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I. **ROLL CALL** 14, Mr. Goldstein absent

II. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting: January 11, 2022 **APPROVED**

III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** 0

IV. **MAYOR**

A. **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

RESIGNATIONS: Barbara McCabe, Bike Walk Commission **ACCEPTED**

APPOINTMENTS:

REAPPOINTMENTS:

MAYOR'S REMARKS: Signs are starting to show CT may be past the Omicron surge. Hospitalizations and test positivity rates are trending down. COVID-19 testing remains available 7 days a week at Shady Beach. COVID-19 vaccine clinics continue at Veterans Park through February. No appointment is necessary and there is no cost for the vaccine. The City launched the Norwalk Community Recovery Fund. This one-time \$2 million competitive grant will support local nonprofit organizations delivering services to Norwalk residents. More information is available at norwalkct.org/ARPA. The City is tracking snow this weekend. City crews are on standby. If this develops into a major weather event, a snow emergency may be declared.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

- B. CONSENT CALENDAR:** VI.A.1, VI.A.2, VII. A.1, VII.A.2, VII.B.1, VII.C.1, VII.C.2, VII.E.1, VII.E.2, VII.E.3, VII.E.4, VII.E.5, VII.E.6

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. Potential Executive Session to discuss Legal Memorandum, File No. WD- 50400-0153 of Assistant Corporation Counsel, Darin L. Callahan dated December 29, 2021, RE: Land acquisition
EXECUTIVE SESSION **APPROVED**
2. Authorize Alan Lo, the City's Building and Facilities Manager, in coordination with the City's Law Department, to negotiate a purchase price for the Parcel Sites identified and set forth in the Legal Memorandum, File No. WD-50400-0153 issued by Assistant Corporation Counsel, Darin L. Callahan dated December 29, 2021 (the "Memorandum"), acquisition for school purposes, per Negotiation Parameters set forth in said Memorandum.
APPROVED

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter into an Agreement with Greenwich Kennel Club/Longshore Southport Kennel Club for the use of Taylor Farm Park and immediate surrounding grounds for their 88th Greenwich Kennel Club/Longshore Southport Kennel Club AKC Dog Show, obedience, and rally to be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM and Sunday, June 12, 2022 from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM. Set-up to begin Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:00 AM with a tear-down no later than Monday June 13, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Approximate attendance 800 people.
AUTHORIZED
2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter into an agreement with Tyrone Martylewski for the lease agreement for Caretaker's Cottage at Cranbury Park for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026.
AUTHORIZED

3. Approve the following resolution:

Whereas, pursuant to the Urban Act Program 4-66c, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

Whereas, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Norwalk make an application to the State for \$5 million, in order to undertake the Cranbury Park Renovations and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Norwalk;

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development, Urban Act Program 4-66c; and
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the City of Norwalk in an amount not to exceed \$5 million is hereby approved;
3. That Harry W. Rilling, Mayor, City of Norwalk, is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Norwalk.

APPROVED

B. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Approve the following revisions/amendments to the following City Code sections:
Chapter 45, Article II – Sale and Dispensing of Food and Drink Section 21 – Definitions, Food-Handling Establishment - Sections 45-21.

APPROVED

C. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept grant funds from the Department of Justice under the FY2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, in the amount of \$35,428.00.
2. Authorize the Police Chief, Thomas E. Kulhawik, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments and amendments thereto as may be necessary to implement all programs through the FY2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant pursuant to such grant funding.

AUTHORIZED

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D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Adopt proposed Norwalk Public Schools' facilities improvement plan for the development of a South Norwalk Elementary School subject to the approval of capital budget funds through Special Appropriation process.

AUTHORIZED

E. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

1. Accept and Approve the Report of the Claims Committee Dated: January 13, 2022 **APPROVED**
2. For informational purposes only: Narrative on Tax Collections Dated: January 13, 2022 **ACCEPTED**
3. For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report Dated: December 2022 **ACCEPTED**
4. RESOLUTION: Requesting a Special Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$72,000,000 to purchase property and construct a new neighborhood school in South Norwalk to accommodate 682 PreK – 5 students. The special capital appropriation shall be funded through: (a) a reallocation of \$39,114,864 of bond proceeds that were previously issued for Project #0918-5010-5777-C0607 (New Columbus School at Ely Avenue) in the amount of \$17,314,319 and Project #0919-5010-5777-C0618 (Norwalk Global Studies) and Project #0920-5010-5777-C0618 (Norwalk Global Studies) in the amount of \$21,800,545; and (b) the reallocation of \$32,885,136 million of authorized but unissued general obligation bonds or notes of the City from Project #0918-5010-5777-C0607 (New Columbus School at Ely Avenue), Project #0919-5010-5777-C0618 (Norwalk Global Studies) and Project #0920-5010-5777-C0618 (Norwalk Global Studies). The \$32,885,136 of bonds or notes of the City shall be issued in accordance with the provisions and terms set forth in the original bond resolutions that authorized the issuance of bonds or notes of the City for Project #0918-5010-5777-C0607 (New Columbus School at Ely Avenue) and Project #0919-5010-5777-C0618 (Norwalk Global Studies) and Project #0920-5010-5777-C0618 (Norwalk Global Studies). **APPROVED**
5. RESOLUTION: Close out of Project #0918-5010-5777-C0607 (New Columbus School at Ely Avenue) and deauthorize \$24,250,000 of authorized but unissued bonds for Project #0918-5010-5777-C0607 (New Columbus School at Ely Avenue). **APPROVED**
6. RESOLUTION: Close out of Project #0919-5010-5777-C0618 (Norwalk Global Studies) and Project #0920-5010-5777-C0618 (Norwalk Global Studies) and deauthorize \$12,592,530 of authorized but unissued bonds for Project #0919-5010-5777-C0618 (Norwalk Global Studies) and Project #0920-5010-5777-C0618 (Norwalk Global Studies). **APPROVED**

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

VI.A.2: Authorize Alan Lo, the City's Building and Facilities Manager, in coordination with the City's Law Department, to negotiate a purchase price for the Parcel Sites identified and set forth in the Legal Memorandum, File No. WD-50400-0153 issued by Assistant Corporation Counsel, Darin L. Callahan dated December 29, 2021 (the "Memorandum"), acquisition for school purposes, per Negotiation Parameters set forth in said Memorandum.

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