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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

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett	Mr. Joshua Goldstein
	Ms. Dominique Johnson	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner (7:34 p.m.)
	Ms. Barbara Smyth	
District A:	Ms. Nicol Ayers	Mr. David Heuvelman
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 (Ms. Niedzielski Eichner). 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: December 14, 2021

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Correct the spelling of Ms. McMurrer's first name
Page 7 – add the Common Council committees roster

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2021 - 2023

FIRST YEAR

Tom Livingston, Council President

Barbara Smyth, Majority Leader

Tom Keegan, Minority Leader

FINANCE & CLAIMS

2nd Thursday: 7:00 p.m., Common Council Chambers

GREG BURNETT, CHAIR
DAVID HEUVELMAN
TOM KEEGAN
JOHN KYDES
JENN McMURRER
NORA NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER
DIANA REVOLUS

PUBLIC SAFETY & GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4th Thursday: 7:00 p.m., Room 231

JENN McMURRER, CHAIR
HEIDI ALTERMAN
NICOL AYERS
JOSH GOLDSTEIN
DOMINIQUE JOHNSON
TOM KEEGAN
DIANA REVOLUS

LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1st Wednesday: 7:00 p.m., Room 231

TOM LIVINGSTON, CHAIR
HEIDI ALTERMAN
NICOL AYERS
GREG BURNETT
DAVID HEUVELMAN
TOM KEEGAN
BARBARA SMYTH

ORDINANCE

3rd Tuesday: 7:00 p.m., Room 231

LISA SHANAHAN, CHAIR
JOSH GOLDSTEIN
DAVID HEUVELMAN
DOMINIQUE JOHNSON
TOM KEEGAN
TOM LIVINGSTON
NORA NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER

COMMUNITY SERVICES

3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Room 123

DOMINIQUE JOHNSON, CHAIR
HEIDI ALTERMAN
NICOL AYERS
GREG BURNETT
TOM KEEGAN
DIANA REVOLUS
BARBARA SMYTH

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1st Thursday: 7:00 p.m., Room 231

JOHN KYDES, CHAIR
DAVID HEUVELMAN
TOM KEEGAN
TOM LIVINGSTON
LISA SHANAHAN
BARBARA SMYTH
DARLENE YOUNG

PUBLIC WORKS

1st Tuesday: 7:00 p.m., DPW Conf. Room

BARBARA SMYTH, CHAIR
DOMINIQUE JOHNSON
TOM KEEGAN
TOM LIVINGSTON
NORA NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER
LISA SHANAHAN
DARLENE YOUNG

RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

2nd Wednesday: 7:00 p.m., Room 231

DARLENE YOUNG, CHAIR
NICOL AYERS
JOSH GOLDSTEIN
TOM KEEGAN
JOHN KYDES
JENN McMURRER
LISA SHANAHAN

- ** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED**
**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. HEUVELMAN)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public who wished to comment.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS:

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner joined the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Rilling announced the following resignation:

Cheryl Brown, Conservation Commission, Alternate

APPOINTMENTS:

- ** MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CHERYL BROWN, TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION AS A REGULAR MEMBER**

Mr. Keegan spoke in support of the appointment.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

- ** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN MOELING TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION AS A REGULAR MEMBER**

Ms. Shanahan spoke in support of the reappointment.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ERIC CHANDLER TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Mr. Livingston spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES FRAYER, TROY JELLERETTE AND ED CAMACHO TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION**

Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Burnett spoke in support of the reappointments.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT STOWERS, DIRECTOR FOR RECREATION AND PARKS**

Ms. Young and Mayor Rilling spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling announced that the COVID-19 Testing at Veterans Park will be moved to Shady Beach starting on January 12, 2022. Testing will be available seven days a week, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm on weekdays and 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on weekends.

On January 16, 2022, free rapid at-home COVID-19 tests will be distributed to residents by appointment only starting at 9:00 a.m. at Veteran's Park. Mayor Rilling said they want to get as many test kits out as possible and asked residents who received test kits last time to not register for test kits this time.

Residents may now report self-test results at a new online portal - norwalkct.org/selfreport.

The citywide Martin Luther King celebration that is usually held at City Hall has been postponed due to COVID-19. Events commemorating Martin Luther King Day will be held at Grace Baptist Church on January 17, 2022. Mayor Rilling said this is a day on, not a day off and asked everyone to think about doing random acts of kindness.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Organization of Common Council Committees:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RENAMING OF CERTAIN COMMON COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

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

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

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” AND

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

Mr. Livingston explained that the purpose of renaming some committees was to align the committees with the City Statute.

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

Ms. Young returned to the meeting.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

**** MS. ALTERMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCUSSION: SETTLEMENT: LYNNE MOORE V. CITY OF NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION ET AL. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDING UNDER THE 2022 JAG LOCAL VIOLENT CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, OFFICER OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,898.00

1B. AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF, THOMAS KULHAWIK TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO THE 2022 JAG LOCAL VIOLENT CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,898.00

2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, SHARON CONNORS, TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MHQ INC. UNDER THE STATE CONTRACT, CT 12PSX0194, FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEN (10) 2022 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR HYBRID POLICE VEHICLES FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$367,976.00. ACCOUNT # 0922 3010-5777-C0665.

B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT WITH PRIORITY LANDSCAPING, LLC TO PROJECT DPW2019-1, REMOVAL & DISPOSAL OF DEPOSITED SEDIMENT WITHIN THE WATERCOURSE, CONTRACT DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2019, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,000.00. ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4021 5777 C0440

2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER TO C.N. WOOD ENVIRO, LLC. FOR A TRACKLESS BOOM FLAIL MOWER ATTACHMENT FOR THE TRACKLESS MT TRACTOR, PRICING NOT TO EXCEED \$28,000. ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4031 5777 C0313

3. APPROVE A CORRECTION OF ITEM VII. D. 1A. OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2021:

A. AS AUTHORIZED ON OCTOBER 26, 2021: AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CONVEY A PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE EASEMENTS OF 5,564± SQ. FT. AND 257± SQ. FT. AS SHOW ON THE 10 WATER STREET MAP. SEE ENCLOSED MEMORANDUM OF ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL. DARIN L. CALLAHAN DATED OCTOBER 22, 2021.

B. CORRECTION FOR APPROVAL:

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CONVEY A PERMANENT EASEMENT OF 11,987± SQ. FT. FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES AND APPURTENANCES THERETO AND 257± SQ. FT. TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN RAILROAD BRIDGE AS SHOW ON THE "TOWN OF NORWALK MAP SHOWING EASEMENT ACQUIRED FROM CITY OF NORWALK BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WALK RAILROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT SCALE 1" =20' FEBRUARY 2020 MARK D. ROLFE, P.E. CHIEF ENGINEER - BUREAU OF ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION", TOWN NO. 102, PROJECT NO. 301-176, SERIAL NO. 21A, SHEET 1 OF 1, LAST REVISED 11/02/20.

C. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1. APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS ON THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL ROOF BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION THROUGH A 20-YEAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (PPA)

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERIM LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE RIVERBROOK REGIONAL YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, INC. (YMCA) FOR THE OCCUPANCY OF PORTION OF 98 SOUTH MAIN STREET BUILDING TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS BY EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 TO MARCH 31, 2022. ALL REMAINING TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT TO REMAIN UNCHANGED.

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK SENIOR CENTER FOR THE USE OF ROOSEVELT CENTER AT 11 ALLEN ROAD TO INCLUDE ROOM #8 AS PART OF THE LEASED PREMISES. ALL REMAINING TERMS OF THE LEASE TO REMAIN UNCHANGED.

4A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TUCKER MECHANICAL, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF 4 ROOF TOP MECHANICAL UNITS AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$389,935.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNT #0920/22 7100 5777 C0137

4B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$38,993.50.

D. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. 102-360 NORWALK TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE – PHASE 4 – EASEMENT FROM HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NORWALK.

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL EASEMENT DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AS PART OF STATE PROJECT 102-360 NORWALK TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE – PHASE 4 AND COMPENSATE THE NORWALK HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NORWALK \$5,140 AS FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR 252 SQUARE FEET OF EASEMENT RIGHTS TO INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPURTENANCES OVER A STRIP OF LAND OWNED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, IDENTIFIED AND DESCRIBED ON A MAP ENTITLED “RIGHT OF WAY SURVEY, CITY OF NORWALK, MAP SHOWING EASEMENT ACQUIRED FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NORWALK,” SUBJECT TO A POSITIVE REPORT FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

2. 102-360 NORWALK TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE – PHASE 4 – EASEMENT FROM GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH.

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL EASEMENT DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AS PART OF STATE PROJECT 102-360 NORWALK TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE – PHASE 4 AND COMPENSATE GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH \$1,930 AS FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR 48 SQUARE FEET OF EASEMENT RIGHTS TO INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPURTENANCES OVER A STRIP OF LAND OWNED BY GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, IDENTIFIED AND DESCRIBED ON A MAP ENTITLED “RIGHT OF WAY SURVEY, CITY OF NORWALK, MAP SHOWING EASEMENT ACQUIRED FROM GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH BY THE CITY OF NORWALK,” SUBJECT TO A POSITIVE REPORT FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

3. 102-360 NORWALK TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE – PHASE 4 – EASEMENTS FROM RIVERVIEW EAST CONDOMINIUM.

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL EASEMENT DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AS PART OF STATE PROJECT 102-360 NORWALK TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE – PHASE 4 AND COMPENSATE RIVERVIEW EAST CONDOMINIUM \$3,210 AS FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR 190 SQUARE FEET OF EASEMENT RIGHTS TO INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPURTENANCES OVER A STRIP OF LAND OWNED BY RIVERVIEW EAST CONDOMINIUM, IDENTIFIED AND DESCRIBED ON A MAP ENTITLED “RIGHT OF WAY SURVEY, CITY OF NORWALK, MAP SHOWING EASEMENT ACQUIRED FROM RIVERVIEW EAST CONDOMINIUM BY THE CITY OF NORWALK,” SUBJECT TO A POSITIVE REPORT FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

D. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND THE CT STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO RECEIVE \$3M IN URBAN ACT PROGRAM FUNDING RELATED TO THE MLK CORRIDOR INITIATIVE.**

Mr. Kydes said this was a long time in coming. This is an opportunity to move forward with these projects. He thanked everyone who worked on this over the years.

Ms. Young spoke in support of the item and said there are people on the City side who have been working on this since 2017 and everyone put in a yeoman's effort. She expressed gratitude to Ms. Vonashek, Mr. Bidoli and their teams, the folks at City Hall and those in the community. She noted that there are only seven Martin Luther King corridors in the State of Connecticut and Norwalk has the longest.

Mayor Rilling thanked Ms. Young for being an integral part of the Committee. He also thanked Senator Duff for getting \$3 million for this effort. Ms. Young thanked Representative Bruce Morris who moved this project forward. She added that the Clergy and other residents were also involved.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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 MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk