

**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 7:31 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, one at a time, 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:	Mr. Ernest Dumas	Mr. Travis Simms
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	
District D:	Mr. George Tsiranides	
District E:	Mr. John Igneri	Mr. Thomas Livingston

At Roll Call there were twelve (12) present and three (3) absent (Mr. Sacchinelli; Ms. Siegelbaum and Mr. Hempstead)

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

Mayor Rilling welcomed Mr. Dumas to the Common Council.

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting:** June 26, 2018

**\*\* MR. IGNERI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS (MR. BURNETT AND MR. DUMAS)**

### **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Mr. Richard Bonenfant congratulated Mr. Dumas. He spoke in support of the appointment of Ms. Straniti to the Zoning Commission as an alternate.

Ms. Diane Lauricella welcomed Mr. Dumas to the Common Council. She said she just learned that item 7B1 under Land Use and Building Management was being tabled. She said she was here to ask the Common Council to consider sending this item back to committee. Ms. Lauricella said it would have been nice to let the public know that this item was being tabled because quite a few people came out with the intention of sharing their ideas.

### **IV. MAYOR**

#### **A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**RESIGNATIONS:** David Westmoreland, Historical Commission

Mayor Rilling announced Mr. Westmoreland's resignation from the Historical Commission and said he was recently appointed to the Redevelopment Agency.

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

Tyrone R. McClain, Library Board

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT:**

**TYRONE R. MCCLAIN, LIBRARY BOARD**

Mr. Kydes said Mr. McClain has a very impressive resume and he wished him the best of luck.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT:**

**KELLY L. STRANITI, ZONING COMMISSION (ALTERNATE)**

Mr. Burnett said Ms. Straniti was a former member of the Common Council and is committed to Norwalk. He said she would be a good addition to the Zoning Commission.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT:**

**DEBORAH LEWIS, BIKE WALK COMMISSION**

Mr. Livingston said Ms. Lewis will be an excellent addition to the Commission.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. YERINIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT:**

**ERICA KIPP, TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Mr. Yerinides said Ms. Kipp had a very impressive resume. He wished her the best of luck.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **REAPPOINTMENTS:**

**\*\* MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT:**

**LISA BIAGIARELLI, TAX COLLECTOR**

Mr. Burnett said Ms. Biagiarelli is proactive, prepared and precise. She and her team have a tax collection rate of 99.15%. Mr. Igneri said she is wonderful to work with and is a dedicated employee. Mr. Simms added that she sets the model for the state on how she collects taxes. He said the City is fortunate to have her. Mr. Simms thanked Ms. Biagiarelli for her service and said he hopes she stays for another 20 – 30 years.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT:**

**MICHAEL G. MUSHAK, PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mr. Livingston said Mr. Mushak is always involved in everything in the City. He is a tremendous addition to the Planning Commission and to the City. Mr. Simms added that he is probably one of the hardest working citizens in the City. He said he can't thank him enough for his dedication to the City. Mr. Simms said that Mr. Mushak is fair and practical. Mr. Igneri said that Mr. Mushak is great. Ms. Melendez said he cares about the City and is thankful that he wants to continue to serve.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Mr. Tsiranides rescued himself and left the Common Council chambers.

**\*\* MR. STERN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT:**

**R. RICHARD ROINA, ZONING COMMISSION**

Mr. Stern said that it was a pleasure serving with Mr. Roina on the Zoning Commission. He works well with others, is thoughtful and pays attention to details. Mr. Corsello said the City is fortunate to have him; he is held in high esteem by his colleagues.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Tsiranides returned to the Common Council chambers.

**\*\* MR. STERN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT:**

**RODERICK C. JOHNSON, ZONING COMMISSION**

Mr. Stern said he served with him on the Zoning Commission. He said he worked well on the Commission.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT:**

**NANCY ROSETT, BIKE WALK COMMISSION**

Mr. Igneri said Ms. Rosett is an excellent choice. She works hard and has been involved in bikes for many years. Ms. Melendez thanked Ms. Rosett for her hard work to make this an official commission and for making Norwalk bike/walk friendly.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENTS:**

**ANDREW STRAUSS, TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**PETER FRANK VITERETTO, TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Ms. Smyth said both Mr. Strauss and Mr. Viveretto care about our trees.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. King administered the Oath of Office to those present.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

Mayor Rilling announced that there will be a ribbon cutting and a tree planting ceremony to honor the late Frank Zullo tomorrow at the former Dolce Center.

The Play Ball summer initiative kicked off. This year 650 children will participate

The Maritime Aquarium opened on July 16, 1988 and will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Admission prices that weekend will reflect 1988 prices.

**V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kydes congratulated Mr. Dumas and expressed his best wishes to Ms. Bowman.

Mr. Kydes announced that the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Common Council was cancelled.

**RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**RESIGNATIONS:** There were none this evening.

**APPOINTMENTS:** There were none this evening.

**REAPPOINTMENTS:** There were none this evening.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**7A1A; 7A1B; 7B1 (CONSENT TO TABLE); 7C1**

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

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH NJR CONSTRUCTION LLC., FOR CTDOT PROJECT 102-320 – REHABILITATION OF BRIDGE NO. 04989 – JAMES STREET BRIDGE OVER THE SILVERMINE RIVER, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,818,366.89.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 13 4021 5777 C0496  
09 18 4021 5777 C0496  
09 19 4021 5777 C0496  
09 19 4021 5799 C0496**

**1B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO ISSUE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH NJR CONSTRUCTION LLC., FOR CTDOT PROJECT 102-320 – REHABILITATION OF BRIDGE NO. 04989 – JAMES STREET BRIDGE OVER THE SILVERMINE RIVER, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$182,000.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 13 4021 5777 C0496  
09 18 4021 5777 C0496  
09 19 4021 5777 C0496  
09 19 4021 5799 C0496**

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

**1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: AUTHORIZE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE AND SALES AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH NORWALK COMMUNITY CENTER, INC. TO PURCHASE A ONE-HALF**

**INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY AT 98 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SOUTH  
NORWALK, CT CONSENT TO TABLE**

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

**1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BADGEQUEST, INC., TO CONDUCT PROMOTIONAL TESTING FOR THE RANKS OF DETECTIVE, SERGEANT AND LIEUTENANT, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$33,000 FROM ACCOUNT 013049-5258.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:03 P.M.

**A. CORPORATION COUNSEL**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Discussion regarding litigation titled, City of Norwalk and City of Norwalk Redevelopment Agency vs. ILSR Owners, LLC and Wall St Opportunity Fund, LLC, which is currently pending in the Stamford-Norwalk Judicial District at Stamford.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Common Council went into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. and the public left the Common Council Chambers.

The Common Council members came out of Executive Session at 8:51 p.m. During the Executive Session no motions or votes were taken.

**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**

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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