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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. George Floyd.

Ms. King read the notice.

### **I. ROLL CALL**

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

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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

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 fourteen (14) Common Council members present and one (1) Common Council member absent (Mr. Dumas). A Quorum was present.

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

## II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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The following spelling corrections were made throughout the minutes:

SUEZ  
ALTICE  
Meyer-Mitchell  
Chromebooks

**\*\* MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS  
CORRECTED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE**

## III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Ms. Diane Lauricella commended the City for the way it has handled Covid. She talked about the request to have Construction Solutions work with Mr. Lo on the school

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construction projects. She said she thought the City would need a full time employee so it has control over intellectual property. She also spoke in support of the Industrial Zone study and said there are other parts of the City that could support clean, industry. She said she wants the City to look at other areas in the City where it could provide clean manufacturing opportunities.

#### IV. MAYOR

##### A. RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS: There were none.

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were none.

##### MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling thanked the community and the Norwalk Police Department for their participation in the peaceful, well conducted demonstrations held in the City of Norwalk. He thanked the Police Department for their participation and said they agreed that the goal of the Police was to protect the demonstrators.

Mayor Rilling said the Governor will be moving to Phase II of the Reopen CT Plan. The plan has been moved up to June 17, 2020. The City of Norwalk's plan is somewhat parallel to the Governor's plan and will phase in appropriately while keeping the community's safety and health as its focus.

#### V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

##### A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Ms. Barbara Smyth, President of the Norwalk Common Council read a Statement the following statement the Common Council:

**We, the members of the Norwalk Common Council, join together in condemning the senseless killing of George Floyd by police officers who are meant to protect and serve. We stand in solidarity with Norwalk's Black community.**

**As leaders elected by the people to serve on your behalf, we recommit ourselves to actively listen and find more constructive ways to challenge racism and end social injustice in our city. At this pivotal moment, we also recognize that all children of Norwalk deserve to inherit a more just and equitable city. Norwalk's diversity is its greatest and most precious resource, and it should be respected and nurtured.**

**We in city government must work to ensure that we value and defend this diversity not just in words, but also in actions. We recognize that building a just community requires elected officials working with a coalition of people willing to do the work necessary to address systemic and institutional racism in our city.**

**Our country is in a national crisis and our humanity at a crossroads as the Black community continues to deal with the residue of racism and injustice. As leaders, we commit to a process of deep self-reflection and accountability.**

**We stand Norwalk Strong and join our voices in unison for change and in declaration that Black Lives Matter.**

Ms. Smyth added that this Common Council is committed, beyond this statement. She said that the Police Department is steps ahead of others, but there is room for improvement. She said that education is the most important part of making changes.

Ms. Smyth challenged students who led the way in surrounding towns to speak to their parents to demand a change.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**\*\* MR. THEODORIDIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**VII.A.1A, VII.A.1B, VII.A.2A, VII.A.2B, VII.B.1, VII.B.2, VII.C.2, VII.C.3**

**VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**A. CORPORATION COUNSEL**

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH A.M. RIZZO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS FOR STATE PROJECT 102-347 NORWALK TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE – PHASE 3 FOR A TOTAL SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$4,131,983.70 (BASE BID) AND \$42,270.00 (ALTERNATE A). ACCOUNT NO. FEDERAL CMAQ AND TA GRANTS 09 12 4021 5777 C0232 09 16 4021 5777 C0232 09 19 4120 5777 C0232 09 20 4120 5777 C0232 09 21 4120**

5777 C0232 09 13 4031 5777 C0514 09 14 4021 5777 C0514 09 15 4031 5777 C0514

**1B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY AND PARKING TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH A.M. RIZZO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS FOR STATE PROJECT 102-347 NORWALK TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE – PHASE 3 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$413,198.00. ACCOUNT NO. FEDERAL CMAQ AND TA GRANTS 09 12 4021 5777 C0232 09 16 4021 5777 C0232 09 19 4120 5777 C0232 09 20 4120 5777 C0232 09 21 4120 5777 C0232 09 13 4031 5777 C0514 09 14 4021 5777 C0514 09 15 4031 5777 C0514**

**2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND JKB CONSULTING, LLC, FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION SERVICES AND SUPPORT, NECESSARY TO REMAIN IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATORY ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES (EPA, DEEP, ACOE & CONSERVATION), DURING THE WATERCOURSE MAINTENANCE PROJECT (DPW 2019-1), FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$47,730.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 15 4027 5777 C0440 09 17 4027 5777 C0440 09 18 4027 5777 C0440 09 19 4027 5777 C0425**

**2B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, ANTHONY CARR, TO ADD ORDERS ON CONTRACT, TO THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT, BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND JKB CONSULTING, LLC, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$4,773.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 15 4027 5777 C0440 09 17 4027 5777 C0440 09 18 4027 5777 C0440 09 19 4027 5777 C0425**

**B. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**1. AUTHORIZE TO INCREASE CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE FOR THE NORWALK CONCERT HALL SOUND SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH WC MCBRIDE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR LLC FROM \$3,914.00 TO \$9,692.66. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNT 0919 7100 5777 C0439.**

**2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ORION PROTECTIVE SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES AT THE NORWALK PUBLIC LIBRARY (1 BELDEN AVENUE AND 10 WASHINGTON STREET). BASE CONTRACT FEE SHALL BE FOR FY 2020-2021 NOT-TO-EXCEED \$136,012; FY 2021-2022 \$140,344; FY 2022-2023 \$142,200; FY**

**2023-2024 \$149,626 AND FY 2024-2025 \$152,720. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN OPERATING BUDGET 016200-5296.**

**C. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**2. APPROVE THE 5-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN (CONPLAN) AND PY46 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AAP) AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE CONPLAN/PY46 AAP.**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH UTILE, INC. TO CONDUCT AN INDUSTRIAL ZONES STUDY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**PRESENTATION BY MICHAEL M. YEOSOCK, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY AND PARKING, REGARDING FINDINGS FROM PHASE I TEST RESULTS FOR A PORTION OF THE NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL PROJECT.**

Mr. Yeosock gave a presentation of the current status of the Phase I test results. He explained that the Norwalk River Valley Trail is 28 miles long.

**B. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR MAJOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STAFFING FROM JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2022 FOR A TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$934,640.00. TOTAL FEE WILL BE CHARGED TO THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL - \$493,336 ACCT. NUMBER TO BE DETERMINED CRANBURY SCHOOL - \$266,274 ACCT. NUMBER TO BE DETERMINED NARAMAKE SCHOOL - \$175,000 ACCT. NUMBER TO BE DETERMINED**

Mr. Livingston explained that this request is an amendment to an existing agreement. He said the City has been very happy with their work with all the school projects. He noted there are still uncertainties with the Norwalk High School project. If that project is not approved, there will be a reduction in the hours.

Mr. Lo said their pricing was very competitive.

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

#### C. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Young left the meeting.

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2020 APPLICATIONS FOR REFERRAL TO THE STATE FOR INCLUSION IN THE NAA TAX CREDIT PROGRAM.**

Mr. Kydes briefly described the program that is eligible to non-profit organizations.

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

#### VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were none.

#### IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none.

#### X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were none.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

**\*\* MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO ADJOURN**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna King, City Clerk