

**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 7:30 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 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. Manny Langella Ms. Barbara Smyth	Mr. Colin Hosten Mr. Nick Sacchinelli
District A:	Mr. David Heuvelman	Mr. Kadeem Roberts
District B:	Mr. Ernie Dumas	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Mr. George Theodoridis
District D:	Mr. George Tsiranides	Mr. Tom Keegan
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were fifteen (15) Common Council members present.

Also present were Mayor Harry Rilling and City Clerk, Donna King.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Special Meeting: November 19, 2019

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Regular Meeting: November 26, 2019

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. LIVINGSTON)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak this evening.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS RESIGNATIONS:

Chris Gavrielidis, Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate

Mayor Rilling announced Mr. Gavrielidis resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate.

APPOINTMENTS:

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
APPOINTMENT**

Sheri Brown, Board of Estimate and Taxation

Ms. Young and Mr. Kydes spoke in support of this appointment. Mayor Rilling also spoke in support.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
APPOINTMENT**

Ed Abrams, Board of Estimate and Taxation

Ms. Smyth spoke in support of the appointment.

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**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
**** MR. HEUVELMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**

Chris Gavrielidis, Zoning Board of Appeals, Regular

Mr. Heuvelman spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
**** MR. HOSTEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**

Joshua M. Goldstein, Zoning Commission, Alternate

Mr. Hosten spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD TWO PEOPLE TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2020**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN KLOCKE AND MATTHEW CAPUTO TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2020**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

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

Vincent J. Amoruccio, Board of Health

Kenneth R. Lalime, Board of Health

Terry Tavella Quell, Board of Health

Mr. Burnett and Ms. Young spoke in support of the reappointments

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**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT**

Artie Kassimis, Board of Estimates and Taxation

Mr. Kydes spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT**

Charles A. Pirro, Pension Board

Mr. Keegan spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. HEUVELMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT**

Keith A. Lyon, Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Heuvelman spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. King administered the Oath of Office to those present.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling said there was a State offer to allow the City to build a new Norwalk High School. This item has to go through the various boards and committees and the Common Council. A public hearing will be held on Monday to brief the public on the details.

The Wreaths Across America made their annual stop in Norwalk and were welcomed with a meal sponsored by St. Ann Club. They lay 2 million wreaths on the graves of Veterans across America and the globe.

December 12, 2019 is International Human Rights Day. A discussion on Criminal Justice Reform will be hosted by the Human Relations Commission in the Community Room.

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Brien McMahon High School's Annual Poinsettia Concert will be held on December 17, 2019. Norwalk High School's Annual Candlelight Ceremony will be held from December 16th to 18th 2019. Rabi Hecht will light the Menorah in front of City Hall on December 19, 2019 in celebration of Hanukah.

The Mayor's Ball will be held on January 31, 2019 at Serafina. The beneficiaries this year are STAR and the Norwalk YMCA. Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Holidays and a happy 2020.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Ms. Smyth announced the cancellation of the December 24, 2019 meeting of the Common Council.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**** MR. DUMAS MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VI.A.1, VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.A.3, VII.A.4A, VII.A.4B, VII.B.1A, VII.B.1B, VII.B.2, VII.B.3, VII.B.4, VII.B.5, VII.B.6, VII.7A, VII.B.7B, VII.B.8A, VII.B.8B, VII.B.9A, VII.B.9B, VII.B.10, VII.C.1A, VII.C.1B

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

**1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO SIGN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE WITH TURCO GOLF, INC. AND FUSS & O'NEILL, INC. TO RESOLVE THE CLAIMS AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BATTING CAGE AT NATHAN HALE MIDDLE SCHOOL.
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND SOUTHPORT ASSOCIATES, PC, FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF THE HISTORIC STREET LIGHT SYSTEM ON WALL STREET, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$16,800.00
ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 30 5258**

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT (FILE NO. 102-119-03A) WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AT NO MONTHLY COST FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A PORTION OF STATE PROJECT 102-350 NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL – PHASE 2.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH VHB, INC. FOR THE DESIGN OF ADAPTIVE SIGNALS ON WEST AVENUE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4120 5777 C0232

4A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING COMPANY FOR CLEANING EXISTING DRAIN SYSTEMS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS (PROJECT DRG 2019-1) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$468,800.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 15 4027 5777 C0440 09 17 4027 5777 C0440 09 18 4027 5777 C0440 09 19 4027 5777 C0425 09 20 4027 5777 C0302

4B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING COMPANY FOR CLEANING EXISTING DRAIN SYSTEMS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS (PROJECT DRG 2019-1), FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$46,880.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 15 4027 5777 C0440 09 17 4027 5777 C0440 09 18 4027 5777 C0440 09 19 4027 5777 C0425 09 20 4027 5777 C0302

B. LAND USE AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ALDEN BAILEY RESTORATION CORP. FOR THE MILL HILL TOWN HOUSE MORTAR REPAIR/REPOINTING PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$138,410.00. ACCT. #0918/19/206310 5777 C0521

1B. AUTHORIZE THE NORWALK HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$14,000

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH NEWFIELD CONSTRUCTION, INC. AS THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER (CM) FOR THE JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – RENOVATE-AS-NEW PROJECT. TERMS

OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: • PRE-CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES (INCLUDING REIMBURSABLE ALLOWANCE) FOR \$86,550 • CM FEES (% OF TOTAL TRADE BIDS) AT 1.20% • CM CONTINGENCY (% OF TOTAL TRADE BIDS) AT 1.50%. FOLLOWING THE TRADE CONTRACTORS' BIDDING PROCESS, A GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. ACCT. #0919/205010 5777 C0619

3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP. FOR THE SUPPLY OF 675 ARUBA AP-315 ACCESS POINTS AND LICENSE FOR NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000. ACCT. #09205010 5777 C0112

4. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO EPLUS TECHNOLOGY INC. FOR THE SUPPLY OF 13 CISCO CATALYST 3850 48PT AND MODULES FOR NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$31,000. ACCT. #09205010 5777 C0112

5. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP. FOR THE SUPPLY OF AN ARUBA 7220 CONTROLLER AND LICENSES FOR NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500.00 ACCT. #09205010 5777 C0112

6. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO SYNACKTEK LLC FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF PULSE POLICY SECURE NAC SOLUTION FOR NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$105,000. ACCT. #09195010 5777 C0112

7A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH EPIFANO BUILDERS INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PICNIC SHELTER AT ELY PARK FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$53,750.00. ACCT # 09196030 5777 C0321 & 09186030 5796 C0321

7B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$5,375. AUTHORIZED 8A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RE-TECH LLC FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE OLD RECREATION AND PARKS' AND HUMAN RELATION'S OFFICES FOR NEW PLANNING

**& ZONING OFFICES FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$86,000.00.
ACCT. #014086-5266 AND #09193310 5777 C0630**

8B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$8,600.00 AUTHORIZED 9A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SHORELINE RESTORATION LLC FOR THE BEN FRANKLIN CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PHASE 2) FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$206,052.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNT #0920 7100 5777 C0295 AND #0919/20 7100 5777 C0476.

9B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$20,605.00 AUTHORIZED 10. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF 24 JAMES STREET TO THE CITY OF NORWALK BY THE PROPERTY OWNER.

C. HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR THE PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BLOCK GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,672 FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

1B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BLOCK GRANT FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GENGRAS FORD LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2020 FORD PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC CARS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$60,191.72. ACCOUNT NO. 09 18 6030 5777 C0486 09 20 4031 5777 C0313**

Mr. Tsiranides explained the item and said it is a pilot program with the City to go green. Mr. Kydes spoke in support of the item and said it is great when a plan comes together. He thanked Mr. Carr, Chief of Operations and Public Works for going through the process.

Mr. Carr explained that these cars will not replace vehicles, but will be an addition to the fleet. He described how the cars will operate.

Mr. Livingston said that this was a lot of work and shows the City's focus on sustainability. Mr. Hosten asked about the software system. Mr. Carr explained how the car reservation system will work. Mr. Heuvelman spoke in support of the item and thanked Mr. Carr for his work on this.

Mayor Rilling noted the current fleet is old and the cost to repair is high.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION TITLED FIRETREE LTD. V. CITY OF NORWALK, ET. AL., D.N. 3:17-CV-O1088, PENDING IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The public was excused and the Common Council went into Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

The Common Council members came out of Executive Session at 8:53 p.m.

During the Executive Session no motions were made and no votes were taken.

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

X. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk