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**CITY OF NORWALK  
COMMON COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 24, 2020  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Ms. King read the announcement and called the Roll:

The following Common Council members were present:

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett	Ms. Dominique Johnson
	Mr. Nicholas Sacchinelli	Mr. Manny Langella
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	

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District A:	Mr. David Heuvelman	Mr. Kadeem Roberts
District B:	Ms. Diana Revolus	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 15 (fifteen) Common Council members present. A Quorum was present.

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

## II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Special Meeting: November 4, 2020

- \*\* **MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2020 AS PRESENTED**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A SHOW OF HANDS**

Regular Meeting: November 10, 2020

- \*\* **MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020 AS PRESENTED**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. BURNETT)**

## III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Rilling invited Mrs. Josephine Anderson to say a few words. Mrs. Anderson spoke about the item on the agenda naming a part of Water Street in honor of her late husband, Fire Chief Anderson. She said he was a member of the Norwalk Fire Department for 46 years. She asked the Common Council members to honor her husband by naming that section of Water Street after him.

## IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS: There were no appointments announced this evening.

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REAPPOINTMENTS: There were no reappointments announced this evening.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

Mayor Rilling reported that Norwalk was still in the Red Zone as is 98% of the State of Connecticut and other areas in the country. The Day Street Community Center is looking for volunteers and to also hire people to help with Covid testing. He added that the National Guard has been allocated to help at the testing site as well. Mayor Rilling said that the City is hoping to increase testing locations. He said they plan to have testing available at Norwalk Community College, but it is very challenging to find locations.

Mayor Rilling said there are a lot of non-profits in the area that need help now more than ever. He said their donations have dropped. He urged the community to consider donating to area nonprofit organizations.

Mayor Rilling said that the day after tomorrow is Thanksgiving. He thanked the Common Council members. He said they have been a professional, cohesive group of individuals helping the City. Mayor Rilling also thanked the City of Norwalk employees and said they work very hard every day. He told the members of the Common Council and the City of Norwalk employees that the community appreciates all they do.

Mayor Rilling said that in the darkest of nights, the stars shine the brightest. He wished everyone a happy, peaceful and safe Thanksgiving

**V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Mr. Sacchinelli wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**\*\* MR. ROBERTS MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS A.  
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

**1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: NOVEMBER 12, 2020**

**2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2020.**

**3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: OCTOBER 2020. 4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE CTCL COVID19 RESPONSE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,714.00.**

**D. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND ODYSSEY LEARNING, INC. TO PROVIDE FOR CHILD DAY CARE GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$460,598.81 FOR FY2021 AND \$628,410.09 FOR FY2022 FOR ELIGIBLE PROGRAM EXPENSES.**

**2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND GROWING SEEDS TOO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC., TO PROVIDE FOR CHILD DAY CARE GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$476,890.45 FOR FY2021 AND \$650,637.41 FOR FY 2022 FOR ELIGIBLE PROGRAM EXPENSES.**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND TRINITY CDC, INC., TO PROVIDE FOR CHILD DAY CARE GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,861.36 FOR FY 2021 AND \$96,678.48 FOR FY 2022 FOR ELIGIBLE PROGRAM EXPENSES.**

**4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITIES, INC. (CIFC) (GREATER NORWALK HEAD START) TO PROVIDE FOR CHILD DAY CARE GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,410.81 FOR FY 2021 AND \$130,413.29 FOR FY 2022 FOR ELIGIBLE PROGRAM EXPENSES.**

**5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND STEPPING STONES MUSEUM FOR CHILDREN, INC. TO PROVIDE FOR CHILD DAY CARE GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,573.01 FOR FY 2021 AND \$36,254.43 FOR FY 2022 FOR ELIGIBLE PROGRAM EXPENSES.**

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

## **VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**\*\* MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE HONORARY NAMING OF THE PORTION OF WATER STREET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF RAYMOND STREET TO THE INTERSECTION OF CONCORD STREET TO FIRE CHIEF ANDERSON DRIVE.**

Mr. Tsiranides spoke in support of this item. He said that when this item came before the Public Works Committee, he took the opportunity to learn about Chief Anderson. He said this is a well-deserved honor to a man who devoted his life to Norwalk. He noted that Chief Anderson grew up in the area of Washington Village.

Ms. Young spoke in support of this item and said that this has been a long time in coming for Mrs. Anderson and Chief Anderson. She said this is the right time; this area is developing and it is wonderful to have Chief Anderson's name attached to this area. Ms. Young thanked the members of the Common Council for making this happen.

Mr. Burnett spoke in support of this item. He said that Chief Anderson was the first African American Fire Fighter in Norwalk and it is important to recognize him as a trailblazer.

Mayor Rilling spoke in support of this item and said that he agreed with everything the others said. He said he lived next door to Chief Anderson. He reviewed Chief Anderson's accomplishments and noted his dedication. He added that Chief Anderson always had a smile and a wave and that he was a Navy Veteran.

Mayor Rilling said that Chief Anderson was the first African American Fire Fighter in Norwalk and the first African American Fire Chief in Norwalk. Once his contract was

complete in Norwalk, he became the Fire Chief in Greenwich. Mayor Rilling said he will invite Mrs. Anderson and the members of the Common Council to a dedication ceremony.

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The vote was followed by a round of applause.

#### C. PLANNING COMMITTEE

**\*\* MR. KYDES APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PY45 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH ITS SUBMISSION TO HUD.**

Mr. Kydes reviewed the item and explained that non-profits are having a hard time keeping up with demands. He thanked the Planning Committee for vetting the organizations and said that a lot of organizations will receive funding.

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

#### VIII. RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

There were none this evening.

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

There were none this evening.

#### X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were none this evening.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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