

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 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
	Mr. Colin Hosten	Mr. Nicholas Sacchinelli
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. Chris Yerinides
District B:	Ms. Darlene Young	Mr. Ernest Dumas
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 fifteen (15) Common Council members present.

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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** MS. YOUNG 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. King reminded participants that there was a three (3) minute limit and all comments must be for an item on the agenda.

Mr. Leonard Braman, represented Our House, spoke about the proposed amendment to the noise ordinance and offered recommendations.

Ms. Elizabeth Greenwood spoke about the proposed amendment to the noise ordinance. She said plans to drive pilings during low tide means this work can occur anytime. She asked if that could be adjusted because she lives close to the area. In addition, she said she is legally blind and lack of sleep could impact her ability to see.

Mr. John Flynn spoke about the proposed noise ordinance and asked why Police do not enforce the existing ordinance. He said that he heard test pilings from several blocks away.

Ms. Diane Lauricella spoke about the proposed noise ordinance and said that the key is to keep your own noise within your own property. She asked if the Police were permitted to initiate an action without a person initiating a complaint. Ms. Lauricella suggested adding effective buffers to the ordinance and emphasized that abutting buffers should be added as an amendment. She suggested times when leaf blowers should be banned.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS:

Mayor Rilling announced the resignation of Joseph Perella from the Harbor Management Commission.

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

Alan L. Kibbe, Harbor Management Commission

Christopher L. MacDonnell, Harbor Management Commission

Mr. Kydes spoke in support of the appointments. Mr. Hosten also spoke in support. Mr. Livingston said he met Mr. MacDonnell and was impressed with his knowledge. He said he will be a great addition to the Commission.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT:**

Barbara McCabe, Bike Walk Commission

Mr. Igneri spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. King administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Kibbe and Mr. MacDonnell

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced that this Friday, April 26th is Arbor Day and it will be observed at Wolfpit School. The Citywide Cleanup Day will be held on April 27, 2019. He said every day is Earth Day if we want to sustain Mother Earth. The plastic bag ban will go into effect on July 8th. The City is also exploring the banning of plastic straws. May 15, 2019 is the deadline for tax relief application for seniors and disabled residents. Mayor Rilling introduced Henry Dachowitz the new CFO of Norwalk.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - There were none this evening.

RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS:

REAPPOINTMENTS:

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.B.1, VII.B.2, VII.B.3, VII.B.5, VII.B.6

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DARYL WOOLSEY FOR THE USE OF BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL TRACK/FIELD BY JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THEIR JDRF ONE WALK, FAIRFIELD TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019 FROM 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 5:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1000.**
2. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A 5 YEAR LEASE EXTENSION WITH THE PASTIME SOCIAL AND ATHLETIC CLUB FOR THE USE OF A SMALL PORTION OF LAND ALONG SEAVIEW AVENUE. REMAINING TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT TO REMAIN UNCHANGED.**

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. **ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: APRIL 11, 2019.**
2. **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED APRIL 11, 2019.**
3. **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: MARCH 2019.**
5. **DISCUSS AND APPROVE FY 2019-2020 WATER POLLUTION AUTHORITY BUDGET**
6. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS TO AUDIT FISCAL YEAR 2018-19.**

Mr. Hempstead commented that he voted against approving the WPCA budget in Committee because he feels that people should pay based on their usage; however, he said he will support approving the budget.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Rilling introduced Mr. Dachowitz, the new Chief Financial Officer for the City of Norwalk.

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE FY 2019-2020 PARKING AUTHORITY BUDGET AS REVISED.

Mr. Burnett commented that the Parking Authority has done great things for our residents and visitor. Mr. Kydes added that through the collaboration of the Parking Authority they have been able to reduce the number of violations and that is great news.

Mr. Kydes highlighted Parking Authority initiatives including addressing parking issues near the construction site of the new mall. Mr. Tsiranides said that tickets and complaints have gone down dramatically. They also have an Ambassador program.

Ms. Young as a District B representative thanked the Parking Authority for listening and responding to the residents.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

**** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

1. APPROVE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 68, NOISE, §§ 68-1 THROUGH 68-15.

Ms. Melendez said this was first on the Ordinance Committee agenda in February 2017. She thanked the Common Council members on the Ordinance Committee during the last term as well as others for their input.

Ms. Melendez explained how the proposed Ordinance was revised. She spoke about the noise issues on Washington Street and how the proposed ordinance would address that.

Mr. Livingston commended Ms. Melendez for her hard work during this two-year process. Addressing construction and heavy equipment noise, Mr. Livingston said they tried to balance the need to complete construction and the needs of the residents. He said it was critical to enforce the Ordinance. He suggested modifications to the building code.

Mr. Hempstead thanked Ms. Melendez for her perseverance and leadership. He said the key to its success is training and funding. Mr. Hempstead suggested that the Health, Welfare and Public Safety Committee review noise complaints on a monthly basis. He said the expert commented about the lack of buffers between zones.

Mr. Hosten said this is a good start. The language offered is more meaningful over the existing language about residential zones abutting lite industrial zones. He said he agreed that the Ordinance needs to balance people's health with the economic health of the City.

Mr. Dumas said he has been against contractor yards from the beginning. He said if you go up and down South Main Street and look at what is going on in that area, there are 30 illegal contractor yards.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. DUMAS)**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LAND DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK, THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AND POKO-IWSR DEVELOPERS, LLC, DATED NOVEMBER 14, 2007 (AS AMENDED), AND THE CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY, THE AGENCY AND POKO, DATED JULY 27, 2015 AND THE LOAN RECOGNITION AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN POKO-IWSR DEVELOPERS, LLC, THE CITY OF NORWALK, THE**

**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, CITIBANK,
N.A., STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, STATE
OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT, NATIONAL EQUITY FUND, INC., MC CREDIT, LLC,
IWSR OWNERS, LLC AND ILSR OWNERS, LLC, DATED NOVEMBER 14,
2007 (AS AMENDED). *EXECUTIVE SESSION***

The Common Council members went into Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. The public was excused and left the Common Council Chambers.

The Common Council members came out of Executive Session at 9:59 p.m.

During the Executive Session no motions were made and no 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. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk