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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.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. King 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	Ms. Diana Revolus
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 fifteen (15) 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: March 29, 2021

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

Regular Meeting: April 13, 2021

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 8: correct spelling of their

Page 8: correct the following sentence to: Ms. D'Amore said they were planning **to administer** the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, but they will be administering the Pfizer vaccine.

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Page 8: correct the following sentence to: In addition, this program **has the added benefit** to slow traffic on the roads.

Page 10: correct the following motion: ** **MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. KEEGAN)**

** **MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED**
** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mr. Richard Bonenfant, representing the Exchange Club, said he was present this evening to answer any questions.

No other members of the public wished to participate.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were none this evening.

APPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

B. MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced that there would be a Town Hall meeting tomorrow night focusing on the pandemic and the stress people are feeling.

This Friday Arbor Day will be celebrated at Oak Hills. Mayor Rilling announced that this year, \$63,000 was added to the tree budget to help improve the tree canopy.

Mayor Rilling and Superintendent Estrella met with a finalist for the Efficiency Study. He said he anticipates announcing a vendor shortly. He said he met with the vendor for the Justice and Equity project.

The mobile vaccine unit will be in South Norwalk on Wednesday morning to distribute vaccines to the Day Workers.

Mayor Rilling announced that last Wednesday was Deanna D'Amore Day in Norwalk. We celebrate her dedication and hard work during the pandemic.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Sacchinelli announced that Ms. Johnson would read this evening's consent calendar.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**** MS. JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VII.A.1, VII.B.1, VII.B.2, VII.B.3, VII.B.4A, VII.B.4.B, VII.B.6.A, VII.B.6.B, VII.B.7, VII.D.1.A, VII. D.1.B, VII.E.1, VII.F.2.A, VII.F. 3.A, VII.F.4.A, VII.F.5.A, VII.F.6.A

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCUSSION: SETTLEMENT: AMANDA FISHER V. NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION (3:20-CV-016 23-SRU) EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE A 2,877 SQ. FT. PERPETUAL TURNAROUND EASEMENT FROM STONE REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC LOCATED AT 27 SEIR HILL ROAD (TAX LOT 5-40-80-0) AS SHOWN ON THE MAP PREPARED BY RYAN AND FAULDS LAND SURVEYORS ENTITLED "EASEMENT MAP DEPICTING TURNAROUND EASEMENT PREPARED FOR STONE REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT,"

DATED NOVEMBER 3, 2020, AT A SCALE OF 1" = 20' ON FILE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

B. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK YOUTH SYMPHONY FOR THEIR USE OF CRANBURY PARK FOR AN OUTDOOR CONCERT TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021 FROM 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 12:00 NOON WITH TEARDOWN NO LATER THAN 7:00 PM ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 450- 500.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL MARINE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH, SHADY BEACH, TAYLOR FARM AND MARVIN SCHOOL FOR THE 2021 NORWALK BOAT SHOW TO BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 FROM 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM DAILY. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 15,000. THE CITY OF NORWALK RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE EVENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY REASONS AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY OF NORWALK IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION. THE CITY OF NORWALK SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR DAMAGES ARISING FROM THE CANCELLATION OF THE EVENT.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF NORWALK, CT FOR THE PARKING AT CALF PASTURE BEACH, SHADY BEACH, MARVIN SCHOOL AND TAYLOR FARM FOR NORWALK BOAT SHOW TO BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00. ACCOUNT #014118-5258.

4A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FRANK CAPPASSO & SONS, INC. FOR PROJECT #4111WINDOW FLASHING AND EXTERIOR WALL REPAIRS AT GALLAHER MANSION FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$231,833.00. APPROVED AS PART OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 RECREATION AND PARKS CAPITAL BUDGET. ACCOUNT #0921-6030-5777-C0366.

**4B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR, RECREATION AND PARKS, TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS TO FRANK CAPPASSO & SONS, INC. FOR PROJECT#4111 WINDOW FLASHING AND EXTERIOR WALL REPAIRS AT GALLAHER MANSION FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$23,183.00.
ACCOUNT #0921-6030-5777-C0366.**

6A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NEW LINE SKATEPARKS FL, INC. PROJECT #4110 FOR THE DESIGN OF THE CALF PASTURE BEACH SKATE PARK FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$58,800.00. APPROVED AS PART OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 RECREATION AND PARKS CAPITAL BUDGET. ACCOUNT #0921-6030-5777-C0365.

**6B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR, RECREATION AND PARKS, TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS TO NEW LINE SKATEPARKS FL, INC. FOR THE DESIGN OF THE CALF PASTURE BEACH SKATE PARK FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$5,880.00.
ACCOUNT #0921-6030-5777-C0365.**

7. AUTHORIZE TO INCREASE CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE WITH TD AND SONS, INC. FOR PROJECT # RNP2020-2 WEST ROCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPOSED SOCCER FIELD COMPLEX FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00. APPROVED AS PART OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 RECREATION AND PARKS CAPITAL BUDGET. ACCOUNT #0921-6030-5777-C0631.

D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A \$15,000 GRANT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE TO FUND AN UPDATE TO THE LOCKWOOD MATHEWS MANSION NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION.

1B. RESOLVED, THAT HARRY W. RILLING, WHO IS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, IS EMPOWERED TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER IN THE NAME AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORWALK CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND TO AFFIX THE CORPORATE SEAL.

E. COMMUNITY SERVICES & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE UNITED WAY OF COASTAL FAIRFIELD COUNTY, COVID RELIEF TOWN RESIDENTS IN NEED GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.

F. HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

2A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, SHARON CONNORS TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO INTERACTION INSIGHT CORPORATION FOR THE SOLE SOURCE, UNDER GSA CONTRACT# GS-35F-0415V FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EVENTIDE NEXLOG740 CALL RECORDER SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,007.34 FROM ACCOUNT#09193610 5777 C0615

3A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, SHARON CONNORS, TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER POWERPHONE FOR SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,000, ACCOUNT# 0993610 5777 C0615

4A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, SHARON CONNORS TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO FLEET AUTO SUPPLY, LLC FOR EMERGENCY LIGHTING AND UP-FIT FOR TWELVE POLICE UTILITY VEHICLES UNDER PROJECT# 3768 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000. ACCOUNT# 09213010 5777 C0665.

5A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, SHARON CONNORS TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SOLE BIDDER, SEA SUPPORT INC, UNDER BID #4095, FOR PURCHASE OF A REFURBISHED AND CERTIFIED TO "NEW" CONDITION 25' SAFE DEFENDER BOAT AND RAY MARINE ELECTRONICS, UNDER BID #4095, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$207,000. ACCOUNT #S 363023-5738-G000L, 35309J-5738, AND 030000 2661.

6A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, SHARON CONNORS TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SOLE BIDDER, L+L ELECTRONICS, INC, UNDER BID #4096, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF RAY MARINE ELECTRONICS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,000. ACCOUNT# 35309J-5738 AND 030000 2660.

**** 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. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**** MR. YOUNG MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROJECT #3999R RECREATION AND PARKS MASTER PLAN FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$249,975.50. APPROVED AS PART OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 RECREATION AND PARKS CAPITAL BUDGET. ACCOUNT #0920-6030-5777-C0664.**

Ms. Young reviewed the item and said she believed it has been 20 years since the last park master plan was done.

Mayor Rilling congratulated the members of the Common Council for the wonderful improvements to the various fields, parks and beaches. Ms. Young said that as Chair of the Committee, she really realized how vital open space is for the people. She noted that it was highlighted during covid. Mayor Rilling added that the Parks and Recreation department is pursuing accreditation.

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C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING CITY CODE SECTION:**

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CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I, SECTION 7-6 – DEFINITION OF GENDER

Ms. Shanahan turned the discussion over to Ms. Johnson, who did the lion's share of the work. Ms. Johnson explained that this revised definition is a way to approach and address an overdue step to re-affirm that all women are valued members of the community. This definition also brings the definition of gender in synch with the State. Ms. Johnson expressed her thanks to the members of the community who raised this issue.

Ms. Smyth said this has been a long time in coming. She thanked Ms. Johnson for taking the lead and Ms. Shanahan for chairing.

Ms. Young said this was not an easy thing to do and expressed appreciation to Ms. Johnson and Ms. Shanahan for getting it done.

Mr. Keegan expressed his thanks to Ms. Johnson and stated that the Republican Caucus is in full support.

Mayor Rilling thanked Ms. Johnson, Ms. Shanahan and the entire Common Council. He said this Common Council is very progressive and shows that Norwalk is a place of respect and inclusion.

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F. HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO** Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into a simulated firearm equipment and training services agreement with VirTra Inc. for hardware, software, documentation, installation, training, maintenance and support for an initial term of 1 year with 4 successive 1 year renewal periods. Sole source purchase amount not to exceed \$24,000 annually. Account 030000 2660.

Mr. Sacchinelli commended the Police Department for investing in new innovative methods for training the Officers.

Deputy Chief Zecca described the training program and said that this is basically a simulator machine that will help with realistic scenario-based training for Officers.

Mr. Burnett said that he feels the simulator is very valuable training for the Officers. He said he welcomes additional measures being offered to the Officers and the continued proactive approach.

Mayor Rilling commended the Norwalk Police Department and Chief Kulhawik.

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**** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2021 FOR THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT VACCINE EQUITY PARTNERSHIPS FUNDING (VEPF) PROGRAM.**

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT VACCINE EQUITY PARTNERSHIPS FUNDING (VEPF) PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2021.

Mr. Sacchinelli explained that this is funding for the Health Department from the State to mobilize resources for vaccine outreach in the community.

Mayor Rilling said that tomorrow from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. vaccines will be offered to the Day Workers in South Norwalk.

**** MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR (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) AND ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MS. REVOLUS)**

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

- ** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO THE AGENDA**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

A. HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- ** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO ENTER INTO AND LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT FOR THE USE OF 236 EVERGREEN STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CT FOR CANDIDATE PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST TRAINING.**

Assistant Fire Chief Bassett reviewed the request. He explained they are in the process of recruitment for entry level Firefighters. A stumbling block for non-traditional candidates has been the physical requirements. Bridgeport had this same issue and developed this program.

- ** 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**

Assistant Fire Chief Bassett gave an update on their recruitment progress. He noted that they are at 900 applicants; 200 are City of Norwalk residents and a third are members of diverse populations.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- ** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ADJOURN**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

ATTEST: -----
Donna King, City Clerk