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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.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. King called the Roll.

At Roll Call the following Common Council members were present:

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Council at Large: Mr. Gregory Burnett Ms. Dominique Johnson
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. George Tsiranides Mr. Tom Keegan

District E: Mr. Thomas Livingston Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were thirteen (13) Common Council members present and two (2) absent Mr. Langella and 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: September 28, 2021

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS
SUBMITTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak his evening.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were none this evening.

APPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced that Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, 2021 is Hispanic Heritage Month. It celebrates the Hispanic community's culture and contributions to our city. In addition, September 15th is Independence Day for several Hispanic countries.

More than 68% of Norwalk residents of all ages are fully vaccinated, making Norwalk one of the highest fully vaccinated populations of any large city in CT. COVID-19 vaccines continue to be offered to the community. For more information, visit norwalkct.org/vaccine.

Starting October 13, 2021, free COVID-19 testing will be held at Veteran's Park – five days a week - instead of Roton Middle School. For the latest schedule and updates, visit norwalkct.org/testing. On October 16, 2021, a gun buyback event will be held at the Norwalk Police Department. Collected firearms will be disassembled, melted down and transformed into gardening tools.

The Mayor congratulated the Health Department for receiving the Family & Children's Agency's William O. Murphy Family Strengthening Award.

Chief of Staff, Laoise King and City Chiefs gave a presentation about the \$39 million Norwalk is receiving from the American Rescue Plan and gave an overview of their plans for the various projects. A copy of the presentation will be sent to the Common Council members. Mayor Rilling thanked the team for their presentation and said that the plan is meant to be flexible and fluid.

Lastly, Mayor announced that today, he received, with regret, City Clerk, Donna King's retirement and thanked her for her service to the City. Several Common Council members echoed the Mayor's sentiments.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Sacchinelli announced that this evening's Consent Calendar would be read by Mr. Tsiranides.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

VI.A.1, VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.B.1, VII.B.4, VII.B.5, VII.B.6A, VII.B.6B, VII.B.9, VII.B.10, VII.C.1, VII.C.2, VII.C.3A, VII.C.3B, VII.C.4, VII.C.5A, VII.C.5B, VII.D.1, VII.D.2

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCUSSION: SETTLEMENT: NIKKA TURNER V. CITY OF NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE RITTER FOUNDATION AND PER AND ASTRID HEIDENREICH FAMILY FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 EACH TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE FAMILY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. APPROVE TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC WORKS RATES AND FEES SET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS FEE SCHEDULE AS PER ATTACHED.

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE AUGUST 28, 2007 AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND A. DICESARE ASSOCIATES, P.C., REGARDING THE EAST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT

**NOT TO EXCEED \$95,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED SCOPE OF SERVICES DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2021.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 12 4021 5777 C0471
09 22 4021 5777 C0471**

**5. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WASTEQUIP, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) COMPACTOR AT THE NORWALK TRANSFER STATION, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$233,565.67 THROUGH SOURCEWELL AWARDED CONTRACT # 040621-WQI, CITY OF NORWALK ID #97613.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 15 4031 5777 C0515
09 16 4031 5777 C0515
09 21 4031 5777 C0515
09 22 4021 5777 C0798**

**6A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION INC., FOR PROJECT RD2021-2 CONCRETE CURB AND SIDEWALKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,591,861.35, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF ONE (1) YEAR EACH.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4021 5777 C0021
09 22 4021 5777 C0318
09 22 4021 5777 C0503**

**6B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION INC., FOR PROJECT RD2021-2 CONCRETE CURB AND SIDEWALKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$259,186.14.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4021 5777 C0021
09 22 4021 5777 C0503
09 22 4021 5777 C0318**

9. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT(S) WITH H.W. LOCHNER FOR DESIGN AND COORDINATION SERVICES DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2016 IN CONNECTION WITH WALK BRIDGE PROGRAM (STATE PROJECT NOS. 201-0176, 301-0188, 301-0187, 102-297, 301-180) FOR A TOTAL SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$260,179.49 – STATE’S SHARE. ACCOUNT NO. 100% STATE REIMBURSABLE 09 18 4062 5799 C0613

10. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO FREIGHTLINER OF HARTFORD, EAST HARTFORD, CT. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2023 M2 106 FREIGHTLINER PLOW TRUCK FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$176,474.20. ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4031 5777 C0313

C. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A LOCATION AGREEMENT WITH BH PHONE COMPANY FOR THE FILMING AND PRODUCTION OF MR. HARRIGAN'S PHONE AT THE LOCKWOOD MATHEWS MANSION MUSEUM.

2. AUTHORIZE THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH PINNACLE DESIGN BUILD, LLC FOR THE MILL HILL JAIL AND BARN SITE ACCESSIBILITY ALTERNATION PROJECT – PHASE 2 BY INCREASING THE CHANGE ORDER ALLOWANCE FROM \$33,464.54 TO \$57,000.00 ACCT. #09196310 5799 C0374, 09196310 5777 C0430 AND 09216310 5777 C0521

3A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDER(S) TO VISTA HIGHER LEARNING FOR DIGITAL LICENSING FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS ONLINE CURRICULA MATERIALS AND TEXTBOOKS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$152,425.00. ACCT. #09215010-5777-C0609

3B. AUTHORIZE A CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000 IN THE EVENT OF ORDER ADJUSTMENTS.

4. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO EXECUTE A CHANGE ORDER 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 AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,000.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN CAPITAL BUDGET ACCOUNT #09225010 5777 C0807

5A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL HILL CONSTRUCTION CORP. CT, FOR THE RENOVATION OF RESTROOMS LOCATED IN THE

GROUND FLOOR OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$31,869.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNT #0921 7100 5777 C0645

5B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$3,186.00

D. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR MARKETING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND DORENBURG KALLENBACH ADVERTISING, LLC, FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) TO EXECUTE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOCUSED MARKETING CAMPAIGN AND WEBSITE. ACCOUNT. NO. 0921 3780 5777 C0781

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH STUDIO 162, LLC (LAUREN CLAYTON) TO COMPLETE TWO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CORRIDOR ART INSTALLATIONS IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,500. ACCOUNT NO. 0921 1450 5777 C0792

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR. BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; 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 APPROVE THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION AT 174 – 176 BOUTON STREET TO PROVIDE SANITARY SEWER SERVICE FOR 5 PARCELS. THROUGH TECHNICAL ANALYSES, IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CAN ACCOMMODATE THE ADDITIONAL SANITARY SEWER FLOW GENERATED FROM THE PROPOSED CONNECTIONS. THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DPW AND**

WPCA SANITARY SEWER PERMIT PROCESS AND SANITARY SEWER MAIN EXTENSION POLICY (ADOPTED JULY 7, 2021) AND BE REFERRED BACK TO THE WPCA BOARD FOR FINAL ACCEPTANCE.

Mr. Carr gave an overview of the process and added that the staff have no objection to his. There is no downstream impact from this project or impact to the Waste Water Treatment Plan from this project.

Attorney Liz Suchy represented the applicant and said they will abide by any requirements. The materials will be stored in an area that is reasonably near the site and will be secured. Ms. Revolus requested that no equipment be left overnight and that the road will not be obstructed.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Mr. Kydes and Mr. Tsiranides recused themselves from voting on the following item.

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION AT 238 WEST ROCKS ROAD TO PROVIDE SANITARY SEWER SERVICE FOR THE ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH AND POTENTIAL 12 PARCELS ADJACENT TO THE PROPOSED EXTENSION. THROUGH TECHNICAL ANALYSES, IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CAN ACCOMMODATE THE ADDITIONAL SANITARY SEWER FLOW GENERATED FROM THE PROPOSED CONNECTIONS. THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DPW AND WPCA SANITARY SEWER PERMIT PROCESS AND SANITARY SEWER MAIN EXTENSION POLICY (ADOPTED JULY 7, 2021) AND BE REFERRED BACK TO THE WPCA BOARD FOR FINAL ACCEPTANCE.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE WOODARD & CURRAN AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 12, 2019, TO PROVIDE ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM EVALUATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCOPE OF SERVICES TASK ORDER 1G "STORM SEWER HYDROLOGIC/HYDRAULIC STUDY" ON GLENDENNING STREET**

DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 (COPY OF INCLUDED) FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$191,000.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 18 4027 5777 C0440

09 21 4021 5777 C0440

09 22 4021 5777 C0440

Mr. Tsiranides said that it has been very hard for the residents in Norwalk. He added that he is very familiar with Glendenning Street. He said the City is paying attention. Mr. Keegan thanked his colleagues for listening to the residents who have been adversely impacted for a number of years.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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ACCOUNT NO. 09 18 4027 5777 C0440

09 21 4021 5777 C0440

09 22 4021 5777 C0440

Mr. Tsiranides said they know the strain the residents and the community are under. He thanked Mayor Rilling and the staff.

Ms. Revolus asked if they paid attention to land displacement. Ms. Valdares, Principal Engineer explained they have a manual for every new construction project and in that manual is a drainage plan. Every new construction is required to hold water on the property and every parcel has to hold water up to a 100 year storm.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO approve the revisions to the City of Norwalk Department of Public Works Standard Detail Drawing – "Historical Lights, Light Poles, Light Pole Foundations and Conduit Trenching": a) incorporating the new proposed 40 Watt, 2700 Kelvin "William & Mary" style, Dark-Sky compliant fixture that South Norwalk Electric and Water is proposing within the Second Taxing District; b) for the other districts all new ornamental lightning fixtures should be Dark-Sky compliant with**

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lumen levels not to exceed recommended IES standards of 2700 Kelvin or 3000 Kelvin for color temperature.

Mr. Tsiranides reviewed the project and said that it was being funded by SNEW. There is no cost to the City of Norwalk. Mr. Huth, CEO and General Manager of SNEW reviewed the scope of the project and said the existing lighting needed to be replaced.

Mr. David Westmoreland, Chair, SNEW said the lights will make a huge difference in South Norwalk. The lighting will be improved, but will not reduce the amount of light on the street. Various Councilmembers spoke in support of this project.

**** 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. YOUNG MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk