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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 called the Roll.

At Roll Call 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	Mr. George Theodoridis
District D:	Mr. George Tsiranides	Mr. Tom Keegan
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	

At Roll Call there were fourteen (14) Common Council members present and one (1) absent (Ms. Shanahan). 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: May 25, 2021

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

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to comment this evening.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were none this evening.

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APPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling Mayor Rilling thanked the Common Council Members, City Staff and Norwalk residents for their cooperation during the pandemic. With their help, Norwalk's numbers are trending in the right direction.

The infection rate is going down and vaccination rate is going up.

Five concerts have been scheduled this summer and they are looking at holding various festivals as well.

On June 12, 2021, "Shredding for Charity" will be held in the parking lot of City Hall for the benefit of the Norwalk Senior Center. The Triangle Community Center will hold several events in June to celebrate Pride month. The annual Pride in the Park celebration is scheduled to resume next year.

On June 16, 2021, Middle School Promotions will be held. Norwalk High School and P-Tech Graduation Ceremonies will be held on June 17, 2021. Brien McMahon's graduation Ceremony will be held on June 18, 2021.

Lastly, the Mayor Rilling noted that on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, where all persons held as Slaves were liberated. He encouraged all to engage in positive action to commemorate Juneteenth on June 19, 2021.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Heuvelman read a statement regarding the recent hiring and subsequent resignation of two Norwalk Police Officers.

Statement by David Heuvelman_June 8, 2021

I speak to you tonight as a private citizen who serves you, the residents of Norwalk, and who is a member of this Council. Mr. Mayor, Council Colleagues, Chiefs and Staff of our city government and all of you whom we serve, I am saddened by the events of last week where our city hired two police officers who subsequently resigned because of incidents which came to light after the offers were made.

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As a white person of empathy and compassion, I turn to you, my neighbors and colleagues of color to help me to understand your journey so together we may use our influence to help make the changes needed to bring equity to the forefront of all processes and to change the systems that were originally created by our white founding fathers.

What happened last week troubled me greatly. Mistakes were made. I am heartened by the fact that we have leaders willing to own those mistakes. Willing to come forward and state that; but we need more. Teetering on the one year anniversary of the murder of George Floyd we should be better at this. I am troubled that any incident concerning an officer involved shooting would not set off alarm bells by an investigator anywhere in our world let alone Norwalk, CT.

We must do better.

I too am troubled by the rise of crime in the streets of our nation, but I am more troubled that one of the excuses being used for this is that we are asking for accountability from our police and they are now afraid to do their job. This is a troubling paradigm that is being set in motion and is deflecting the conversation away from the changes that we need to make. The change that is needed lies within all of us. We need to stop looking outside for answers, but rather look inward.

We need to know each other, and to treat each other with dignity. To do this we need our police to know the people that they serve, and we the people need to know the police. The phrases that are becoming all too common on both sides are only serving to divide us further. Defund the Police. Back the Blue. These only fuel this divide. We need to know more than just the faces of those who live in our community and more than the faces of those who serve us. Only then do we become human to each other and not a Uniform or a Hoody on a Corner. I charge us all to leave our homes and talk to each other and get to know each other. This level of human relationship can only serve to make us stronger.

We as the elected leaders, elected by you the people, you who are our leaders, we need to take on the big tasks by reforming these systems. Charter regulations and ordinances that do not serve the community as a whole need to be scrutinized and changed. Systems that may once have served our community but have now evolved to harm need to be changed. We need to lead this change and show others that we have the skills needed to live as a 21st Century, diverse, proud, strong, unified community.

This starts with all of us. It starts with us listening to each other. And it needs to start now. I am glad that our Mayor and our Chief took action, and were willing to listen and begin a journey to strengthen the hiring process for our Police

Department. But this is only the beginning. I hope that we can use this example, and move our city forward and thus become stronger for it.

Thank you for your time and for listening.

Mr. Sacchinelli said that everyone needs to work together to make Norwalk a better place.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mr. Sacchinelli announced that Ms. Johnson would be reading this evening's Consent Calendar.

**** MS. JOHNSON MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VII.A.1, VII.2A, VII.2B, VII.B.2, VII.B.3, VII.B.4, VII.C.1, VII.C.2, VII.D.1, VII.D.2, VII.D.3, VII.D.4, VII.D.5A, VII.D.5B, VII.D.7

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, SHARON CONNORS, TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GAC, DBA NEW ENGLAND TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS AND VOICE CALL BOX AT FIVE FIRE STATIONS (BID # 4082) FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$41,000 FROM ACCOUNT # C0641.

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BADGEQUEST, INC. TO CONDUCT THE POLICE PROMOTIONAL TESTING FOR THE RANKS OF DETECTIVE, SERGEANT AND LIEUTENANT, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$39,000, FROM ACCOUNT # 013049-5258.

2B. AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF, THOMAS E. KULHAWIK, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICE WRITTEN

PROMOTIONAL TESTING AND ASSESSMENT CENTERS FOR THE RANKS OF DETECTIVE, SERGEANT AND LIEUTENANT.

B. PLANNING COMMITTEE

2. APPROVE THE 2021 APPLICATIONS FOR REFERRAL TO THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2021 CONNECTICUT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC (VHB) FOR THE DESIGN OF A ROUNDABOUT ON GREGORY BOULEVARD AT FIFTH STREET FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,600.00. ACCOUNT NUMBER: 09 20 4120 5777 C0232

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILING TO EXECUTE AN ASSIGNMENT OF CAPITAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 TO THE NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL, INC. A 501-C, TO ASSIST IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WIL-WALK SECTION OF THE NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL. ACCOUNT NUMBER: 09 21 3750 5777 C0777

C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION MAY 11, 2021, ITEM VII.C.2 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WOODS MEN'S AND BOY'S CLOTHING FOR PROJECT NO. 4087 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$17,680.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/22; \$18,148.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 AND \$18,447.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF ONE (1) YEAR EACH. ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 21 5276 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WOODS MEN'S AND BOY'S CLOTHING FOR

PROJECT NO. 4087 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$17,680.00 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2023; \$18,148.00 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2025; AND \$18,447.00 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2027. ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 21 5276.

2. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, ITEM VII.A.6 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR AHNEMAN KIRBY, LLC FOR ON-CALL SURVEYING SERVICES. ACCOUNT NUMBERS 09 21 6030 5777 C0365 AND 09 22 6030 5777 C0365.

ACCOUNT NO.

**09 10 4027 5777 C0302 09 20 4027 5777 C0302 09 21 4021 5777 C0318
09 21 4027 5777 C0302 09 06 4021 5777 C0315 09 18 4021 5777 C0021
09 20 4027 5777 C0643 09 19 4021 5777 C0021 01 40 30 5258
09 20 4021 5777 C0021 09 19 4021 5777 C0318 09 21 6030 5777 C0365
09 22 6030 5777 C0365 AUTHORIZED**

D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A PERMANENT EXHIBIT OF NORWALK'S HISTORY FROM 10,000 B.C. TO 1835 FOR THE TOWN HOUSE AT MILL HILL HISTORIC PARK FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED \$84,000. ACCT. #09216363 5777 C0521

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERIM LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE RIVERBROOK REGIONAL YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, INC. (YMCA) FOR THE OCCUPANCY OF PORTIONS OF 98 SOUTH MAIN STREET BUILDING TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS BY EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021. ALL REMAINING TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT TO REMAIN UNCHANGED.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SILVER PETRUCELLI & ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH NORWALK LIBRARY FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$12,300.00. ACCT #09186210 5777 C0605

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN EVERSOURCE NEW CONSTRUCTION & MAJOR RENOVATIONS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PATH 2: WHOLE BUILDING ENERGY USE INTENSITY (EUI) REDUCTION COST SHARE AGREEMENT FOR CRANBURY SCHOOL. THE CITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR UP TO 25% OF \$20,000 OR \$5,000.00 FOR TA

(TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE) VENDOR SERVICES THAT INCLUDE ENERGY CHARRETTE FACILITATION, EUI TARGET SETTING, ENERGY MODELING, AND MID-DESIGN REVIEW/ FEEDBACK. ACCT. #09215010 5777 C0786

5A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH A.V. TUCHY BUILDERS AS THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER (CM) FOR THE NARMAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KITCHEN/CAFETERIA/MEDIA CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TO ACCEPT THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,618,353.14. ACCT. #09215010 5777 C0788.

5B. AUTHORIZE THE LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$204,258.00.

7. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER(S) ON CONTRACT WITH GUARDIAN SERVICE INDUSTRIES INC. TO PROVIDE PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND LABORS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT PHASE I OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL BATHROOM RENOVATION PROJECT FOR THE SUMMER OF 2021 FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$87,971.84. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN CAPITAL BUDGET ACCOUNT #09225010 5777 C0807

**** 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. THEODORIDIS; MR. KEEGAN; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON)**

B. PLANNING COMMITTEE

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND UTILE, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 FOR THE ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF SERVICES TO CONDUCT THE NORWALK URBAN WATERFRONT LAND USE PLAN.**

Mr. Kydes reviewed the item and said this request is to expand on the scope of work and take a deeper dive into the Industrial Zone study.

Mr. Kleppin, Director of Planning and Zoning explained as they got into the work, they wanted to look at the waterfront, but it was very complex. If this request is approved this evening, he said he believes they can complete this project in about eight months.

Mr. Livingston spoke in support of the item and said that it is critical to do this right. Ms. Smyth also spoke in support of this item and said that it is a long time in coming. The waterfront is underutilized, and this study would provide information on how to activate the waterfront. Ms. Johnson offered her thanks to the departments and to the community. She said she was happy the residents of Norwalk were listened to. Mr. Heuvelman said he supported this item. He added that he hoped this study would find an opportunity to activate the waterfront.

Mr. Kydes gave a shout out to Mr. Kleppin and noted that he liked his proactive approach for making this happen.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY, AS THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER (CM) FOR THE NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL – NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES (INCLUDING REIMBURSABLE ALLOWANCE) \$392,360
CM FEES (% OF TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION) 1.85%.
CM CONTINGENCY (% OF TOTAL TRADE BIDS) 2.5%
FOLLOWING THE BIDDING PROCESS, FINAL GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. ACCT. #09215010 5777 C0787**

Mr. Livingston explained that this is the next step in the construction of the new Norwalk High School. He said that Gilbane Building Company was selected after an RFP process. He said that Mr. Lo was present to answer any questions.

Mr. Keegan said he had concerns and was worried about the capital budget debt limit and the debt service. He added that he was concerned that there will be no funds available for other projects that are needed.

Mr. Keegan said that he believes the South Norwalk elementary schools should be prioritized and built before thinking about building a new Norwalk High School.

Ms. Johnson asked if this item was just for pre-construction. Mr. Lo explained that the office is going through a program phase. They are looking at value engineering. They are designing and cost estimating at this point.

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

X. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk