

**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 ARE
SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:33 p. m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

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

I. ROLL CALL

At Roll Call there were thirteen (13) Common Council members present and two (2) absent (Mr. Hempstead and Mr. Igneri).

Also present were Mayor Harry Rilling; Corporation Counsel, Mario Coppola and City Clerk, Donna King.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 10, 2017

**** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MS. BOWMAN AND
MR. SACCHINELLI)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Ms. Pauline Schlegel provided an overview of item 7A2. She said that Dr. Frank at Norwalk Hospital is doing a study for early detection of pancreatic cancer by a blood test. Ms. Schlegel said that Connecticut has the highest rate of sporadic pancreatic cancer. They are trying to get the community involved in this event and hope to make it a full community event.

Sgt. David Orr, Norwalk Police Department, spoke about item 7C1 and said that the Ordinance covered every angle. He said that when he was hired, he saw a lot of problems caused by improper traffic control. the Ordinance being proposed is at no cost to the taxpayer and is great for public safety.

Mr. John Bysiewicz spoke about item 7A3 and said that they had 250 participants at their event last year. They hope to do better this year. He described the race route and said that either volunteers or Police Officers will be posted at every corner. The event benefits the Connecticut Food Bank.

Mr. Drew Berndlmaier, DPW, Senior Civil Engineer expressed concern about item 7C1 and that the amended changes would cause people going in for a permit to get a run-around. He said that he would rather use the term "traffic control personnel". He said that they do not want to get into a convoluted situation and delay the process. Mr. Berndlmaier said that he is on board with the rest of the language.

Deputy Chief Susan Zecca, Norwalk Police Department addressed the concerns of Public Works and said that in any situation where they do not require an Officer can be handled by sending an e-mail to the Police chief.

There were no other members of the public who wished to speak.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations or appointments announced this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Rilling said that this Thursday is Small Business Day. He asked everyone to join him at City Hall for Coffee and Conversation from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

This Friday is the Mayor's Community Ball. The proceeds will benefit the Malta house and the Family and Children's Agency.

Mayor Rilling said that he attended the U. S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, DC. It was very informative and a lot of information was shared.

Everyone is invited to an evening of dinner and dancing on Sunday, January 29th at the American Legion.

Training will be held this Thursday for students at Norwalk High School and Brien McMahon High School to teach them how to work and interact with Police officers. It is an opportunity to building community relationships.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Kydes was acting Council President in Mr. Igneri's absence.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

**** MS. MAGGIO MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

A. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

7A1A; 7A1B; 7A2; 7A3;

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

7B1; 7B2; 7B3

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

C. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. A) **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WILLIAM RAVEIS CHARITABLE FUND TO USE CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR THE WILLIAM RAVEIS RIDE & WALK TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017 FROM 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AT 8:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN NOON ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 500.**
- B) **APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY THE WILLIAM RAVEIS CHARITABLE FUND FOR USE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017 FOR THE WILLIAM RAVEIS RIDE & WALK.**
2. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MARK SCHLEGEL TO HOST A RALLAYE FOR PANCREATIC CANCER AUTO, MOTORCYCLE SHOW TO BE HELD AT CALF PASTURE BEACH ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017 FROM 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE AT 6:00 AM ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2107. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 450.**
3. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JB SPORTS FOR THE USE OF VETERANS PARK FOR THE CT FOOD BANK MILES FOR MEALS 5K TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017 FROM 6:30 AM – 11:30 AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 400.**

D. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. **ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED:**

DECEMBER 8, 2016

JANUARY 12, 20147

2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED JANUARY 12, 2017

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

NOVEMBER 30, 2016

DECEMBER 31, 2016

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

I. REPORTS: DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

II. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

E. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

**** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO APPROVE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CITY CODE CHAPTER 96-EXCAVATIONS AND ENCROACHMENTS IN PUBLIC STREETS AND GROUNDS**

Ms. Melendez explained that this Ordinance has been discussed for a year. She thanked all those involved for their input.

**** MR. CORSELLO MOVED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:**

LINE NINE SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT NO POLICE OFFICERS ARE NECESSARY OR IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT POLICE OFFICERS, THE DIRECTOR SHALL, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC CONTROL PERSONS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC'S SAFETY.

Mr. Livingston said that he felt Public Works and the Police chief could work together. He added that he hoped it would not be the case that people would get the run around.

Ms. Bowman said someone has to be the lead person to make the decision; this should be flushed out even more. She said that she was concerned about conflicts if the Police Chief directs which jobs go to the Police. Ms. Bowman said that she would be interested in seeing the results. She said that she does not want one party to have the upper hand.

Mr. Kimmel said that when the discussion began 11 months ago, it was clear to him that no consistent policy was in place related to safety. Right now, nothing is in place to

cover public engineering issues and safety issues. By bringing the Police Chief into the picture, he feels they can create something more consistent that they have now.

Mr. Kimmel said that the Ordinance Committee concluded that financially this was close to a wash. He commended the Police Officers who came out to the meetings for over 11 months. He added that the Police Chief and Director of Public Works also attended meetings.

Mr. Kimmel said that speed has been a problem in the City and with all of the construction going on, he feels the need to get more eyes on the street.

Mr. Bonenfant said that he had concerns about some of the language, but agreed with Mr. Corsello's amendment.

**** THE AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. BOWMAN MOVED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:**

LINE THREE SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

THE DIRECTOR IN CONSULTATION WITH THE POLICE CHIEF, SHALL APPROVE THE TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN AND TOGETHER SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER TRAFFIC CONTROL PERSONS OR NORWALK POLICE OFFICERS ARE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC'S SAFETY AND SHALL FURTHER DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF SAME; HOWEVER WHEN THE ROADWAY(S) AFFECTED ARE WITHIN A SCHOOL ZONE OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO ENTRANCES OR EXITS OF HOSPITALS OR FIRE DEPARTMENTS, THE DIRECTOR SHALL FIRST PROVIDE NORWALK POLICE OFFICERS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO DIRECT TRAFFIC SAFELY THROUGH THE AREA.

Mr. Kimmel said that the word coordination conforms to the intent of the Ordinance. Mr. Coppola said that the amendment indicates that the Director makes the decision in consultation with the Police Chief.

Ms. Maggio asked if the amendment means that the Director would have to consult with the Police Chief every time. Deputy Chief Zecca explained that the Director would look at the plans to determine if Police are required; the Police Chief would have a say. Mr. Coppola said that changing in coordination to in consultation is a good change.

**** THE AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. SERASIS MOVED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:**

**CHANGE DIRECTOR TO DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
THROUGHOUT THE ORDINANCE**

**** THE AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Bonenfant asked for a definition of a school zone. He asked if a school zone is indicated by signage and if the distance is the same as when someone is selling drugs. Mayor Rilling said that this Ordinance does not expand the school zone. Mr. Corsello added that a school zone has a different definition.

Ms. Bowman congratulated Ms. Melendez on doing a great job; this is a necessary Ordinance. If there are any issues, this Ordinance can be revisited.

**** THE MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were none this evening.

IV. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

V. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were none this evening.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Donna King, City Clerk