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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and led all in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He noted this is the first time in history the Common Council meeting was being run by teleconference.

Ms. King read the notice. Mayor Rilling explained that all votes would be done by Roll Call.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. King called the Roll. The following Common Council members were present:

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett	Ms. Dominique Johnson
	Mr. Manny Langella	Mr. Nicholas Sacchinelli
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	

District A: Mr. David Heuvelman Mr. Kadeem Roberts
District B: 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 fourteen (14) Common Council members present and one (1) absent (Mr. Dumas)

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

March 10, 2020

The following correction was made to page 3:

Ms. Johnson said she appreciated Mr. Romano's statement.

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR.
BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; MR. LANGELLA; MR. SACCHINELLI; MS.
SMYTH; MR. HEUVELMAN; MR. ROBERTS; MS. YOUNG; MR.
KYDES; MR. THEODORIDIS; MR. KEEGAN; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR.
LIVINGSTON AND MS. SHANAHAN)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation comments are not verbatim and represent a summarization of statements unless otherwise noted.

Ms. King read a letter submitted by former Common Council member, Richard Bonenfant in opposition to the proposed change to Chapter 95 of the City Code. He said the decision should not be based on emotion.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

REAPPOINTMENTS:

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

LEWIS A. CLARK, WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

JOHN FLYNN, WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Mr. Tsiranides spoke in support of the reappointments.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR. BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; MR. LANGELLA; MR. SACCHINELLI; MS. SMYTH; MR. HEUVELMAN; MR. ROBERTS; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MR. THEODORIDIS; MR. KEEGAN; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON AND MS. SHANAHAN)**

Mayor Rilling congratulated Mr. Clark and Mr. Flynn.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling said these are historic times and said this was the first virtual meeting of the Norwalk Common Council. He thanked those who made the meeting possible. He encouraged Norwalkers to tune in to Westport Country Playhouse's Livestream event on April 17, 2020 which will feature four high school students from Norwalk. On May 20, 2020, the Governor will assess and announce the next steps towards a return to normalcy, if deemed appropriate.

Mayor Rilling noted that he immediately met with all Norwalk stakeholders. While this is uncharted waters, they had to keep the government open. Each day, people come to work to be sure the City of Norwalk keeps running. People are working day in and day out.

Mayor Rilling said we will come out of this stronger and will get it done and get it done right. He thanked everyone on his team.

The Norwalk Police Department and Norwalk Fire Department will assist in delivering meals to students who are unable to pick up meals at the designated sites. The Mayor thanked Mr. Jason Milligan for Art in the Park on Isaac Street and encouraged everyone to drive by and appreciate the murals.

Mayor Rilling said that young people are doing distance learning and it is possible that high school seniors will not have their graduation ceremonies at the normal time, but he does not want to deprive them and will do everything possible to make up for that.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Ms. Smyth commented on how well City Hall has done to show leadership. Norwalk has become a model for other communities. She said she was proud to be a teacher with the Norwalk Public Schools.

Ms. Smyth thanked the Legal Department for interpreting Governor Lamont's orders and for getting the Common Council to this point so they could hold virtual meetings.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Ms. Smyth noted that some of the events may need to be postponed or cancelled, but they will continue to monitor these events.

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

VI.A.1, VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.A.4, VII.A.5, VII.A.6, VII.C.1a, VII.C.1b, VII.C.2a, VII.C.2b, VII.C.3a, VII.C.3b, VII.C.4a, VII.C.4b, VII.C.5a, VII.C.5b, VII.C.6a, VII.C.6b, VII.C.7a, VII.C.7b, VII.C.8a, VII.C.8b, VII.C.9a, VII.C.9b, VII.D.1, VII.D.2, VII.D.3, VII.D.4, VII.D.10, VII.D.11, VII.E.1

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCUSSION: SETTLEMENT: ROJAS-SEGURA V. CITY OF NORWALK

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LAUREN SHRAGE FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR THE LIGHT FOR KARA 5K WALK TO BE HELD SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020 FROM 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 6:00 AM WITH BREAK DOWN NO LATER THAN 11:00 AM ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 300.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK FOR THEIR OUT OF THE DARKNESS COMMUNITY WALK TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020 FROM 8:30 AM – 12:00 NOON. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 7:30 AM WITH BREAK DOWN NO LATER THAN 1:00 PM ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 700

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NINETY 9 BOTTLES EVENTS, LLC. FOR THE USE OF OYSTER SHELL PARK FOR THEIR CRAFT BEAR FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020 FROM 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 9:00 AM WITH BREAK DOWN NO LATER THAN 8:00 PM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,200 TABLED

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL MARINE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH, SHADY BEACH, TAYLOR FARM AND MARVIN SCHOOL FOR THE 2020 NORWALK BOAT SHOW TO BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 FROM 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM DAILY. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 15,000

5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF NORWALK, CT FOR THE PARKING AT CALF PASTURE BEACH, SHADY BEACH, MARVIN SCHOOL AND TAYLOR FARM FOR THE 2020 NORWALK BOAT SHOW PARKING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00. ACCOUNT #014118- 5258.

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FRANK C. GODFREY AMERICAN LEGION POST 12 FOR THE USE OF VETERANS PARK TO HOST THE WALL THAT HEALS FROM THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020 THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020 FROM 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM EACH DAY. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 9:00 AM ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020 WITH BREAK DOWN NO LATER THAN 8:00 PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 200 PER DAY

C. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO INSALCO CORPORATION FOR VARIOUS FURNITURE ITEMS FOR THE PONUS RIDGE SCHOOL ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$232,962.18. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09185010 5777 C0608

1B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$11,648.00.

2A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO LAKESHORE EQUIPMENT COMPANY DBA LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS FOR MISCELLANEOUS PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN FURNITURE FOR THE PONUS RIDGE SCHOOL ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$24,598.17. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09185010 5777 C0608

2B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$1,230.00.

3A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ROBERT H. LORD COMPANY FOR VARIOUS FURNITURE ITEMS FOR THE PONUS RIDGE SCHOOL ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$161,698.11. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09185010 5777 C0608

3B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER ON PURCHASE ORDERS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$8,085.00.

4A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO RDC HOLDINGS LLC, DBA SCHOOL FURNISHINGS FOR VARIOUS FURNITURE ITEMS FOR THE PONUS RIDGE SCHOOL ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$14,764.58. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09185010 5777 C0608

4B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER ON PURCHASE ORDERS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.00

5A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WB MASON COMPANY FOR VARIOUS FURNITURE ITEMS FOR THE PONUS RIDGE SCHOOL ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$518,855.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09185010 5777 C0608

5B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER ON PURCHASE ORDERS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$25,943.00

6A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO EPLUS TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR NETWORK ELECTRONICS, UPS AND PHONE SYSTEMS FOR THE PONUS RIDGE SCHOOL ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$85,528.11. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09185010 5777 C0608

6B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER ON PURCHASE ORDERS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$4,276.00.

7A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO APPLE INC. FOR DESKTOP EQUIPMENT FOR THE PONUS RIDGE SCHOOL ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$49,448.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09185010 5777 C0608

7B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$2,472.00.

8A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ESCENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS CORPORATION FOR AUDIO VIDEO SYSTEMS AND MUSIC LAB DEVICES FOR THE PONUS RIDGE SCHOOL ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$83,016.69. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09185010 5777 C0608

8B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$4,151.00.

9A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSAL BUILDING SERVICE, LLC, FOR HVAC UPGRADE AT THE NORWALK ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$69,682.08. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNT #014071 5561 AND #0919 7100 5777 C0476

9B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$6,968.20.

D. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: MARCH 12, 2020 AND APRIL 9, 2020.

2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED MARCH 12, 2020 AND APRIL 9, 2020.

3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: FEBRUARY 2020 AND MARCH 2020

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXERCISE THE FIRST AND SECOND EXTENSIONS OF THE TWO (2) ADDITIONAL (1) ONE YEAR EXTENSIONS OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA, INC. FOR CITY AND BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRALIZED MAIL ROOM SERVICES AT NORWALK CITY HALL, PROJECT NO. 3748, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$261,467.04 ACCOUNT #: 01-100-013-13620-0-5259.

10. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH HILLTOP SECURITIES INC. TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ADVISORY CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, WITH PRICING FOR SERVICES BASED UPON THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY HILLTOP SECURITIES INC. TO THE CITY ON JANUARY 28, 2020. ACCOUNT #301340-5523.

11. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BLUM, SHAPIRO & COMPANY, PC TO PERFORM THE CITY'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 AND 2024 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$495,000. ACCOUNT #011310-5253.

E. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE SCHOOL READINESS GRANT WHICH INCLUDES THE QUALITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR. BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; MR. LANGELLA; MR. SACCHINELLI; MS. SMYTH; MR. HEUVELMAN; MR. ROBERTS; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MR. THEODORIDIS; MR. KEEGAN; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON AND MS. SHANAHAN)**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

B. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS/AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 94 OF THE CITY CODE:**

CHAPTER 94:

O ORDINANCE NAME CHANGE TO CHAPTER 94 OF THE CITY CODE

O SECTION 94-18: DISPOSAL PASS FOR RESIDENTS AND REAL PROPERTY OWNERS WHO PAY VEHICLE TAX TO NORWALK O

SECTION 94-19: ADMISSION FOR RESIDENTS AND REAL PROPERTY OWNERS WHO DO NOT PAY VEHICLE TAX TO NORWALK

O SECTION 94-20: PASSES AND PERMITS

O SECTION 94-21: ADMISSION FOR NON-RESIDENTS AND NON-PERMIT HOLDERS

Ms. Shanahan explained that the Ordinance Committee met and made changes based on community input. She reviewed those changes.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR. BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; MR. LANGELLA; MR. SACCHINELLI; MS. SMYTH; MR. HEUVELMAN; MR. ROBERTS; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MR. THEODORIDIS; MR. KEEGAN; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON AND MS. SHANAHAN)**

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS/AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 74 OF THE CITY CODE:**

CHAPTER 74:

O ORDINANCE NAME CHANGE TO CHAPTER 74, ARTICLE 1 OF THE CITY CODE

O SECTION 74-1: FREE ADMISSION FOR RESIDENTS AND REAL PROPERTY OWNERS WHO PAY VEHICLE TAX TO NORWALK

O SECTION 74-2: ADMISSION FOR RESIDENTS AND REAL PROPERTY OWNERS WHO DO NOT PAY VEHICLE TAX TO NORWALK

O SECTION 74-3: SEASON STICKER FOR RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF CERTAIN TOWNS

O SECTION 74-4: PARKING FEES

O SECTION 74-5: WATERFRONT PARKING

Ms. Shanahan reviewed the changes.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR. BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; MR. LANGELLA; MR. SACCHINELLI; MS. SMYTH; MR. HEUVELMAN; MR. ROBERTS; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MR. THEODORIDIS; MR. KEEGAN; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON AND MS. SHANAHAN)**

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS/AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 95 OF THE CITY CODE:**

CHAPTER 95:

O SECTION 95-38: POLICY AND CONSIDERATIONS

O SECTION 95-39: PROCEDURE

Ms. Shanahan reviewed the changes.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR. BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; MR. LANGELLA; MR. SACCHINELLI; MS. SMYTH; MR. HEUVELMAN; MR. ROBERTS; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MR. THEODORIDIS; MR. KEEGAN; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON AND MS. SHANAHAN)**

Mayor Rilling thanked the members of the Ordinance Committee for their work on these Ordinances.

D. FINANCE COMMITTEE

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

5. RESOLUTION: Approving a special capital appropriation in the amount of \$275,000 to increase the available funds in the Public Works capital project, account 09204031-5777-C0313, Fleet Replacement, for the purchase of ten fleet vehicles and AssetWORKS Pool Car “Key Valet” software.

6. RESOLUTION: Authorizing the issuance of \$275,000 of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Norwalk to meet said appropriation.

Mr. Burnett explained the items and said this is a good thing for the City. Ultimately, this will extend the life of the fleet.

Mr. Carr added that this is a very positive initiative. He said of the current pool of 16 cars, several have had problems with their brake lines. The hybrid vehicles will get 43 miles per gallon, while the current vehicles get 13 miles per gallon.

Mr. Carr described how the pool car software works.

Mr. Kydes thanked Mr. Carr for taking the initiative to make the process more efficient. Mr. Tsiranides thanked Mr. Carr and said this. He also thanked Mr. Carr and the Public works team for handling yesterday's storm. Mr. Livingston thanked Mr. Carr and Mayor Rilling. He said this is a terrific initiative and a much more efficient use of the vehicles. Mr. Heuvelman said this something everyone can be proud of.

Mayor Rilling said they had been talking about this for a long time. This is a step in the right direction.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR. BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; MR. LANGELLA; MR. SACCHINELLI; MS. SMYTH; MR. HEUVELMAN; MR. ROBERTS; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MR. THEODORIDIS; MR. KEEGAN; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON AND MS. SHANAHAN)**

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A DOCUMENT CONFIRMING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT THAT THE CITY OF NORWALK HAS CHOSEN TO ENACT ONE OR BOTH OF THE TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS SET FORTH IN THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 7S.**

Ms. Biagiarelli explained how the decision was made to defer tax collection for 90 days. She said this program will allow taxes to be paid interest free up to October 1, 2020. She noted that for people under escrow, their financial institution was not eligible for this extended grace period.

Mr. Dachowitz said their directive from Mayor Rilling was to determine how they could accommodate the residents. He said they worked hard to reduce the burden by allowing a deferment for three months. He recommended this program without an application and no penalties of paid by October 1, 2020. Ms. Smyth added that if members of the community can pay their taxes before October, they should go a head and do so.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR. BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; MR. LANGELLA; MR. SACCHINELLI; MS. SMYTH; MR. HEUVELMAN; MR. ROBERTS; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MR. THEODORIDIS; MR. KEEGAN; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON AND MS. SHANAHAN)**

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET DEADLINES SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO STATE OF CONNECTICUT EXECUTIVE ORDER 7C.**

Mr. Burnett explained that this action provides a 30-day extension.

Mr. Dachowitz explained that the Common Council approved the budget cap on February 25, 2020. Subsequent to that, the Board of Estimate and Taxation met with the different departments to hear their concerns. The Board of Education was scheduled to meet, but that meeting had to be rescheduled to April 20, 2020. He reviewed the budget approval timeline.

Mr. Dachowitz said the City was fairly along with the budget process. This 30-day extension provided some flexibility to focus on the crisis on hand.

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9. CFO FYE 2021 OPERATING BUDGET UPDATE.

Mr. Burnett explained that Mr. Dachowitz would present slides showing adjustments to the budget made in response to COVID-19.

Mr. Dachowitz presented the slides. He said they were able to establish a \$5 million buffer and reduce the mill rate from where they were six weeks ago. He said they were fortunate to have a large rainy-day fund. It will be used as needed for COVID-19 related expenses.

Mayor Rilling thanked the entire Finance Department for their hard work in trying to keep the taxes down as much as possible.

Mr. Livingston commended Mayor Rilling, Mr. Dachowitz and the Finance staff for the revised budget. He said it strikes a reasonable balance.

Ms. Smyth commended Mr. Dachowitz and Ms. Fogel and all who contributed to these decisions. She noted that people are suffering.

Mayor Rilling added that his number one responsibility as an elected official is to protect the residents and to keep the taxes low. He said they are well positioned to handle whatever comes forward.

Mayor Rilling said there were a lot of questions about the rainy-day fund. He said they will draw down as long as it helps to reduce taxes. He thanked Mr. Dachowitz for his presentation.

X. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none.

XI. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned by voice vote at 9:32 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk