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**CITY OF NORWALK
COMMON COUNCIL
OCTOBER 13, 2020
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. King read the announcement and called the Roll:

The following Common Council members were present:

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett Mr. Manny Langella Ms. Barbara Smyth	Ms. Dominique Johnson Mr. Nicholas Sacchinelli
District A:	Mr. David Heuvelman	Mr. Kadeem Roberts
District B:	Ms. Diana Revolus	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 15 (fifteen) Common Council member present. A Quorum was present.

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: September 22, 2020

- ** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR. BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; MR. LANGELLA; MR. SACCHINELLI; MS. SMYTH; MR. HEUVELMAN; MR. ROBERTS; MS. REVOLUS; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MR. THEORODRIDIS; MR. KEEGAN; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON; MS. SHANAHAN)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak this evening.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS RESIGNATIONS:

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John Levin, Conservation Commission

**** MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. LEVIN TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Mr. Keegan spoke in support of the appointment.

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

REAPPOINTMENTS:

There were no reappointments announced this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced the passing of Tony Mobilia last Friday. He said Mr. Mobilia was a true man of service and said it was his pleasure to appoint and re-appoint him to the Harbor Management Commission. Mayor Rilling offered his condolences and asked for a Moment of Silence.

Due to the uptick of COVID-19 cases, Mayor Rilling sent out a Code Red message today urging residents to continue efforts to flatten the curve. He urged residents to continue to practice social distancing, wear masks, wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizers and avoid large crowds.

On October 14, 2020, the CT Food bank will once again distribute free meals from 10:00 am to 2:00 PM at Veterans Park. He noted there is food insecurity in Fairfield County.

All registered voters received absentee ballot applications from the Office of the Secretary of States. Forms may be mailed back to the Town Clerk's Office or dropped off at one of the three secure drop boxes located in City Hall, Main Public Library and Police Station.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Ms. Smyth did not have specific comments.

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B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

**VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS A.
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

**1. AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE CLAIM: POLITO, SHARON V. CITY
OF NORWALK, ET AL, DOCKET NUMBER FST-CV19-6039869-S.
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**1. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A SOLE
SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER TO CARGILL SALT, ROAD SAFETY
FOR TREATED ROAD SALT FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL,
PRICING NOT TO EXCEED \$82.00 PER TON FOR NORMAL AND
AFTER- HOUR DELIVERIES EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2020-2021
WINTER SEASON. ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 25 5322**

**2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE
ORDER TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES, MILFORD, CT FOR THE
PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2020 FORD SUPER DUTY F250 XL REGULAR
CAB FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$39,799.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 21
4120 5777 C0650**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE
ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR LOCAL
TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LOTICIP)
GRANT STATE PROJECT L102-0004 - EAST WALL STREET –
LANDMARK SQUARE SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY AND STREETSCAPE
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

**4. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION
OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, ITEM VII.A.5A AND 5B. TO ADD ACCOUNT
DESIGNATED FOR PROJECT DRG2020-1 ON-CALL DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, ACCOUNT NUMBER: 09
21 4021 5777 C0021.**

**A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND M.**

RONDANO, INC. FOR PROJECT DRG2020-1 ON-CALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$954,320.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 10 4027 5777 C0302 09 20 4027 5777 C0302 09 21 4027 5777 C0302 09 18 4021 5777 C0021 09 19 4021 5777 C0021 09 20 4021 5777 C0021 09 19 4021 5777 C0318 09 21 4021 5777 C0318 09 21 4021 5777 C0021

B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH M. RONDANO, INC. FOR PROJECT DRG2020-1 ON-CALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$95,500.00. ACCOUNT NO 09 10 4027 5777 C0302 09 20 4027 5777 C0302 09 21 4027 5777 C0302 09 18 4021 5777 C0021 09 19 4021 5777 C0021 09 20 4021 5777 C0021 09 19 4021 5777 C0318 09 21 4021 5777 C0318 09 21 4021 5777 C0021

5. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES OF MILFORD, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2020 MACK GR42FR PLOW TRUCK FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$231,864.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4031 5777 C0313 09 21 4031 5777 C0313

6. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES OF MILFORD, FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2021 F-550 CHASSIS AND REGULAR CAB FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$180,381.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 21 4031 5777 C0313

7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE 1ST AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH WSP USA INC. FOR STATE PROJECT 102-360 TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE AND INSTALLATION OF DYNAMIC MESSAGE SYSTEMS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,800.00 ACCOUNT NO. 09 16 4021 5777 C0232 09 20 4120 5777 C0232

B. 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 CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN (IAP) PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$804,473 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

1B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN (IAP) PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2024. 2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH FAIR & IMPARTIAL POLICING, LLC (FIP) FOR TRAINING SERVICES AND RELATED MATERIALS FOR USE IN IMPLICIT-BIAS AWARENESS TRAINING PROGRAM.

C. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SALAMONE & ASSOCIATES, P.C. FOR THE BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR AIR QUALITY DESIGN SERVICES FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$12,960.00. ACCT. #0920 5010 5777 C0655.

1B. AUTHORIZE THE NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACILITIES DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500.

D. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: OCTOBER 8, 2020

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

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

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED: OCTOBER 8, 2020

Mr. Burnett explained that the Common Council authorized a grace period for the July 2020 tax bill collection from August 1st to October 1st. No interest would be charged if paid by October 1st.

Ms. Biagiarelli said they were concerned about how this would go, but the State of Connecticut allowed municipalities to either extend the date or charge a lower interest rate. Norwalk tried to make it as easy as possible for the taxpayers. The collection rate was lower for that period because they offered the longer grace period.

Through October 7th, they collected \$180 million which is slightly less than they collected during the same period last year. Ms. Biagiarelli said they were comfortable that the grace period accomplished what they hoped it would and did not put the City at risk. Mr. Dachowitz added that Ms. Biagiarelli has been tracking this since March. He said that collection rate this year is up by \$6.5 million and that he feels comfortable that the extension of the grace period accomplished its goal. He added that the revenues are holding up as hoped.

Ms. Biagiarelli said she opened the tax collection window to the public. She said she plans to move it inside after the election, due to the cold weather. She said they tried to make payments as convenient as possible for the tax payers. Ms. Biagiarelli said they will be sending delinquent notices later this month.

Mr. Burnett thanked Ms. Biagiarelli and her team for coming up with the innovative solution of opening the window for tax payments.

Mr. Livingston asked about the status of non-payments. Ms. Biagiarelli said it was too early to tell. Mr. Dachowitz said he expects the historical tax collection rate to be achieved. He noted the uptick in Covid cases and said he did not know how that would impact the City.

Mayor Rilling thanked Ms. Biagiarelli and her staff for working while City Hall was closed to the public. He also thanked Mr. Dachowitz.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were none this evening.

IX. MOTONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

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X. **SUSPENSION OF RULES**

There were none this evening.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk