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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **I. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Dixon called the Roll.

At Roll Call the following Common Council members were present:

Council at Large:      Mr. Greg Burnett                      Ms. Dominique Johnson

Mr. Nicholas Sacchinelli      Ms. Barbara Smyth

District A:                      Mr. David Heuvelman              Mr. Kadeem Roberts

District B:                      Ms. Darlene Young                      Ms. Diana Revolus

District C:                      Mr. John Kydes

District D:                      Mr. Tom Keegan                      Mr. George Tsiranides

District E:                      Mr. Thomas Livingston              Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call thirteen (13) Common Council members were present and two (2) were absent (Mr. Langella and Mr. Theodoridis). A Quorum was present.

Also present were Mayor Harry Rilling, City Clerk, Irene Dixon and Corporation Counsel, Darin Callahan.

## **II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

### **• Regular Meeting: July 27, 2021**

**\*\* MR. ROBERTS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING PASSED WITH TWELVE (12) IN FAVOR (JOHNSON, SACCHINELLI, SMYTH, HEUVELMAN, ROBERTS, YOUNG, REVOLUS, KYDES, KEEGAN, TSIRANIDES, LIVINGSTON AND SHANAHAN) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (BURNETT).**

## **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no member of the public that wished to address the Council at this time.

## **IV. MAYOR A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS RESIGNATIONS:**

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**REAPPOINTMENTS:** Peter Viteretto, Tree Advisory

**\*\* MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF PETER VITERETTO TO THE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Mr. Tsiranides said that Mr. Viteretto was an experienced landscape architect and one of the original members of the Tree Advisory Committee.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF PETER VITERETTO TO THE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Viteretto thanked the Council for their support.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS:**

The next summer concert, an Elton John Tribute, will be held at the beach on August 11th.

As of August 13th, the City will be re-instituting a mask mandate for public indoors settings. The State of Connecticut is now in a Substantial Transmission level and trending towards High Level of transmission. 75% of the country is now in the red zone with the delta virus. He encouraged people to visit the CDC site and make an informed decision.

**V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Mr. Sacchinelli thanked the Mayor for putting the health and well-being of the resident in the forefront.

Mr. Sacchinelli reminded everyone that the Council traditionally cancels the second Council meeting in August.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

\*\* Mr. Sacchinelli moved the following items as the Consent Calendar:

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND VANESSA HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC. (VHB, INC.) FOR THE HUNT STREET / WITCH**

**LANE SIDEWALK FEASIBILITY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,000.00. ACCOUNT NO. 0921 3750 5777 C0775**

**4. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH TITAN ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR PROJECT TMP 2020-1 ADA ACCESS AND SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AT CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00.**

**5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH STANTEC, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR STATE PROJECT 102-350 NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL –PHASE 2 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 (SOLE SOURCE). ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4037 5777 C0777**

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

**1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO (1) CONVEY TO 3 COLOR LLC 11,443.3 SQ. FT +/- OF PROPERTY AS SHOWN AND DESCRIBED ON A CERTAIN SURVEY MAP DESCRIBED AS MAP SHOWING LAND OF CITY OF NORWALK TO BE ACQUIRED BY 3 COLOR LLC, C/O GINO MATTERA ON WEST CEDAR STREET & SCRIBNER AVENUE INTERSECTION, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT” PREPARED BY THE CITY OF NORWALK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DATED JULY 3, 2018 (THE “MAP”); AND (2) ACCEPT A CONVEYANCE OF 728.9 SQ. FT +/- OF PROPERTY FROM 3 COLOR LLC AS AND WHERE DESCRIBED ON SAID MAP SUBJECT TO THE EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS GENERALLY DESCRIBED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF ALAN LO DATED JULY 29, 2021 FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$102,921.00.**

**2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENTS WITH B & W PAVING & LANDSCAPING LLC. FOR THE KENDALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OIL TANK REMOVAL PROJECT (STATE PROJ. 103-0260 CV/OT), NATHAN HALE MIDDLE SCHOOL OIL TANK REMOVAL PROJECT (STATE PROJ. 103-0259 CV/OT), SILVERMINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OIL TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT (STATE PROJ. 103-0255 CV/OT), AND ROWAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OIL TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT (STATE PROJ. 103-0257 CV/OT) FOR A TOTAL NOT EXCEED \$441,400. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. # 09215010 5777 C0789.**

**2B. AUTHORIZE THE NPS FACILITIES DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THIS CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL OF \$44,140. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #09215010 5777 C0789.**

**3A. AUTHORIZE TO INCREASE THE CHANGE ORDER ALLOWANCE WITH THE AP/O&G'S CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE NORWALK MARITIME AQUARIUM FUNCTIONAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$2,061,569.00 NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MEERKAT EXHIBIT. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE STATE IN THE MARITIME AQUARIUM FUNCTIONAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT ACCT. #09194031 5799 C0635. ANY FUND SHORTAGE OR EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM THE STATE WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE MARITIME AQUARIUM.**

**3B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MARITIME AQUARIUM FUNCTIONAL REPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DOT TO REFLECT THE INCLUSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEERKAT EXHIBIT AND THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE COMPLETION DATE.**

**3C. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MARITIME AQUARIUM FOR THE STATE FUNCTIONAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE MEERKAT EXHIBIT AND RECONFIRM THE MARITIME AQUARIUM'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO COMPENSATE THE CITY FOR ALL EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF THE STATE'S FUNCTIONAL REPLACEMENT FUNDS.**

**3D. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS GROUP FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MARITIME AQUARIUM FUNCTIONAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE STATE IN THE MARITIME AQUARIUM FUNCTIONAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT ACCT. #09194031 5799 C0635.**

**C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**1. APPROVE THE INCREASE OF THE SOLID WASTE TIP FEE FROM \$90/TON TO \$95/TON SET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS FEE SCHEDULE.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.**

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

**A. CORPORATION COUNSEL**

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to sign any and all documents necessary to extend the Agreement by and between the City of Norwalk, Norwalk Parking Authority, and Dorenburg Group, LLC d/b/a/ Dornenburg, Kallenbach Advertising dated December 10, 2020 for Marketing/Communication Services, Project No. 4029, for a period of 1 Year in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 payable under Norwalk Parking Authority.**

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Kydes gave a brief overview of the item regarding the advertising and increased site traffic provided by the Dorenburg Group. Members of the Economic Development Group were present to answer any questions. There were no questions from the Council Members.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement between the City of Norwalk and Vanessa Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB, Inc.) for the Rowayton Avenue Sidewalk concept and design for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. Accounts: 0921 3750 5777 C0774, 0922 3750 5777 C0774; Rowayton Ave Sidewalks**

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Kydes praised the District D representatives who had brought this item forward.

Mr. Livingston thanked the Mayor and a number of others for bringing this item to the fore front. He said that this would help address the residents' concerns about the commuters and other

pedestrians walking from the train station down the heavily traveled but narrow Rowayton Avenue. There are no sidewalks along this section of the road. He concluded by saying he supported the item.

Ms. Shanahan agreed and thanked Mr. Garrett who met with the residents in order to understand the situation. She said that they were looking forward to see the design that the group submits.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **D. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**1. Re-authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a contract with Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance Center, Inc. in the amount of \$400,000.00 for continued in-home Mental Health and Family Support Services for Public School children under the Community Services Department for the Period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.**

**\*\* MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM.**

Ms. Smyth said that she appreciated all the work that the Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance Center has done in the past three years. Ms. Smyth said that Mr. Lamond Daniels was present to give an overview of the history of the program. Ms. Gail Melanson and Ms. Mangol were present to provide information.

Mr. Daniels said that the program was operational for three years, but only two fiscal years. He noted that Ms. Melanson was the Executive Director of the Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance Center. He said that Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance Center was important because it identified ways to support the youngest residents. He spoke about the children who left their home countries and were traumatized when they arrived in Norwalk and did not know the language.

Ms. Mangol said that they had been partnering with the City to provide services to the children who arrived in the City traumatized and not knowing the language. She said they had experienced a lack of educational services. This program is in the home, in the community and in the schools. The pandemic has also provided a high level of stress.

Ms. Melanson thanked the Council for their support and noted that it was great to see how the staff partnered with the City staff and Public School staff to support these families with the resources in the community. The entire team is bi-lingual and able to provide the families with laptops for remote learning. It has been a model program in pulling all the resources together.

Ms. Mangol pointed out that there were other communities that were reviewing Norwalk's programs as a public/private partnership.

Mr. Daniels requested that the Council members' support for the program. The need for services has increased. There are many philanthropies were looking at Norwalk's model to see the investment from the local municipality. The Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance Center has been able to secure additional investment because of the City's participation. This will help in increasing capacity.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

There were no motions postponed to a specific date at this time.

### **X. SUSPENSION OF RULES**

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A DRAINAGE CONNECTION CONCURRENT AGREEMENT (PERMIT # 302-2594) WITH THE STATE DOT AND ANY AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO TIE THE PROPERTY'S STORM SEWER LINES INTO THE STATE'S STORM SEWER SYSTEM ALONG VAN BUREN AVENUE (ROUTE 1).**

Mr. Livingston said the item relates to the Jefferson School Renovation. The approval from the State has been granted and it is necessary to keep this project moving forward. There are no additional expenditures.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE ITEM PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a Drainage Connection Concurrent Agreement (permit # 302-2594) with the State DOT and any and all related documents for the Jefferson School Improvement Project to tie the property's storm sewer lines into the State's storm sewer system along Van Buren Avenue (Route 1).**

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM.**

**\*\* THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**



**\*\* MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Attest: Donna King, City Clerk