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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.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. King called the Roll

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

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 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

Regular Meeting: October 26, 2021

**** MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to comment his evening.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations or appointments announced this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced that Veterans Day is on November 11, 2021. A Veterans Day Commemoration Concert and Ceremony will be held at the Concert Hall starting at 9:30 a.m.

Mayor Rilling said this was the last meeting for some Common Council members. He thanked the Common Council Members who are retiring and congratulated the newly elected Council Members. He also thanked retiring City Clerk, Ms. Donna King. His sentiments were echoed by several Common Council members along with Mr. Aaron King, who surprised his mother with his participation in the zoom meeting. He noted that his proudest moment was when he voted for her for Common Council. He also thanked Ms. Johnson for putting this together. Ms. King said she enjoyed working with this Common Council and all who came before.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Sacchinelli congratulated all the re-elected and the newly elected Common Council members. He noted that this was his last meeting and thanked everyone for what they did during his time on the Common Council.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mr. Sacchinelli announced that Mr. Burnett would be reading the Consent Calendar this evening.

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

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE 2021 BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE BULLET PROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00.

2. AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF, THOMAS KULHAWIK, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE 2021 BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE BULLET PROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT, PURSUANT TO FUNDING.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNDER THE FY2018 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,609.00.

4. AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF, THOMAS E. KULHAWIK, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROGRAMS THROUGH THE FY2018 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PURSUANT TO SUCH GRANT FUNDING.

5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNDER THE FY2020 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF. \$33,741.00.

6. AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF, THOMAS E. KULHAWIK, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROGRAMS THROUGH THE FY2020 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PURSUANT TO SUCH GRANT FUNDING.

**** 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)**

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- ** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, SHARON CONNORS TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO FITNESS SHOWROOM DISTRIBUTION, FOR THE PURCHASE, DELIVERY, AND SET-UP OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT AT FIVE FIRE STATIONS (BID # 4153) FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,752.85. \$47670.85 WILL BE PAID BY THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM AND THE REMAINDER \$5082 WILL BE FROM ACCOUNT # _013120-5341.

Mr. Sacchinelli explained the item and said this funding will be used to bring the fitness equipment up to standards.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

B. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Kydes thanked everyone for their dedication and commitment to Norwalk.

- ** MR. KYDES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND FUSS & O'NEILL FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE WALL STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000.
ACCOUNT NO. 0922 3750 5777 C0800; WEST/BELDEN/MOTT INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Kydes explained the item. Ms. Vonashek gave an overview of the project and noted the \$350,000 was in the capital budget for a couple of years. Mr. Travers described the RFP process. He said one of the reasons Full & O'Neill were chosen because they excelled in community outreach. This project will redefine Wall Street.

Mr. Kydes said a lot of effort went into this project.

Mr. Livingston thanked those responsible for bringing this project forward. He said this is an important step in making the area more desirable to the residents.

Mr. Heuvelman thanked Mr. Travers and Ms. Vonashek. He noted the funding was in the capital budget for a while. He said he was glad they were paying attention to the intersection.

Ms. Young asked if the timeline will change because of dollars coming from the Federal government. Mr. Travers said the timeline is 12-18 months. He said they are engaging the Parking Authority to have more access to the parking garage.

Mr. Burnett said this is a great project and asked if it might become a model that can be replicated in other parts of the City. Mr. Travers said they will design this in the best model. They need to create a walkable city. They are looking at other sections of the City to do similar projects. Ms. Vonashek said there is interest in making sure there is connectivity between different neighborhoods.

Ms. Revolus suggested creating paths connecting the different districts within the City and create an holistic Norwalk.

Mayor Rilling thanked all involved and said this is the first major improvement seen in that area in many years.

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rilling thanked the returning Common Council members and to those who will not be returning. He said it was a pleasure working together for the betterment of the City. Common Council members joined Mayor Rilling in adding their thanks.

Mayor Rilling said he may tap outgoing Common Council members for positions on boards or commissions

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk