

**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 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. King, the City Clerk, read the notice stating that the meeting was being videotaped and audio recorded for public broadcast. She also stated that assisted listening devices were available.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Ms. King called the roll.

**Council at Large:** Mr. Michael Corsello Mr. Douglas Hempstead  
Mr. Nick Sacchinelli Mr. Bruce Kimmel, Council  
President

**District A:** Ms. Eloisa Melendez Mr. Steven Serasis  
**District B:** Ms. Phaedrel Bowman Mr. Travis Simms  
**District C:** Mr. John Kydes Ms. Michelle Maggio  
**District D:** Ms. Shannon O'Toole-Giandurco Mr. Michael DePalma  
**District E:** Mr. John Igneri

There was a quorum of thirteen (13) present and two (2) absent (Bonenfant, Livingston).

*Ms. Maggio left the meeting at 7:31 p.m.*

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting: July 12, 2016**

**\*\* MR. SIMMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2016 REGULAR MEETING.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED WITH ELEVEN (11) IN FAVOR (CORSELLO, HEMPSTEAD, SACCHINELLI, KIMMEL, MELENDEZ, SERASIS, BOWMAN, SIMMS, KYDES, O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO, AND IGNERI) AND ONE ABSTENTION (DEPALMA).**

**IV. MAYOR:**

**A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**RESIGNATIONS:** Paul Cifatte, Oak Hills Park Authority

Mayor Rilling announced that Mr. Cifatte had submitted his resignation from the Oak Hills Park Authority.

*Ms. Maggio rejoined the meeting at 7:32 p.m.*

**APPOINTMENTS:** Benjamin Luce, Purchasing Agent.

**\*\* MR.IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF BENJAMIN LUCE AS PURCHASING AGENT.**

Mr. Igneri said that Mr. Luce has great credentials for the job and added that he hoped that Mr. Luce would be able to purchase new air conditioning units for City Hall .

Mayor Rilling said that he knew that there was a staffing shortage in the Purchasing Department. He would like to acknowledge Assistant Purchasing Agent for holding the fort down during this time of transition.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. BENJAMIN LUCE AS PURCHASING AGENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Rilling said that he had accidentally skipped the Public Participation.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. King called the first speaker, Ms. Elsa Peterson Obuchowski, forward.

Ms. Elsa Peterson Obuchowski came forward and introduced herself to the Council. She stated that she was a member of the Oak Hills Park Authority and said she was also the chair for the Oak Hills Park Nature Advisory Committee. She said that the Council would be voting on the vendor for the Oak Hills Park Golf Course. Ms. Obuchowski said she wanted to remind the Council Members that there would soon be a vendors bid on the garden area, which are currently two fields of weeds. Those will be made into a Great Lawn and a garden where people can come for events and exercise.

The Nature Advisory Committee has worked closely with the landscape architect; the vendor; Mr. Schell, and Mr. Lo among others. Everyone is excited about making the nature trails accessible and having a planting plan which emphasizes native, drought tolerant, disease resistant, sustainable plants. The Advisory Committee would like to promote the use of those garden areas for educational and cultural events. This will allow the park to be enjoyed by everyone in the community.

Ms. Obuchowski said that she would like to thank Mr. Cifatte, who was resigning, along with the Authority. She said that she had enjoyed working with Mr. Cifatte in the past. She concluded her remarks by thanking the Council for their time.

Mayor Rilling asked if there was anyone else present who wished to address the Council. No one came forward. Mayor Rilling then closed the Public Participation portion of the meeting.

#### **APPOINTMENTS CONT'D.**

Michael Witherspoon, Zoning Commission, Regular

Mayor Rilling said that Mr. Witherspoon has been serving as a Alternate Zoning Commissioner and was now being presented as a candidate for a Regular Zoning Commissioner seat.

#### **\*\* MR. SIMMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL WITHERSPOON AS A REGULAR ZONING COMMISSIONER.**

Mr. Simms said that he has known Mr. Witherspoon for many years. He is also a practicing real estate attorney in Norwalk.

Mayor Rilling agreed with Mr. Simms' comments.

#### **\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL WITHERSPOON AS A REGULAR ZONING COMMISSIONER PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Lou Schulman, Zoning Commission, Regular**

#### **\*\* MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LOU SCHULMAN AS A REGULAR ZONING COMMISSIONER.**

Mr. Kimmel spoke of Mr. Shulman's long service as the head of the Norwalk Transit District and noted the fact that Mr. Shulman had recently retired from that position.

Mr. Hempstead said that he had known Mr. Shulman for a long time. He said that there was no one who knows Norwalk as well as Mr. Shulman.

Mr. Serasis said that he did not know Mr. Shulman very well, but has known him for years. However, Mr. Serasis said that he had ridden the bus for a year and found all the bus drivers to be considerate and helpful. It was a well run transit system.

The Mayor agreed with the Council Members' comments.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LOU SCHULMAN AS A REGULAR ZONING COMMISSIONER PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**James Cahn, Zoning Commission, Regular**

**\*\* MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO TABLE THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES CAHN AS REGULAR ZONING COMMISSIONER TO NEXT MEETING.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO TABLE THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES CAHN AS REGULAR ZONING COMMISSIONER TO NEXT MEETING PASSED WITH TWELVE (12) IN FAVOR (KIMMEL CORSELLO, SACCHINELLI, MELENDEZ, SERASIS, BOWMAN, SIMMS, KYDES, O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO, DEPALMA, MAGGIO AND IGNERI) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (HEMPSTEAD).**

**Galen Wells, Zoning Commission, Alternate**

**\*\* MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GALEN WELLS AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING COMMISSION.**

Ms. Melendez spoke about Ms. Wells' qualifications for the Zoning Commission. Mr. Ignneri also expressed his approval of the appointment.

Mayor Rilling commented that he believed Ms. Wells had served on the Zoning Commission in the past.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GALEN WELLS AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING COMMISSION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Cindy Cossuto, Zoning Commission, Alternate**

**\*\* MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO TABLE THE APPOINTMENT OF CINDY COSSUTO AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING COMMISSION TO NEXT MEETING.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO TABLE THE APPOINTMENT OF CINDY COSSUTO AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING COMMISSION TO NEXT MEETING PASSED WITH ELEVEN (11) IN FAVOR (KIMMEL CORSELLO, SACCHINELLI, MELENDEZ, SERASIS, BOWMAN, SIMMS, KYDES, O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO, DEPALMA, AND IGNERI) AND TWO (2) OPPOSED (MAGGIO HEMPSTEAD).**

**Nora King, Planning Commission**

**\*\* MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF NORA KING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Mr. Igneri spoke about Ms. King's qualifications for her appointment to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Rilling agreed with Mr. Igneri's comments.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF NORA KING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

George Tsiranides, Planning Commission

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE TSIRANIDES TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Mr. Kydes spoke about Mr. Tsiranides' qualifications for her appointment to the Planning Commission.

Ms. Maggio also spoke in favor of Mr. Tsiranides' appointment and thanked him for being willing to serve.

Mr. Igneri agreed with Mr. Kydes and Ms. Maggio, as did the Mayor.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE TSIRANIDES TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY,**

Glenn Iannacone, Historical Commission

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GLENN IANNAZONE TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION.**

Mr. Hempstead spoke about Mr. Iannacone's passion for Norwalk's History.

Ms. O'Toole-Giandurco said Mr. Iannacone had also retired and was serving Norwalk.

Mayor Rilling agreed and said that he had spoken with Mr. Iannacone during the Mayor's Walk.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GLENN IANNAZONE TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Mayor congratulated Cal Ripken Norwalk U10 team for their continued success in FL.

On Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, “Walk with Us” will be meet at Naramake School to walk the East Norwalk Route.

There will be a “Hands for Life” CPR Training at Calf Pasture Beach before the Concert.

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, the State of CT will hold a public information meeting about the upcoming Merritt Parkway West Rocks Bridge repair work.

The Citizen’s Police Academy will run every Monday and Wednesday evening for six weeks starting on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. Advanced registration is required. Space is limited.

Mr. Serasis then listed a number of upcoming concerts at Calf Pasture Beach and the Open Mic Night at Freese Park along with other events.

**V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kimmel said that they would be adding an item to the agenda called the Sound of Norwalk.

The recent tax sale had generated approximately \$2.2 million dollars in income for the City of Norwalk.

The City was able to refund several bonds and reduce the amount of debt service. He said that the bond rating allows the City to do a number of projects with a lower interest rate.

Mr. Kimmel said he wanted to give a shout out to the Manresa Island group that will be doing some serious consideration about the 125 acres on Manresa Island that have been condemned.

**VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS**

**A. CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Authorization to Settle Claim: Charles Chester v. City of Norwalk

*Mr. Serasis recused himself at 8:23 p.m.*

**\*\* MR. KIMMEL MOVED THE AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE CLAIM:  
CHARLES CHESTER V. CITY OF NORWALK.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*Mr. Serasis returned to the meeting at 8:24 p.m.*

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**\*\* MS. O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**VI. B. BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION**

**1. RESOLVED, THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$8,557 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM INCREASED ESTIMATED REVENUES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO COVER THE COST OF POLICE SPECIAL SERVICES OVERTIME WORK ON STATE AND FEDERAL CASES.**

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

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

**1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GORDON FINE ARTS FOR THE USE OF 50 WASHINGTON PLAZA, WASHINGTON STREET, NORTH/SOUTH MAIN AND SURROUNDING STREETS, ALONG WITH VETERANS PARK (PARKING) FOR AN ARTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017, 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE 5:30 AM SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 8:00 PM SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 7,500.**

**1B. AUTHORIZE GORDON FINE ARTS THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE FOR THE ARTS FESTIVAL TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017 ON WASHINGTON STREET.**

**2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GORDON FINE ARTS FOR THE USE OF MATHEWS PARK FOR THE NORWALK ART FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017 FROM 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM EACH DAY. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017 AT 6:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 750.**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW ENGLAND AUTO MUSEUM TO USE**

**MATHEWS PARK FOR A FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017 FROM 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017 AT 8:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000.**

**4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WOLFPIT SCHOOL PTO TO USE THE GROUNDS OF WOLFPIT SCHOOL FOR A PUMPKIN FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016 FROM 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM WITH A RAIN DATE OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000.**

**5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL FOR THE USE OF TAYLOR FARM FOR A KIDZFEST TOUCH A TRUCK & MORE TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016 FROM 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016 AT 12:00 NOON WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 500+.**

**6A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RICCIO LANDSCAPING LLC PROJECT #3692 FLAX HILL PARK UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$42,850.00. ACCOUNT #0915-6030-5777-C0178.**

**6B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS TO PROJECT #3692 FLAX HILL PARK UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$4,280.00. ACCOUNT #0915-6030-5777-C0178, 016031-5585.**

**7. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO M.E. O'BRIEN & SONS, INC. (SOLE SOURCE) FOR A NEW CALF PASTURE BEACH PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$69,639.00. ACCOUNT #0917-6030-5777-C0364.**

**8. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO CONCRETE CREATIONS, LLC PROJECT #3694 INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT – CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$22,000. ACCOUNT #0917-6030-5777-C0364.**

**B. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: JULY 14, 2016.**



**2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED JULY 14, 2016.**

**3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: JUNE 30, 2016.**

**5. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES FOR THE SUPPLY OF PERSONAL COMPUTERS WORKSTATIONS, LAPTOPS, RUGGEDIZED DATA TERMINALS, TABLETS, PRINTERS, AND OBSOLETE ASSET DISPOSAL ACCORDING TO CITY IT DEPARTMENT SPECIFICATIONS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$151,813.60, ACCOUNT 09170600-5777-C0375 (BUDGETED IT CAPITAL ITEM; NO SPECIAL APPROPRIATION REQUIRED).**

**6. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO EPLUS TECHNOLOGY (STATE OF CT CONTRACT 12PSX0431) FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF CISCO LAN SWITCHES FOR CITY HALL & HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000. ACCOUNT 09170600-5777-C0375 (BUDGETED IT CAPITAL ITEM; NO SPECIAL APPROPRIATION REQUIRED).**

**C. HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**1. APPROVE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE AS SET BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH AT THEIR JUNE 28, 2016 MEETING.**

**2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT A LEAD POISON PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,406.**

**2B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING; TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT A LEAD POISON PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017.**

**3A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO CROWLEY FORD, FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2-2017 FORD FUSIONS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,000. ACCOUNT # 01353-5731.**

**3B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO FLEET AUTO SALES FOR THE UPFIT OF 2-2017 FORD FUSIONS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7000. ACCOUNT # 01353- 5731.**

**4A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO MHQ, THE LOW BIDDER, FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT 2017 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTORS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$228,000. ACCOUNT #013053-5731**

**4B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO FLEET AUTO SUPPLY, THE LOW BIDDER, FOR THE UP-FIT (EMERGENCY LIGHTING/PRISONER CAGE/GRAPHICS) FOR 8- 2017 POLICE UTILITY INTERCEPTORS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$99,000.**

**4C. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO MOTOROLA, THE LOW BIDDER, FOR THE MOBILE RADIOS FOR EIGHT 2017 FORD UTILITY POLICE INTERCEPTORS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,000. ACCOUNT #013053-5731**

**5. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO MAX BMW MOTORCYCLES, FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2-2016 BMW MOTORCYCLES, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000. ACCOUNT # 01353-5731.**

**D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**1. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO BRIDGE-HAVEN FORD TRUCK SALES INC. DBA GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES OF MILFORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2015 MACK GU712 PLOW TRUCKS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$428,924.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 0916 4031 5777 C0313**

**ACCOUNT NO. 0917 4031 5777 C0313**

**2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MCVAC ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. FOR PROJECT DRG 2016-1 STORM DRAIN CLEANING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOX CULVERTS, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED**

**\$270,125.**

**2B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH MCVAC ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. FOR PROJECT DRG 2016-1 STORM DRAIN CLEANING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOX CULVERTS, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$27,012.50.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 0914 4027 5777 C0440**

**ACCOUNT NO. 0915 4027 5777 C0440**

**3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH M. RONDANO, INC. FOR PROJECT DRG 2016-2 STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT FODOR FARM, AVIATION COURT AND SOUNDVIEW AVENUE FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED**

**\$365,495.**

**3B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH M RONDANO, INC. FOR PROJECT DRG 2016-2 STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT FODOR FARM, AVIATION COURT AND SOUNDVIEW AVENUE FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$36,549.50.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 0915 4027 5777 C0440**

**ACCOUNT NO. 0917 4027 5777 C0440**

**E. LAND USE COMMITTEE**

**2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TURCO GOLF INC. FOR THE OAK HILLS PARKS GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$980,413.75. ACCT. # 09151340-5799-C0558**

**2B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT (WITH CONCURRENCE WITH THE OAK HILLS PARK AUTHORITY) TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDER ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.**

**3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CCM CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC. FOR THE CITY HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$1,097,275. ACCT. # 0915/16/17 7100 5777 C0439.**

**3B.AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$109,727.**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to execute any and all documents necessary for the Tax Agreement for Property Taxes, subject to revision of the agreement between the City of Norwalk, The Housing Authority of the City of Norwalk and Trinity Washington Village Phase One Limited Partnership.**

**\*\* MR. KIMMEL MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Kimmel said that this was an interesting issue and that there had been a two year break in the process. He pointed out that that this was only Phase 1 of this project.

**\*\* MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO AMEND BY REMOVING THE PHRASE “SUBJECT TO REVISIONS” AND ADDING THE FOLLOWING: “SAID AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLAN BEING APPROVED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTE §8-127.”**

Ms. Bowman asked if the Choice Neighborhood project was part of the Transit Oriented Development plan (TOD). Atty. Beltz-Jacobson said that the authorizing agreement requires a plan and the previous plan has expired. By adding it to the TOD plan, it will meet the requirements.

Ms. Bowman requested Mr. Ivers to come forward for clarification about this. Ms. Bowman said that she was concerned about the TOD area was expanding and that the Choice Neighborhoods should have been protected so that the homes would be remain at the affordable level. Ms. Bowman asked if anyone had the TOD map, She said that the TOD map had Town House Gardens and other areas. Atty. Coppola attempted to contact Mr. Sheehan but was not successful. Mr. Kimmel said that he did recall seeing a map but did not recall the details.

Mr. Ivers said that this tax agreement did not impact the Choice Neighborhoods agreement, but just the two properties at Day Street. Ms. Bowman said that Washington Street was a Special Services District. She went on to speak about the details of the TOD and the parcels that were exempt.

Ms. Bowman said that if Mr. Sheehan was not present, she did not feel comfortable voting for this item. Atty. Beltz-Jacobson said that the tax authority would give the

Council the authority to fix the taxes on the 8 units. Mr. Kimmel asked if Atty. Beltz-Jacobson had spoken with Mr. Sheehan about this. Atty. Beltz-Jacobson said that she had spoken with Mr. Sheehan. Ms. Erlick, a Trinity Partners representative said that they need the tax abatement for the project.

Mr. Kimmel asked what the adverse impact the TOD plan would have on the project. He said that this would allow the Council to develop a rational for making the area more housing friendly rather than the hodge-podge of zoning regulations that exist now. He concluded by saying he did not believe that this would have an adverse impact. Atty. Beltz-Jacobson said that the plan had to be approved according to the statutory regulations.

Mr. Hempstead pointed out that this needs to be in place so that the requirements will be in place for HUD and other agencies. He said that unless the Council adopts this plan, the Redevelopment Agency can't move forward with the agreement.

### **RECESS**

Mayor Rilling declared a recess at 8:43 p.m. He reconvened the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

**\*\* MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO SUSPEND THE DISCUSSION TO ADDRESS AGENDA E1:**

#### **E. LAND USE COMMITTEE**

- 1. APPROVE THE NAMING OF THE CRANBURY PARK ENTRANCE DRIVE AS “JOSEPH COTE WAY” IN MEMORY OF JOE COTE, A LONG TIME DEDICATED PARKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE CURRENT DISCUSSION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **E. LAND USE COMMITTEE**

- 1. Approve the naming of the Cranbury Park entrance drive as “Joseph Cote way” in memory of Joe Cote, a long time dedicated Parks Department employee.**

**\*\* MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. DePalma said that he had known Joe for a number of years.

Ms. O’Toole-Giandurco thanked the family for sitting through this lengthy process. Mr. Kydes also thanked the family.

Mayor Rilling said that Joe was the kind of person that made Norwalk shine. He was one of the best. Mr. Joseph Cote Jr. thanked everyone for their kind words.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE NAMING OF THE CRANBURY PARK ENTRANCE DRIVE AS “JOSEPH COTE WAY” IN MEMORY OF JOE COTE, A LONG TIME DEDICATED PARKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*Mr. Sheehan joined the meeting at 9:00 p.m.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE CONT'D**

**4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to execute any and all documents necessary for the Tax Agreement for Property Taxes, subject to revision of the agreement between the City of Norwalk, The Housing Authority of the City of Norwalk and Trinity Washington Village Phase One Limited Partnership.**

Mr. Kimmel requested Mr. Sheehan to come forward to the podium. Mr. Kimmel explained that he had offered an amendment to the item regarding Washington Village being part of the TOD development.

Mr. Sheehan said that it had always been part of it and only the East side of Water Street had been exempt.

Ms. Bowman said that since it had always been part of the TOD, she felt more comfortable voting on the issue.

Mayor Rilling thanked Mr. Sheehan for confirming this.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO AMEND THE ITEM FROM:**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE TAX AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY TAXES, SUBJECT TO REVISION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AND TRINITY WASHINGTON VILLAGE PHASE ONE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.**

**TO:**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE TAX AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY TAXES, OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AND TRINITY WASHINGTON VILLAGE PHASE ONE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. SAID AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLAN BEING APPROVED BY**

**THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTE §8-127.**

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Hempstead said that this project had taken many years and that everyone had understood that this would help the neighborhood and would be a game changer. He thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mayor Rilling said that Washington Village was the oldest public housing in the State and that the residents deserve to have their residences upgraded.

Mr. Kimmel said that there has only been a short window since the lawsuit had been settled and that the Council needed to move this forward.

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

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL**

There were no resolutions from the Council to consider at this time.

**IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE**

There were no motions postponed to a specific date at this time.

**X. SUSPENSION OF RULES**

There were no suspensions of the rules to consider at this time.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. IGNERI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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