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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. 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	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 fifteen (15) Council members present. 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: January 25, 2022

**\*\* MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. GOLDSTEIN)**

## III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Alderman read a letter submitted by Ms. Daisy Sebastian regarding the plans for the new Norwalk High School. Mayor Rilling stated that they can only allow comments on agenda items.

Additional letters about the new Norwalk High School will be submitted to the City Clerk.

## IV. MAYOR

### A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were none this evening.

APPOINTMENTS:

- \*\* MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS FARKAS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Mr. Keegan spoke in support of the appointment.

- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were none this evening.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

To commemorate Black History month, Mayor Rilling read a proclamation highlighting the contributions and accomplishments of African Americans. Mr. Burnett added remarks about the origin and importance of Black History month.

Mayor Rilling said that during the month of February schools will have programs honoring Black Americans.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Livingston announced the formation of two Ad Hoc Committees – an Ad Hoc Sustainability Resiliency Committee to be headed by Ms. Shanahan and an Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Committee to be headed by Mr. Burnett.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- \*\* MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

**VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

A. RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to enter an Agreement J. S. Endurance for the use of Veterans Park Memorial and immediate surrounding grounds for their SONO Half Marathon/5K & Kid Run to be held on Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Set-up to begin Friday, September 30, 2022 at 8:30 AM with teardown no later than Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 3:00 PM. Approximate attendance 1800 people.

#### B. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an agreement with Fleet Auto Supply, under RFP project number 4123 for the up-fit of police vehicles each year for an amount not to exceed, 200,000 per year for an initial term of 3 years with 2 optional 1 year renewals. Account # 0922 3010 5777 C0665

3. Approval of the elimination of the Ordinance bonus pool

#### C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement between the City of Norwalk and Tighe & Bond, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services for the Project 4177/DRG2022-1 Design and Permitting for Lockwood Lane & Heather Lane Storm Drainage Improvements, on an hourly basis, for a sum not to exceed \$ 256,000.00.

Account No. 09 22 4021 5777 C0440

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3. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Amendment to the April 13, 2021 Agreement between the City of Norwalk and The Grasso Companies, LLC. for Project PM2021-1 Pavement Management Program. The Amendment is to extend the Agreement for a period of one (1) year at a sum not to exceed \$1,535,029.39, with an option of a potential amendment, after the new fiscal year funds become available.

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5. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Amendment to the agreement between the City of Norwalk and Tighe & Bond, Inc., for Construction Inspection/Observation Services, to extend the agreement for the first of two optional additional terms, of one (1) year, billable on an hourly basis, for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

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#### D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an agreement with Gill & Gill Architects, LLC to provide Architectural Design Services for the Nathan Hale & West Rocks Bathroom Renovations project for a total not to exceed \$19,440 Acct. #09225010 5777 C0807.

1b. Authorize to establish a contingency for additional services as may be required for a total not to exceed \$5,000.  
Acct. #09225010 5777 C0807.

2a. RESOLVED, that the Norwalk Land Use & Building Management Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the Roton Middle School, Asbestos Abatement Project.

2b. RESOLVED, that the Norwalk Common Council hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Roton Middle School, Asbestos Abatement project.

2c. RESOLVED, that the City of Norwalk Common Council authorizes the City of Norwalk Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the Roton Middle School, Asbestos Abatement project.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Johnson said that some people were wearing orange to bring awareness to teen dating abuse.

## **VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **B. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

**\*\* MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO 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.**

This is an initiative that was brought up during the last Common Council. Councilmembers spoke in support of this item.

Mayor Rilling thanked the Police Department.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**\*\* MS. SMYTH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A NO-COST AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND HELPSY, FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF TEXTILES IN THE CITY OF NORWALK.**

Mr. Carr, Chief of Operations and Public Works provided details of the program. There is zero cost to the City and would be a revenue generator. The program can be launched before Earth Day.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MS. SMYTH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION – FIVE STAR AND URBAN WATERS RESTORATION GRANT RELATED TO THE CITY OF NORWALK PARTICIPATION AS A PARTNER IN THE GRANT.**

Ms. Smyth reviewed the item and said it was a great group effort. Ms. Young asked how this initiative will increase the tree canopy in South Norwalk. Mr. Carr said he did not have statistics but the City commissioned a Tree Management Plan. Mr. Sotnik said that thanks to the Common Council and the capital budget, they have been able to plant more and more trees. Ms. Young said they are on the right track.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

There were none this evening.

**X. SUSPENSION OF RULES**

There were none this weekend.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Irene Dixon, City Clerk