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**CITY OF NORWALK
COMMON COUNCIL
DECEMBER 8, 2020
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. King read the announcement and called the Roll:

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The following Common Council members were present:

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

Regular Meeting:

November 24, 2020

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A SHOW OF HANDS**

Special Meeting:

November 30, 2020

**** MR. HEUVELMAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS
PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS. REVOLUS)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mr. Jason Mulligan said he sent a letter to all Common Council members today. He summarized his letter in opposition to item 6A1.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS RESIGNATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling reported that Norwalk continues to be in the Red Zone, as well as most of the State of Connecticut. The number of Covid cases in the City are increasing. He thanked the Common Council for their attendance at the Special Meeting that allowed the City to participate in the vaccination program.

Mayor Rilling said he spoke with Mr. Sacchinelli about creating an *ad hoc* task force to address the logistics of implementing the vaccine program. Mr. Sacchinelli and Mr. Heuvelman will sit on that task force. He added that he is looking to have the Chief of Community Services and someone from the Board of Education also work with the task force and the Health Department.

A menorah will be erected in front of City Hall for the holidays. The Mayor wished the community a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a Happy Kwanzaa.

Mayor Rilling announced that the second meeting of the Common Council for the month of December is cancelled.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Sacchinelli wished everyone Happy Holidays.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

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VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GENGRAS FORD, LLC, PLAINVILLE, CT FOR THE PURCHASE ONE (1) 2020 FORD ESCAPE FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$23,873.80. ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4120 5777 C0650

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION TO THE APRIL 2019 AGREEMENT FOR PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC. (VHB) FOR AN ANNUAL SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 PER YEAR. ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4021 5777 C0021 09 21 4021 5777 C0021 09 22 4021 5777 C0021

B. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC. FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE MARITIME AQUARIUM FUNCTIONAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$97,469.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE STATE'S FUNCTIONAL REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT #09194031 5799 C0635 2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH NAC INDUSTRIES INC. FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE OLD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OFFICE FOR YOUTH SERVICES FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$52,400.00. ACCT. #0920/217100- 5777-C0476 AND #014071-5561

2B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$5,240.00

C. HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RJI CONSULTANTS TO PROVIDE REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING FOR THE REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAMS.

**** 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)**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR STATE PROJECT 102-350 NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL – PHASE 2 FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. PEDS(222) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,924,135.11. FEDERAL TA GRANT ACCOUNT NO. 09 16 4021 5777 C0407 09 17 4021 5777 C0407 09 17 4021 5796 C0407 09 04 4021 5777 C0234 09 06 4021 5777 C0234 09 07 4021 5777 C0234 09 21 4021 5777 C0234 09 21 3750 5777 C0777**

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR STATE PROJECT 102-350 NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL – PHASE 2 FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. PEDS(222) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$292,413.50. FEDERAL TA GRANT ACCOUNT NO. 09 16 4021 5777 C0407 09 17 4021 5777 C0407 09 17 4021 5796 C0407 09 04 4021 5777 C0234 09 06 4021 5777 C0234 09 07 4021 5777 C0234 09 21 4021 5777 C0234 09 21 3750 5777 C0777

Mr. Tsiranides said he was pleased to see this project. He said that the Public Works Department worked hard to obtain the federal grant. Mr. Langella added that a lot of time and effort went into this. Mayor Rilling said this was a wonderful project that was finally coming to fruition. He thanked Ms. Valadares, Mr. Carr and Mr. Yosak.

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**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:56 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. REAPPOINTMENT OF BRIAN CANDELA, ESQ. AS ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION TITLED, CITY OF NORWALK AND CITY OF NORWALK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY VS. ILSR OWNERS, LLC AND WALL ST OPPORTUNITY FUND, LLC, DOCKET NO. FST-CV18-6038249-S, WHICH IS CURRENTLY PENDING IN THE STAMFORD-NORWALK JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT STAMFORD. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE**

The public was excused.

The members of the Common Council came out of Executive Session at 8:53 p.m. During Executive Session, no motions were made and no votes were taken.

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BRIAN CANDELA, ESQ. AS ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Ms. Shanahan spoke in support of this reappointment. She said that Mr. Candela is indispensable to the City. Mr. Livingston also spoke in support and agreed that Mr. Candela is indispensable to the City.

**** 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.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

ATTEST _____
Donna King, City Clerk