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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

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

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
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District B:	Ms. Darlene Young	Ms. Diana Revolus
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District C: Mr. John Kydes

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. George Theodoridis). 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: May 11, 2021

**** MS. SHANAHAN 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:

APPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

B. MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling recognized the recent marriage of Mr. Langella.

The Rowayton Memorial Parade will be held on Sunday, May 30, 2021 and the Norwalk Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 31, 2021.

The City will host five summer concerts this year. One will be held at Veterans Park and four will be held at Calf Pasture Beach.

Mayor Rilling acknowledged the first anniversary of the death of George Floyd and the appropriate start of the Led by Us Group, beginning with Norwalk Speaks at Ryan Park on Saturday. He announced that the process for the Norwalk Equity and Justice Task Force is moving forward and that they will be reaching out to the community relative to their thoughts on equal opportunity. He added that he is looking to make this a standing Commission. He thanked Mr. Daniels for taking the lead on this and to the Fairfield County Community Foundation for their offer of \$50,000.

Mr. Burnett read the following statement:

Thank you Mayor Rilling. I would be remised if I did not acknowledge that one year ago we viewed along with the rest of the world the murder of George Floyd. This unfortunate action became the positive catalyst for several movements and discussions on the topic of police accountability, as well as diversity, equity, equality, and inclusion in the economic, social, educational, and political sectors of our country. Some of those discussions and promised initiatives have moved off of the front page of the media as time has moved on however I commit they remain more important now than ever before. I am encouraged by the initiatives here in Norwalk and the assistance of Led By Us to keep the focus on the front page and a priority for the City of Norwalk. As elected officials we cannot remain silent and not advocate for change to dismantle institutional racism where it exist in order to create a better Norwalk. Thank you and I yield back my time.

Mr. Roberts, Mr. Heuvelman and Ms. Young followed up with comments of support.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

RESIGNATIONS: There were none this evening.

APPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mr. Sacchinelli announced that Mr. Kydes would read the Consent Calendar this evening.

**** MR. KYDES MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.A.3A, VII.A.3B, VII.A.4, VII.A.8, VII.A.9, VII.A.10,
VII.B.1, VII.B.2, VII.B.3, VII.B.4, VII.B.5, VII.B.6, VII.B.7, VII.C.1, VII.D.1,
VII.D.2, VII.D.4, VII.E.1**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CONNECTICUT CHAPTER FOR THEIR USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR THE WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 FROM 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 6:00 AM WITH TEARDOWN NO LATER THAN 1:00 PM ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FOR THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK FOR A POPS CONCERT TO BE HELD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 FROM 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 9:00 AM WITH TEARDOWN NO LATER THAN 8:00 PM ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000.

3. A) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NICE INC. FOR THE USE OF OYSTER SHELL PARK FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL NICE. FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021 FROM 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 5:00 AM WITH TEARDOWN NO LATER THE 12:00 MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 500+.

B) APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY NICE INC. FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL NICE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021 FROM 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM.

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GORDON FINE ARTS, LLC FOR THE USE OF

50 WASHINGTON STREET PLAZA FOR THEIR ANNUAL SONO ARTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021 FROM 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021 FROM 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 6:00 AM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 7:30 PM SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 500.

8. APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK PAVILION AND SURROUNDING GROUNDS ON JUNE 16, FROM 4PM TO 8PM FOR THE PTECH GRADUATION PICNIC, ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE, 30 PEOPLE.

9. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GORDON FINE ARTS, LLC FOR THE USE OF MATHEWS PARK FOR THEIR ANNUAL NORWALK ARTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021, FROM 10:00AM -5:00PM AND SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021, FROM 10:00AM - 5:00PM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT NOON ON FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021, WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 7:30PM SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 400.

10. APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK PAVILION 1 AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS CLUB FOR A GRADUATION SENIOR PICNIC TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021 FROM 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: MAY 13, 2021

2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED MAY 13, 2021.

3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: APRIL 2021

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE THE GRANT ASSIGNMENT CERTIFICATION, SFY 2022 ASSIGNING STATE OF CONNECTICUT 13B-38BB ELDERLY AND DISABLED DEMAND RESPONSIVE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM APPORTIONED FUNDS TO OPERATION OF TRANSPORTATION

SERVICES COORDINATING ENTITY, NORWALK TRANSIT DISTRICT. CITY OF NORWALK GENERAL FUND BUDGET - TO ELDERHOUSE \$18,000 AND GRANTS TO NORWALK SENIOR CENTER \$390,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

5. RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS, FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AGGREGATING \$31,416,972 FOR THE FY 2021-22 CAPITAL BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$31,416,972 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FY 2021-22 CAPITAL BUDGET.

6. RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATIONS AND BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS BY \$550,000 FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE SIXTH TAXING DISTRICT.

7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT ONE (1) TO THE MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT FOR OFFICE COPIERS WITH TGI OFFICE AUTOMATION TO EXECUTE A FOUR (4) YEAR EXTENSION TO THIS MASTER AGREEMENT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$268,505.21.

C. HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH POWERPHONE FOR SYSTEM UPGRADE AND SOFTWARE LICENSING.

D. COMMUNITY SERVICES & PERSONNEL

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A PROGRAM SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITIES, INC. FOR FUNDING SUPPORT, MONITORING AND REPORTING FOR THE EARLY HEAD START AND HEAD START PROGRAMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT AND RECEIVE CHILD DAY CARE GRANT FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY OF NORWALK FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND 2022.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SHARED SPACE LICENSE AGREEMENTS TO REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS SELECTED BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND ASSIST RESIDENTS IN CITY HALL.

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S AGENCY TO SERVE AS THE MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 FOR A TWO YEAR TERM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 YEARLY. E.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMON COUNCIL

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO OBTAIN AND ACCEPT A TRAIL EASEMENT UPON 40 CROSS STREET, NORWALK, CT AS MORE SPECIFICALLY DEPICTED ON A CERTAIN SURVEY MAP ENTITLED "MAP DEPICTING EASEMENT TO BE GRANTED TO THE CITY OF NORWALK OVER THE LAND OF CPI/AHP STREET MOB OWNER, LLC, 40 CROSS STREET, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT SCALE: 1"=40', PREPARED BY MARTIN SURVEYING ASSOCIATES, 201 CHRISTAIN LANE, BERLIN, CT 06037, DATED APRIL 22, 2021."

**** 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. KEEGAN; MR. TSIRANIDES; MR. LIVINGSTON; MS. SHANAHAN)**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE AND ACQUIRE THE BUILDINGS, DECK PLATFORM AND OTHER APPURTENANT STRUCTURES AT CALF PASTURE BEACH COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE NORWALK SAIL SCHOOL FROM NORWALK SMALL CRAFT SAFETY TRAINING**

**PROGRAM, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,
ACCOUNT #014150-5585.**

Mr. Hughes gave an overview of these items. He said that in early winter the City decided to go out for an RFP for the sailing school. It was decided that the City would purchase the building it owned. After several meetings, the value of the building was placed at \$25,000. An offer was made and accepted for \$25,000.

Ms. Nodra Isamidd described the programs and said the same team will be coming back. In addition, they expect to hire other staff with sailing experience.

Mr. Kydes said he hoped the rates could be kept affordable to allow those less fortunate in the community to attend the sailing school. Ms. Isamidd said they plan to fundraise in order to offer more programs. She said they are excited to make this a popular program.

Ms. Smyth said she was thrilled this worked out and said the sailing school has been an incredible resource. Ms. Isamidd said they want to transform the entity to a non-profit so they can fundraise.

Mr. Heuvelman said he was pleased the Sailing School was looking at a non-profit model.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT #4094, SAILING INSTRUCTION AND SEASONAL NON-MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT RENTAL WITH NORWALK COMMUNITY SAILING.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK CONSERVATORY OF ARTS FOR THEIR USE OF MATHEWS PARK FOR BROADWAY IN THE PARK TO BE HELD SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021, SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021, SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021 FROM 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM EACH PERFORMANCE DATE. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 4:30 PM AND TEAR DOWN BY 7:30 PM EACH PERFORMANCE DATE. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 200**

Ms. Kate Guthrie and Mr. Danny Loftus, President of Norwalk Conservator of Arts were present. Mr. Loftus reviewed the item and said he wants to bring Broadway to Norwalk. He explained they will bring Disney shows to Norwalk. He reviewed the price structure.

Ms. Revulus asked if there would be any diversity with the performers. Mr. Loftus said his father is from Lebanon and half of the performers are people of color like himself. He noted that it is important to set young people up to see themselves as playing any role. He said he hopes to offer a lot of classes to local children in the community.

Mr. Roberts said this gives kids hope that they can be in the arts; this is something the youth will embrace.

Ms. Young told Mr. Loftus that the Common Council members were concerned about cost being a hinderance for folks. She asked him to be sure to create an opportunity for folks to be able to participate. She added that it would be appreciated.

Mayor Rilling said he was excited for this program and noted there is a lot of talent in Norwalk schools.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. COMMUNITY SERVICES & PERSONNEL

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO** Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all documents necessary for shared space license agreements to regional social service providers selected by the Community Services Department to provide services and assist residents in City Hall.

Ms. Smyth highlighted the work being done by the Community Services Department under Mr. Daniel's leadership. She added that they worked very hard during Covid to meet the needs of the residents.

Mr. Daniels shared his screen and said he learned and saw a lot during Covid and how it impacted the community. It exacerbated the need for those who were struggling pre-Covid. He said he learned there are several regional services, but Norwalk residents would have to travel to either Stamford or Bridgeport to use those services. He said this initiative in intended to remove barriers for those Norwalk residents. This falls under equity.

Mr. Daniels said the State of Connecticut is divided into five regions, but it can be problematic for Norwalk residents to travel to another city for services. He said he wants to bring awareness about those services to Norwalk residents. He said he has the space

and will work on a schedule. He will also be sure to communicate the information to the residents.

Mr. Burnett asked how they will know if this initiative is successful. Mr. Daniels said they will know it is successful by utilization. It is a joint partnership and they will be tracking usage. If the program is not utilized, they will have a conversation.

Mr. Heuvelman asked Mr. Daniels if there were discussions about using space, other than at City Hall for those residents who may not be comfortable going there. Mr. Daniels said that at this point, he has not been able to identify an outside location for the services. In addition, there are legality issues, but the conversations are being held.

Mayor Rilling thanked Mr. Daniels and noted that he saw a need and took action.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk