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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Dixon called the Roll

Council at Large: Mr. Gregory Burnett Mr. Joshua Goldstein

Ms. Dominique Johnson Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner
Ms. Barbara Smyth

District A: Ms. Nicol Ayers

District B: Ms. Darlene Young Ms. Diana Revolus

District C: Mr. John Kydes Ms. Jenn McMurrer

District D: Ms. Heidi Alterman Mr. Thomas 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. Heuvelman). A Quorum was present.

Also present were Mayor Harry Rilling, City Clerk, Irene Dixon and Corporation Counsel, Mario Coppola.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: November 9, 2021

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH THREE (1) ABSTENTIONS (MS. ALTERMAN,
MR. GOLDSTEIN AND MS. MCMURRER)**

Special Meeting: November 16, 2021

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH THREE (1) ABSTENTIONS (MS. ALTERMAN,
MR. GOLDSTEIN AND MS. MCMURRER)**

Special Meeting: November 20, 2021

The following correction was made to the minutes:

Add Mr. Goldstein's name under Attendance

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Special Meeting: November 30, 2021

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

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Ms. Christina Dustin questioned item 2A under Health, and Public Safety. Ms. D'Amore, Director of the Department of Health responded to Ms. Dustin, explaining that this request helps support the existing surveillance program for contract tracing.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS:

Mayor Rilling announced the following resignations:

Marilyn Altman, Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate
Michael Harden, Parking Authority
Paul Zeiss, Board of Building Appeals
Josh Goldstein, Zoning Commission
Sheri Brown, Norwalk Housing Authority

APPOINTMENTS:

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
APPOINTMENT:**

MARILYN ALTMAN, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, REGULAR

Ms. Smyth spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT:**

ALEXANDRA SOLLAZZO, FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Ms. Smyth spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**

Angela Wasunna, Norwalk Housing Authority

Mr. Goldstein spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO TABLE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO THE NEXT COMMON COUNCIL MEETING FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**BRIAN BAXENDALE, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
FRANCES DIMEGLIO, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
STEVE FERGUSON, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
JACQUEN JORDAN-BYRON, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
NICK KANTOR, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
TAMMY LANGALIS, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MICHAEL MUSHAK, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
HECTOR PACHAS, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
RICHARD ROINA, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
LOUIS SCHULMAN, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
GALEN WELLS, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
DARIUS WILLIAMS, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

**** MOTION FAILED WITH TWO (2) VOTES IN FAVOR (MR. KEEGAN AND MS. YOUNG)**

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS**

**BRIAN BAXENDALE, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
FRANCES DIMEGLIO, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
STEVE FERGUSON, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
JACQUEN JORDAN-BYRON, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
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MICHAEL MUSHAK, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
HECTOR PACHAS, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
RICHARD ROINA, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
LOUIS SCHULMAN, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
GALEN WELLS, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
DARIUS WILLIAMS, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

Mr. Livingston spoke in support of the appointments and explained this the final step in the re-combination of the Planning and Zoning Commissions.

Ms. Young said she agreed with Mr. Keegan, but also understands that time is of the essence.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. KEEGAN)**

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT**

MARY PENISTON, REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Mr. Burnett spoke in support of the appointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT**

DAVID WESTMORELAND, REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Ms. Young and Ms. Smyth spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENTS**

ANDY CONROY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, REGULAR

LEE LEVEY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, REGULAR

Mr. Keegan expressed his sincere congratulations to the member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. He said he was concerned about the process.

Mr. Keegan spoke in support of the two reappointments.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS. ALTERMAN)**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling explained that Norwalk is in the middle of its budget season and working diligently with the different departments and the Board of Education to develop a fair budget. There has been a spike in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. The City will continue to hold vaccination clinics to mitigate the situation.

Mayor Rilling said the Lieutenant Governor stopped in Norwalk, because she is on a Statewide tour to encourage Covid 19 vaccinations.

Mayor Rilling expressed disappointment to miss Bren McMahon High School's Poinsettia Concert as it is on the same night as this evening's Council meeting. He looks forward to attending Norwalk High School's' Candlelight Concert tomorrow evening. He praised the music programs of both high schools.

Mayor Rilling wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Kwanzaa. He also expressed hope that all who celebrated had a Happy Hannukah.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Livingston announced the cancellation of the December 28th meeting of the Common Council.

Mr. Livingston read the following statement from the Common Council issued regarding the use of racist language in schools.

Norwalk prides itself on being a diverse city where all are welcome. The Common Council is aware of two allegations of Norwalk Public Schools employees using racial slurs. While we cannot comment on personnel matters, the Council strongly affirms its belief in the dignity of each of its residents and the expectation that every city employee will always treat every resident with respect. This includes an obligation not to use hate speech, racial slurs, or any form of derogatory language about any group of people.

The Council is committed to personnel policies that make that expectation clear to all employees and hold them accountable for any violations.

Mr. Burnett read the following statement:

The intergenerational relationships which help to build and strengthen individuals and communities are extremely valuable especially in our current environment. Students look to our teachers and staff for guidance and direction as they begin to formulate their own beliefs, feelings, and perceptions.

We must have a zero-tolerance approach that includes immediate termination, if allegations prove to be true, within our school system as it relates to inappropriate speech of any type which can have a long lasting impact on our students. I encourage the Norwalk Board of Education and all City departments to regularly review our policies and practices with all employees to ensure a clear understanding and agreement is in place to maintain a respectful community for us all.

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Adoption of Council Rules

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF
COUNCIL RULES
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Council Appointments

Council President Livingston announced the appointment of Council Members Shanahan and Young to the Maritime Aquarium Authority, Council Member Keegan to the WPCA, Ms. Tardif and Council Member Alterman to the Arts Commission and himself for the Historical Commission.

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3. Organization of Common Council Committees

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO TABLE ITEMS ONE AND TWO OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RENAMING OF CERTAIN

COMMON COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

WHEREAS, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK (THE “COUNCIL”) DESIRES TO RENAME CERTAIN OF ITS STANDING COMMITTEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING THE LEGISLATIVE PURVIEW AND ADVISORY FUNCTION OF SUCH COMMITTEES; AND

WHEREAS, ACTING PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 1-189 AND 1-197 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORWALK (THE “CHARTER”) AS WELL AS THE PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY SET FORTH IN THE RULES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 26, 1985, AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED FEBRUARY 13, 2019, AND NOVEMBER 19, 2019, AND MASON’S MANUAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE (2010), BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL, THAT, EFFECTIVE AS OF THIS DATE,

(1) THE “COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE” OF THE COUNCIL SHALL HEREINAFTER BE NAMED THE “COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE,”

(2) THE “HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE” OF THE COUNCIL SHALL HEREINAFTER BE NAMED THE “PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE,” AND

(3) THE “PLANNING COMMITTEE” OF THE COUNCIL SHALL HEREINAFTER BE NAMED THE “ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.”

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS. YOUNG)**

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RENAMING OF CERTAIN
COMMON COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES**

WHEREAS, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK (THE “COUNCIL”) DESIRES TO RENAME CERTAIN OF ITS STANDING COMMITTEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING THE LEGISLATIVE PURVIEW AND ADVISORY FUNCTION OF SUCH COMMITTEES; AND

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL, THAT, EFFECTIVE AS OF THIS DATE,

(3) THE “PLANNING COMMITTEE” OF THE COUNCIL SHALL HEREINAFTER BE NAMED THE “ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.”

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mr. Livingston announced that he would be reading this evening’s Consent Calendar.

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

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VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OPTIMUS HEALTHCARE, INC FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONNECTICUT WIC PROGRAM PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$291,375 FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

1B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT WIC PROGRAM SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$495,935.38, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2022 THROUGH JULY 15, 2023 FOR THE ENHANCED DETECTION, RESPONSE, SURVEILLANCE AND PREVENTION OF COVID-19.

2B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT ENHANCED DETECTION, RESPONSE, SURVEILLANCE AND PREVENTION OF COVID-19 ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 2022 THROUGH JULY 15, 2023.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AND ANY ALL AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ANNUALLY APPLY AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, ACTING THROUGH ITS

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECT, DUI ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT, COMMENCING FISCAL YEAR 2022.

B. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND VANESSA HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC. (VHB, INC.) FOR THE SEAVIEW AVENUE CORRIDOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND CONCEPTUAL DESIGN SERVICES IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,000. ACCOUNT NO. 0918 4021 5777 C0599; SEAVIEW AVE. IMPROVEMENTS

C. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO INSALCO CORPORATION FOR VARIOUS FURNITURE ITEMS FOR THE JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATE-AS-NEW PROJECT FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$53,397.27. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #0919/0920 5010 5777 C0619.

1B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000.

2A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS, LLC. FOR VARIOUS FURNITURE ITEMS FOR THE JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATE-AS-NEW PROJECT FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$8,217.44. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #0919/0920 5010 5777 C0619.

2B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500.

3A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO MONITOR EQUIPMENT CO., INC. FOR VARIOUS FURNITURE ITEMS FOR THE JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**RENOVATE-AS-NEW PROJECT FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$5,088.00.
FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #0919/0920 5010 5777 C0619.**

**3B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE CHANGE
ORDERS ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED
\$1,000.**

**4A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE
ORDER TO RED THREAD SPACES, LLC.. FOR VARIOUS FURNITURE
ITEMS FOR THE JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATE-
AS-NEW PROJECT FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$20,107.15. FUNDS ARE
AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #0919/0920 5010 5777 C0619.**

**4B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE CHANGE
ORDERS ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED
\$2,000.**

**5A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE
ORDER TO W.B. MASON CO. INC. FOR VARIOUS FURNITURE ITEMS
FOR THE JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATE-AS-
NEW PROJECT FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$602,651.00. FUNDS ARE
AVAILABLE IN
ACCT. #0919/0920 5010 5777 C0619.**

**5B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE CHANGE
ORDERS ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED
\$30,132.**

**6A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE
ORDER TO CT COMMUNICATIONS (STATE CONTRACT #18PSX0097)
FOR THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR THE JEFFERSON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATE-AS-NEW PROJECT FOR A
TOTAL SUM OF \$19,858.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT.
#0919/0920 5010 5777 C0619.**

**6B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE CHANGE
ORDERS ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED
\$2,000.**

**7A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE
ORDER TO RAPTOR TECHNOLOGIES, LLC. FOR THE VISITOR
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY**

SCHOOL RENOVATE-AS-NEW PROJECT FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$2,395.00.

FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #0919/0920 5010 5777 C0619.

7B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.

8A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO EPLUS TECHNOLOGY, INC. (STATE CONTRACT #18PSX0202) FOR COMPUTER NETWORKING ELECTRONICS FOR THE JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATE-AS-NEW PROJECT FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$113,171.02. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #0919/0920 5010 5777 C0619.

8B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON PURCHASE ORDER FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000.

9. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO RENEW THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER AT 195 LIBERTY SQUARE FOR THE USE OF AN ABUTTING AREA(APPROXIMATELY 10 FEET BY 14 FEET), FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF AN OUTDOOR WALK- IN REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER. THE AGREEMENT PERIOD SHALL BE RETROACTIVE FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2026 FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$3,150.00.

D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT WITH HEAD OF HARBOR SOUTH, LLC PER TERMS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL, DARIN L. CALLAHAN DATED OCTOBER 27, 2021.

2. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, ITEM VII.C.4 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR ALMSTEAD TREE & SHRUB CARE COMPANY LLC FOR THE SUPPLY AND PLANTING OF TREES AND SHRUBS. ACCOUNT NUMBERS 09 21 6030 5777 C0631.

**3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER TO CARGILL FOR TREATED ROAD SALT FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL, PRICING NOT TO EXCEED \$87.00 PER TON FOR NORMAL AND AFTER-HOUR DELIVERIES EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2021-22 WINTER SEASON.
ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 25 5322**

4. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, ITEM VII.C.3 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR THE GRASSO COMPANIES, LLC, 1ST AMENDMENT FOR PROJECT PM2021-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. ACCOUNT NUMBERS 09 22 4021 5777 C0021 AND 09 22 4021 5777 C0503.

**5. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, ITEM VII.C.6 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR AHNEMAN KIRBY, LLC FOR PROJECT NO. 4048 ON-CALL SURVEYING SERVICES.
ACCOUNT NUMBER 01 37 50 5258.**

6. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, ITEM VII.A.5 TO ALLOCATE \$300,000 FOR USE ON THE STORM SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT AND ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR M. RONDANO, INC. FOR PROJECT DRG2020-1 ONCALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS USING WPCA ACCOUNT NUMBER 09 20 4062 5777 C0361.

E. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH WHITTINGHAM CANCER CENTER FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY WHITTINGHAM CANCER CENTER FOR THEIR WHITTINGHAM CANCER CENTER WALK AND RUN TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022 FROM 7:00 AM TO 1:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 5:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN NO LATER THAN 1:00 PM. APPROXIMATE ATTENDANCE 1500-2000 PEOPLE.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CONNECTICUT FOR THEIR WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S TO BE

**HELD ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, 2022 FROM 8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM.
SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 5:30 AM WITH A TEAR-DOWN NO LATER
THAN 1:00 PM. APPROXIMATE ATTENDANCE 1500 PEOPLE.**

F. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

**1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS
COMMITTEE DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2021; DECEMBER 9, 2021**

**2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX
COLLECTIONS DATED: NOVEMBER 18, 2021; DECEMBER 9, 2021**

**3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX
COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: OCTOBER 2021; NOVEMBER 2021**

**6. RESCIND AND NEW ACTION FOR COPIER MANAGEMENT
SERVICES.**

**A. RESCIND COMMON ACTION OF MAY 25TH 2021 WHICH
AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH TGI
OFFICE AUTOMATION TO EXECUTE A FOUR (4) YEAR EXTENSION
ON THE MASTER AGREEMENT.**

**B. 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 \$423,166.56.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE (MR.
BURNETT; MR. GOLDSTEIN; MS. JOHNSON; MS. NIEDZIELSKI
EICHNER; MS. SMYTH; MS. AYERS; MS. REVOLUS; MS. YOUNG;
MR. KYDES; MS. MCMURRER; MS. ALTERMAN; MR. KEEGAN; MR.
LIVINGSTON; MS. SHANAHAN)**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

B. PLANNING COMMITTEE

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE 3-YEAR PARTNERSHIP WITH KIVA AND THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES FOR A SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP LOAN PROGRAM INCLUDING A CONTRACTED STAFF POSITION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$245,000.
ACCOUNT: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS**

Mr. Kydes explained that this is one of the first expenditures of the Covid relief funds and that it is a great initiative. He thanked Ms. Church and her team. Ms. Sabrina Church, Director of Business Development and Tourism gave an overview of the program and noted they focus on small entrepreneurs or non-profits. She said that there are over 1.5 million people individuals who donate to the different folks.

Ms. Young asked about a timeline. Ms. Church explained that once the contracted person is hired and trained, they will hit the ground running. She said a loan can turn around in a month. Ms. Young thanked Ms. Church and the Economic and Community Development department.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

7A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING LLC, FOR PROJECT DRG2021-1 DREAMY HOLLOW/BETTS BROOK AREA DRAINAGE, SANITARY SEWER & WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$864,505.00 (BASE BID), \$682,815.00 (ALTERNATE 1) AND \$5,598,675.00 (ALTERNATE 2).

ACCOUNT NO.

09 21 4021 5777 C0440

09 22 4021 5777 C0440

09 20 4062 5777 C0361

09 22 4062 5777 C0361

09 22 4021 5777 C0021

7B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING LLC., FOR PROJECT DRG 2021-1

DREAMY HOLLOW/BETTS BROOK AREA DRAINAGE, SANITARY SEWER & WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$715,000.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 21 4021 5777 C0440

09 22 4021 5777 C0440

09 20 4062 5777 C0361

09 22 4062 5777 C0361

09 22 4021 5777 C0021

Ms. Smyth said this project is a long time coming; there is a long history of flooding in this area.

Mr. Anthony Carr, Chief of Operations and Public Works reviewed the history of flooding in the area and gave an overview of the project. He noted that approximately 60 homes will benefit from this project.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE WOODARD & CURRAN AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 12, 2019, TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH “DREAMY HOLLOW/BETTS BROOK AREA – DRAINAGE, SANITARY SEWER, & WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS” CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCOPE OF SERVICES TASK ORDER 1F DATED DECEMBER 01, 2021 (COPY OF INCLUDED) FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$291,400.00.**

ACCOUNT NO.

09 19 4027 5777 C0425

09 21 4021 5777 C0440

09 22 4021 5777 C0440

09 18 4062 5777 C0361

09 19 4062 5777 C0361

09 20 4062 5777 C0361

09 22 4062 5777 C0361

Ms. Smyth explained that this is the technical advisor for this project.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Via Teleconference

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO UNITED CONCRETE PRODUCTS INC. FOR THE PRE-CAST BOX CULVERT FOR THE ROWAYTON AVE OVER KEELERS BROOK BRIDGE AS A SOLE SOURCE REQUEST FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$244,130.00 (PROPOSAL) PLUS \$24,413.00 (10% CONTINGENCY). ACCOUNT NO. 09 21 4021 5777 C0315**

Ms. Smyth explained that this request is for the concrete work for the Keelers Brook Bridge that was damaged during a recent storm.

Mr. Carr reviewed the project. Mr. Livingston thanked Mr. Carr and said he and the neighbors appreciate all the efforts he went through to move this project forward.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AND AGREEMENT (SOLE SOURCE) WITH FGB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PROJECT BR2021-1 ROWAYTON AVENUE OVER KEELERS BROOK BRIDGE FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$679,407.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 06 4021 5777 C0315
09 21 4021 5777 C0315
09 22 4021 5777 C0315**

**AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH FGB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PROJECT BR2021-1 ROWAYTON AVENUE OVER KEELERS BROOK BRIDGE FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$135,882.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 21 4021 5777 C0315
09 22 4021 5777 C0315**

Ms. Smyth explained this request is for the design aspect for the Keelers Brook Bridge project. She commended the Public Works department for there are in how they use the taxpayer's money.

Mr. Carr explained this item is for the contractor who will do the project. He gave an overview of the project. He added that this is an important project and they are constantly monitoring the existing bridge

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

F. FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND THE NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE UPSEU CUSTODIANS, MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY STAFF TO MODIFY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AND CITY OF NORWALK PENSION PLAN WITH RESPECT TO A 2021 RETIREMENT INCENTIVE OFFERING.**

Ms. Wilcox Williams and Ms. Cologne gave a presentation about the early retirement incentive. Six employees have accepted the early retirement incentive. Ms. Wilcox Williams explained that this is a continuation of the work they are doing to transition to contract custodians in the Norwalk Public School system. The savings to the District will be about \$100,000.

Mr. Thomas Hamilton, Chief Financial Officer, Norwalk Public Schools explained that 36-38 people were offered the early retirement incentive, but only six took advantage of this offer. He explained that the Board of Education began an initiative to contract custodial services. At this point, a majority of the schools in the District use contract custodians. He noted that this initiative is the same that was offered to City employees last year.

Mr. Kydes said he could not support this incentive and the loss of living wage jobs, that are mostly held by Norwalk residents. Ms. Niedzielski Eichner said she will support this item. But as a general rule, shares Mr. Kydes' concern. She said she asked if the contract services provides a living wage, but did not receive a response.

In response to Ms. Smyth's question, Mr. Hamilton said the Collective Bargaining Unit allows hiring outside contractors as long as it results in cost savings and does not result in lay offs. It was noted that the City of Norwalk has a Living Wage Ordinance and that is part of the contract. The goal is to get the buildings clean and to do that as cost efficiently as possible.

Mayor Rilling asked how many of the employees of the custodial company are local. Mr. Hamilton said he did not have an actual count, but they live in the area. Ms. Revulus asked if the current custodians were offered employment with the contractor. Mr. Hamilton said he will find out. He noted that no one was forced into the situation. He will also gather information about whether or not the contractor offers a Living Wage.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. KYDES)**

** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a contract amendment between City of Norwalk and Advanced Corporate Network, Inc., d/b/a Digital Back Office (“ACN”) to authorize the addition of a new location at 1 Park Street, Norwalk, CT. The parties agree to the addition of One (1) 10 GIGE Managed Optimal Ethernet Services at the following services location Circuit One - City Hall, 125 East Avenue to 1 Park Street with a monthly recurring fee of \$1,536.00 paid for by the Board of Education from expense account# 2ES28400-430-58.

Mr. Burnett reviewed the request. Mr. Keegan said that this issue has been discussed since August, but he will be voting no, because he is not comfortable with the way it was presented to the Finance Committee. He added that this is not a good use of money now. He said he would like to see the efficiency study determine if the Welcome Center is needed. Ms. Shanahan said she agreed with Mr. Keegan’s comments. Ms. Revolus also agreed with the comments. She said that with so much going on withing the schools, the students need to be addressed. Ms. McMurrer also agreed.

Ms. Wilcox Williams said that this is currently the home of the Norwalk Next Step Program. The reimbursement will be 80% once the e-rate is approved.

Ms. Smyth said that while she supports the idea of a Welcome Center, she has great concerns about the process of how it came about to the Common Council. In addition, she is concerned about the use of taxpayer money.

Ms. Wilcox Williams said this request offers a level of security around internet access. If this request is not approved, they will need to use Optimum and they will not be able to control access. She added that this would provide District wide services.

Mr. Ralph Valenzisi, Assistant Superintendent of digital Learning and Innovation explained that there are legal obligations to have filters in place, because they work with children.

**** MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH NINE (9) IN FAVOR (MR. BURNETT; MR. GOLDSTEIN; MS. JOHNSON; MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER; MS. SMYTH; MS. YOUNG; MR. KYDES; MS. ALTERMAN; MR. LIVINGSTON) AND THREE (3) IN OPPOSITION (MS. REVOLUS; MR. KEEGAN; MS. SHANAHAN) AND TWO (2) ABSTENTION (MS. AYERS; MS. MCMURRER)**

Ms. Young commented that the communication process between the City and the Board of Education needs to improve.

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO SUPPORT A COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION, INCLUDING A LOCAL FUNDING LETTER SUPPORTING A FIFTY PERCENT MATCH, SHOULD THE FUNDS BE AWARDED, TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH NORWALK TRAIN STATION PROJECT.

Mr. Brian Bidoli, Executive Director, Norwalk Redevelopment Agency gave a presentation and said the application was due on January 14th. The award announcement will take place in the March/April timeframe.

Mr. Burnett explained that the application process is time sensitive. No funds will be allocated; this is just the application process.

Ms. Young thanked the Redevelopment Agency for all the work they do with the South Norwalk community. Ms. Ayers agreed and said she was happy to hear about the robust work being done in South Norwalk. Mr. Goldstein said that as a South Norwalk resident, he is encouraged by this grant and asked if there is a contingency in place, if they are not successful in being awarded this grant. Mr. Bidoli said they will be pursuing any and all grant opportunities.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none this evening.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Ms. Alterman recused herself and left the meeting.

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE THE SUBDIVISION JANSSEN SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE**

NATIONWIDE SETTLEMENTS TO RESOLVE ALL OPIOIDS LITIGATION BROUGHT BY STATES AND LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AGAINST THE MANUFACTURER JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. AND ITS PARENT COMPANY JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE THE SUBDIVISION DISTRIBUTOR SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONWIDE SETTLEMENTS TO RESOLVE ALL OPIOIDS LITIGATION BROUGHT BY STATES AND LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AGAINST THE DISTRIBUTOR MCKESSON, CARDINAL HEALTH AND AMERISOURCEBERGEN

Mr. Darin Callahan, Corporation Counsel reviewed the item.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Revolus announced that January 1st. is Haitian Independence Day. She expressed appreciation for the support Norwalk shows to the Haitian Community.

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk