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**CITY OF NORWALK
COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 9, 2021
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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 announcement and called the Roll:

Common Council
March 9, 2021
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Via Teleconference

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. Darlene Young	Ms. Diana Revolus
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	
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. Theodoridis). 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: February 23, 2021

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 12: Mr. Heuvelman's remarks should read as follows:

"Mr. Heuvelman said we are all experiencing a fatigue that has the ability to drive us to distraction and take our eyes off the real horizon. I have been troubled by some of the rhetoric that has been levied during this budget season and saddened by the lack of fundamental understanding that we are all on the same side. The side that only wants what is best for the city of Norwalk."

Page 12: The 2% increase should be 2.7% increase.

Ms. Shanahan's remarks should read as follows:

"Ms. Shanahan said she supported Mr. Kydes' amendment. She said that in no way did she think this reduction as being punitive or directed at the Board of Education. She said

that we are all paying taxes and this has been an extraordinarily difficult year for everyone. She said that she was comfortable with this reduction due to the possibility of Federal stimulus funds and because there is a leftover surplus in the BoE budget this year end. She added that there is the ability to do a special appropriation later in the fiscal year if the Board of Education needs funding. "

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

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to comment this evening.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were no resignations announced this evening.

APPOINTMENTS:

- ** **MS. JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE Jolie Leung and Steven Rust TO THE ARTS COMMISSION**

Ms. Johnson and Mr. Roberts spoke in support of the appointments.

- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** **MR. LANGELLA MOVED TO APPROVE DAN DARBANDI TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION**

Mr. Langella spoke in support of the appointment.

- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

- ** **MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH GOLDEN TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Mr. Burnett and Ms. Johnson spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling reported that this morning a vaccine clinic was held at Grace Baptist Church. The purpose of this is to encourage our communities of color to get the vaccine. He noted that the communities of color are severely impacted by Covid. In addition, they are severely underrepresented in vaccine administration and he wants to see that changed. A similar event is planned the following week at Bethel AME Church. Mayor Rilling thanked Ms. Young and Mr. Burnett for volunteering their time at the vaccine clinic and the food clinics. He noted that food insecurity is still a problem.

On March 10, 2021, another food distribution event will be held at Calf Pasture Beach to address food insecurity. On March 20, 2021, a vaccine clinic will be held at Brien McMahon High School with the goal of providing at least 1,000 vaccinations. Mayor Rilling noted that already about 5,000 people have been vaccinated in the City of Norwalk. He thanked all the volunteers who have been working at the clinics and been on the front line during this pandemic.

Mayor Rilling said this is budget season and he will be submitting the capital budget to the Common Council for review and consideration. He thanked the Department Heads for diligently keeping their budgets at or under the cap set forth by the Common Council.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Sacchinelli announced that Ms. Young would be reading the Consent Calendar this evening.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCUSSION: SETTLEMENT: SAVANNAH THOMPSON V. CITY OF NORWALK, CIRMA CLAIM NO. A04823 EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCUSSION: SETTLEMENT: JOSEPH MAURO V. CITY OF NORWALK, CIRMA CLAIM NO. 0165935 EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. 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 LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,580 PER FISCAL YEAR FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

1B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AND ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.

B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO A SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT WITH HEAD OF THE HARBOR SOUTH, LLC PER TERMS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL, DARIN I. CALLAHAN DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2021.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE THE 1ST AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND VANNASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC. (VHB) FOR THE DESIGN OF ADAPTIVE TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON WEST AVENUE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4120 5777 C0232

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE 1ST SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT AUTHORIZATION LETTER FOR STATE PROJECT 102-350 NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL – PHASE 2.

5. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY AND PARKING TO APPLY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING FOR THE CITY OR ITS DESIGNEE(S) TO CONSTRUCT, OWN, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN ALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES INSTALLED AS PART OF PROPOSED PROJECT NORWALK TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE – PHASE V. IN ADDITION, THE CITY WILL PROVIDE UP TO 20% OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COST AS MATCHING FUNDS, FROM APPROVED CAPITAL FUNDS FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL REPLACEMENT.

C. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE SEPARATE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH WSP USA AND AKRF FOR ON CALL PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS RELATED TO PEER TRAFFIC REVIEW. THE SCOPE OF WORK WILL BE PERFORMED PURSUANT TO INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OF AGREEMENT DETAILING THE SCOPE OF THE WORK FOR EACH PROJECT. SERVICES WILL BE PAID FOR BY INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE SEPARATE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH DECARLO & DOLL, BFJ PLANNING AND ANDRIOPOULOS DESIGN ASSOCIATES FOR ON CALL PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS RELATED TO PEER ARCHITECTURAL/PLANNING REVIEW. THE SCOPE OF WORK WILL BE PERFORMED PURSUANT TO INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OF AGREEMENT DETAILING THE SCOPE OF THE WORK FOR EACH PROJECT. SERVICES WILL BE PAID FOR BY INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

3. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ZONING TO EXECUTE THE LETTERS OF AGREEMENT FOR BOTH TRAFFIC PEER REVIEW SERVICES AND ARCHITECTURAL/PLANNING PEER REVIEW SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS TO AUTHORIZE THE WORK TO BE DONE.

D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH INTEGRATED SYSTEM SERVICES, LLC. FOR THE ENHANCEMENT TO SCHOOL SECURITY – ACCESS CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS AT BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL

& NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT EXCEED \$58,001. ACCT. # 0915/215010 5777 C0537.

1B. AUTHORIZE THE NPS FACILITIES DEPT. TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$5,800.00. ACCT. # 09215010 5777 C0537.2.

2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SPECIAL TESTING LABORATORIES, INC. FOR MATERIALS TESTING AND FIELD INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATE AS NEW PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000. ACCOUNT #0919/20 5010 5777 C0619.

3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSAL BUILDING SERVICES, LLC FOR CITY HALL AIR HANDLER UNIT#3 REFURBISHMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$78,850.00 ACCOUNT # 0918/21 7100 5777C0439

3B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$7,885.00.

**** 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. KEEGAN; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON; MS. SHANAHAN**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**** MR TSIRANIDES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTIVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND FITZGERALD & HALLIDAY, INC. (FHI) FOR THE NORWALK TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 18 4021 5777 C0599
09 21 4120 5777 C0514
09 21 3750 5777 C0774
09 21 3750 5777 C0775
09 21 3750 5777 C0776**

Mr. Tsiranides explained the item and noted it changes the current plan. Ms. Casey, Mr. Carr and Mr. Yoesak were present. Ms. Casey said the current plan was done in 2012. In 2019 the Plan of Conservation and Development was signed. She said that as a City, we care about mobility. She explained why those chose Fitzgerald and Halliday and said added that they all agreed as a panel, that Fitzgerald and Halliday will work closely with the community and think creatively.

Mr. Livingston commented that this plan will replace the 2012 master plan. He said a lot of changes have taken place since then, and that this is a very appropriate time o look at this. This new plan will look at where bike and pedestrians are underserved. Mr. Livingston said this is a change in approach from a car centric approach and that he fully supports its passage.

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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

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk