

**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 7:34 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

Council at Large:	Mr. Richard Bonenfant Mr. Bruce Kimmel	Mr. Douglas Hempstead Ms. Sharon Stewart
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. David Watts
District B:	Ms. Phaedrel Bowman	Mr. Travis Simms
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Michelle Maggio
District D:	Ms. Shannon O'Toole-Giandurco	Mr. Jerry Petrini
District E:	Mr. David McCarthy	

Mayor Harry Rilling; Mario Coppola, Corporation Counsel;  
Donna King, City Clerk

There were fourteen (13) members present and one (2) absent, Mr. Glenn Iannaccone and Mr. John Igneri.

## **II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting(s):**

**May 26, 2015**

**\*\* MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public who signed up to speak. Mayor Rilling asked if any members of the public wished to speak and hearing none, closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

## **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 unveiling of the portrait of former Mayor Richard Moccia. He announced that Mr. Adam Bovilsky, Director of Human Relations will receive a special award on June 11<sup>th</sup> for his work in alleviating homelessness in Norwalk. Mayor Rilling also announced several upcoming local events.

Mayor Rilling wished all of the fathers a happy Father's Day.

**V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**\*\* MR. PETRINI MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**7B1, 7B2, 7B3,**

**7C1 (consent to table to the next meeting), 7C3**

**7D1A, 7D1B, 7D1C, 7D1D, 7D1E**

**7D2A, 7D2B, 7D2C, 7D3, 7D4( consent to send back to committee), 7D5A, 7D5B**

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

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**B. HEALTH, WELFARE, PUBLIC SAFETY**

**1. AUTHORIZE MAYOR OF NORWALK, HARRY W. RILLING, TO SIGN THE NON-COMPETITIVE YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU GRANT APPLICATION 2015-2017 FOR RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS THRU THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$66,013 IN 2015-2016, AND \$66,013 IN 2016-2017**

**2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNDER THE FY2015 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,986.00**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF, THOMAS E. KULHAWIK TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROGRAMS THROUGH THE**

**FY2015 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT  
PURSUANT TO SUCH GRANT FUNDING**

**C. CORPORATION COUNCIL**

**1. APPROVAL OF ACCESS EASEMENT ACROSS SMALL CORNER OF WEBSTER STREET PARKING LOT, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE SAME FORM AS ATTACHED PROPOSED EASEMENT. (CONSENT TO TABLE TO THE NEXT MEETING)**

**4. AUTHORIZATION THE MAYOR TO SETTLE THE CASE PENDING IN THE CONNECTICUT APPELLATE COURT, KNOWN AS**

**BARTON, ET.AL. V. CITY OF NORWALK, AC 36040 AND AC 36270  
(EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

**D. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT**

**1A. RESOLVED, THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL (LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODY) AUTHORIZES THE NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION AND TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A GRANT FOR THE NORWALK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER AT THE ROOSEVELT CENTER, 11 ALLEN RD, NORWALK, CT.**

**1B. RESOLVED, THAT THE STANDING BUILDING COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 30-19 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK THAT NORWALK FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION (NFCC) IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS THE BUILDING COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO THE NORWALK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER AT THE ROOSEVELT CENTER, 11 ALLEN RD, NORWALK, CT.**

**1C. RESOLVED, THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL (LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODY) HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE PREPARATION OF FINAL CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS, UTILIZING THE PRIOR CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS**

**FOR THE NORWALK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER AT THE ROOSEVELT CENTER, 11 ALLEN RD, NORWALK, CT.**

**1D. RESOLVED, THAT THE PROPOSED NORWALK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER PROJECT TO CREATE 6 NEW CLASSROOMS IN ROOSEVELT CENTER ON ALLEN ROAD FOR THE NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRE-K/SPECIAL ED 50/50 PROGRAM. THE ESTIMATED PROJECT COST IS \$2,466,888 AND PROJECT FUNDING IS AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>#09153010 5777 C0555- APPROVED PREVIOUS UNEXPENDED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 771,000</b>
<b>#09153010 5777 C0555- APPROVED SPECIAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$ 880,000</b>
<b>#09045010 5777 B0291- BALANCE IN UNASSIGNED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 316,777</b>
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<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE LOCAL FUNDING</b>	<b>\$ 1,967,777</b>
<b>“PROJECTED” STATE REIMBURSEMENT BASED ON ANTICIPATED ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS AT 32.86%</b>	<b>\$ 752,457</b>
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<b>TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 2,720,234</b>

**1E. RESOLVED, THAT FOR NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO UTILIZE AND HAVE THE CARE, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF APPROXIMATELY 12,400 SQUARE FEET OF THE ROOSEVELT CENTER AT 11 ALLEN ROAD (PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY TUMBLE BUGS) FOR THE NEW NORWALK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER.**

**2A RESCIND, COMMON COUNCIL OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2014, ITEM VII. D. 2A & 2B WHICH AUTHORIZED THE FOLLOWING:**

**2A. AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$38,000 AVAILABLE IN 2014-2015 BUILDING MANAGEMENT OPERATING BUDGET (ACCT. #014071-5561) FOR THE RENOVATION AND ADA IMPROVEMENT OF THE CHILDREN BATHROOMS AT BEN FRANKLIN CENTER.**

**2B AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING OVERSIGHT OF CITY FUNDS AND TO RELEASE PROGRESS PAYMENT TO NORWALK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.”**

**2B. AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$53,000 AVAILABLE IN 2014-2015 BUILDING MANAGEMENT OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE RENOVATION AND ADA IMPROVEMENT OF THE CHILDREN BATHROOMS AT BEN FRANKLIN CENTER. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:**

**014071 5561 – BUILDING MAJOR REPAIR ACCOUNT - \$38,000  
(THESE FUNDS WERE SPECIFICALLY ALLOCATED FOR THIS PROJECT)**

**014074 5267 – BEN FRANKLIN PLUMBING - \$10,000  
014074 5269 – BEN FRANKLIN MECHANICAL - \$ 5,000**

**(THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$11,122 IS AVAILABLE FROM CDBG VIA NORWALK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY)**

**2C. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING OVERSIGHT OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED CITY FUNDS AND TO RELEASE PROGRESS PAYMENTS TO NORWALK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SPRING HARVEST MINISTRY FOR THE USE OF THE COMMUNITY ROOM, ROOM 217A AND 217B AT BEN FRANKLIN CENTER FOR \$17,040 PER YEAR/ \$1,420 PER MONTH.**

**4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH HELPING OUR PEOPLE EXCEL INC. / HOPE INC. FOR THE USE OF ROOM 301 AT BEN FRANKLIN CENTER FOR \$1,740 PER YEAR/ \$145 PER MONTH. (CONSENT TO SEND BACK TO COMMITTEE)**

**5A. APPROVE NEW ENGLAND ENERGY CONTROLS, INC., AN AUTHORIZED SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE FOR KMC BUILDING ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AS SOLE SOURCE VENDOR TO SERVICE KMC EQUIPMENT. THIS APPROVAL SHALL EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2018**

**5B. APPROVE AUTOMATED BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC., AN AUTHORIZED SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE FOR ALERTON CONTROL SYSTEMS AS SOLE SOURCE VENDOR TO SERVICE ALERTON EQUIPMENT. THIS APPROVAL SHALL EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2018.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

1. Proposed revisions to Blight Ordinance.

**MS. O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE BLIGHT ORDINANCE**

See attached red-line copy of Ordinance. Underlines are proposed additions and strike-outs are deletions.

Ms. O'Toole-Giandurco read the proposed definition of blight. She explained that the Ordinance Committee has been working on this since the beginning of their term. She thanked the Ordinance Committee, Attorney McCann and Mr. Ireland. If approved, this Ordinance is slated to go into effect on January 1, 2016.

Mr. McCarthy said that this is a great improvement on the original ordinance; they intentionally used the term "housing" because they were told that there was an enabling statute. Changing the wording will allow the City to move forward.

Ms. Bowman expressed concern about #3 – *More than one inoperative or unregistered vehicle*. She asked if this item needs to be defined more. Mayor Rilling said that this is in the City Ordinance and defines a junk yard. Ms. O'Toole-Giandurco said that this item came out of the Zoning regulations.

Mr. Hempstead thanked Ms. O'Toole-Giandurco and said that it required a lot of leadership to get this through; the Common Council has been working on a blight ordinance for the last six years.

Mr. Kydes said that this is happening at a good time and that he is happy to see that seniors are being taken into consideration. He said that he will support this item.

Mr. Bonenfant said that the Ordinance Committee came up with a fair solution and residents will be provided with some assistance.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **C. CORPORATION COUNCIL**

**\*\* MR. PETRINI MOVED TO TABLE THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO THE JUNE 23, 2015 MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:**

- 2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS NEEDED IN CONNECTION WITH AND TO FACILITATE THE CITY'S PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 127 FILLow STREET FROM AL MADANY ISLAMIC CENTER OF NORWALK, INC., INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE SALES AGREEMENT**

Attorney Coppola explained that this item was being tabled because it first had to have 8-24 review by the Planning Commission. That was supposed to take place this evening, but they did not have a quorum. They will hold a special meeting.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

- 3. Authorization to Settle Claim: William Quick v. City of Norwalk (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**



The public was excused at 7:55 p.m. and the Common Council members went into Executive Session.

The Common Council members came out of Executive Session at 9:09 p.m. During the Executive Session, no motions were made or votes taken.

- \*\* MR. PETRINI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR RILLING TO SETTLE CLAIM: WILLIAM QUICK V. CITY OF NORWALK
- \*\* MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR (4) VOTES IN OPPOSITION (MS. BOWMAN, MR. SIMMS, MS. STEWART AND MR. WATTS)

**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. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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