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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. King read the notice.

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) Common Council member absent (Mr. Dumas). A Quorum was present.

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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The following correction was made to page 3.

The first sentence under General Council Business should read as follows:

Ms. Smyth, President of the Norwalk Common Council read the following statement from the Common Council:

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED
** 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; MS.
SHANAHAN)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak this evening.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS: There were none.

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REAPPOINTMENTS: There were none.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling acknowledged that June is Pride Month. He mentioned that this year's Pride in the Park event at Mathews Park had to be cancelled due to the pandemic but thanked the organizer for their hard work.

Mayor Rilling said he was notified by SNEW that due to the heat and more people being at home, there is a risk of a water shortage. He asked residents to conserve water.

Mayor Rilling announced that he will hold a Town Hall meeting with Community Services Chief Lamond Daniels on June 24, 2020, where a plan for Norwalk Equity and Justice Committee will be outlined. Mr. Daniels will be the point person.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Ms. Smyth did not have any general announcements.

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS: There were none.

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were none.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

**VII.A.1a, VII.A.1b, VII.A.2a, VII.A.2b, VII.B.1, VII.B.2, VII.B.3, VII.B.4a,
VII.B.4b, VII.B.4c, VII.B.4d. VII.B.5, VII.C.1, VII.C.2**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FGB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PROJECT DPW RNP2020-1 NATHAN HALE MIDDLE SCHOOL BATHROOM – CONCESSION BUILDING FOUNDATION FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$31,500. ACCOUNT #'S 09156030-5777-C1518, 09206030-5777-C05187, 014150-5585.

1B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH FGB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PROJECT DPW RNP2020-1 NATHAN HALE MIDDLE SCHOOL BATHROOM – CONCESSION BUILDING FOUNDATION FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$3,150.00. ACCOUNT #014150-5585.

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GILIBERTO & SONS, LLC PROJECT #4018 CHIMNEY REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION AT GALLAHER MANSION/CRANBURY PARK FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$229,900.00. ACCOUNT #'S 09166030-5777-C0366, 09186030-5777-C0366, 09206030-5777-C0366, 014150-5585.

2B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH GILIBERTO & SONS, LLC PROJECT #4018 CHIMNEY REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION AT GALLAHER MANSION/CRANBURY PARK FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$22,990. ACCOUNT #014150-5585.

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: JUNE 11, 2020

2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED JUNE 11, 2020

3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: MAY 2020

4. SPECIFIC ACTION FOR IT 2020/2021 CAPITAL PROJECTS:

A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES FOR THE SUPPLY OF PERSONAL COMPUTER WORKSTATIONS, LAPTOPS, RUGGEDIZED DATA TERMINALS, TABLETS AND OBSOLETE ASSET DISPOSAL, ACCORDING TO CITY IT DEPARTMENT SPECIFICATIONS

FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$203,349.75, ACCOUNT 09211370-5777-C0375 (BUDGETED 2020/2021 IT CAPITAL ITEM; NO SPECIAL APPROPRIATION REQUIRED) AND FORWARD ONTO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR FURTHER ACTION.

B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES FOR THE SUPPLY OF INFORMATION SECURITY SOFTWARE, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00 ACCOUNT 09211370-5777-C0375 (BUDGETED IT 2020/2021 CAPITAL ITEM; NO SPECIAL APPROPRIATION REQUIRED).

C. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS, STATE OF CT CONTRACT 18PSX0202, FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, AND TRAINING FOR CISCO CALL MANAGER SOFTWARE UPGRADE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,865, ACCOUNTS 09211370-5777-C0375 (CITY:\$30,865) AND 158-28400-430-58 (BOARD OF EDUCATION PORTION \$30,000. (BUDGETED EXPENSES; NO SPECIAL APPROPRIATION REQUIRED).

D. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO BARAMUNDI SOFTWARE, USA INC, FOR THE BARAMUNDI MANAGEMENT SUITE, 800 ENDPOINTS, INCLUDING SUPPORT, MAINTENANCE, AND SUBSCRIPTIONS SERVICES, AND TRAINING, PER VENDOR QUOTATION DATED 1/22/2020, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,512.00, ACCOUNT 09211370-5777-C0375 (BUDGETED 2020/2021 IT CAPITAL ITEM; NO SPECIAL APPROPRIATION REQUIRED).

5. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CAVANAUGH MACDONALD CONSULTING, LLC TO PERFORM THE CITY'S PENSION AND OPEB ACTUARIAL VALUATIONS FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RFP PROPOSAL AND THEIR FINAL FEE STRUCTURE PROPOSAL AS OF MAY 22, 2020 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$318,500 ACCOUNT # 050000-5258; 060000-5258; 070000-5258; 080000-5258; 711340-5258

C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

1. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS/AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 30 OF THE CITY CODE:

CHAPTER 30:

• SECTION 30-15: IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT OF CITY CAPITAL BUILDING

• SECTION 30-15.1: POWERS AND DUTIES • SECTION 30-15.2: BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEES

• SECTION 30-16: DESIGNATION OF SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

2. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS/AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 32 OF THE CITY CODE:

CHAPTER 32:

• SECTION 32-12: BOARD OF ETHICS

**** 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; MS. SHANAHAN)**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

6. RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AGGREGATING \$153,832,356 FOR THE 2020-2021 CAPITAL BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$129,001,956 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2020-2021 CAPITAL BUDGET.

Mr. Bruce Chudwick of Shipman & Goodwin described the approach being taken to secure the funds for various projects.

Mr. Dachowitz explained that this is an authorization to bond the approved capital budgets. He said that although the authorization is for a gross of \$153 million for this year's budget, they are looking to borrow \$42 million this year.

Mr. Chudwick said they are preparing the bond resolution. It provides for the appropriation of the funds for the capital budget.

Mr. Keegan presented five questions regarding the amount in the debt service and the total amount being borrowed.

Mr. Dachowitz responded to Mr. Keegan. He noted that when going to the State to be put on the list for school reimbursements, they like to see the gross amount approved by the local municipality. He said that out of \$153.8 million, the total net expected to be bonded is \$129 million. He added that the WPCA is a zero net to the City.

On the Board of Education side, the \$50 million for the new Norwalk High School is net zero. They expect a 30% reimbursement for Cranbury School and expect to borrow \$30 million.

Mr. Dachowitz said that in consultation with financial advisors, they determined that \$400 million is the absolute debt they can issue and keep the AAA bond rating. Currently there is \$260 million in debt and can issue \$140 million in debt to reach the \$400 million limit. Each year they are paying down outstanding principle.

Mr. Dachowitz explained that the Police Department is acquiring a major radio system. The \$14 million can be split over two years.

Mr. Dachowitz described IRS regulations related to borrowing.

Mr. Dachowitz said they do not need to borrow \$80 million for Norwalk High School now; the \$50 million is on the assumption they will get the 80% reimbursement from the State.

Mr. Dachowitz reviewed the current year financials. He said he inherited \$118 million in prior year projects. He said that with the Controller, he instituted a procedure where quarterly they go to the department heads with the list of open capital projects and ask for a cash flow projection for the next two – two- and one-half years.

Mr. Dachowitz said the market is looking good and they are in a good situation with the AAA bond rating. He said he and his team can look at the market to borrow as cheaply as they can. The borrowing is expected to take place at the end of July.

Mr. Dachowitz said that because Mayor Rilling was fiscally conservative and built up the rainy-day fund, they have been able to handle the COVID stresses. He said that he own role is to be the early warning indicator. He said the City is doing ok now, but they have to start worrying about the capital projects. An alternative is to go through all of the authorized projects and decide if any can be stopped or have the scope of the project narrowed, change the quality of the project, do the projects over a 10-12-15 year period or lose the AAA rating and exceed the \$400 million ceiling. Mr. Dachowitz said he wants everyone to be aware that this is what is coming. He said if they make these decisions and changes over the next three years, they should be ok, but they have to look at these projects.

Mr. Dachowitz said the vast majority of funding is from taxes. If they increase the grand list, then the mill rate increase will be moderated.

Ms. Young asked about the types of project they would try to stretch out. Mr. Dachowitz said they have to determine what is functional, what is nice to have and what is essential. He said that time is their friend to help the debt service go down to a manageable level.

**** MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (MR. BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; MR. LANGELLA; MR. SACCHINELLI; MS. SMYTH; MR. HEUVELMAN; MR. ROBERTS; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MR. THEODORIDIS; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON; MS. SHANAHAN) AND ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. KEEGAN)**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were none.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Donna King, City Clerk