

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 7:33 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 Ms. Dominique Johnson
 Mr. Manny Langella Ms. Barbara Smyth

District A: Mr. David Heuvelman Mr. Kadeem Roberts

District B: 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 thirteen (13) Common Council members present and two (2) absent (Mr. Dumas and Mr. Sacchinelli)

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

February 25, 2020

The following corrections were made:

Page 9: raging should be rating

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mr. John Romano spoke in support of this evening's appointees to the Harbor Management Commission. He put out a public call for women who wish to serve on the Harbor Management Commission.

Ms. Diane Lauricella spoke about the food recovery system and said she understood that the public would have to purchase the containers. She also asked the Common Council to table one of the three appointees to the Harbor Management Commission and said she was here to shine the light on gender diversity. She distributed a sheet that provided solutions as to how this process. Ms. Lauricella asked that a portal be created to announce board and commission openings on the City's website.

Ms. Lauricella said that she approached Mr. Romano, but he was unwilling to table the appointment of one of the three appointees to the Harbor Management Commission this evening.

Ms. Debbie Roselle was present to advocate for her husband Philip Roselle. She expressed concern over various sections of the Public Act No. 19-111.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS:

**** MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**

BRIAN KASPR, ARTS COMMISSION

Mr. Roberts spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. LANGELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
APPOINTMENT**

DIANA REVOLUS, FAIR RENT COMMISSION

Mr. Langella and Ms. Young spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

MATT GIFFORD, HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Keegan spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
APPOINTMENT**

BABAR R. SHEIKH, OAK HILLS PARK AUTHORITY

Mr. Roberts spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
REAPPOINTMENTS**

ALAN L. KIBBE, HARBOR MANAGEMENT

DENNIS J. SANTELLA, HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Kydes spoke in support of the reappointments.

Ms. Johnson said she appreciated Mr. Romano effort to diversity the Harbor Management Commission.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. King administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Kibbe, Mr. Gifford, Ms. Revolus and Mr. Sheikh

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling discussed the current situation with the Covid19 virus, including the Governor's Emergency Declarations. He said he and his team are meeting on a regular basis. He said they had to cancel extra-large events to help minimize the spread of the virus.

Mayor Rilling asked people to implement universal protective procedures, noting they do not know a lot about this particular strain. There is no inoculation for this, and they are learning something new every day. He said they learned that it is as, if not more contagious than the flu and can live on surfaces for more than a day.

Today, they had to cancel the Saint Patrick's Day parade. Mayor Rilling said it is a challenge and he has to make difficult decisions. He expressed appreciation for all the calls of support.

Mayor Rilling read a Proclamation for Women's History Month, which is celebrated in March.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Ms. Smyth thanked Mr. Romano for his comments seeking more women to serve on the Harbor Management Commission.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were none.

APPOINTMENTS: There were none.

REAPPOINTMENTS:

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

HAROLDO V. WILLIAMS, ETHICS BOARD

MIKLOS P. KOLESZAR, ETHICS BOARD

Mr. Burnett and Mr. Kydes spoke in support of Mr. Williams' reappointment. Mayor Rilling spoke in support of Mr. Williams' and Mr. Koleszar's reappointments.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. King administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Williams and Mr. Koleszar.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

**VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.A.3, VII.A.4, VII.A.5, VII.A.6, VII.C.1, VII.C.2,
VII.D.1a, VII.D.1b, VII.D.2a, VII.D.2b, VII.D.3**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,669.92. ACCOUNT TO BE DETERMINED.

2. AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF, THOMAS KULHAWIK, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROGRAMS THROUGH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGH VISIBILITY DISTRACTED DRIVING GRANT, PURSUANT TO SUCH GRANT FUNDING.

3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, SHARON CONNERS, TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO CI TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF IAPRO SOFTWARE AS PER SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT REQUEST, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,200.00. ACCOUNT #013049-5234.

4. AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF, THOMAS KULHAWIK, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT IAPRO ON A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT BASIS.

5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EXECUTE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LEXISNEXIS COPLOGIC SOLUTIONS, INC.

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, UPON RECOMMENDATION AND REVIEW BY THE CORPORATION COUNSEL AND/OR ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL TO EXECUTE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING OTHER AGENCIES TO USE AND ACCESS THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT FIRING RANGE FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.

C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND TIGHE AND BOND, INC., TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION SERVICES FOR DPW CAPITAL PROJECTS RELATED TO THE PAVING PROGRAM (PAVING, SIDEWALKS, DRAINAGE, ETC), FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$210,850.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 18 4021 5777 C0021 09 19 4021 5777 C0021

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2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AT NO COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT AS PART OF STATE PROJECT 102-350 NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL – PHASE 2.

D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CHAMPION MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR FOR NEW CANAAN AVENUE FIRE STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$191,250.00. ACCOUNT #09153110 5777 C0557

1B. AUTHORIZE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$19,125.00 ACCOUNT #09153110 5777 C0557

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ALL STATE CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE NORWALK POLICE HEADQUARTERS – ROOF TOP MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$30,112.00. ACCOUNT #09207100 5777 C0137

2B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$3,011.00.

**3. “RESCIND: COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF JANUARY 14, 2020 ITEM VII.D. 3A&B TO CORRECT THE NAME OF THE COMPANY FROM “UNIVERSAL BUSINESS SERVICES LLC” TO “UNIVERSAL BUILDING SERVICES, LLC”. THE CORRECTED ACTION SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:
RESCINDED**

A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSAL BUILDING SERVICES, LLC FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$64,839.96. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNT 0914 4071 5777 C0439.

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

1. APPROVAL OF AND VOTE ON CITY PROCEDURE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT NO. 19-111.

Mr. Burney explained that this evening’s vote is on the procedure only. He added that this City of Norwalk procedure is for all applicants who may fall into the category. He explained the intent of the procedure.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Rilling expressed his thanks to Ms. Roselle.

C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

3. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO PURCHASE HOUSEHOLD FOOD COMPOSTING KITS FOR PILOT FOODS SCRAP COLLECTION PROGRAM FROM SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT NO. 03 00 00 2612 (RESERVE FOR RECYCLING SUPPORT), FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00. MONEY COLLECTED FROM THE SALE OF THESE COMPOSTING KITS WILL BE DEPOSITED BACK INTO THE SAME SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Mr. Tsiranides explained that this is another example of the City of Norwalk's green initiative. He expressed his thanks to Ms. Shanahan and Mr. Livingston and all the others who worked on this.

Mr. Livingston said this is a small but very important first step. He commended Mayor Rilling and the Public Works Committee for moving this along.

Ms. Shanahan said this is a new initiative. A seminar will take place on April 29 at the Rowayton Center. Bins will be sold there; however, people do not need a bin. She said people will need a bag and bags will be sold there. Rowayton is 100% behind this initiative.

Mayor Rilling said this is important and a step in the right direction.

X. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none.

XI. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were none.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Attest: _____
Donna King, City Clerk