

**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 with the pledge of allegiance.

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.

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. Nick Sacchinelli
	Mr. Bruce Kimmel, Council President	
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. Steve Serasis
District B:		Mr. Travis Simms
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Michelle Maggio
District D:		Michael DePalma
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	Mr. John Igneri

Mayor Harry Rilling; Attorney Mario Coppola, Corporation Counsel; Donna King, City Clerk; 12 present. Absent: Michael Corsello, Faye Bowman, Shannon O'Toole-Giandurco

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting – April 12, 2106

Mr. Sacchinelli requested a correction to page 8, paragraph 1, first sentence, Change 'Ibsen' to 'Hibson.'

**\*\* MR. SIMMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2016 AS AMENDED WITH CORRECTION NOTED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH ELEVEN VOTES IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED AND ONE ABSTENTION (DEPALMA).**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*Note: Public comments are not verbatim and represent summarizations of statements made unless otherwise noted.*

Public Comments:

1. Mike Mushak, 50 Elmwood Avenue, Norwalk spoke in favor of the approval of the appointments and reappointments on the agenda. He said he wanted to acknowledge Manny Langella and Elsa Peterson Obuchowski as dedicated individuals with outstanding resumes who will serve the city well. Mr. Mushak spoke in favor of the capital budget items that are for ADA improvements at the Historical Society Museum and Lockwood Mathews Mansion and other state grants on the agenda.

Mayor Rilling asked if there were others who wished to speak and hearing none, closed the public participation portion of the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

MAYOR:

RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

Resignation: David Hollar, Oak Hills Park Authority

Appointments: Manny Langella, Fair Rent Commission Alternate

**\*\* MR. SACHINELLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MANNY LANGELLA AS ALTERNATE TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE JULY 1, 2018.**

Mr. Sacchinelli spoke in support of Mr. Langella as a dedicated and active member of the community and a great resource.

**\*\* MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Greg Brasher, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GREG BRASHER AS ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 1, 2021.**

Mr. Kydes, Mr. Ignieri and Ms. Maggio each spoke in support of Mr. Brasher's appointment and referred to him as a dedicated and active member of the community and someone that will give 100%.

**\*\* MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Patricia A. Williams, Oak Hills Park Authority

- \*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA WILLIAMS TO THE OAK HILLS PARK AUTHORITY WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 24, 2017.**

Mr. Hempstead spoke in support of Ms. Williams's appointment and noted that a few years ago she had helped clear up the books for the Authority and was a great resource.

Mr. Bonenfant explained that both Ms. Williams and Ms. Walters were members of the Ladies Golf Association and that he had spoken to them on their role as members of the Authority. He added that their interests should be focused on the authority and would not be compromised by their personal association in the golf club.

- \*\* MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Jane Walters, Oak Hills Park Authority

- \*\* MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JANE WALTERS TO THE OAK HILLS PARK AUTHORITY WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 24, 2017.**

Mr. Igneri stated that he wanted to echo the comments made by others and he supports the appointment.

Reappointments: Elsa Peterson Obuchowski, Oak Hills Park Authority

- \*\* MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ELSA PETERSON OBUCHOWSKI TO THE OAK HILLS PARK AUTHORITY WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 24, 2018.**

Ms. Melendez commented that it is an honor to support this reappointment. Ms. Obuchowski is highly dedicated in all she does for the City, in particular her involvement with the nature trails and public realm improvements to Oak Hills are very impressive. Mr. Serasis and Mr. Kydes also echoed comments in support and acknowledgement of her dedication and service to the City and to the Authority.

- \*\* MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Joseph Kendy, Jr., Oak Hills Park Authority

- \*\* MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH KENDY JR. TO THE OAK HILLS PARK AUTHORITY WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 24, 2018.**

Mr. Hempstead commented on Mr. Kendy as a man of integrity and his legal experience provides a tremendous resource to the Authority.

- \*\* MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Carol Frank, Human Relations

- \*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CAROL FRANK TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 1, 2018.**

Mr. Hempstead commented on Ms. Frank as a long term servant for the City who has put her passion for Human Relations into the Commission and has made a positive impact on the City for quite some time.

- \*\* MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Yvonne Rodriguez, Human Relations

- \*\* MR. SIMMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WITH YVONNE RODRIGUEZ TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.**

Mr. Simms stated that he is pleased to support the reappointment of Ms. Rodriguez, and she has done an outstanding job on the Human Relations Commission. Mr. Kimmel added that Ms. Rodriguez has done a great job on the Charter Revision Committee and he also fully supports this reappointment.

- \*\* MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Rilling commented on the reappointments and stated that he can attest to the knowledge and dedication of the individuals and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

City Clerk King administered the oath of office to the appointees and re-appointees in attendance and they were greeted and congratulated by the Council members.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Rilling noted the following upcoming events:

April 26 was Norwalk Day in Hartford and was well attended by the state delegation and showcased the wonderful things going on in Norwalk. He highlighted representatives in attendance from the Lockwood Mathews Mansion, Norwalk Historical Society, Maritime Aquarium, Norwalk Public Library and Stepping Stones, along with a performance by the Norwalk Bag Piper Group.

On April 29, the new positioning of the City of Norwalk 'Sound of Connecticut' will be celebrated at the Waypointe Arcade at 3:30 p.m. with refreshments and informational displays in the lobby.

Norwalk ACTS, in partnership with Horizons National, is hosting a "Call to Action" Summer Learning Symposium this Saturday, April 30 at NCC to gather city and district leadership, community leaders, program providers, and stakeholders around building a better summer learning system for Norwalk's children.

May 5 is a block party at Stepping Stones and Lockwood Mathews Mansion to kick off the hosting of an International Conference of Children's Museums at Stepping Stones.

\*It is noted that later on the agenda Mr. Serasis asked to return back to this section to add an announcement: May 2 WPA Murals at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Art Gallery.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Kimmel commended the City Tax Collector and office for once achieving a 98% collection rate which is among the highest in the state. He shared his perspective that that equates to a very high number on a \$294 million budget should that rate drop by one percentage point. He thanked the Tax Collector and the office for the ongoing efficient job that they do for the City.

Mr. Kimmel spoke about the Pine Island Cemetery and recent press coverage. He noted that the City is very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers that serve on the Historical Commission that do a great deal of work managing the Lockwood Mathews Mansion Building, Mill Hill, Norwalk Museum and other historical sites.

Mr. Kimmel reminded the Council that May 2 is a public hearing and workshop on the Charter Revision at 7 p.m. at the Community Room. There is a second public hearing on May 9, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers. The complete document is posted on the website for further information.

Mr. Kimmel spoke about a Freedom of Information session back in February that prompted a discussion of the use of cell phones during meetings. He provided his rationale for the suggestion that cell phones be put out of site during meetings rather than on the meeting table and if a Council member needs to take a message or call, they would be excused to the caucus rooms.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Kimmel asked Ms. Maggio to present the consent calendar and she read the items.

\*It is noted that Item VII A4 was presented on consent then was removed at the request of Mr. Simms due to a correction to the times.

**\*\* MR. KIMMEL MOVED THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED  
FOLLOWS:**

**VII. A1, A2, A3; B1, B2, B3, B4; C1, C2a, C2b, C3; D1, D2.**

**\*\* MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*Items on the Consent Calendar are in bold as follows:*

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

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

**1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Chozen Few Entertainment LLC for the use of Mathews Park for an S.O.S. Music Fest Finale to be held Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 4:00 PM -10:00 PM. Set up to take place Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 9:00 AM with tear down no later than Noon on Sunday, August 28, 2016. Estimated attendance 200+.**

**2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Chozen Few Entertainment LLC for the use of Andrews Field Parking Lot for a L.I.F.T. (Learning Is Fun To) Carnival to be held Friday, June 24, 2016, Saturday, June 25, 2016 and Sunday, June 26, 2016 from 10:00 AM -10:00 PM daily. Set up to take place Sunday, June 19, 2016 at 8:00 AM with tear down no later than Noon on Monday, June 27, 2016. Estimated attendance 500+.**

**3. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with the Norwalk High Marching Bears, Inc. for the use of Andrews Field for a Fundraiser Carnival to be held Wednesday, May 11, 2016 from 6:00 PM -10:00 PM, Thursday, May 12, 2016 from 6:00 PM -10:00 PM and Friday, May 13, 2016 from 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM. Set up to take place Noon on Monday, May 9, 2016 with tear down no later than Noon on Sunday, May 15, 2016. Estimated attendance 500+.**

**B. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**1. Accept and Approve the Report of the Claims Committee Dated: April 5, 2016.**

**2. For informational purposes only: Narrative on Tax Collections dated April 14, 2016.**

**3. For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report Dated: March 31, 2015.**

Consent Calendar – continued

**B. FINANCE COMMITTEE--continued**

**4. Authorize the Mayor to execute a four (4) year master lease agreement for Office Copiers with TGI Office Automation and authorize the Purchasing Agent to add office copiers to this master agreement for a total amount not to exceed \$268,505.21 (various City Accounts).**

**C. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a license agreement with Marinello's Pizzeria & Deli to operate the Newsstand Concession at City Hall for an initial term of 3years plus two - one (1) year options. Effective dates from 5/1/16 - 4/30/2019 and two - one (1) year options from 5/1/2019 - 4/30/2021. Annual payment to the City shall be as follows:**

<b>FY 2016 – 2017</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>
<b>FY 2017 – 2018</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>
<b>FY 2018 – 2019</b>	<b>\$3,800.00</b>
<b>Option Years:</b>	
<b>FY 2019 – 2020</b>	<b>\$3,800.00</b>
<b>FY 2020 – 2021</b>	<b>\$3,800.00</b>

**2a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a contract with Milan's Expert Renovation, LLC, for Phase I of ADA enhancements, foundation water-proofing and drainage improvements to the Norwalk Museum Building at City Hall for a total amount not to exceed \$169,202.50. Accts 091563105777 C0549, 09166310 5777 C0573, 091763105777 C0573, &0915 7100 5777 C0235.**

**2b. Authorize the Historical Commission to issue Change Orders on Contract for a total not to exceed \$22,000.**

**3. RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 79-607, Sec 21 (b)(6)(B), 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 \$500,000 in order to undertake the ADA Compliance Improvements at the Lockwood Mathews Mansion and to execute an Assistance Agreement.**

Consent Calendar – continued

**Resolution—continued**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL:**

**1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by PA 79607, Sec 21 (b)(6)(B);**

**2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the City of Norwalk in an amount not to exceed \$500.000 is hereby approved and that Mayor Harry W. Rilling 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 Sate 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.**

**D. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

**1. Approve proposed revisions to City Code Chapter 11A - Alarm Systems**

**2. Approve proposed revisions to City Code Chapter 98 Vehicle and Traffic, §98-26 Parking of Commercial Vehicles**

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**Items deliberated on the floor:**

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

4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with the Rowayton School PTA for the use of the Rowayton School Grounds for a Carnival to be held Thursday, May 12, 2016 from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Friday, May 13, 2016 from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM and Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Set up to take place Noon on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 with tear down no later than Noon on Sunday, May 15, 2016. Estimated attendance 500.

Mr. Simms noted a correction to the dates and requested an amendment to the item. Ms. Maggio clarified that the carnival is not on Thursday as school is in session. There was discussion on how the dates should appear in the item. Mr. Simms asked members of the item to come forward for clarification.



B. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
Item 4 --continued

Ms. Stephanie Griffith and Ms. Kate Hall came forward and introduced themselves as co-chairs of the Rowayton Carnival. Ms. Griffith clarified the dates of the carnival and set up times needed. Mayor Rilling re-read the item and there was further discussion on how to best state the motion.

Mr. Hempstead suggested that the carnival dates and set up/take down times be listed separately as included in the back up documentation on the application.

Mr. Simms read the suggested amended item as follows:

**4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with the Rowayton School PTA for the use of the Rowayton School Grounds for a Carnival to be held as follows:**

**Friday, May 13, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and  
Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 10:00 am - 5:00 p.m.**

**Set up is to take place starting at noon on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 and continuing through Thursday and Friday, May 12 and 13. Tear down will continue through noon on Sunday, May 15, 2016. Estimated attendance is 500.**

**\*\* MR. SIMMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED.  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE – none

IX. SUSPENSION OF RULES – As made by Mr. Kimmel as follows:

**\*\* MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA:  
APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF CITY PURCHASING AGENT.  
\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH TEN VOTES IN FAVOR, TWO OPPOSED  
(BONENFANT, HEMPSTEAD) AND NO ABSTENTIONS.**

Mr. Kimmel stated that Joseph Messina is highly qualified with comparable experience, and the letters of recommendation are glowing. He added that this appointment fills a critical need for the position that should be filled as soon as possible.

Mr. Hempstead stated that he had concerns with the process of vetting appointments through the Personnel Committee. Mr. Bonenfant stated that he echoes those concerns and understands the urgency but there was no public input on the appointment.

Ms. Maggio stated that she feels we need to trust the interview committee and recommendation by Mr. Hibson, Personnel Director and she will support this appointment.

Mr. Barron came forward and referred to the charter on this Mayoral appointment that the Council confirms the salary. He provided the justification and rationale for the salary and appointment and noted that once approved, Mr. Macina would turn his resignation and provide notice to begin his position the end of May.

**\*\* MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO APPROVE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF CITY PURCHASING AGENT, JOSEPH MACINA.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ELEVEN VOTES IN FAVOR, ONE OPPOSED (BONENFANT) AND NO ABSTENTIONS.**

Mr. Macina was in attendance and came forward to be introduced.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL – Item C3. As noted on consent.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE -- none

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES – As noted on page 9

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**\*\* MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Knox;  
Telesco Secretarial Services

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