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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rilling called for a Moment of Silence in memory of Elizabeth "Tish" Gibbs. He described her many accomplishments and contributions to the City of Norwalk as well as to the Norwalk/Nagarote Sister City Project. Mayor Rilling offered his condolences to her spouse, former Mayor Bill Collins.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. King called the Roll.

At Roll Call the following Common Council members were present:

Council at Large:	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	Ms. Diana Revolus
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	
District D:	Mr. Tom Keegan	
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call twelve (12) Common Council members present and three (3) absent (Mr. Burnett; Mr. Theodoridis and Mr. Tsiranides). 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: July 13, 2021

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

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to comment.

Ms. Lauricella submitted the following letter:

While I know that the Council Minutes are not verbatim, they are nonetheless a reflection of words spoken and letters written. In order to aid the public

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understanding of the historic record, I ask that the Minutes of July 13th be clarified/corrected and added to the official record:

Please add the **bolded** words: "**City Hall Cupola**" after items 2a and 2b Land Use...and correct the typo related to this as "**bid**" not "bud"

Please add the **bolded** words: (last sentence) item D under Finance.... "She said she wanted to... be sure the **Efficiency Study** includes **energy and** waste management opportunities"

Draft July 13th Minutes: "Ms. Diane Lauricella asked that items 2a and 2b under Land Use and Building Management be sent back to committee for clarification. She said that she appreciated the hard work, but the original bud was half the amount being voted on tonight. She summarized a letter she submitted regarding spending an additional \$200,000. Ms. Lauricella spoke about item D under Finance and Claims Committee. She said she wanted to see the specs to be sure the study includes waste management opportunities".

Thank you in advance.
Sincerely

Diane Lauricella

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were no resignations announced this evening.

APPOINTMENTS: Anthony J. Trimboli, Oak Hills Park Authority

**** MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. ANTHONY TRIMBOLI TO THE OAK HILLS PARK AUTHORITY**

Mr. Roberts spoke in support of this appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were no reappointments announced this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling reported that the City is continuing its effort with Covid vaccine outreach. Covid vaccines will be administered at the beach on Sundays during the month of August. The CDC announced new guidelines on masks. He said he will review the guidelines with the Health Department.

Mayor Rilling announced that he will be presiding over the Norwalk Fire Department's promotional ceremony on July 28, 2021. Zoning regulations are in the process of being reviewed with the kickoff event scheduled on July 29, 2021. The Mayor's Saturday morning walks have resumed, and he invited people to join. Walk locations are announced on Facebook the walk.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Sacchinelli announced that Mr. Roberts would read this evening's Consent Calendar.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. AMEND THE CODE OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS, SECTION 1-10 PERMITS, 7B, WITH THE ADDITION OF "WEDDINGS AND CIVIL UNIONS DO NOT REQUIRE APPROVAL OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE, UNLESS REQUIRED BY THE DIRECTOR."

B. HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO MILLENNIUM PRODUCTS INC (GSA VENDOR) FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS (ITEM #WVTMM-L), MODEM PACKAGE/ GPS AND DELIVERY FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$34,567.02. ACCOUNT #01-3120-5262.

C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

1. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING CITY CODE SECTION:

- **CHAPTER 37 (ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS), ARTICLE II (USE AND SALE OF POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS), SECTION 37-10 (DEFINITION OF POLYSTYRENE FOOD SERVICE PRODUCT)**

D. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. APPROVAL OF AND VOTE ON ADJUSTMENT TO THE ORDINANCE EMPLOYEE PAY PLAN SCHEDULE.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE BLUE TEAPOT LLC EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR CAFÉ FOOD SERVICES AT THE LIBRARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2023.

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ACCEPT DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES (DCF) GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,033 AND AN ADDITIONAL \$12,891 IN ENHANCEMENT FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION OF THE NORWALK YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND IT'S PROGRAMS (RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, CARE COORDINATION, PEER CONNECTION), AS THE DESIGNATED YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK. APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2021. GRANT AWARD PERIOD IS JULY 1, 2021 THRU JUNE 30, 2023. AWARD AMOUNT IN THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR MAY BE ADJUSTED SLIGHTLY FROM THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR PER DCF FUNDING GUIDELINES.

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

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

Due to a potential conflict of interest Mr. Kydes recused himself from voting on the following item.

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCUSSION: SETTLEMENT: KORNUK V. CITY OF NORWALK – CLAIM #A08143 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

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

• CHAPTER 38 (EXPLOSIVES), ARTICLE II (FIREWORKS AND FIRECRACKERS), SECTIONS 38-7, 38-7A, 38-8, 38-9, 38-10, 38-11, 38-12 AND 38-13

Ms. Shanahan reviewed the item. Mr. Kydes asked if there had been an issue. Ms. Shanahan said that Mr. Sawyer came to the Ordinance Committee with this issue. She added that there have been plenty of complaints. Ms. Revolus said she had brought this issue to the Common Council before. She added that fireworks that should not be here are here.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,459 FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NORWALK PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

Mr. Lamond Daniels acknowledged Ms. Harris' first time before the Common Council in her new role as the Executive Director of the Norwalk Public Library.

Ms. Harris reviewed the items she plans to purchase with the grant money, including PPE and chairs that are easy to clean, a POD and solar charging stations.

Ms. Young expressed her appreciation to Ms. Harris for her innovative, forward thinking. Mr. Keegan also expressed his appreciation to Ms. Harris and Mr. Daniels. Mr. Langella said that Ms. Harris is always forward thinking. He thanked Mr. Daniels for empowering Ms. Harris. Ms. Revolus said this brings the Library back to the culture of the community and it is a great thing. She told Ms. Harris that she had an innovative mind and a caring heart. Ms. Harris noted that it was a team effort. Mr. Heuvelman said this is another great example of the wonderful work Mr. Daniels' department is doing.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

IX. 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 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk