

ALL COMMON COUNCIL ACTIONS TAKEN AT THIS MEETING TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS OR TO ACCEPT BIDS AND OTHER PROPOSALS REQUIRING THE EXPENDITURE OF CITY FUNDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. King called the Roll. The following Common Council members were present:

Council at Large:	Mr. Douglas Hempstead	
Mr. Glenn Iannaccone	Mr. Bruce Kimmel	Ms. Sharon Stewart
District A:	Ms. Eloisa Melendez	Mr. David Watts
District B:	Ms. Phaedrel Bowman	Mr. Travis Simms
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Michelle Maggio
District D:	Ms. Shannon O'Toole-Giandurco	Mr. Jerry Petrini
District E:	Mr. David McCarthy	Mr. John Igneri

There were fourteen (14) Common Council members present and one (1) absent (Mr. Bonenfant).

Also present: Mayor Harry Rilling; Mario Coppola, Corporation Counsel; Donna King, City Clerk.

Ms. King read the notice that this meeting is being recorded for public broadcast and said that video tapes are available for viewing upon request.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting(s): March 25, 2014

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2014 AS PRESENTED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Glenna Brown, Part Street, Career Developer with Ability Beyond thanked the Common Council for making April Autism Awareness month. She spoke about the mission of Ability Beyond and said that they support over 2,300 people in Connecticut and New York. She said that they are currently helping over 200 individuals with employment in Norwalk. Ms. Brown said that in 2009 they created Roses for Autism and the sale of the roses helps support their program.

Ms. Brown said that Autism is a neurological condition. She said that it is a myth that people with Autism are not interested in social interaction; with the right support they can enjoy their life.

Mayor Rilling thanked Ms. Brown and said that the work she does is very important.

Ms. Kristen Begar, Norwalk River Watershed spoke in favor of the removal of the Flock Process dam. She said that they believe the dam should be moved to restore the Norwalk River to its natural state. A major positive effect will be the movement of the fish that breed in fresh water and live in salt water. In addition, the removal of the dam will likely reduce the intensity of flooding.

Ms. Begar said that there may be some immediate negative issues related to the removal of the dam, but they will be short – lived. She said that the project scope ensures that the sediments will not be mobilized. Rivers like the Norwalk River play a vital role and the effects of its removal will extend beyond Norwalk.

There were no other members of the public who wished to speak.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS:

There were no resignations announced this evening.

APPOINTMENTS:

Andres Roman – Fair Rent - withdrawn

Sonia Oliver – Fair Rent (Alternate) – withdrawn

Peter Halladay – Human Relations Commission

**** MR. PETRINI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PETER HALLADAY TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

Mr. Petrini said that Mr. Halladay was very active in the district and has been asking to serve. He said that he will be a perfect person to serve and make Norwalk a better place.

Mr. Hempstead said that he also supported Mr. Halladay's appointment. He said that when he first arrived in Norwalk, he asked how he could serve. He noted that Mr. Halladay was a DJ and sports announcer.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Carol Gavrielidis – Human Relations Commission

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CAROL GAVRIELIDIS TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

Mr. Kydes said that he has found Ms. Gavrielidis to be thoughtful and caring. He said that she will do a good job and thanked her for being willing to serve.

Ms. Maggio said that she and Ms. Gavrielidis go back a long time. She has a very strong business presence and feels that she will be a great addition.

Mr. Watts said that Ms. Gavrielidis is a great appointment and thanked her for signing up.

Mr. Iannaccone said that he has known Ms. Gavrielidis for quite a few years and knows that she will be an asset to the Human Relations Commission.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Stan Remson – Norwalk Facilities Construction Commission - withdrawn

John J. Flynn, PE – Water Pollution Control Authority

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN J. FLYNN, PE TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

Mr. McCarthy said that this is a fairly complex board and deals with complex technical issues. He said that he has known Mr. Flynn, a retired engineer, for 5 – 6 years and said that he will bring his skills to the WPCA.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling thanked everyone present and the Board of Estimate and Taxation for working hard to come up with a responsible budget. He thanked everyone for their hard work.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Hempstead noted that this is Autism Awareness month and Sexual Assault Awareness month.

Mr. Hempstead gave a Norwalk Shout Out to the UCONN men's basketball team for their win over Tennessee. He also gave round of good luck to the UCONN women who will be going up against Notre Dame tonight. He said that tipoff is at 8:30 tonight and hopes they are on their way to a national championship. He wished the Lady Huskies good luck.

Mr. Hempstead gave a shout out to Mr. Bonenfant to congratulate him on his daughter's graduation from Nursing School. He also congratulated Ms. Maggio, whose son is graduating from Roger Williams University with a degree in Marketing.

Mr. Hempstead wished everyone a Happy Easter and a Happy Passover. He said that he was happy to see that the Veteran's monthly recognition has resumed.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were none.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

**7A, 1, 2 & 3
7B1, 7B2, 7B3A & B, 7B4, 7B5, 7B6, 7B7, 7B8, 7B9
7C1A & B, 7C2A & B, 7C3, 7C4A & B
7D1**

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

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE/CLAIMS

**1. ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS
COMMITTEE DATED: MARCH 13, 2014**

**2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX
COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: FEBRUARY 28, 2014**

**3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX
COLLECTIONS DATED: MARCH 5, 2014**

B. PUBLIC WORKS

**1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN
AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH URS CORPORATION
AES, FOR PROJECT NO. 3122 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
SERVICES FOR REMOVAL OF THE FLOCK PROCESS DAM ON THE
NORWALK RIVER, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$29,400. ACCOUNT
NO. 35 3370 5258**

**2. APPROVE PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO DPW RATES AND FEES
- NORWALK HEADQUARTERED 501 (C) 3 EXEMPT FROM
BARREL/BARRICADE DELIVERY AND PICK UP FEES.**

**3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE
AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GRASSO COMPANIES, LLC FOR
DRG2014-1 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – SCRIBNER AVENUE,
EDLIE AVENUE/PROWITT STREET, DEANE COURT/BELMONT
PLACE FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$718,129.28**

**3B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ISSUE
ORDERS ON CONTRACT TO THE GRASSO COMPANIES, LLC FOR
DRG2014-1 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – SCRIBNER AVENUE,
EDLIE AVENUE/PROWITT STREET, DEANE COURT/BELMONT
PLACE FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$71,812.93 ACCOUNT NO.09 12
1314 4027 5777 C0440**

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND URS CORPORATION AES, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUIRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REHABILITATION OF THE JAMES STREET BRIDGE OVER THE SILVERMINE RIVER FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,940. FED SHARE 80%, CITY 20%

ACCOUNT NO. 09 13 4021 5777 C0496

5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTRACT PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REHABILITATION OF THE JAMES STREET BRIDGE OVER SILVERMINE RIVER

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND URS CORPORATION AES, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUIRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REHABILITATION OF THE PERRY AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE NORWALK RIVER. FED SHARE 80%, CITY 20%.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 09 4021 5777 C0392

7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTRACT PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REHABILITATION OF THE PERRY AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE NORWALK RIVER

8. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE QUIT CLAIM DEED WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SALE OF 5,638 SQUARE FEET OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1 MADISON STREET AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ENTITLED "TOWN OF NORWALK MAP SHOWING LAND ACQUIRED FROM CITY OF NORWALK BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - REPLACEMENT OF 6TH WAYSIDE SUBSTATION -

SCALE 1"=40' - MARCH 2013 FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$37,000.000

9. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

ROTON MIDDLE SCHOOL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

***WHEREAS*, THE CITY OF NORWALK HAS CONDUCTED PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT FOR THE “ROTON MIDDLE SCHOOL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT” (CONNDOT PROJECT NO. 102-TBD); AND**

***WHEREAS*, THE CITY OF NORWALK, CT HAS PUBLISHED A LEGAL NOTICE DISPLAY AD, MAILED A NEWS RELEASE TO MULTIPLE OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES, AND MAILED A FORMAL LETTER TO ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS, ANNOUNCING THE LATEST PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT; AND**

***WHEREAS*, THE MOST RECENT PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING WAS HELD ON MARCH 26, 2014 AT ROTON MIDDLE SCHOOL, AT WHICH RESIDENTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS; AND**

***WHEREAS*, THE NORWALK, CT COMMON COUNCIL HAS CONSIDERED THE CONCERNS OF RESIDENTS FROM THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS AND FINDS THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, CT AND WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF ITS RESIDENTS AND PROVIDE FOR THE CONVENIENCE AND SAFETY OF THE MOTORING PUBLIC AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC. THE CITY WILL CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF RESIDENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AS DESIGN DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT PROCEEDS.**

***NOW THEREFORE*, THE CITY OF NORWALK, CT, BASED ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION, AND BY VIRTUE OF THIS RESOLUTION, HEREBY FULLY SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED PROJECT.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2014.

**HARRY W. RILLING
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, CT**

C. LAND USE & BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDER(S) TO HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT FOR THE PURCHASE OF JOURNEY'S K-5 2014 MATERIALS AS PART OF THE COMMON CORE K-5 LITERACY PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$1,045,941. ACCT. #09145010 777 C0538

1B. AUTHORIZE A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$41,838 (4%)

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH RAPOSO CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) WORK AT THE NORWALK HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$49,000.00. ACCT #09141000-5777-C0536

2B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$7,350.00

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A.P. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY'S AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROWAYTON SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TO INCORPORATE AN INTERIM GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,400,000.00. THIS INTERIM GMP WILL PROVIDE A.P. CONSTRUCTION THE ABILITY TO SECURE THE TRADE CONTRACTORS NECESSARY TO EXPEDITE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REMEDIATION FOR SUMMER OF 2014. A FINAL GMP WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL ON MAY 2014. ACCOUNT #'S 09045010 5777 B0322 & 09135010 5777 C0519

4A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SAV-MOR COOLING & HEATING, INC. FOR FAN COIL UNIT REPLACEMENTS AT DPW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$92,000.00. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ACCOUNTS 0913/14 4071 5777 C0119 AND 0913 7100 5777 C0476

4B. AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$9,200.00

D. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. APPROVE THE NORWALK HOUSING AUTHORITY'S REQUEST TO ASSUME NEON'S CDBG CONTRACT #514-NEON-12-1 FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE BATHROOMS AT THE BEN FRANKLIN SCHOOL

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. PUBLIC WORKS

**** MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION (SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS SHANNON O'TOOLE GIANDURCO, BRUCE KIMMEL, JERRY PETRINI, DAVID MCCARTHY AND MICHELLE MAGGIO):**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN NORWALK

***WHEREAS* AUTISM IS A GENERAL TERM USED TO DESCRIBE A GROUP OF COMPLEX DEVELOPMENTAL BRAIN DISORDERS COMMONLY KNOWN AS AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS;**

***WHEREAS* AUTISM IS A NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER THAT RESULTS IN DIFFICULTIES WITH COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL INTERACTION, AS WELL AS REPETITIVE BEHAVIORS;**

***WHEREAS* AUTISM AFFECTS INDIVIDUALS DIFFERENTLY, MILDLY AFFECTING SOME AND SIGNIFICANTLY DISABLING OTHERS;**

***WHEREAS* ACCORDING TO A 2012 REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, AS OF 2008, AUTISM AFFECTS AN ESTIMATED 1 IN EVERY 88 CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING 1 IN 54 BOYS, WHICH IS A 23-PERCENT INCREASE FROM 2006;**

***WHEREAS* AUTISM IS 4 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE DIAGNOSED IN BOYS THAN IN GIRLS, BUT CAN AFFECT ANYONE REGARDLESS OF RACE, ETHNICITY, OR OTHER FACTORS;**

***WHEREAS* IT IS WELL ESTABLISHED THAT EARLY INTERVENTION CAN IMPROVE OUTCOMES BY SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING THE**

COGNITIVE, LANGUAGE, AND ADAPTIVE SKILLS OF PEOPLE WITH AUTISM;

WHEREAS A VARIETY OF PHYSICAL, MEDICAL, AND MENTAL-HEALTH ISSUES MAY ACCOMPANY AUTISM, RESULTING IN MARKED FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENT IN ALL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING;

WHEREAS INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH AUTISM ARE HIGHLY VALUED AND DESERVE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF DIGNITY AND ACCEPTANCE BY SOCIETY; AND

WHEREAS APRIL 2014 WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE MONTH TO DESIGNATE AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM AND THE FAMILY MEMBERS AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WHO CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK:

**EXPRESSES SUPPORT DESIGNATING APRIL 2014 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORWALK;
RECOGNIZES THAT MEETING THE EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND SERVICE-PROVISION NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM IS A CLEAR AND COMPELLING ISSUE THAT DESERVES ATTENTION; AND**

STRESSES THE NEED FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES SOON AFTER A CHILD HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM;

RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF ASSISTANCE IN THE AREAS OF COMPREHENSIVE EARLY INTERVENTION, HEALTH, RECREATION, JOB TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND EARLY, PRIMARY, AND SECONDARY EDUCATION; AND

RECOGNIZES THAT SERVICES FOR TRANSITIONING YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH AUTISM ARE AN ESPECIALLY PRESSING NEED, AS ARE SERVICES THAT ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM OF ANY AGE: AND IMPORTANTLY,

RECOGNIZES THAT THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR THOSE WITH AUTISM AND THEIR FAMILIES DESERVE THE UTMOST OF SUPPORT THAT WE AS CITIZENS CAN PROVIDE.

Mr. Hempstead thanked Ms. O'Toole Giandurco for bringing this forward. He said that he knew someone with Autism in the 1980s and the treatment was suspect. He said that it is becoming more prevalent and Ability Beyond is at the forefront.

Mr. McCarthy also thanked Ms. O'Toole Giandurco for bringing this forward. He said that he is happy that Norwalk has this organization for people who are dealing with Autism; it is a great charity and does great work.

Mayor Rilling noted that bringing attention to this allows people the opportunity to know where to go.

Ms. Maggio said that the First Taxing District is lighting the gazebo blue to shine the light on Autism.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. PLANNING COMMITTEE

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2014-2015 CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NORWALK WITH MODIFICATIONS AS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED MEMO**

Mr. Hempstead said that this year was the first time where people did not show up to speak at the public participation portion of the meeting. He reviewed the projects that were being funded.

Mr. Kimmel said that the Planning Committee did an excellent job and noted that it was an inclusive process. He said that it is important to understand that the capital budget has an impact on the operating budget which has an impact on the tax levy. Mr. Kimmel said that the level of expenditure in the capital budget is determined by the needs of the City and the fiscal needs of the City. He said that it is a solid budget and they are in the last stages of adopting the capital budget. Mr. Kimmel said that the discussions were balanced and he gladly supports it.

Mayor Rilling said that this was a bi-partisan effort and kept in mind the impact on the tax payers. He thanked the Common Council members for their hard work.

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Donna King, City Clerk