

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

Mayor Rilling called the regular meeting of the Common Council to order at 7:36 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ROLL CALL

Ms. King called the Roll and the following Common Council members were present:

Council at Large:	Mr. Richard Bonenfant Mr. Bruce Kimmel	Mr. Michael Corsello Mr. Nick Sacchinelli
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. Steve Serasis
District B:	Ms. Phaedrel Bowman	Mr. Travis Simms
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Michelle Maggio
District D:	Mr. Michael DePalma	Ms. Shannon O'Toole Giandurco
District E:	Mr. John Igneri	Mr. Thomas Livingston

Mayor Harry Rilling; Mario Coppola, Corporation Counsel; Donna King, City Clerk

There were fourteen (14) members present and one (1) absent (Mr. Hempstead).

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting _____ November 10, 2015

**** MR. SIMMS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015 AS PRESENTED**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE (5) ABSTENTIONS (MR. CORSELLO; MR. SACCHINELLI; MR. SERASIS; MR. DEPALMA; MR. LIVINGSTON)**

Special Meeting November 17, 2015

The following corrections were made to the minutes of November 17, 2015:

Page 1: under roll call - correct Ms. Sacchinelli to Mr. Sacchinelli and delete Mr. Simms

Page 4: under appointment of committees – Mr. Kydes should be Mr. Igneri

**** MR.IGNERI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Andrew Romaniello and Mr. Brock Roberts eighth grade students at West Rocks Middle School spoke about how the installation of solar panels will benefit West Rocks Middle School. Mr. Roberts explained how solar panels work and Mr. Romaniello explained how solar panels can provide a savings to the school. They asked the Common Council members to consider getting solar panels for West Rocks Middle School and other schools in Norwalk.

Mayor Rilling acknowledged Dr. Moore, principal of West Rocks Middle School and said that the boys did a tremendous job in researching solar panels.

Attorney Albert Vasco represented Mr. Michael Oz, the owner of 50 Washington Street. He said that Mr. Oz purchased 50 Washington Street and spent a considerable amount of money to improve the buildings. He said that they are asking for two easements. There will be no reduction of parking spaces at the Webster Street lot. This request has been reviewed by the Parking Authority and Public Works. He asked the Common Council members to look favorably upon this item.

No other members of the public wished to speak this evening.

MAYOR

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations or appointment announced this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Rilling announced upcoming events. He asked that over the holiday season everyone keep in mind those less fortunate and to reach out and help other families.

Mayor Rilling asked everyone to keep in mind the military men and women who are serving around the world and who are not able to be home with their families during the holidays.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Kimmel said that last Thursday, the Planning Committee discussed the mall proposal and noted that a lot of progress has been made. This Thursday the Finance Claims Committee will discuss the senior tax relief program. They will also discuss the operating budget.

Mr. Kimmel announced that Mr. Thomas Hennick, Public Education Officer from the State of Connecticut FOI will meet with meet with Common Council members on February 29th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. He thanked Ms. King for arranging the meeting.

Mr. Kimmel said that he plans to depart from the past practice of the Council President reading the consent calendar and instead ask different Common Council members to read the consent calendar.

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

CORPORATION COUNSEL

6A1

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

7A2

LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

7B2A AND 7B2B

CORPORATION COUNSEL

**AUTHORIZE TO SETTLE CLAIM: GUIDO BALDERRAMA V. CITY
OF NORWALK/BOARD OF EDUCATION**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

APPROVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION OF THE 8-24 REVIEW SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT 50 WASHINGTON STREET AND 36-48 NORTH MAIN STREET ADJACENT TO THE WEBSTER STREET PARKING LOT. THE PLANNING COMMISSION FINDS THAT THE PROPOSED 8-24 IMPROVEMENTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY

LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT FOR K-5 MATH TEXTBOOKS IN THE AMOUNT O \$17,362.64 AND AN ODER TO FOLLETT FOR \$17,594.05 (TOTAL \$34,956.69) ACCOUNT #09155010-5777-C0538

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEXTBOOKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,076.50 AND TO PERSON EDUCATION FOR \$7,733.07 (TOTAL \$23,809.57) ACCOUNT# 09155010-5777-C0538

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE NAME CARYN'S WAY FOR THE STREET BEING CONSTRUCTED AS PART OF THE SUBDIVISION AT 67-69 AIKEN STREET.**

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO CHANGE THE NAME TO CARYNS WAY**

Mr. Igneri explained that street signs are not permitted to have punctuation.

**** MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH ASTRUM SOLAR, LLC D/B/A DIRECT ENERGY SOLAR TO PROMOTE THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM WITH NORWALK HOMEOWNERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES UNDER “THE NORWALK SOLAR CHALLENGE” PROGRAM. DIRECT ENERGY SOLAR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MARKETING COSTS AND PROVIDE THE CITY WITH A SAMPLE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM AT NO COST TO THE CITY (LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED BY LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE). AGREEMENT PERIOD SHALL BE FOR ONE YEAR**

Mr. Livingston said that this item is the culmination of a lot of hard work. This proposed agreement will provide benefits to Norwalk residents who chose to buy the energy system.

Mr. Kydes said that this was a group effort and took months of planning.

Mr. Bonenfant said that it was a pleasure to work on this project and said that Mr. Kydes did a great job with the Energy Task Force. He thanked Mr. Lo. Mr. Bonenfant said that they have to be careful about letting people use the City of Norwalk seal. He said that Ms. Bowman came up with the idea to add the date on the Energy Task Force logo. He said that they have to be careful about how the City’s seal is sold. Attorney Coppola said that was a concern and they tried to take every precaution possible.

Mayor Rilling thanked Mr. Kydes and said that as the chair of the Energy Task Force, he did a tremendous amount of good with the task force.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Kydes asked those Council members who are considered to be “affected” to state their name, the name of the affected organization(s) and the specific nature of the conflict for public record, so that a waiver request may be filed with HUD as quickly as possible.

Ms. O’Toole-Giandurco said that her husband runs after school programs for the Carver Center at Ponus Ridge Middle School.

Mr. Bonenfant said that he was hired to be a photographer at Elder House.

MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

- ** MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE

- ** MR. SIMMS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF 50 WASHINGTON STREET TO PERMIT THE ENCROACHMENT ONTO CITY OWNED PROPERTY COMPROMISING THE PLAZA ABUTTING THE BUILDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A ROTATING DOORWAY ENTRANCE. THE LOCATION AND EXTENT OF THE ENCROACHMENT TO BE PERMITTED IS SHOWN ON PLANS PROVIDED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER SUBJECT TO PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW UNDER SECTION 8-24**

Ms. Bowman explained that this item came to the Recreation and Parks Committee during the last term. They are asking for an easement of 10” on one side and 18” on the other side.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO ADJOURN**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk