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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. Manny Langella (7:35 p.m.) 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 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. Langella). 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: October 12, 2021

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

## III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*Public participation comments are not verbatim and represent a summarization of statements unless otherwise noted.*

Ms. King read correspondence submitted by Ms. Diane Lauricella, and sent to the full Common Council, in support of the Tree Ordinance.

Mr. Langella joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

### A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced that on October 27, 2021, Live Green CT will host a ribbon cutting to celebrate the designation of Route 7 as an official "EV Corridor."

To honor the late Officer Cesar Ramirez, a portion of Chestnut Street will be renamed after him. He said that Officer Ramirez knew everyone and was there for the children at Columbus Magnet and the Side by Side School.

Mayor Rilling wished the community a Happy Halloween and urged residents to take precautions to keep safe.

Throughout the month of November, Pumpkin Composting Bins will be available at the Norwalk Transfer Station and Rowayton Community Center.

November 2, 2021 is Election Day. Mayor Rilling reminded residents to vote in person or by absentee ballot.

On November 4, 2021, a kickoff event will be held for Light the City Purple for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. Complimentary purple light bulbs will be provided by Norwalk Hospital to adorn buildings and homes in Norwalk with purple lights.

On November 11, 2021, a socially distant ceremony honoring Veterans will be held at the Concert Hall.

Mayor Rilling announced that Mr. Thomas Hamilton , Chief Financial Officer, Norwalk Public Schools is retiring effective December 31, 2021. He expressed his appreciation and said he was a professional who understood both sides of the budget process.

## **V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

### **A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Mr. Sacchinelli expressed his good wishes for all candidates on Election Day.

### **B. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**\*\* MS. YOUNG MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**VIA, VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.B.1, VII.B.2, VII.B.3, VII.D.1A, VII.D.1B, VII.D.1C, VII.D.1D, VII.D.1E, VII.D.1F**

**VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**A. CORPORATION COUNSEL**

**1. AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE CLAIM: CITY OF NORWALK V. OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY (BOND CLAIM FOR PROJECT NO. 3989)**

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND RACE COASTAL ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN AND PERMITTING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK PUBLIC MARINA DOCKS, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$95,898.00. ACCOUNT NO. 0922-6030-577- C0367**

**2. AUTHORIZE PURCHASING AGENT, SHARON CONNERS, TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH M. E. O'BRIEN & SONS FOR THE OYSTER SHELL PARK PLAYGROUND, POURED IN PLACE SURFACING FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$75,320.00. ACCOUNT NO. 0922-6030-5777-C0364**

**B. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

**1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: OCTOBER 14, 2021**

**2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED: OCTOBER 14, 2021.**

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

**D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CONVEY PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE EASEMENTS OF 5,564± SQ. FT. AND 257± SQ. FT. AS SHOW ON THE 10 WATER STREET MAP.**

**SEE ENCLOSED MEMORANDUM OF ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL. DARIN L. CALLAHAN DATED OCTOBER 22, 2021.**

**1B. REFERRAL OF ITEM 1.A. TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A REPORT AND RECOMMENDED ACTION PURSUANT CONN GEN. STAT. § 8-24.**

**1C. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CONVEY TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND ACCESS EASEMENT OF 4,258± SQ. FT. AS SHOW ON THE 4 WATER STREET MAP. SEE ENCLOSED MEMORANDUM OF ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL. DARIN L. CALLAHAN DATED OCTOBER 22, 2021.**

**1D. REFERRAL OF ITEM 1.A. TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A REPORT AND RECOMMENDED ACTION PURSUANT CONN GEN. STAT. § 8-24.**

**1E. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CONVEY THREE PERMANENT WETLAND MITIGATION EASEMENTS OF 8,022 SQ. FT., 6,838 SQ. FT., AND 4,009 SQ. FT. EACH, TOGETHER WITH THREE TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENTS OF 6,871 SQ. FT., 2,022 SQ. FT., AND 15,315 SQ. FT. EACH, AND A TEMPORARY 7,014 SQ. FT. CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AS SHOW ON NORTH WATER/CRESCENT STREET MAP. SEE ENCLOSED MEMORANDUM OF ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL. DARIN L. CALLAHAN DATED OCTOBER 22, 2021.**

**1F. REFERRAL OF ITEM 1.A. TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A REPORT AND RECOMMENDED ACTION PURSUANT CONN GEN. STAT. § 8-24**

**\*\* MOTON 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; MS. SHANAHAN)**

## **VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **B. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

**\*\* MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**APPROVE A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$650,000 TO REPAIR DAMAGE TO THE ROWAYTON AVENUE BRIDGE OVER KEELER BROOK AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$650,000 TO FINANCE SAID CAPITAL APPROPRIATION. CAPITAL PROJECT #0921-4021-5777-C0315.**

Mr. Burnett explained that the Rowayton Avenue Bridge was severely damaged during Tropical Storm Elsa on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Paul Sotnik, Senior Engineer said that Tropical Storm Elsa dropped approximately 6.1 inches of rain and as a result, the area at the Bridge had more water over it then it could handle. He described the condition of the Bridge. He said the road was immediately closed when it was determined there was a problem and at this point, they are trying to move as quickly as possible. Mr. Sotnik said they have a permit meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>; however, an issue to consider is the material lead time. He described the scope of work.

Mr. Livingston thanked the team for their work. He said this is a particularly important road and appreciates the hard work. He added that he understands, this has not been easy and appreciates everything thing being done to move this forward.

Ms. Shanahan thanked the Department of Public Works for getting on top of this. She thanked everyone for their prompt response.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

- **CHAPTER 112 TREES AND SHRUBS, SECTIONS 112-1, 112-2, 112-3, 112-4, 112-5, 112-6, 112-7, 112-8, 112-9, 112-10, 112-11, 112-12, 112-13, 112-14, AND 112-15.**

Ms. Shanahan reviewed the new features of the proposed Ordinance. She announced that they are in receipt of a \$50,000 grant that will be used to plant trees in the area across from Oyster Shell Park and Woodward Avenue.

Mr. Livingston congratulated Ms. Shanahan on the grant and commended her for driving this process. He also commended the various people involved in creating this Ordinance.

Mr. Langella, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Young, Ms. Smyth, Ms. Revolus and Mr. Heuvelman spoke in support of the Tree Ordinance. Mayor Rilling expressed his thanks to Ms. Shanahan and the members of the Ordinance Committee.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**\*\* MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:15 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

**1. DISCUSSION REGARDING LITIGATION TITLED, CITY OF NORWALK AND CITY OF NORWALK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY VS. ILSR OWNERS, LLC AND WALL ST OPPORTUNITY FUND, LLC, WHICH IS CURRENTLY PENDING IN THE STAMFORD-NORWALK JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT STAMFORD.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The public was excused.

The members of the Common Council came out of Executive Session at 8:36 p.m.

During the Executive Session, no motions were made, and no votes were taken.

## **X. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE**

There were none this evening.

## **X. SUSPENSION OF RULES**

There were none this evening.

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**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO ADJOURN**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna King, City Clerk