

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.

Mayor Rilling asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Mr. Andy Glickman.

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	Ms. Dominique Johnson
	Mr. Manny Langella	Ms. Barbara Smyth
District A:	Mr. David Heuvelman	Mr. Kadeem Roberts
District B:	Mr. Ernie Dumas	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Mr. George Theodoridis
District D:	Mr. George Tsiranides	Mr. Tom Keegan
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

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

Also present were Mayor Harry Rilling and City Clerk, Donna King.

Mayor Rilling administered the Oath of Office to the Common Council to Ms. Dominique Johnson and welcomed her to the Common Council.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Special Meeting: December 10, 2019

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS. JOHNSON)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mr. John Flynn discussed the Ordinance Committee and said they changed the ethics guidelines. He talked about several complaints he made and the FOIA requests he made. He said he made several attempts to contact the attorney, but did not get a response. Mr. Flynn said his complaints are serious, but he can't get any answers.

Mr. Flynn said there are clients he believes were harmed. He said he has a problem with the closed-door settlement with Vesta and added that people were evicted.

Mayor Rilling reminded Mr. Flynn about the rules of public participation and asked him to send him an e-mail.

No other members of the public wished to speak this evening.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS:

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT
SHARON R. BAANANTE, NORWALK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Ms. Smyth spoke in favor of the appointment. Ms. Johnson also spoke in favor of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. KYDES MOVED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT
DAVID L. JAEGER, JR., NORWALK TRANSIT DISTRICT**

Mr. Kydes spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. KEEGAN MOVED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**

Mr. Keegan spoke in support of the appointment. Ms. Young also spoke in support of the appointment. Mayor Rilling echoed the comments and welcomed Mr. Diesel back to Norwalk

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT**

DANA LAIRD, HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Livingston spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

MOINA NOOR, NORWALK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. Burnett spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. King administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Baanante and Mr. Diesel.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced that City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday. On January 19, 2020, the New Canaan Institutional Baptist Church Norwalk will commemorate Justice Sunday.

The annual MLK breakfast at Calvary Baptist Church Norwalk will be held followed by an MLK Day of Service. In the evening, a city-wide program will be held in the Concert Hall of Norwalk City Hall.

Firefighter applications are still being accepted at iosolutions.com. Whoever takes the test would be eligible to serve on one of 15 departments.

Mayor's Ball tickets are selling out quickly. This year's recipients are the Star Foundation and the Norwalk YMCA.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Ms. Smyth announced that Ms. Young would take over Mr. Hosten's seat on The Maritime Aquarium Authority.

Ms. Smyth welcomed Ms. Johnson to the Common Council.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

VII.A.1, VII.B.1A, VII.B.1B, VII.B.2A, VII.B.2B, VII.B.3, VII.B.4, VII.B.5A, VII.B.5B, VII.B.6, VII.B.7, VII.B.8, VII.C.1, VII.C.2, VII.D.1, VII.D.2A, VII.D.2B, VII.D.3A, VII.D.3B, VII.D.4, VII.E.1, VII.E.2, VII.E.3

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

1. APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 68, NOISE:

- SOUND LEVEL LIMITS: § 68-5(A)(1) – TABLE 2;**
- SOUND LEVEL LIMITS: § 68-5(C)(13); AND**
- PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES: § 68-6(B)(6).**

B. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK HOSPITAL FOUNDATION FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR THEIR ANNUAL WCC (WHITTINGHAM CANCER CENTER) WALK/RUN TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020 FROM 7:30 AM – 12:00 NOON. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 5:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM ON SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 2,000

1B. APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY THE NORWALK HOSPITAL FOUNDATION FOR THEIR ANNUAL WWC

(WHITTINGHAM CANCER CENTER) WALK/RUN TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020 FROM 7:30 AM – 12:00 NOON

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CT CHAPTER FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR THEIR ANNUAL WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020 FROM 8:30 AM – 1:30PM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 6:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020. TENTS TO BE SET UP FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1500

2B. APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CT CHAPTER FOR THEIR ANNUAL WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020 FROM 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK LACROSSE ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR THEIR USE OF VETERANS PARK FOR THE POUND THE SOUND YOUTH LACROSSE EVENT TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020 FROM 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM AND SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020 FROM 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM. SETUP TO BEGIN AT 6:00 AM ON FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 7:00 PM ON SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1000 (OVER TWO DAYS)

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MBI, INC. NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND FOR THEIR USE OF NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT(S) FOR THEIR ANNUAL WINTER PERCUSSION EVENT TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020 FROM 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 2500 (STAGGERED) 5A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MAGGIORE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE VETERANS PARK MARINA FINGER FLOATS REPLACEMENT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$58,865.00. ACCOUNT #004150-5585

5B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR, RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDER TO MAGGIORE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE VETERANS PARK MARINA FINGER FLOATS REPLACEMENT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$5,886.00. ACCOUNT #014150-5585

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ROWAYTON SCHOOL PTA FOR THEIR USE OF ROWAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELD FOR THE

ROWAYTON CARNIVAL TO BE HELD FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020 FROM 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM AND SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020 FROM 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 7:00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 9:00 AM ON SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020 (WEATHER PERMITTING) ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 500 (DAILY).

7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GORDON FINE ARTS, LLC FOR THEIR USE OF MATHEWS PARK FOR THEIR ANNUAL NORWALK ART FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY JUNE 27, 2020 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020 FROM 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM EACH DAY. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 10:00 AM ON FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 7:00 PM SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 400

8. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GORDON FINE ARTS, LLC FOR THE USE OF 50 WASHINGTON STREET PLAZA FOR THEIR ANNUAL SONO ARTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020 FROM 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020 FROM 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 7:00 AM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 7:00 PM SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,200.

C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT(S) WITH H.W. LOCHNER FOR DESIGN AND COORDINATION SERVICES DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2016 IN CONNECTION WITH WALK BRIDGE PROGRAM (STATE PROJECT NOS. 301-0176, 301-0188, 0301-0181, 301-0187, 102-297, 301-0180) FOR A TOTAL SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$201,318.77. ACCOUNT NO. 100% STATE REIMBURSABLE 09 18 4062 5799 C0613

2. APPROVE THE FOURTH TAXING DISTRICT PROPERTY EXTENSIONS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 AS PER THE LIST DATED DECEMBER 27, 2019.

D. LAND USE AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK SEAPORT ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR ACCESS TO THE HOPE DOCK

FROM NORTH WATER STREET PARKING LOT, TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2020 TO JANUARY 31, 2021.

2A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WC MCBRIDE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, LLC. FOR THE NORWALK CONCERT HALL – SOUND SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$39,140.00. ACCT.

#09197100 5777 C0439

2B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$3,914.00

3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSAL BUSINESS SERVICES, LLC FOR CITY HALL AIR HANDLER UNIT REFURBISHMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$64,839.96. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNT # 0920 4071 5777 CO439 AND 0919 7100 5777 CO0476.

3B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$6,483.00.

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK GRASSROOTS TENNIS AND EDUCATION, INC. FOR THE USE OF THE MODULAR BUILDING AT NATHANIEL ELY CENTER, TO ACCEPT THE 2-YEAR RENEWAL OPTION FOR \$1 PER YEAR. THE CITY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITIES FOR UTILITY EXPENSES, BUILDING REPAIRS AND/OR CAPITAL REPLACEMENT.

E. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019 AND JANUARY 9, 2020.

2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED DECEMBER 12, 2019 AND JANUARY 9, 2020.

3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: NOVEMBER 2019 AND DECEMBER 2019.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

2. APPROVE REVISION TO CHAPTER 103, TAXATION, ARTICLE II, TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS. REPLACE THE CURRENT SECTIONS, 103-3 AND 103-4 WITH THE FOLLOWING SECTION:

• § 103-3 – USE OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM

Mr. Livingston explained that this section replaces the existing section and makes it consistent with the current state law.

Mr. Kydes thanked the members of the Ordinance Committee for their work on this.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

9. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LAZ PARKING LTD, LLC FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE SEASONAL PAID PARKING COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT AT CALF PASTURE BEACH, SHADY BEACH, SHADY BEACH, TAYLOR FARM, VETERANS PARK AND CRANBURY PARK FOR 2020-2023 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$187,200 THE FIRST YEAR, \$194,688 THE SECOND YEAR, \$202,475 THE THIRD YEAR AND \$210,574 THE FINAL YEAR AS A SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER FOR THIS PROJECT.

Mr. Nick Roberts, Director of Recreation and Parks was present to answer questions. Mr. Keegan said he heard complaints about customer service. He asked if they could add language to the contract that employees would be provided customer service training. Mr. Roberts said he would have to check with the Legal department. He added that he can discuss customer service with the staff and can do a customer service survey.

Mr. Roberts explained that the contract will align with the Parking Authority contract with LAZ Parking.

Ms. Smyth asked Mr. Roberts if he could address some of the complaints. Mr. Roberts said a lot of people said they did not see LAZ staff in the parking lots. He said the vehicles were there; they have GPS in the vehicles. Ms. Smyth asked Mr. Roberts to comment on the cell signals. He said that the signal in some locations was not strong and as a result, they are implementing pay stations to address that issue.

Mr. Roberts said that any Norwalk resident who received a citation were able to call the office and it was voided. If a non-Norwalk resident receives a citation, they could go to the LAZ office to file an appeal.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

10. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FLOWBIRD FOR THE PURCHASE OF 4 CWTCC PAY STATIONS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,740.00. ACCOUNT #014150-5585.

Mr. Roberts explained the pay station will provide an additional payment option for non-residents.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. LAND USE AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Ms. Smyth left the meeting.

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

5. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO JCJ ARCHITECTURE, PC, TO PROVIDE LIMITED CONCEPTUAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE NEW NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. THIS DESIGN EFFORT, TOGETHER WITH CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATING SERVICES, TO BE PROVIDED BY A SEPARATE FIRM, WILL BE THE BASIS FOR THE NEW NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET. FEES FOR THE DESIGN SERVICES SHALL BE FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN EXISTING NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL CAPITAL BUDGET ACCOUNT #0918/195010 5777 0610.

Mr. Livingston explained that item is part of the new Norwalk High School building project. This enables them to get a good cost estimate for the building. This does not obligate them to use this firm for any other projects.

Mr. Alan Lo, Building Management was present to answer questions. He said they need to request the money in the capital budget. They have six weeks to get the numbers ready. The numbers need to be accurate, because anything above that will be the responsibility of the City.

Mr. Livingston asked Mr. Lo if they increase the numbers to take inflationary costs into consideration. Mr. Lo explained that when they do a projection, they escalate it for two years.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

X. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk