

**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 7:31 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. King read the prepared announcement 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. Colin Hosten	Mr. Michael Corsello Ms. Barbara Smyth
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. Chris Yerinides
District B:	Ms. Darlene Young	Mr. Ernest Dumas
District C:	Ms. Beth Siegelbaum	
District D:	Mr. Douglas Hempstead	Mr. George Tsiranides
District E:	Mr. John Igeneri	

At Roll Call there were twelve (12) present and three (3) absent (Mr. Kydes; Mr. Livingston and Mr. Sacchinelli).

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

## II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: July 23, 2019

- \*\* **MR. IGNERI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. BURNETT)**

## III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public who wished to speak this evening.

## IV. MAYOR

### A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were no resignations announced this evening.

APPOINTMENTS:

- \*\* **MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**
- BRIAN BROWN, BIKE WALK COMMISSION**

Mr. Igneri spoke in support of the appointment.

- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

- \*\* **MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENTS:**
- JOHN CHURCH, FAIR RENT COMMISSION**
- FRAN COLLIER-CLEMMONS, FAIR RENT COMMISSION**
- PATRICIA GENUARIO, FAIR RENT COMMISSION**
- MANNY LANGELLA, FAIR RENT COMMISSION**
- JOHNNIE MAE WELDON, FAIR RENT COMMISSION**
- DORA WITHERSPOON, FAIR RENT COMMISSION, ALTERNATE**

Ms. Young spoke in support of the reappointments.

- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. HOSTEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENTS:**

**CAROL FRANK, HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
DAISY FRANKLIN, HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
THOMAS MAHONEY, HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

Mr. Hosten spoke in support of the reappointments.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT:**

**JALIN SEAD, FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Mr. Igneri spoke in support of the reappointment.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENTS:**

**BRYAN KERSCHNER, FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION  
STAN REMSON, FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION**

Mr. Burnett spoke in support of the reappointments.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. King administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Brown, Ms. Franklin, Mr. Langella, Mr. Church, Ms. Weldon and Ms. Wetherspoon.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

Mayor Rilling

The Mayor announced that the summer concert series at Calf Pasture Beach continues tomorrow night. He said it is always a great time. On August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 the New Paradigm Theatre Company will present "Bye Bye Birdie" for the benefit of American Legion Post 12.

**V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**\*\* MS. SMYTH MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**VII.A.1, VII.A.1, VII.A.4A, VII.A.4B, VII.B.1, VII.B.2, VII.B.3, VII.B.4, VII.B.5, VII.C.1, VII.C.2A, VII.C.2B, VII.D.1, VII.D.2, VII.D.3, VII.D.4A, VII.D.4B**

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

**A. CORPORATION COUNSEL**

**1. DISCUSSION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR RESOLUTION: 7 FOREST HILL, LLC V. CITY OF NORWALK/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
*EXECUTIVE SESSION***

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO SIGN FOR, AND ACCEPT, THE YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU (YSB) GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (DCF) FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2020-2021. THE ALLOCATED AMOUNT FOR THE 2020 YEAR IS \$54,847**

**4A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICE AND PUBLIC PROTECTION FOR THE SHARED USE OF THE CONNECTICUT LAND MOBILE RADIO NETWORK (CLMRN).**

**4B. AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF THOMAS KULHAWIK TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RELATED TO THE CONNECTICUT LAND MOBILE RADIO NETWORK.**

**B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RELEASE OF THE CITY'S INTERESTS, INCLUDING A GENERAL RELEASE, IN THE 80± SQ. FT. SIDEWALK EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY OVER THE PARCEL LOCATED AT 64 SOUTH MAIN STREET (TAX LOT 2-58-22-0).**

**2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AUGUST 28, 2007 AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND A. DICESARE ASSOCIATES, P.C. REGARDING THE EAST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED SCOPE OF SERVICES DATED JULY 31, 2019.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 12 4021 5777 C0471 09 20 4021 5777 C0471**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO C.N. WOOD OF CONNECTICUT, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2019 RAPIDVIEW PIPE INSPECTION VEHICLE FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$368,410.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4031 5777 C0313**

**4. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES OF MILFORD, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2020 MACK GU713 PLOW TRUCKS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$231,864.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4031 5777 C0313**

**5. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO C.N. WOOD OF CONNECTICUT, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) MACK GU713 REAR REFUSE LOADER NOT TO EXCEED \$237,611.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4031 5777 C0313**

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

**1. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WARD'S SCIENCE, FOR THE NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS NON-CONSUMABLE MATERIALS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$339,248, WHICH INCLUDES A 10% CONTINGENCY.**

**ACCOUNT # 0919-5010-5777-CO609 \$49,000**

**ACCOUNT # 0920-5010-5777-CO609 290,248**

**2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW ENGLAND ENERGY CONTROLS, INC. FOR THE BELDEN MAIN LIBRARY BUILDING ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM INSTALLATION PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$118,423.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNT 0918 7100 5777 C0133.**

**2B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$11,842.00.**

**D. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: AUGUST 8, 2019.**

**2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED AUGUST 8, 2019.**

**3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: JULY 2019.**

**4A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FIRST RESPONSE HEALTH AND WELLNESS LLC TO PROVIDE THE INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR THE NORWALK FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 5 YEARS AT A COST OF \$187,500 WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR A 5-YEAR EXTENSION AT A COST OF \$193.125. ACCOUNT: 161343-5258.**

**4B. AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISH A CONTINGENCY FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR SET UP AND TESTING YEAR ONE AND YEAR SIX TO ESTABLISH BASELINE AND PROGRESS OF PARTICIPANTS AND GENERATING STATISTICS NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 FOR THE INITIAL 5-YEAR PROGRAM AND \$35,000 FOR THE SECOND 5 YEAR PROGRAM.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**\*\* MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MHQ, INC. UNDER CT CONTRACT #12PSX0194, FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWELVE (12) 2020 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTORS AWD FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$407,000.00. ACCOUNT 01353-5731**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO LOW BIDDER, FLEET AUTO SUPPLY, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND FIT-UP ON TWELVE (12) FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTORS UNDER PROJECT #3768, NOT TO EXCEED \$183,000. ACCOUNT 01353-5731 AND ACCOUNT 030000 2660.**

Mr. Corsello asked if all of the vehicles were SUVs. Deputy Police Chief Zecca said they've gone to all SUVs because the Crown Victorias were no longer available. She said they looked at other options, but they were not viable.

Mr. Corsello noted that they chose black vehicles and said that is the least safe color for a vehicle because they do not stand out. He expressed concern for the safety of the Police Officers and added that the color presents a menacing image. He suggested having a more visible color.

Deputy Chief Zecca explained that they spent a lot of time considering other options. She said that in recent years, they were no longer able to get two tone cars. The base of the car was black and the white portion was wrapped; however, the wrapping did not hold up

Mr. Corsello asked why they chose to go with a black base instead of white. He said that white has greater visibility over black. Mayor Rilling said that it is the practice to ride with the light bars lit. Mr. Corsello said that during the day, a white vehicle is safer than a black vehicle.

Mr. Hempstead asked about the lettering on the cars. Deputy Chief Zecca said that some of the cars have subdue lettering because they are canine cars.

Mr. Yerinides asked if there were any options for other colors. He said that they should make the vehicles easier for people to see. Deputy Chief Zecca said that looking at a new color scheme would be very time consuming. Mr. Burnett asked if it was possible to add additional lighting to the black vehicles to make them more visible. Deputy Chief Zecca said that lighting is

very expensive. She added that when the purpose is for the Officers to be seen, they turn on the lights. She said that she has not heard of any issues of people not being able to see the Police vehicles.

Mr. Hosten asked about the status of the community Police van. Deputy Chief Zecca said that at the last check, it was scheduled to be delivered in October.

In response to Ms. Young's question, she was told that there are about 125 cars in the fleet; however, a significant number of cars are not front-line cars. They are cars that have exceeded their operational life. The cars are driven hard miles and run constantly. The Police Department is looking to supplement the fleet and get the patrol where it should be.

Mr. Corsello asked if the department would be willing to look at alternate colors for their vehicles going forward. Mayor Rilling told him that the decision lies with the Police Commission.

Mr. Yerinides asked if this body could vote no if they did not want black vehicles. Mayor Rilling told him that would be stepping outside the boundaries; it rests with the Police Department to make the recommendation to the Police Commission.

Mr. Tsiranides said it comes down to safety.

Mr. Corsello said he understands that lighter colored cars are safer for the driver.

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

#### **X. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE**

There were none this evening.

#### **X. SUSPENSION OF RULES**

There were none this evening.

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

If there is nothing time sensitive on the next agenda, the meeting may be cancelled.

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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