

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 7:43 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the recent school shooting in Florida.

Ms. King, City Clerk read the notice stating that the meeting was being audio recorded and videotaped with subtitles for public broadcast. She asked everyone to speak clearly into the microphone and said 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. Gregory Burnett	Mr. Michael Corsello
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	Mr. Douglas Stern
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. Chris Yerinides
District B:		
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Beth Siegelbaum
District D:	Mr. Douglas Hempstead	Mr. George Tsiranides
District E:	Mr. John Igneri	Mr. Thomas Livingston

At Roll Call there were twelve (12) Common Council members present and three (3) absent (Ms. Bowman, Mr. Sacchinelli and Mr. Simms)

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting(s): February 13, 2018

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

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mr. Michael Barbis, Chair, Board of Education said that the Board of Education are consumers of 60% of the city's budget; they are part of the City and it is not us vs. them. He asked why they were being punished when they are a part of the City. He said they need at bare minimum \$7 million without making drastic cuts.

Dr. Steven Adamowski, Superintendent of Schools said he was here to appeal to the Common Council. He compared expenditures from surrounding school districts. He said that Norwalk should be able to attract and retain people with school children. It is important that Norwalk is known by the quality of its schools and not by the size of its fund balance.

Ms. Kristen Carson, Board of Education Finance Director presented the 2016-2017 Norwalk Public Schools academic return on investment. She explained that it is tied to higher graduation rates.

Mr. Adam Blank presented a budget sheet comparing the average tax burden on a single-family home in Norwalk and competitor towns. He said Norwalk's mill rate is under the average of competitor towns.

Mr. David Gogleman expressed concern about the budget. He said that he sees the value of the money being spent. This district is growing and there is now a clear strategic plan. He asked the Common Council to come closer to the budget request made by the Board of Education. He said the rainy day fund is the taxpayer's money.

Ms. M.J. Corona said \$4.4 million of the rainy day fund needs to be allocated to the Board of Education.

Ms. Tiffany Kerikides Said that more could be achieved by extending the school day. She asked that the Common Council support the Board of Education's request and take \$1 million from the rainy-day fund.

Ms. Jennifer Jefferies spoke in support of fully funding the Board of Education's request. She said that with \$15 million in the rainy-day fund, everyone could benefit. She said they can't expect families will choose to live in Norwalk without a strong school system.

Ms. Sandra Faioes, Brookside School Principal said it is a wonderful school, but it took a strategic plan and resources to get them out of a stagnant state. She said that to invest in the schools is an investment in the future.

Mr. Medard Thomas, Columbus Magnet School Principal said they want to create a well-balanced child, but it is not cheap. He asked for support to make the education of the whole child a priority. He said they are on a precipice of greatness and is convinced that he will be hearing people say that they are moving to Norwalk because of the schools. He added that there is no place in the classroom for gun toting educators.

Mr. Erik Nederer said it makes sense to fully fund the Board of Education's budget. He said there are good plans in Norwalk, but they need funding. He said that it is frustrating when people skimp a penny and it costs a dollar.

Ms. Karen Switzer said she pulled her two children from the Norwalk Public Schools because she had no faith in the system. She said she is finally seeing a school system that can be taken seriously. She said her youngest daughter is in the Norwalk School system and that she understands the gap can be closed by dipping into the rainy-day fund.

Mr. Joseph Giandurco spoke in support of the students and his fellow teachers. He asked that the needs of the school system be considered.

Ms. Meghan Doyle Warren said she sells real estate in Norwalk, but the common objection she hears is about the school system. She said that real estate values are a direct commentary on the school system.

Mr. Mike Byrnes said he has seen five superintendents and there was no inspirational leadership. He said that over the past few years, all that has changed and the schools are turning around under the new leadership. As they are entering into the final year of the plan, he feels abandoned by the Common Council; the \$5.5 million is barely enough to meet contractual obligations. He said that Norwalk schools outperform other schools and it is wrong to pull the funding.

Mr. Ed Abrams said the strategic plan is working. He said the Board of Education's budget is a compromise that makes sense and enables them to remain competitive.

Ms. Lisa Pisano Henderson said she supports the strategic plan.

Ms. Cheryl Gavin and Emily said she wants to stay in Norwalk and implored the Common Council to do right by her daughter.

Ms. Missy Conrad said she moved to Norwalk because of its diversity. Since 2016 the Quakers have asked Mayor Rilling to join Mayors for Peace. She added that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. turned her to pacifism.

Ms. Meghan Hopkins said there is a lot to love about Norwalk. She asked that the Board of Education's budget be funded as an investment in the City. She talked about the impact on real estate value when there is a strong school system. She asked the Common Council to fund the Board of Education request and to tap into the rainy-day fund.

Ms. Michelle Robinson said she did not want to be here to fight for what is due to the Norwalk school children. She said that they voted in the Common Council, but not it looks like they are turning their backs on them. She said that many of the buildings need work and there is black mold on the outside of schools. She asked that the Common Council increase the budget for more than the amount needed to cover the contracts.

Ms. Donna Smirniotopolous said she was here to support the budget in full. She compared Norwalk to surrounding towns and said that when you live in those towns, you know who works for you. She said you do not get that feeling in Norwalk. She told the Common Council members that they work for all of the people and that she hoped they did not make up their minds before starting this meeting.

Ms. Susan Wallerstein recognized the contributions made by Ms. Becki Christopherson during her time on the Arts Commission. She introduced Ms. Melissa Matuska who will be taking her place. She acknowledged the appointments of Mr. Emmerson Stranini and Mr. Yerinides to the Arts Commission.

Mr. Nate Sheldon said the City is in great shape and the rainy-day fund is by far the largest in the State. There is no risk of losing the credit status. If the rainy-day fund grows it means that the residents are being over taxed.

Ms. Emma Aponte said the schools need funding to help the next generation of kids and to fund Special Education for kids who have problems like herself. She said that she was recommended for the Academically Talented program for next year. She said the resources need to be funded to help children be the best they can be.

Ms. Nizihyeth Judia said she was impressed by the turnout this evening. She said that funding the schools was important and it is important to fund more teachers. She said no one wants to fight for money and put it on the property taxes.

Ms. Lisa Brinton Thomson said that last year, the Mayor campaigned on city grown and education. There has been a mere ½% growth in the grand list. She suggested having a strategic plan linked to the Board of Education.

Mr. Ben Sarrow said that he assumed a lot of people did not have children in the school system, but said you can't pick and choose how to pay taxes. The schools are doing better than before and history is made by people who show up. He said he did not see parent's from his child's school because a lot of them are ESL and single parents.

Ms. Diane Lauricella said that she was here to try and assist the Common Council to do their due diligence. She said that she does not support fully funding the Board of Education's budget, but suggested looking for strategic cuts in the city's budget. She said that a way to add more revenue in the future is to come out to the Plan of Conservation and Development and decide where certain kinds of land use can go. She said the City needs a strategic operating plan for Zoning and land use and they also need to look at the re-appointments. She suggested not re-appointing the same people to the Assessment Appeals Board.

Ms. Lauricella said she was opposed to the Grant Coordinator job description as written. Norwalk needs a full-time grant writer. She asked if anyone looked at other cities and how they handled their grant writers and if not, why not.

Mr. Drew Patrick said that as a school administrator in Scarsdale, he sends his kids to Columbus Magnet School because none of the programs offered at Columbus Magnet are available in Scarsdale. He said the strategic operating plan is sensible and is working.

Ms. Mary Yordon said that Norwalk is a diverse community and the schools made good progress with the generous funding approved last year. She said she hopes the teachers will be supported.

Mr. Mark Bonasara she he was here to request that the Board of Education's budget be fully funded. It needs to meet the goals of the strategic plan and asked that the Board of Education not be put in a position of having to make cuts.

Ms. Nora King said that she understands that many of the Common Council members decided not to fully fund the Board of Education's request, but this is one team. She said the Board of Education has been fairly funded over the last few years, but they had to fight for that. They are closing the achievement gap. She said if the revaluation is done correctly, the grand list will grow.

Ms. King said if they enforce Zoning, they will not have overcrowding in the schools. She asked that the rainy -day fund be used to fix the problems so they do not have this same discussion next year.

Mr. Bryan Meek distributed an article from *The Hour* dated September 30, 2017, "With state budget impasse, Norwalk braces for cuts". He also distributed a chart showing data compiled from Consolidated Financial Annual Reports showing the AAA rating history for the last 18 years. He said the whole AAA risk is a smoke screen. He said that at 15% of operating expenses in reserves, Norwalk has to use that money.

Ms. Julie Corbet said that the decision made tonight will impact the children. All of the City services must be strong to attract families. She said that it often takes three years to see students improve and five years to sustain and continue the improvements. Attracting

top talent to the central office is important. The gains seen over the past years are monumental.

Ms. Barbara Myer Mitchell said they all want the schools to be excellent. The budget always involved compromise. She said the Board of Education is confident they can close the achievement gap. She asked the Common Council to increase the funding by \$1.5 million.

Mr. Bruce Kimmel said Norwalk was in denial until a few years ago. He said they are already seeing fruits of their initiative. The Board of Education also enacted a three-year strategic operating plan. Last year the City funded year one of the strategic plan. He said that programs in the strategic plan have to be implemented. Mr. Kimmel said the world of education has changed and the stakes are high and the achievement gap must be closed.

Mr. Jackson Dino spoke on behalf of his fellow students at Brien McMahon High school. He said it is nice for students to have input where it impacts them. He talked about having study halls instead of classes. He said BMHS is a good school, but it can get better.

Ms. Olga Zargos Trout said she brought her children with her so they could see how adults regard their education and their future. She asked that the Common Council fully fund the Board of Education's budget to allow full implementation of the strategic operating plan. She said that \$5.5 million falls short of fully funding the request and will jeopardize the progress made over the past few years. She asked that additional funds be drawn down from the rainy-day fund. She added that it will not impact the City's AAA rating.

Ms. Heather McCue spoke about the challenges faced by her twins with developmental delays and physical disabilities and how they overcame them. She said they function as typical children due to the care and skills they received in the Norwalk public schools. She said that Norwalk represents what most communities look to achieve.

Ms. Alexis Marley said she is missing out on a forensics course because the City does not want to pay for a teacher to teach that course.

No other members of the public wished to speak.

Mayor Rilling said he heard what everyone had to say and that he is committed to working with the Board of Education. He said he supports the strategic plan; Norwalk needs and deserves a top tier education system. It is not easy to create a budget to fund the Board of Education and he is concerned about people living on a budget.

Mayor Rilling recommended that the City will draw down at least \$1.2 million to fund the last year of the strategic plan. He said the discussion will continue to determine how

to get closure. He said the City has shown its commitment to the Board of Education while keeping the increase down for taxpayers.

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO TAKE A RECESS AT 9:54 P.M.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting resumed at 10:24 p.m.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: Becki Christopherson, Arts Commission

Mayor Rilling accepted Ms. Christopherson's resignation.

APPOINTMENTS: Melissa Matuska, Arts Commission

**** MR.IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MS.
MATUSKA TO THE ARTS COMMISSION
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

**** MR.IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD**

**KATHLEEN CLEMENT, ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD
JO DEUPREE, ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD
JANE READY, ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD
MARY ELLEN BARRELLE, ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD (ALT)
DONALD OVERTON, ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD (ALT)
HARRIET PETRIDES, ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD (ALT)**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced the Gun Control March and Rally taking place on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. It will start at St. Paul's on the Green and go to City Hall. He said he wants to be sure the schools are safe.

The Norwalk Police Department annual awards recognition ceremony will be held on March 8, 2018. The third annual Norwalk St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on March 10, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ARTS COMMISSION**

**CHRIS YERINIDES, ARTS COMMISSION
EMERSON STRANITI, ARTS COMMISSION**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

**VI.A, VI.B, VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.A.3, VII.A.4, VII.A.5, VII.A.6, VII.A.7,
VII.B.1, VII.B.2, VII.C.1, VII.C.2, VII.C.3, VII.C.4, VII.D.1, VII.E.1,
VII.G.1**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCUSSION: PUTHANY MEACH CLAIM #0149109 EXECUTIVE SESSION

B. BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION

1. RESOLVED, THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$20,350 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT TO COVER THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FORD ESCAPE FOR BUILDING INSPECTIONS AND OTHER DAILY ACTIVITIES. (ACCOUNT #01-3510-5731).

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE & CLAIMS

1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: FEBRUARY 15, 2018.

2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2018.

3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: FEBRUARY 31, 2018

4. RESOLUTION: APPROVE A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,000 TO INCREASE THE AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE ENGINE AND RELATED ACCESSORIES (0917-3110-577-C0437). THE FUNDS WILL BE DRAWN FROM THE BALANCE IN THE CAPITAL FUND.

5. RESOLUTION: APPROVE A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$167,080 TO INCREASE THE AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE FIRE STATION LOCATED AT 100 FAIRFIELD AVENUE (0918-3 L 10-577-C0443). THE FUNDS WILL BE DRAWN FROM THE BALANCE IN THE CAPITAL FUND.

6. RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS TO SECURE THE REPAYMENT OF A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000) FROM THE CITY OF NORWALK TO THE SIXTH TAXING DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CAPITAL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE RENOVATION OF THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.

7. RESOLUTION: APPROVE A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,462 TO INCREASE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FORD EXPLORER EMERGENCY VEHICLES PURCHASE (0918-3110-5777 C0486). THE FUNDS WILL BE DRAWN FROM THE BALANCE IN THE CAPITAL FUND.

B. HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY

1. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO THERMO SCIENTIFIC PORTABLE ANALYTICAL INSTRUMENTS INC. (2 RADCLIFF RD TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS 01876) FOR ONE (1) FIRSTDEFENDER RMX S1 HANDHELD CHEMICAL DETECTION SYSTEM FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$43,050.00. CITY OF NORWALK IS ACTING AS THE FIDUCIARY FOR THE REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM AND WILL BE REIMBURSED THROUGH THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PREPAREDNESS GRANT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. ACCOUNT NO. 353181-4120.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FIREMATIC SUPPLY CO. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) PIERCE ENFORCER PUMPER FOR THE NORWALK FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$576,000.00. ACCOUNT NO. 0917031311000 5777 C0437

C. RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK YMCA – CAMP SUNRISE FOR THEIR USE OF THE SILVERMINE SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR CAMP 2018 TO BE HELD MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018 THROUGH FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018 FROM 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM DAILY. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE UP TO 150.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TRIANGLE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE USE OF MATHEWS PARK FOR THEIR PRIDE IN THE PARK 2018 TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018 FROM 12:00 NOON – 8:00 PM. SET-UP TO TAKE PLACE THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2018 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 11:00 PM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 2,500.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PROJECT PURPLE 5K FOR THEIR USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR THEIR PURPLE PROJECT 5K TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018 FROM 8:30 AM – 10:30 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE AT 6:30 AM ON SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN NOON ON SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 250.

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK KARTING ASSOCIATION FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR THE SPRING AND FALL 2018 SEASON TO BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES FROM 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM. SPRING 2018 – MARCH 17, 24 APRIL 1, 7,14,21,28 MAY 6, 19. FALL 2018 – SEPTEMBER 15, 29 OCTOBER 6,13,20,27 NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17 IF RAIN ON SATURDAY; SUNDAY MAY BE AVAILABLE. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 50-100.

D. ORDINANCE

1. APPROVE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO § 95-10 (SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS)

E. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SILVER PETRUCELLI + ASSOCIATES FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE 2018 NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$97,500.00, WHICH INCLUDES AN ALLOWANCE OF \$25,000 FOR DESIGN SERVICES RELATING TO THE PREPARATION OF A STATE GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2019 REIMBURSABLE WORK. ACCT. # 09185010 5777 C0610

G. PUBLIC WORKS

1. APPROVE A TEMPORARY RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR CT DOT AND ITS AGENTS TO USE CITY PROPERTY ON SCIENCE ROAD WHILE CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT IS BEING NEGOTIATED.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

FINANCE & CLAIMS

Mayor Rilling said he will be working closely with Dr. Adamowski and the finance staff to see how they can reconcile some of the differences. He said the Board of Estimate and Taxation has the authority to ask the Common Council for an increase in the cap. He added that the Common Council members heard the public and are committed to working together.

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

8. WHEREAS, SECTION 1-289 OF THE NORWALK CHARTER REQUIRES THAT A MAJORITY OF THE COMMON COUNCIL VOTE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIFIC SPENDING LIMITATION ON LOCALLY FUNDED EXPENDITURES DURING THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR'S OPERATING BUDGET.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK THAT: THE MAXIMUM LIMIT ON

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018 SHALL BE NO MORE THAN \$336,168,940. THIS APPROPRIATION CAP REPRESENTS TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF \$353,595,360 LESS ESTIMATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANTS OF \$17,426,420.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE RESULT OF THIS VOTE AND RESOLUTION, TOGETHER WITH THE ATTACHED 2018-19 BUDGET GUIDE, BE FORWARDED BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF NORWALK TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION.

Mr. Burnett said that in addition to this resolution, the Finance Committee will work for a special appropriation for \$1.2 million to address the SPED funding and additional draw downs from the fund balance.

Mr. Hempstead said he agreed with the money coming out of the fund balance for SPED. He said he appreciated the passion shown tonight, but it would be very nice to take that passion to the State. Danbury gets almost three times as much as Norwalk. It is time to change how Norwalk is treated by the State.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

F. PERSONNEL

**** MR. STERN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**1. APPROVAL OF REVISED GRANTS
COORDINATOR/COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER POSITION
DESCRIPTION AND DUTIES.**

Mr. Stern explained that this position has been back before the Personnel Committee a number of times. It is adding communication responsibilities to the current position for less money.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION:**

REMOVE - EQUIVALENT COMBINATION OF EXPERIENCE AND/OR TRAINING MAY BE CONSIDERED

Mr. Livingston said he would not support the amendment as the position already requires equivalent experience. It is unnecessary and reduces the pool of candidates.

**** MOTION FAILED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN FAVOR (MR. HEMPSTEAD)**

Mr. Livingston said he will support this item because it will result in savings to the City and experience shows there is not enough work for a full-time grants coordinator. He said that currently there are 3.5 employees working on grants.

Mr. Burnett said moving this forward is a good thing; they are not adding to the headcount in the Mayor's office.

Ms. Smyth pointed out the need for a Communications Coordinator especially after what happened at Norwalk High School last week.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. HEMPSTEAD)**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were none.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD TWO ITEMS TO THE AGENDA**

HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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ACCT. # 0917031311000 5777 C0437

CORPORATION COUNSEL:

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCUSSION: PUTHANY MEACH CLAIM #0149109 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk