SPECIFIC DATE

X. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

XI. ADJOURN