

ALL COMMON COUNCIL ACTIONS TAKEN AT THIS MEETING TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS OR TO ACCEPT BIDS AND OTHER PROPOSALS REQUIRING THE EXPENDITURE OF CITY FUNDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

City Clerk King called the roll. The following Council Members were present:

Council at Large:	Mr. Richard Bonenfant	Mr. Douglas Hempstead
	Mr. Glenn Iannaccone	Mr. Bruce Kimmel
		Ms. Sharon Stewart
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	
District B:	Ms. Phaedrel Bowman	Mr. Travis Simms
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Michelle Maggio
District D:	Ms. Shannon O'Toole-Giandurco	Mr. Jerry Petrini
District E:	Mr. John Igeneri	Mr. David McCarthy

Mayor Harry Rilling; Attorney Mario Coppola, Corporation Counsel;
Donna King, City Clerk. Fourteen (14) members present. Absent: David Watts

City Clerk King read the notice that this meeting is being video taped and audio recorded for public broadcast, and assisted listening devices are available.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting – November 25, 2014

- ** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2014 AS SUBMITTED**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Rilling asked if any member of the public wished to speak, and hearing none, closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS: None

MAYOR REMARKS

Mayor Rilling announced International Human Rights Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the City Hall Atrium. He noted that this is the 50th year anniversary of the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Mayor Rilling announced that this Sunday is the Tree Lighting for the Third Taxing District that will be held at Fitch Street Rogers Square.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Petrini echoed comments by the Mayor on the Tree Lighting ceremony. He stated that it is the intention of the Council to cancel the December 23rd meeting since it is so close to the Christmas. He asked the members of the Council if there were any pressing issues for this meeting to notify him, otherwise it would be cancelled.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- ** **MR. PETRINI MOVED THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS FOLLOWS:
CONSENT CALENDAR: VII.A.1, VII.C.1, VII.C.2, VII.D.1, VII.D.2, VII.D.3,
VII.D.4, VII.E.1, VII.F.1, VII.F.2, VIII.
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TO ADD A RESOLUTION TO THE AGENDA.**
- ** **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Items on the Consent Calendar are in bold as follows:

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a Maintenance Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Transportation, District 3. for the art installation to be installed on the West Avenue wall

C. HEALTH, WELFARE, PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute and sign any and all documents necessary to participate in the Project Lifesaver Program. There will be no receipt of Federal Grant monies, only equipment through Project Lifesaver International.

2. Authorize the Police Chief. Thomas E. Kulhawik, or his designee, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments and amendments thereto as may be necessary to participate in Project Lifesaver.

D. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a 5-year Amendment to Guardian Service Industries, Inc. contract to provide building management services for a projected total savings of \$130,719.80

Consent Calendar – continued

D. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT—continued

2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to Connecticut Business Systems (CBS) for the purchase of 20 projectors for Norwalk Public Schools for a total not to exceed \$31,000. Account # 0915-5010-5777-00112

3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to Advanced Corporate Networking, Inc. for the purchase of 20 Laptops/Mobile Workstations for Norwalk High School for a total not to exceed \$25,500. Account #0915-5010-5777-00112

4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an agreement with AR Construction Company as the Construction Manager (CM) for the Norwalk Early Childhood Center project at 11 Allen Road, Terms of the agreement shall include the following:

Preconstruction Phase Services (including reimbursable allowance) \$3000

CM Fees (% of the cost of the work) 3%

CM Contingency (% of the cost of the work) 3%

Estimated CM General Conditions Fees

(to be finalized at the time of GMP) Estimated \$129, 000

Following bidding process, final contract price (aka GMP) will be submitted to the Common Council for final approval, Acct. #09155010-5777-C0555

E. PLANNING

1. Authorize the Mayor Harry. W. Rilling to execute required Certificate of Consistency on behalf of Norwalk Housing Authority's PHA Plan for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

F. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. Authorization to Settle Claim: Christina Decruet v. City of Norwalk

2. Authorization to Settle Claim: Vincent Diaco v. City of Norwalk

***On consent to settle.**

VI. REPORTS: AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

B. RECREATION, PARKS, CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Amendment to the agreement with Fuss & ONeil, Inc. for project #2993, Athletic Field Design Services Nathan Hale Middle School, for additional Professional Services for a sum not to exceed \$15,000 Acct #09116030-5777-CO487.

Mr. Kimmel said they are aware of citizen concerns over the safety of rubber-based materials used with these artificial turf fields; and as our fields come up for renewal, we will continue to look into these issues.

B.1. Recreation, Parks, Cultural Affairs – continued

Mr. Kimmel noted that he had a 2010 State Department of Public Health report, which finds no health concerns from inhaling chemicals from the materials. He explained that there are cautions that advise when best during the year to install such materials that are heat sensitive. He added that outdoor fields were less prone to those conditions than indoor fields that are more susceptible to heat which contributes to any chance for potential chemical interaction. He added we will do our due diligence going forward

**** MR. PETRINI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH FUSS & ONEIL, INC. FOR PROJECT #2993, ATHLETIC FIELD DESIGN SERVICES NATHAN HALE MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000 ACCOUNT #09116030-5777-CO487.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. Resolution

Mr. Hempstead stated that the resolution is co-sponsored by all of the Common Council members of the City of Norwalk to recognize the herculean task that Rick and Joan Setti have undertaken. He said he wanted to express on behalf of his kids and grandkids his appreciation to them along with all the other elves that were there with them year after year, light after light, willingly volunteering their time and efforts. Mr. Hempstead said that it is with a heavy heart that everyone knows this is the last year the Settis are putting their all into the Christmas Village, they are retiring, after 26 years of year-round work.

Mr. Kydes stated that this has been a personal tradition in his family and for the past few decades they have selflessly gladdened local hearts with Setti's Christmas Village. Mr. Hempstead noted that they are being featured on ABC's Great Christmas Light Fight. He added that Dec. 17 to 24 is Rick and Joan Setti Week in Norwalk.

Mr. Petrini said it's a family tradition to go see the Settis on Christmas Eve that his children have done since they were toddlers. He added that it's just an enormous task, and they did it from the goodness of their hearts to the City of Norwalk.

Mayor Rilling said he also wanted to echo comments made and he remembers taking his daughter to see a Christmas light display in East Norwalk. He explained that two days later she had him take her to Setti's Christmas Village for the first time, and that was amazing. He added to the Settis that you did it from your heart, without expectation of anything other than bringing real joy not only to the citizens of Norwalk but throughout Connecticut, many people from the tri-state area and beyond. He stated that for years and years you have unlocked the spirit of Christmas for the hearts of many people in the city of Norwalk. Tonight we will be presenting you with a key from the city of Norwalk in grateful gratitude for all you have done.

Mr. Hempstead read the resolution as follows:

Resolution For Richard & Joan Setti

Sponsored By Douglas Hempstead; Co-Sponsored by all members of the Common Council.

Whereas, Rick and Joan Setti have been providing a Holiday Light Extravaganza at their home for twenty six years and

Whereas, the Setti's have annually opened up their home and property to delight and engage the many different communities in Norwalk, and

Whereas, the celebration of lights and handmade holiday displays have been awed by many and have gladdened the hearts and spirits of the children and adults alike; and

Whereas, Rick and Joan Setti have never sought any recognition, and took on this enormous task every year just to witness the joy and hear the laughter which came from all of those who visited and

Whereas, the Setti's have represented Santa and Mrs. Claus, in the regal red and white ensembles, giving those who visit hope and a real vision; and

Whereas, Rick and Joan, with a heavy heart and a tear in their eye, have decided after 26 years, to hang up their stockings for the last time and retire from their annual holiday tradition of over a quarter century; and

Whereas, the Setti's and their magical Santa's Village has recently been recognized and will be featured on ABC's National Television Show entitled "The Great American Light Fight" this month, December 22

Resolved, That Common Council of the City of Norwalk gratefully recognized the herculean task that Rick and Joan have undertaken, along with all of the Elves" that were there with them, year after year, light after light, willingly volunteering their time and efforts in assisting the Setti's, and

That the period of December 17th through December 24, 2014 be known as "Rick and Joan Setti Week" in the City of Norwalk.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED.
** MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE – none

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES - Mr. Petrini noted on consent the motion to suspend the rules to add a resolution to the agenda.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox;

Telesco Secretarial Services

ATTEST

Donna King, City Clerk