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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rilling asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Mr. Richard Brescia. He described his many contributions and accomplishments.

### **I. ROLL CALL**

Ms. King called the Roll.

At Roll Call the following Common Council members were present:

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett Mr. Nicholas Sacchinelli	Ms. Dominique Johnson Ms. Barbara Smyth
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 there were fourteen (14) Common Council members present and one (1) absent (Mr. Langella). 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: April 27, 2021

**\*\* MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public wished to comment this evening.

#### IV. MAYOR

##### A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were none.

APPOINTMENTS: There were none.

REAPPOINTMENTS:

**\*\* MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM MICHAEL HARDEN, PARKING AUTHORITY**

Mr. Tsiranides spoke in support of the reappointment.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### B. MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced the beginning of the Muslim holiday, Eid al Fitr tomorrow evening, marking the breaking of the Fast.

Last week the City of Norwalk celebrated the opening of the first bicycle repair station at Calf Pasture Beach.

Tomorrow is the annual Police Memorial Service at the Norwalk Police headquarters where they will pay tribute to the four Police Officers who lost their lives serving Norwalk.

P-Tech graduation will take place on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

City Hall will open, without restrictions on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Rilling noted that it had been open by appointment only.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the annual Memorial Day Flag Ceremony at St. John's Cemetery.

The annual Shea/McGrath Memorial service will take place on May 23<sup>rd</sup> honoring those who gave their lives serving their comrades.

Norwalk's Memorial Day parade will take place on May 31<sup>st</sup> and the Rowayton Memorial Day parade will take place on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Rilling announced that the fireworks were cancelled this year. He explained that the decision had to be made by the beginning of May or they would have had to pay the vendor.

The Pfizer vaccine is now approved for 12-15 year olds.

The FEMA mobile vaccine unit will be at the Webster Street parking lot on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They will administer the Johnson and Johnson and Pfizer vaccines.

## **V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

### **A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

#### **RESIGNATIONS:**

Mr. Sacchinelli announced the resignation of Emerson Straniti from the Arts Commission.

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

#### **\*\* MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH TARDIF TO THE ARTS COMMISSION**

Mr. Roberts spoke in support of the appointment.

#### **\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Sacchinelli announced that Mr. Keegan would be reading this evening's Consent Calendar.

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

#### **\*\* MR. KEEGAN MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

##### **A. LAW DEPARTMENT**

**1. EXECUTIVE SESSION - AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEFENDANTS IN THE EMINENT DOMAIN LAWSUIT BEARING CASE CAPTION AND DOCKET NO. CITY OF NORWALK V. ESTATE OF ARTHUR COCCHIA, SR. ET AL., FST-CV18-5020119-S.**

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO SUBMIT THE MUNICIPAL GRANTS-IN-AID CERTIFICATION TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR GRANT FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT'S MUNICIPAL GRANTS-IN-AID FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$402,915.**

**B. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUBMISSION OF THE PY47 AAP TO HUD.**

**2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE APPROVED PY47 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.**

**C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION INC., FOR PROJECT PM 2021-2, PERMANENT ROADWAY REPAIRS AND SERVICE RESTORATION, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$320,380.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 03 00 00 2602**

**1B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION INC., FOR PROJECT PM 2021-2, PERMANENT ROADWAY REPAIRS AND SERVICE RESTORATION, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,038.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 03 00 00 2602**

**2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WOODS MEN'S AND BOY'S CLOTHING FOR PROJECT NO. 4087 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$17,680.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/22; \$18,148.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 AND \$18,447.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF ONE (1) YEAR EACH.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 21 5276**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ALMSTEAD TREE COMPANY FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/22; \$60,000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 AND \$60,000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF ONE (1) YEAR EACH.  
ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 29 5298**

**4. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE VIA SOLE SOURCE TO ASSETWORKS INC. FOR THE FUEL FOCUS ISLAND CONTROLLER UPGRADE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,503.58.  
ACCOUNT NO. 09 17 7100 5777 C0119  
17 40 45 5331**

**5. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF DECEMBER 11, 2018, ITEM VII.C.4 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE INSPECTION AND EVALUATION OF CITY-OWNED BRIDGES 20 FEET OR LESS IN LENGTH. ACCOUNT NUMBERS 09 17 6030 5777 C0367 AND 09 19 6030 5777 C0367.**

**ACCOUNT NO.                    09 06 4021 5777 C0315  
   09 09 4021 5777 C0315  
   09 14 4021 5777 C0315  
   09 17 6030 5777 C0367  
   09 19 6030 5777 C0367**

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

**1A. APPROVE NEW ENGLAND ENERGY CONTROLS INCORPORATED, AN AUTHORIZED SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE FOR KMC BUILDING ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, AS A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR TO MAINTAIN AND SERVICE KMC ENERGY MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT IN CITY BUILDINGS. THIS APPROVAL SHALL EXPIRE JULY 1, 2024.**

**2. APPROVE AUTOMATED BUILDING SYSTEMS INCORPORATED, AN AUTHORIZED SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE FOR ALERTON CONTROL SYSTEMS, AS A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR TO MAINTAIN AND SERVICE ALERTON ENERGY MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT IN CITY BUILDINGS. THIS APPROVAL SHALL EXPIRE JULY 1, 2024.**

**3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH L&R PLUMBING LLC. FOR HEATING PIPES REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT DPW TRUCK GARAGE FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$163,400.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNTS #09217100 5777 C0119**

**3B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$16,300.00.**

**4A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION FOR THE NORWALK CITY HALL ELEVATOR MODIFICATION AND UPGRADE PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT 0920/21 7100 5777 C0439.**

**4B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.**

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

## **VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO JCJ ARCHITECTS TO PROVIDE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL COST ESTIMATES FOR THE COLUMBUS SCHOOL/ SOUTH NORWALK SCHOOL PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$28,000.00 ACCT. #09195010 5777 C0607.**

**AND TO AUTHORIZE TO ESTABLISH A CONTINGENCY FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$2,800.00**

Mr. Livingston said this is an important step in the planning and construction of the South Norwalk schools on the same site in South Norwalk. The purpose of this project is to hire an architect. He said that JCJ Architects have previously done work for the City of Norwalk. If this is feasible, the City will identify and purchase land for the schools. He said that Mr. Lo was present to answer any questions.

Ms. Young said she was happy to see finally see steps being taken in the right direction.

Mr. Keegan said he could not wait to vote yes on this.

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

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO** Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement with M & J Engineering P.C. for the Silvermine Elementary School – Driveway Improvements Design Project for a total not exceed \$50,000 Funds are available in Acct. # 09215010 5777 C0790.

AND TO Authorize the NPS Facilities Dept. to issue Change Orders on this contract for a total not exceed \$5,000.00.

Mr. Livingston explained that this item relates to the proposed driveway improvement at the Silvermine Elementary School. This item relates to the hiring of M & J Engineering. The funds are already included in the capital budget. He said that Mr. Hodel was present to answer any questions.

Mayor Rilling said this is another important project and it is a safety issue.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR. BURNETT; MS. JOHNSON; MR. SACCHINELLI; MS. SMYTH; MR. HEUVELMAN; MR. ROBERTS; MS. REVOLUS; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MR. THORIDES; 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**

Ms. Revolus announced that May was Haitian Heritage month and Haitian Flag Day is celebrated on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\* MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**\*\* MOTON PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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