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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rilling asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Staff Sergeant Louis S. Doddo, 30, killed in action in the Battle of Saipan during World War II. He served with the US Army, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Infantry Division, and was killed during a massive Japanese attack on the island of Saipan during World War II. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star, among other awards and citations. His remains were identified on November 3, 2020. Graveside services, with full military

honors were held at 12 Noon, on Friday, June 18, 2021 at St. John Cemetery where he was buried by his parents.

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. Dominique Johnson Ms. Barbara Smyth
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	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were fourteen (14) Common Council members present and one (1) absent (Mr. Sacchinelli). 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: June 8, 2021

The following correction was made to the minutes:

Mr. Langella read the consent calendar.

**** MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS. SHANAHAN)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to comment this evening.

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IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were none this evening.

APPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

REAPPOINTMENTS:

Sharon Conners, Purchasing Agent

Mayor Rilling spoke in support of reappointing Ms. Conners as the Purchasing Agent.

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE SHARON CONNERS AS THE PURCHASING AGENT**

Members of the Common Council spoke in support of this reappointment. As her supervisor, Mr. Dachowitz also spoke in support of this reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling congratulated the high school Seniors who graduated this week. He said that on Wednesday he attended six middle school graduations. He praised and thanked the educators for their creative ways of keeping the students engaged during the pandemic. He recognized the Norwalk High School Baseball Team for winning the Class LL State Championships. He announced that there will be a parade this Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 9:00 a. m. starting at Veteran's Park to celebrate the Norwalk High School baseball team. Lastly, he congratulated Council President Sacchinelli and his wife on the birth of their first child.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Kydes congratulated Mr. Sacchinelli and his wife on the birth of their daughter.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

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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 ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JS ENDURANCE FOR THEIR USE OF VETERANS PARK FOR THE SONO HALF/5K TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 FROM 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021 AT 9:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 1:00 PM ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000 – 1,200.

1B. APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY JS ENDURANCE FOR THE SONO HALF/5K TO BE HELD AT VETERANS PARK ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 FROM 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM RAVEIS CHARITABLE FUND FOR THEIR USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR THE RAVEIS RIDE + WALK 2021 TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 FROM 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021 AT 7:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 400.

2B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM RAVEIS CHARITABLE FUND FOR THEIR USE OF CRANBURY PARK PAVILION 1 FOR THEIR RAVEIS RIDE & WALK TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 FROM 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 400.

2C. APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY WILLIAM RAVEIS CHARITABLE FUND FOR THE RAVEIS RIDE & WALK TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 FROM 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK CONSERVATORY OF ARTS FOR THEIR USE OF MATHEWS PARK FOR BROADWAY IN THE PARK TO BE HELD SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021, SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021, SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021.

29, 2021 FROM 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM EACH PERFORMANCE DATE. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 4:30 PM AND TEAR DOWN BY 7:30 PM EACH PERFORMANCE DATE. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 400-500.

3B. APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY THE NORWALK CONSERVATORY OF ARTS FOR BROADWAY IN THE PARK ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021 FROM 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM EACH DATE.

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ADDENDUM NO. 1 WITH T.D. AND SONS, INC. FOR PROJECT NO. 4033 RNP2020-2 WEST ROCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER FIELD COMPLEX DATED OCTOBER 10, 2020 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000.00. ACCOUNT #0920-6030-5777-C0631, 0921-6030-5777-C0631.

B. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: JUNE 10, 2021

2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED: JUNE 10, 2021.

3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: MAY 2021

4. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK:

A. 1. THAT PURSUANT TO NORWALK CITY CODE CHAPTER 58, THE MAYOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED, DIRECTED, AND EMPOWERED IN THE NAME OF AND IN BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORWALK TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT, AND ANY AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS THERETO, PROVIDED SUCH AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS ARE NOT OF A SUBSTANTIVE NATURE. IN GENERAL, THE TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT IS DESIGNED TO ABATE THE MUNICIPAL REAL ESTATE TAXES OF THE ROWAYTON SENIOR HOUSING CORPORATION FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO 40 YEARS, EXCEPT THERE WILL BE A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AS MORE DETAILED IN THE AGREEMENT.

B. 2. THE MAYOR IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION OR EXECUTE SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TAX ABATEMENT TO OR WITH SUCH

AGENCIES OF THE FEDERAL OR STATE GOVERNMENTS AS MAY ASSIST THE ROWAYTON SENIOR HOUSING CORPORATION IN MEETING ITS COMMITMENT TO MAKE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES TO THE CITY.

5. FROM BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST:

A. RESOLUTION: APPROVE A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000 FOR CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT NUMBER 09206030-5777-C0631, WEST ROCKS SOCCER COMPLEX TO BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND TREE PLANTINGS.

B. RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$180,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET THE APPROPRIATION FOR PROJECT 09206030-5777-C0631, WEST ROCKS SOCCER COMPLEX.

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO LOAN THE SIXTH TAXING DISTRICT \$550,000.00 FOR THE EXPANSION OF AMBLER PARKING LOT AND FOR UPGRADING THE ROWAYTON FIRE DEPARTMENT'S EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, AND TO SECURE THE REPAYMENT OF THE LOAN, SAID LOAN BEING FIRST AUTHORIZED AS PART OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 CAPITAL BUDGET.

D. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILING TO EXECUTE AN AFTER SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMENCING FROM THE END OF THE AGREEMENT'S INITIAL TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023.

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

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

B. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE, ISSUE AND SELL OF UP TO
\$47,000,000 OF CITY OF NORWALK GENERAL OBLIGATION
REFUNDING BONDS**

Mr. Dachowitz provided an overview of how selling the general obligation refunding bonds will save the City \$1.2 million. He explained that refunding is similar to refinancing a mortgage. He noted that the rates are very low now.

Mr. Livingston commended Mr. Dachowitz and his team for taking this opportunistic approach. Mr. Langella thanked Mr. Dachowitz for staying ahead of the market and for saving the City money. Mayor Rilling thanked Mr. Dachowitz, Mr. Chudwick and Mr. Lindsey.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

**** MS. JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
REVISIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING CITY CODE
SECTION:**

• CHAPTER 59A HOUSING: EQUAL OPPORTUNITY – SECTIONS 59A-1 AND 59A-2

Ms. Johnson thanked the Chair of the Ordinance Committee, Ms. Shanahan and explained that these revisions and amendments came about because there was some antiquated language in the Code. She said that the updated language in the Code makes it more inclusive. Ms. Johnson thanked Ms. Suib and Ms. Keegan for drawing her attention to this matter.

Ms. Shanahan thanked Ms. Johnson for working tirelessly on these revisions and amendments and loves that the approval of the updates falls in the month of June (Pride Month).

Mr. Heuvelman thanked Ms. Johnson and the Chair, Ms. Shanahan. He said that he feels Ms. Shanahan allowed the Ordinance Committee members to be forward thinking. He said he was proud of this work being done for the City.

Ms. Smyth expressed her support.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING CITY CODE SECTION:**

- CHAPTER 60 HUMAN RELATION COMMISSION – SECTIONS 60-1, 60-2 AND 60-5**

Ms. Johnson said that it was very meaningful to have such a strong Ordinance Committee Chair. She said that the revisions/amendments to the Code modernizes the City of Norwalk and the work of Human Relations and Fair Housing. She added that it is so wonderful to be mindful of inclusion.

Mayor Rilling thanked Ms. Johnson for her hard work on these items.

Ms. Young said she was glad that all of these sets of eyes looked at the Ordinance. She added that she was happy to know that the Ordinance Committee is looking at all aspects of the Ordinances.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

X. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were none this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk