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I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and led all in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. King read the notice. Mayor Rilling explained that all votes would be done by Roll Call.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett Mr. Manny Langella Ms. Barbara Smyth	Ms. Dominique Johnson Mr. Nicholas Sacchinelli
District A:	Mr. David Heuvelman	Mr. Kadeem Roberts
District B:	Ms. Darlene Young	Mr. Ernest Dumas
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 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

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**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR. BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; MR. LANGELLA; MR. SACCHINELLI; MS. SMYTH; MR. HEUVELMAN; MR. ROBERTS; MR. DUMAS; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MR. THEODORIDIS; MR. KEEGAN; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON; MS. SHANAHAN)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Ms. Diane Lauricella said she wanted to talk about three items. She spoke about the capital budget and said Parks and Recreation needs to put the use of artificial turf on hold. She asked that they put in a covenant that they need to look at alternate materials.

Ms. Lauricella asked Land Use and Building Management to optimize green building designs.

Ms. Lauricella said she was disappointed that white men were appointed to the Conservation Commission. She asked this Common Council to ask the City Clerk and Assistant City Clerk to develop a list of current openings. She said she looks forward to talking to Ms. Smyth on how to find solutions to this. She said they need to discuss appointments and said there are at least a dozen boards and commissions where there are no women or only one or two.

Ms. Lauricella said that citizens have the right to have fairness when appointments are done.

No other members of the public signed up to speak this evening.

Ms. King read a letter submitted by Mr. Richard Bonenfant dated May 11, 2020 regarding the honorary naming of a portion of Chestnut Street. He said it should be withdrawn because the proper procedures were not followed.

There were no other comments.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS:

- ** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MATT PENTZ AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE**

D. Seeley Hubbard, Conservation Commission, Alternate

Mr. Hubbard withdrew his application.

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REAPPOINTMENTS:

There were none.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling said that he put out his daily briefing. He hosted another virtual Town Hall meeting on May 11, 2020 with Police Chief Kulhawik and State Senator Duff.

Mayor Rilling gave an update on COVID – 19. He said yesterday there were eight new positive cases reported and thankfully no new deaths to report. Mayor Rilling talked about Re-Open Norwalk and said the plan will follow State of CT Guidelines and recommendations by medical experts. The details of the plan will be available on the City of Norwalk's website.

Mayor Rilling cautioned the public that we are no where near being out of the woods. He said he wants to re-open cautiously and is going to pay attention to the medical professionals. He expressed appreciation to the public for their patience and acknowledge their frustration, but noted it may be a mistake if Norwalk opens too quickly. He said this is a situation where they are learning every day. This is not about any one individual; it is about all of us.

Mayor Rilling thanked everyone and said he was pleased to report that most people are complying with the Governor's guidelines.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Ms. Smyth addressed Ms. Lauricella's comments. She said that She and Ms. Young, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Shanahan had a Zoom meeting today about getting women more interested in serving on boards and commissions. She said they not only want to include women, but want to include minorities. She said they will continue to work on that.

Ms. Smyth thanked Mr. Bonenfant for catching an oversight and said it will be addressed.

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS:

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF TONY LOPEZ AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS**

Mr. Keegan spoke in support of the appointment. Mayor Rilling also spoke in support and congratulated the Common Council for coming up with an outstanding person.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR. BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; MR. LANGELLA; MR. SACCHINELLI; MS. SMYTH; MR. HEUVELMAN; MR. ROBERTS; MR. DUMAS; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MR. THEODORIDIS; MR. KEEGAN; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON; MS. SHANAHAN)**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VII.A.3, VII.B.1, VII.B.2, VII.B.3A, VII.B.3B, VII.B.4A, VII.B.4B, VII.B.5A, VII.B.5B, VII.B.6A, VII.B.6B, VII.B.7A, VII.B.7B, VII.B.8A, VII.B.8B, VII.B.8C, VII.B.9A, VII.B.9B, VII.B.9C, VII.B.10, VII.B.11A, VII.B.11B, VII.B.12, VII.B.13A, VII.B.13B, VII.B.14

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE HONORARY NAMING OF THE PORTION OF CHESTNUT STREET FROM MONROE STREET TO MERRITT PLACE TO OFFICER CESAR RAMIREZ DRIVE. *CONSENT TO TABLE BACK TO COMMITTEE*

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A TEMPORARY RIGHT OF ACCESS AND ENTRY AGREEMENT WITH SONO TOD, LLC TO ENTER OVER A CERTAIN PORTION OF 30 MONROE STREET FOR CONSTRUCTION ACCESS PURPOSES. (SEE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM OF JESSICA CASEY DATED APRIL 30, 2020). *CONSENT TO TABLE TO 5/26/2020 COMMON COUNCIL MEETING*

3. 8-24 REFERRAL – DPW – TEMPORARY RIGHT OF ENTRY AND ACCESS AGREEMENT OVER 30 MONROE STREET – REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ACTION. APPROVED

B. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ODYSSEY LEARNING INC. FOR THE OPERATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AT NATHANIEL ELY CENTER TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT FROM JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2022. ALL REMAINING AGREEMENT TERMS TO REMAIN UNCHANGED.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH GROWING SEEDS TOO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC. FOR THE OPERATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AT BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CENTER TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT FROM JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2022. ALL REMAINING AGREEMENT TERMS TO REMAIN UNCHANGED.

3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES OF MILFORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PROPANE FUELED BOX TRUCK REPLACEMENT FOR A TOTAL NOT EXCEED \$71,832.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09195010 5777 C0523.

3B. AUTHORIZE THE NPS FACILITIES DEPT. TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR TRUCK BODY LETTERING FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$1,700.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09195010 5777 C0523.

4A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH INNOVATIVE ENGINEERING SERVICES, LLC. TO PROVIDE BUILDING COMMISSIONING SERVICES FOR THE JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – RENOVATE AS NEW PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED OF \$58,300. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCOUNT # 0919/205010 5777 C0619

4B. AUTHORIZE A CONTINGENCY FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.

5A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH OMNI DATA FOR WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS FOR THE PONUS RIDGE SCHOOL ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS PROJECT FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$91,368.44. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09185010 5777 C0608

5B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$4,568.00.

6A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH CDW-G, LLC FOR CHARGING CARTS FOR THE PONUS RIDGE SCHOOL ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS PROJECT FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$27,300.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09185010 5777 C0608

6B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$1,365.00.

7A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH RAPTOR TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE PONUS RIDGE SCHOOL ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS PROJECT FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$1,408.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09185010 5777 C0608

7B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER'S ON PURCHASE ORDERS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$140.00.

8A. RESOLVED, THAT THE NORWALK FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION (NFCC) IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS THE BUILDING COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO THE NEW CRANBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

8B. RESOLVED, THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES AT LEAST THE PREPARATION OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS AND OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE NEW CRANBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

8C. RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY OF NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE CITY OF NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A GRANT FOR THE NEW CRANBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

9A. RESOLVED, THAT THE NORWALK FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION (NFCC) IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS THE BUILDING COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO THE NARAMAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KITCHEN ADDITION AND CAFETERIA ALTERATION PROJECT.

9B. RESOLVED, THAT THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES AT LEAST THE PREPARATION OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS AND OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE NARAMAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KITCHEN ADDITION AND CAFETERIA ALTERATION PROJECT.

9C. RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY OF NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE CITY OF NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A GRANT FOR THE NARAMAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KITCHEN ADDITION AND CAFETERIA ALTERATION PROJECT.

10. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO INCREASE CHANGE ORDERS ALLOWANCE TO INSALCO CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS FURNITURE ITEMS FOR THE PONUS SCHOOL ADDITION AND ALTERNATIONS PROJECT FROM \$11,648.00 TO \$20,000.00. ACCT. #09185010 5777 C0608

11. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ORION SECURITY SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES AT:

A. CITY HALL DAY TIME AND NIGHT TIME SECURITY GUARD SERVICES. BASE CONTRACT SERVICES FOR FY 2020 - 2021 SHALL NOT EXCEED \$101,836.80; FY 2021 - 2022- \$103,500.80; FY 2022 - 2023 - \$105,580.80; WITH TWO (2) ONE-YEAR OPTIONS FOR 2023 -24 AND 2024 - 2025, ACCOUNT NUMBER 014075-5296.

B. NORWALK HEALTH DEPARTMENT DAY TIME SECURITY GUARD SERVICES. BASE CONTRACT SERVICES FOR FY 2020 - 2021 SHALL NOT EXCEED \$32,730.88; FY 2021 - 2022- \$33,313.28; FY 2022 - 2023 - \$34,041.28; WITH TWO (2) ONE-YEAR OPTIONS FOR 2023 -24 AND 2024 - 2025, ACCOUNT NUMBER 012012- 5296.

12. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO GUARDIAN SERVICE INDUSTRIES INC.'S CONTRACT TO PROVIDE BUILDING MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020 FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$945,590.19. ALL REMAINING TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT TO REMAIN UNCHANGED. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM VARIOUS 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET ACCOUNTS.

13A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH INNOVATIVE ENGINEERING SERVICES, LLC TO PROVIDE BUILDING COMMISSIONING SERVICES FOR THE NORWALK MARITIME AQUARIUM FUNCTIONAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$37,150.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE STATE'S MARITIME AQUARIUM FUNCTIONAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT ACCOUNT #09194031 5799 C0635

13B. AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000.

14. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE SALE OF CITY SURPLUS PROPERTIES LOCATED ON BOUTON STREET (DISTRICT 5, BLOCK 81, LOTS 169 & 173) TO A1Z7 LLC FOR A TOTAL OF \$34,000.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR. BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; MR. LANGELLA; MR. SACCHINELLI; MS. SMYTH; MR. HEUVELMAN; MR. ROBERTS; MR. DUMAS; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MR. THEODORIDIS; MR. KEEGAN; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON; MS. SHANAHAN)**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

C. PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2020-2021 CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NORWALK WITH MODIFICATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED MEMO.**

Mr. Kydes reviewed the \$154 million capital budget request. He explained that \$25 million will come from grants and other non-operational sources. He highlighted department requests including Public Works for road maintenance and the implementation of watercourse maintenance. He talked about Recreation and Parks and that various sports fields were in the budget request.

Mr. Kydes said that \$102.7 million will go to the Board of Education, with the largest amount going to Cranbury Elementary School and the new Norwalk High School where 80% would be State of Connecticut funded.

Mr. Livingston said this is a very large budget with very important items, including flood mitigation. About \$100 million is for major school projects; each is subject to approval by the State. He said that while he strongly supports the capital budget, they need to be prepared to make changes.

Mr. Keegan said that after listening to Mr. Dachowitz presentation last week, he noted these are different times. He said that he is watching how communities are making cuts, but we aren't. He said that we have people who are out of work and concerned about being able to feed their families. He said that he feels we are being a bit aloof. He added that he did not know why we think we are different.

Mr. Heuvelman said he echoed some of what Mr. Keegan said. He said that Mr. Dachowitz' comments were sobering. He added that the future is uncertain. He said that it may get worse or it may stay the same, but we are in a position to help the most needy.

Mr. Heuvelman said that it is concerning that we are not making cuts. He said he did not know what to cut, because he does not know the future. He said they need to look at this with an eye to the future and may have to make cuts.

Mayor Rilling explained that this is an authorization to bond only; not an authorization to spend. He said he understands the need to be frugal, but if they do not move this forward, they will not be able to move this. He said they have been very carefully crafting the budget and some of the projects will help the economy by putting people back to work. Mayor Rilling said there are a lot of things that need to happen before they can spend the money.

Mayor Rilling said this budget addresses infrastructure that was neglected prior to this administration. She said that they consulted with the bond counsel and found that this

budget does not jeopardize their bond rating. He said he is looking at this as a place holder. If they do not invest in the infrastructure now, they will have to pay later.

Mr. Dachowitz, City of Norwalk CFO said these are challenging times. He said he has been in Norwalk for about a year and inherited a financially strong City. He said that is why they have been able to weather the storm better than others. They had a strong balance sheet, but going forward have to watch what is going to happen.

If the requests for Norwalk High School and Cranbury Elementary School are not approved, they will not get reimbursement from the State. There have been projects that were delayed or underfunded that need to move forward. He said they can scale down the projects or stretch out the projects so there is no impact on the AAA rating.

**** MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH 13 (THIRTEEN) IN FAVOR ((MR. BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; MR. LANGELLA; MR. SACCHINELLI; MR. HEUVELMAN; MR. ROBERTS; MR. DUMAS; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MR. THEODORIDIS; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON; MS. SHANAHAN) AND ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. KEEGAN)**

Ms. Smyth returned to the meeting.

D. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Review the summary of the FY 2020 - 21 Tentative Approved Operating Budget adopted by the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) on May 4, 2020, along with the associated mill rates by taxing district. The BET's net appropriation is equal to the cap established by the Common Council on February 25, 2020.

Mr. Burnett explained they are approaching the final phase of the budget cycle. The Board of Estimate and Taxation made some changes to the recommended operating budget. The next step is for the Board of Estimate and Taxation to approve the 2021 budget on Monday, June 1, 2020 and the associated tax bills.

Mr. Burnett said they will continue to measure the impact of COVID-19 as they prepare the 2021-2020 budget.

Mr. Dachowitz reviewed the recommended allocation changes to the operating budget.

Ms. Fogel, Director of Management and Budgets have an overview of the operating budget requests.

X. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none.

XI. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned by voice vote at 8:41 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk