

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 7:37 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 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. Douglas Hempstead Mr. Nicholas Sacchinelli	Mr. Michael Corsello Ms. Barbara Smyth Mr. Douglas Stern
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. Chris Yerinides
District B:	Ms. Faye Bowman	Mr. Travis Simms
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Beth Siegelbaum
District D:	Mr. Douglas Hempstead	Mr. George Tsiranides
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	

At Roll Call there were fourteen (14) Common Council members present and one (1) absent (Mr. Igneri)

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: February 27, 2018

**** MR. LIVINGSTON 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.

Ms. Missy Conrad asked why plastic soda can holders are back. She expressed concern about recycling. Mayor Rilling informed Ms. Conrad that the issue of plastic soda can holders was not an agenda item and Common Council rules will not allow this discussion. Ms. Conrad said that she has been asking Mayor Rilling to join Mayors for Peace since 2015.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were none this evening.

APPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced the third annual Mayor's Clean City Initiative taking place on April 21st. He invited everyone to join him at Lowe's at 10:00 a.m. He said he is disappointed when he sees a lot of litter around town and reminded people to keep a bag in their car to help get rid of debris. He said everyone should do their part to keep our streets clean.

Mayor Rilling said the Saint Patrick's Day parade was held last Saturday and thanked the Norwalk Police Emerald Society for their work. He said he looks forward to the Columbus Day parade in October. Mr. Kydes added that O'Neils' hosted the ceremony and did a great job.

Mayor Rilling said that tomorrow at 9:45 a.m. high school and some middle school students will be making a statement about gun violence in the schools. A walk out is

planned for 17 minutes – one minute for each of the Parkland High School shooting victims. He said he supports the students in their effort.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Kydes wished Ms. Melendez a happy birthday.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

VII.A.1A

VII.A.1B

VII.A.2

PLANNING COMMITTEE

VII.B.1

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 319 NPA GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE FLOCK PROCESS DAM PROJECT.

1B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE REMOVAL OF THE FLOCK PROCESS DAM PROJECT UNDER THE CT DEEP 319 NPS GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SUCH GRANT FUNDING.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RHS CONSULTING DESIGN, LLC FOR A CONDITION EVALUATION OF SPAN POLE AND MAST ARM STRUCTURES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,250.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 16 4021 5777 C0232

B. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZES THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE STATED THAT THEY ARE CONFLICTED PER HUD REGARDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

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

1. AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTHORITY TO FILE OFFER OF COMPROMISE: TERRANCE CUMMINGS V. JERMAINE NASH, ET AL.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) VOTES IN OPPOSITION (MR. HEMPSTEAD AND MR. SIMMS)**

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

2. AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCUSSION: SETTLEMENT: CHRISTIAN GARNETT V. CITY OF NORWALK, ET AL.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) VOTES IN OPPOSITION (MR. HEMPSTEAD AND MR. SIMMS)**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GRASSO COMPANIES, LLC FOR PROJECT PM2018-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$2,875,598.75.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 17 4021 5777 C0021

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09 18 4027 5777 C0302

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3B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH THE GRASSO COMPANIES, LLC FOR PROJECT PM2018-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$287,559.87.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 17 4021 5777 C0021

09 18 4021 5777 C0021

09 18 4027 5777 C0302

09 17 4021 5777 C0515

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Mr. Livingston explained the items and said Grasso Companies, LLC was the lowest priced bidder. This entity is a separate and legal entity from the other Grasso organizations. He said this company is in compliance. In addition, he said they provide good service to the City.

Mr. Simms said that a lot of what was said was not all factual. He said that a couple of years ago a Grasso company owned by the father did not pay taxes and then they re-organized the company. He said they are kicking the can down the road. Mr. Simms said it is their job to look out for the best interest of the City. He reiterated that all they are doing is re-organizing their company and the City awards them with contracts. Mr. Simms said this sets a precedent to other companies that if they do not pay their taxes they can re-organize and get a contract from the City.

Ms. Bowman said she believed the contact had wording.. and it is affiliates. She said the property where the business is housed is under a Zoning violation. She asked what has to be done to get that cleaned up.

Mr. Coppola said that he understands that the family is related, but the owner of this Grasso Companies is not the owner of the property.

Ms. Bowman said the City gave Grasso Companies their contract, knowing they owned back taxes and they did not fix the Zoning violation on the property. She added if they are a separate entity, they can move.

Mr. Simms said this item does not say ...and its affiliates. Mr. Coppola said he understands that this company is not affiliated or a subsidy of the other companies.

Ms. Bowman said they are responsible to the residents.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) VOTES IN OPPOSITION (MS. BOWMAN AND MR. SIMMS)**

VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were none this evening.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were none this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk