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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. Dixon called the Roll:

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett	Mr. Joshua Goldstein
	Ms. Dominique Johnson	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	

District A:	Ms. Nicol Ayers	Mr. David Heuvelman
District B:	Ms. Darlene Young	Ms. Diana Revolus
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Jenn McMurrer
District D:	Ms. Heidi Alterman	Mr. Thomas Keegan
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were fifteen (15) Council members present. A Quorum was present.

Also present were Mayor Harry Rilling, City Clerk, Irene Dixon and Corporation Counsel, Mario Coppola.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: April 12, 2022

The following correction was made to the minutes:

Page 13: They are carrying a 45% increase per year for cost increases – should be corrected to 425% each year.

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

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

A member of the public who did not identify themselves said they were in support of youth business.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were no resignations announced this evening.

APPOINTMENTS:

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LAUREL PETERSON, TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

Ms. Smyth and Ms. Johnson spoke in support of this appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVE TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF TINA FOGELL, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER**

Mayor Rilling reviewed Ms. Fogel's background. Mr. Livingston spoke in support of this appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Fogel expressed her thanks for the warm welcome and said she was excited to work with this group. She gave an overview of her experience and accomplishments.

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were no reappointments announced this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced that Norwalk is experiencing an uptick in COVID-19 cases. The CT Department of Health reported a case rate increase of 13.5 to 19.3 per 100,000 residents moving Norwalk from the Orange level to the Red level. He encouraged everyone to continue good and safe practices. He also encouraged everyone to keep their shots up to date and be cautious when going out.

Mayor Rilling said that Norwalk completed several activities for Earth Day and a few more are planned for this week. Friday, April 29, 2022, marks the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day, the holiday that celebrates planting trees. Once again, the Arbor Day Foundation has designated Norwalk as a "Tree City USA," a recognition the City has received for the last 18 consecutive years.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF TYISHA TOMS, ESQ. AS ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Mr. Livingston spoke in support of this appointment. Mr. Coppola introduced Ms. Toms and reviewed her background and accomplishments. Ms. Toms said she looked forward to joining the City of Norwalk

Mr. Goldstein spoke in support of this appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VI.A.1, VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.A.3, VII.A.4, VII.A.5, VII.A.6, VII.A.7, VII.A.9, VII.A.10, VII.A.11, VII.B.1, VII.B.2, VII.B.3, VII.B.4, VII.C.1, VII.C.2

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCUSSION: SETTLEMENT: RYAN YANG V. CITY OF NORWALK – FILE NO. A13869 EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: APRIL 14, 2022

2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED: APRIL 7, 2022

3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: MARCH 2022

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE THE GRANT ASSIGNMENT CERTIFICATION, SFY 2023 ASSIGNING STATE OF CONNECTICUT 13B-38BB ELDERLY AND DISABLED DEMAND RESPONSIVE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM APPORTIONED FUNDS TO OPERATION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES COORDINATING ENTITY, NORWALK TRANSIT DISTRICT.

5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR GRANT FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT'S LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (\$648,140- 2022 ENTITLEMENT).

6. RESOLUTION: REQUESTING FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS AGGREGATING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,759,820 FROM THE ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT) FUND. ACCOUNTS: 134010-5796-APW01DRG2021-1 DREAMY HOLLOW BETTS; 134010-5796-APW02 GLENDENNING STREET STORM SEWER; 134010-5796-APW03 GLENWOOD AVENUE STORM SEWER; 134010-5796-APW04 DRG2022-1 LOCKWOOD LANE HEATHE; 134010-5796-APW05 GENERAL DRAINAGE-VARIOUS CITY; 134010-5796-APW06 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN; 134010-5796-APW07 COASTAL RESILIENCY CITYWIDE; 134010-5796-APW08 TREE PLANTING DPW CITYWIDE; 134010-5796-APW09 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CITYWIDE

7. RESOLUTION: REQUESTING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS AGGREGATING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000 FROM THE ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT) FUND TO ADDRESS ONGOING PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS. ACCOUNTS: 132010-5796- ACS01 NORWALK COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND 132010-5796-ACS02 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECT PROGRAM.

9. RESOLUTION: REQUESTING FOR BROADBAND FIBER OPTIC CABLE NETWORK PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR LEGAL COSTS FROM THE ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT) FUND. ACCOUNTS: 131340-5796-AFN01 BROADBAND FIBER OPTIC

10. RECEIVE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION OTHER BUSINESS FROM APRIL 4, 2022:

A. ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE FY2022-2023 OPERATING BUDGET

B. DISCUSS AND APPROVE FY 2022-2023 PARKING AUTHORITY BUDGET AS REVISED.

C. DISCUSS AND APPROVE FY 2022-2023 WATER POLLUTION AUTHORITY BUDGET.

D. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS TO AUDIT FISCAL YEAR 2022.

11. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO SUBMIT THE MUNICIPAL GRANTS-IN-AID CERTIFICATION TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR GRANT FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT'S MUNICIPAL GRANTS-IN-AID FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$402,915.

B. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GORDON FINE ARTS, LLC FOR THE USE OF MATHEWS PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS FOR THEIR ANNUAL NORWALK ART FESTIVAL EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022 FROM 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM EACH DAY. SET-UP TO BEGIN FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022 AT 12:00 PM WITH TEAR-DOWN ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022 AT 7:30 PM. APPROXIMATE ATTENDANCE: 400.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GORDON FINE ARTS, LLC FOR THE USE OF SOUTH/NORTH MAIN STREET, WASHINGTON STREET FROM WATER STREET TO MADISON STREET, 50 WASHINGTON STREET PARK FOR THEIR ANNUAL SONO ART FESTIVAL EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022 FROM 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM EACH DAY. SET-UP TO BEGIN FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022 AT 6:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022 AT 7:30 PM. APPROXIMATE ATTENDANCE: 1,500.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCKWOOD-MATHEWS MANSION MUSEUM FOR THE USE OF MATHEWS PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS FOR THEIR OLD-FASHIONED FLEA MARKET EVENT TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 FROM 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 7:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN NO LATER THAN 6:00 PM. APPROXIMATE ATTENDANCE: 2,500.

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL MARINE MANUFACTURERS FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH PARK, SHADY BEACH, MARVIN SCHOOL SITES, TAYLOR FARM AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS FOR THEIR 2022 NORWALK BOAT SHOW EVENT TO BE HELD FROM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 TO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 FROM 10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AND FROM 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM ON SUNDAY. SET-UP

**TO BEGIN ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 AT 7:00 AM WITH
TEAR-DOWN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 AT 5:00 PM.
APPROXIMATE ATTENDANCE: 15,000.**

C. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE SCHOOL READINESS GRANT WHICH INCLUDES THE QUALITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CONTRACT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER AT A TOTAL COST OF NO MORE THAN \$2500 FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND EDUCATION. ACCOUNT NO. 0120-11-5272.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

**REQUESTING FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ARPA PROJECTS AGGREGATING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,178,750
FROM THE ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT) FUND.
ACCOUNTS: 133710-5796-AEC01 WALL STREET CONSTRUCTION;
133710-5796-AEC02 MOBILITY SIDEWALK AND BIKE; 133710-5796-
AEC03 COMPLETE STREETS; 133710-5796-AEC04 PROJECT
MANAGER; 133710-5796-AEC05 BUSINESS COVID ASSISTANCE;
133710-5796-AEC06 REDEVELOPMENT SMALL BUSINESS; 133710-
5796-AEC08 CAPITAL ACCESS MANAGER MICROLO; 133710-5796-
AEC09 WMBE GRANTS TO SMALL BUSINESS; 133710-5796-AEC10
INNOVATION GRANTS FOR START UP; 133710-5796-AEC11
PERMITTING AND LICENSING SOFTW; 133710-5796-AEC12
DIGITIZING DOCUMENTATION; 133710- 5796-AEC13 BUSINESS
NAVIGATION ONLINE; 133710-5796-AEC14 ADMINISTRATOR FOR
ARP; 133710- 5796-AEC15 PERMIT COORDINATOR; 133710-5796-
AEC16 EVENT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM; 133710-5796-AEC17
TREE PLANTING PROGRAM; 133710-5796-AEC18 TREE PLANTING
SIDEWALK;**

133710-5796-AEC19 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN; 133710-5796-AEC20 REDEVELOPMENT MARITIME AQUARIUM; 133710-5796-AEC21 HARBOR USE PLAN STUDY; 133710-5796-AEC22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN; 133710-5796-AEC22 SOUTH NORWALK SCHOOL SIDEWALKS.

Ms. Vonashek, Chief of Economic and Community Development gave a presentation outlining how the funding would be used. She said Norwalk already received 50% of the funds. Norwalk was awarded \$39.3 million of ARPA funds and \$8.2 million has been committed to economic and community development.

Economic and Community Development will focus on walkability, connectivity, business support, housing and environmental green spaces. She reviewed each of these areas along with the associated costs. Members of the Common Council expressed their thanks to Ms. Vonashek. Ms. Smyth commended the City, Mr. Dachowitz and Mr. Burnett for creating a system where the tracking of funds will be transparent. Mr. Goldstein said Norwalk has great representation in Washington and this presentation provides a great public service. He expressed his thanks to the Representatives for making it possible to make substantial changes. Ms. Young thanked Ms. Vonashek and her team as well as the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency and everyone who had input. She said this speaks to the dedication of all City workers. Ms. Young said this will benefit everyone for years to come. Ms. Revolus said she hoped they will not go to the community and use that as a data point. She said she hoped they will tell residents that the City wants to support and strengthen them.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR. BURNETT; MR. GOLDSTEIN; MS. JOHNSON; MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER; MS. SMYTH; MS. AYERS; MR. HEUVELMAN; MS. REVOLUS; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MS. MCMURRER; MS. ALTERMAN; MR. KEEGAN; MR. LIVINGSTON; MS. SHANAHAN)**

Mayor Rilling said this was a big team effort and that he was excited about what was going to happen in Norwalk over the next several years.

C. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

**** MS. JOHNSON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE "A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO COMPREHENSIVE SUICIDE PREVENTION IN CONNECTICUT" PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159,000.00 FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025.**

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE “A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO COMPREHENSIVE SUICIDE PREVENTION IN CONNECTICUT” PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025

Ms. Johnson gave a brief overview of the item.

Ms. Deanna D’Amore, Director of Health explained that this is a three year grant that will enhance their ability to be more involved in suicide prevention.

Ms. McMurrer thanked Ms. D’Amore and asked if they have plans to do programming with school youth. Ms. D’Amore said that part of the grant is looking at what the school is doing.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS. ALTERMAN)**

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were none this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk