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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and led all in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. King read the notice.

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	Mr. Nicholas Sacchinelli
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	

District A:	Mr. David Heuvelman	Mr. Kadeem Roberts
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District B:	Ms. Darlene Young	Mr. Ernest Dumas
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District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Mr. George Theodoridis
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District D:	Mr. George Tsiranides	Mr. Tom Keegan
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District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	Ms. Lisa Shanahan
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At Roll Call there were fifteen (15) Common Council members present. A Quorum was present.

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

April 14, 2020

**** MR. HEUVELMAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public provided public comments.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS: There were none.

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were none.

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Common Council
Via Teleconference
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MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling reminded everyone to continue social distancing. City Hall is closed to the public, but essential services are being provided. Residents can call 203-854-3200 to contact individual departments.

The tax payment deadline has been extended to Oct. 1, 2020 instead of July 1, 2020. If taxes are not paid by October 1st, interest will go back to July 1st. A walk-up window at City Hall will be provided for the convenience of residents.

Mayor Rilling reported that he asked the staff to start working on a transition team that will work on a plan to start easing restrictions under the guidance of medical professionals.

Mayor Rilling said there are over 1,500 COVID-19 cases in Norwalk. He said that one of the most difficult things he has to put out is the daily briefing on the number of deaths. He noted that each death impacts so many people.

Mayor Rilling asked for a moment of silence in memory of the members of our community who lost their lives due to the COVID - 19 pandemic.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Ms. Smyth said she echoed Mayor Rilling's remarks. She said it is at the point where everyone has been touched by COVID-19. She noted that everyone is experiencing quarantine fatigue, but urged all constituents to follow the quarantine guidelines.

Ms. Smyth talked about the food distribution program for Norwalk school children. She appealed to any Spanish speakers to take flyers to share and translate so everyone will know where the pickup sites are.

Ms. Smyth also asked residents to make donations of food to the food banks or Person to Person.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

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

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 DEERING CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR PROJECT PM2020-2 PERMANENT REPAIRS & SURFACE RESTORATION FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$488,890.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 03 00 00 2602

1B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR PROJECT PM2020-2 PERMANENT PAVEMENT REPAIRS AND SURFACE RESTORATION FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$48,889.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 03 00 00 2602

TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF MARCH 12, 2019, ITEM VII.C.4 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR RETAINING WALL INSTALLATION AND RECLAIM OF PARKING LOT FOR RECREATION AND PARKS, ACCOUNT NUMBERS: 09 18 6030 5777 C0588, 09 18 6030 5777 C0588 AND 09 20 6030 5777 C0588.

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR PROJECT PM2019-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$4,538,688.50.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 18 4021 5777 C0021

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09 19 4027 5777 C0302

09 18 4021 5777 C0503

09 17 4021 5777 C0515

09 19 6030 5777 C0472

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2B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR PROJECT PM2019-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$453,868.85.

ACCOUNT NO.

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09 19 4027 5777 C0302
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3. APPROVE \$100 FEE FOR RESIDENTS AND REAL PROPERTY OWNERS WHO DO NOT PAY VEHICLE TAX TO NORWALK, TO USE THE TRANSFER STATION AND YARD WASTE SITE PER CHAPTER 94, §94-19.

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CARE ENVIRONMENTAL CORP. FOR PROJECT 3980 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$27,800.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 42 5258

5. RE-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 ON A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT BASIS.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 18 4021 5777 C0021

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09 20 4021 5777 C0021

09 19 4021 5777 C0318

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09 20 4027 5777 C0302

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT WITH PRIORITY LANDSCAPING, LLC, TO PROJECT DPW 2019-1, REMOVAL & DISPOSAL OF DEPOSITED SEDIMENT WITHIN THE WATERCOURSE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 15 4027 5777 C0440

09 17 4027 5777 C0440

09 18 4027 5777 C0440

09 19 4027 5777 C0425

7. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, TO PURCHASE FIVE (5) SETS OF RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACONS FROM TAPCO, INC. BROWN DEER, WI. FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$27,900.00.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 17 4021 5777 C0581

09 18 4021 5777 C0581

B. HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS

**EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM FY 2020
FORMULA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$114,467.**

1B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE, THOMAS KULHAWIK, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROGRAMS THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM FY2020 FORMULA GRANT. ACCOUNTS TBD.

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING. TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY UNDER THE 2020 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$619,250. AS AMENDED

2B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING. TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROGRAMS THROUGH THE 2020 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SAID FUNDING. ACCOUNTS TBD.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

PLANNING COMMITTEE

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS REGARDING CENSUS 2020 INITIATIVES.**

Mr. Kydes said he took this item off the Consent Calendar because he wanted to bring awareness to the Census. He urged anyone who has not yet completed the census to do so.

Mr. Burnett added that those who did not receive a census form will receive another form in the mail. There is a focus on those communities that do not typically complete the census. He said the Norwalk Housing Authority will distribute masks along with a census form.

Ms. Johnson said that people can go on line to complete the census in various languages.

Ms. Sabrina Church gave an update on how the Census Committee is responding. She said the response is good and the outreach is showing.

Ms. Jessica Casey thanked everyone for their effort and said they held a number of Zoom meetings on how to reach out to different groups.

Ms. Young expressed appreciation to Ms. Church and Ms. Casey for their effort. She asked about the numbers in the hardest to reach communities. Ms. Church said they are around 40 – 45%. She said they hope to be able to reach more through community outreach. The highest return was from the Silvermine area at 60%.

Ms. Young acknowledged the work being done and noted that it is going to take some sort of interaction with people those residents are familiar with.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

X. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none.

XI. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk