

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.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

City Clerk King called the roll. The following Council Members were present:

Council at Large: Mr. Richard Bonenfant 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 Igeneri

Mayor Harry Rilling; Attorney Mario Coppola, Corporation Counsel;
Donna King, City Clerk. Fifteen members present, none absent.

City Clerk King read the notice that this meeting is being recorded for public broadcast and listening devices are available upon request.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Regular meeting – April 8, 2014

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2014 AS SUBMITTED
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Rilling asked City Clerk King to call those who signed up to speak to come forward when their names were called.

Comments represent summarizations of comments made, unless otherwise noted.

1. Jeffrey Spahr, 32 Stoneybrook Road, Norwalk, spoke in support of the recognition of the Percussion Ensemble from Norwalk High and thanked the Mayor's office for inviting them for this was a nice gesture. commended the students for their hard work and achievements. He wanted to acknowledge the Director, Mr. Rivera and his staff at Norwalk High for their dedication and efforts, as the program is the best there is with promoting musical endeavors along with discipline and dedication.

Public Comments -- continued.

2. Diane Lauricella, 380Blue Mountain Road, congratulated the Marching Band and praised their accomplishment. She also wanted to announce Earth Day and the special activities that are planned to build awareness of the importance of saving the environment and our precious earth. She said she has had the privilege of being involved in environmental conservation for many years in Norwalk and is now on the Mayor's Energy and Environmental Task Force. She commended the group efforts that are in progress to engage the community in various events. She noted that there will be information forthcoming on a forum to educate the public about energy and how to save the environment. She asked all neighborhoods to find ways to use less energy and less toxins and less water, and she looks forward to ways to improve the quality of life in Norwalk.

3. Erin Herring, 15 Oakwood Court congratulated the Percussion Ensemble from Norwalk High and commended all the students for their hard work and achievements. She wanted to acknowledge Mr. Rivera and his staff and the parents for all the hard work. She said she is so proud of all of them. She noted the extreme level of hard work that these students do and they are the very best in Norwalk.

Mayor Rilling asked if there were others who wished to make comments, and hearing none closed the Public Participation portion of the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS --

APPOINTMENTS: Sonia E. Oliver, Fair Rent Commission - Alternate

- ** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SONIA E. OLIVER AS AN ALTERNATE ON THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 7/1/2015.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Rilling acknowledged the Winter Percussion ensemble from Norwalk High School and read a proclamation on their achievement of a Silver Medal at the National Marching Band competition. Members of the ensemble and Mr. Rivera, Director came forward and were recognized by the council members along with the volunteers and parents for their hard work on the program.

Mayor Rilling announced the following upcoming events:

- The next Mayor's Night Out will be April 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Norwalk Police Department Community Room.
- Pledge against Racism will be held on Friday at 11:30 at the Atrium at City Hall and he invited all to attend this important ceremony.
- The Mayor's Energy and Environment Task Force is sponsoring a forum on April 29th at 7 pm in the City Hall Community Room to educate the public about ways that citizens can save on energy and live more comfortably and help save the environment.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Hempstead called for a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of two Norwalk residents, Earl Carpenter and William Lyons, Sr. and he gave an overview of their years of community service to the City.

Mr. Hempstead noted that the Whittingham Cancer Run/Walk is this Saturday, April 26. Birthday wishes were extended to Bruce Kimmel and Jerry Petrini.

Mr. Watts announced that the City e-mail addresses are in place for the council members and acknowledge Mayor Rilling for endorsing this practice as a FOI measure for public information.

Mr. Watts displayed the new I-pad that is now available to Council members as an effort to reduce paper and save money and the environment. He noted that with electronic documents rather than thick agenda packets, drastically reduces paper, increases efficiency with managing the flow of documents, and is a timely and progressive approach for a better carbon foot print.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS FOLLOWS:
VII. A.1, A2, A3, A4; B1, B2, B3; C2, C3; D1.**

**** MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD A
RESOLUTION ON EARTH DAY TO THE AGENDA.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Items on the Consent Calendar are in bold as follows:

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE/CLAIMS

1. Accept and Approve the Report of the Claims Committee Dated: April 10, 2014

2. For informational purposes only: Narrative on Tax Collections dated April 10, 2014.

3. For informational purposes only: Monthly Tax Collector's Report Dated: March 31, 2014.

4. Resolution, authorizing a Special Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$2,400,000 for State Share of Rowayton Elementary School Project (Account No. 09145010-5777-B0322).

Consent Calendar – continued

B. RECREATION AND PARKS

- 1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with the Lockwood Mathews Mansion Museum for the use of the Mathews Park grounds to host their Old Fashioned Flea Market to be held Sunday, September 21, 2014 from 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM. Set up to take place Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 9:00 AM with tear down no later than Noon on Monday, September 22, 2014. Estimated attendance 3,000.**
- 2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with “Click it for Cassie” to use Three (3) Softball Fields at Calf Pasture Beach for a fundraiser to be held Saturday, August 23, 2014 from 7:30 AM – 7:30 PM with a rain date of Sunday, August 24, 2014. Estimated attendance 120.**
- 3. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with CREFII-SCC, LLC owner of SoNo Corporate Center to use a portion of the 50 Washington Street Plaza for dumpster storage twice a month for a Five (5) year period from May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2018 with a Five (5) year renewal option.**

C. BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION

- 1. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$510,000 be and the same is hereby transferred from Contingency to the Fire Department to cover contract wage settlement. (Account #Various).**
- 2. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$51,815 be and the same is hereby transferred from Contingency to various departments to cover Ordinance Employees wage increases. (Account #Various).**
- 3. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$70,748 be and the same is hereby transferred from Contingency to the Building Management Department to cover expenses associated with Operating Expenses at Benjamin Franklin and Nathaniel Ely Centers. (Account #Various).**

D. CORPORATION COUNSEL

- 1. Authorization to Settle Claim: Jeffrey Haynes, et al v. City of Norwalk –**

C. BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION

- 1. RESOLVED, that a sum not to exceed \$510,000 be and the same is hereby transferred from Contingency to the Fire Department to cover contract wage settlement. (Account #Various).**

MR. KIMMEL MOVED THE ITEM.

Ms. Maggio and Mr. Iannaccone recused themselves from the item, left the Council Chambers at 8:00 p.m. and returned following the vote at 8:01 p.m.

**** MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING:**

RESOLVED, THAT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$510,000 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO COVER CONTRACT WAGE SETTLEMENT. (ACCOUNT #VARIOUS).

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approve the following resolution:

A Resolution in Support of Earth Day

Sponsored by Richard Bonenfant and John Kydes

Co-Sponsored by David McCarthy, Michelle Maggio, Bruce Kimmel, Eloisa Melendez, Jerry Petrini, Doug Hempstead, Glenn Iannaccone, and Shannon O'Toole Giandurco

WHEREAS Earth Day was established by Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970, and is an annual event celebrating the earth and our responsibility toward it; and

WHEREAS, a clean, healthy and beautiful environment is critical to the quality of life for all people on Earth, and

WHEREAS decreasing the amount of fossil fuel we consume to power our homes, offices, and automobiles is one of the most important actions we can take to increase our energy security, reduce emissions and protect our environment; and

WHEREAS the overarching Earth Day theme, "Think Globally...Act Locally", provokes thought and asks us to consider our own individual choices to reduce energy use by selecting efficient products and other actions that help us maintain a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwalk has among its missions to advise and support matters that impact the beauty, biological integrity and environmental quality of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council recognizes that in order to provide a high quality of life in Norwalk, each one of us should be good stewards of our air, water, land, flora and fauna; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council recognizes that actions to protect and preserve the environment through education, partnership and positive action should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, greater attention has been brought to the dangers of pollution and the effects on human health from the dumping and burning of toxic waste, littering, air and soil pollution, chemical polluting, pesticides, dumping and landfill sites, and the release of harmful chemicals into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, municipalities and states across the country are recognizing the environmental, economic, and health benefits of innovative new local policies that discourage pollution, reduce the use of water and electricity, and promote a more sustainable way of living; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Harry W. Rilling has created the Mayor's Energy and Environment Task Force for the purpose of educating the public and businesses, collaborating with the Board of Education, finding opportunities to reduce energy costs and improve the environment; and

WHEREAS the City of Norwalk has implemented a Single Stream Recycling Program which has increased recycling about 50% and is saving citizens money in conjunction with other cost cutting measures.

WHEREAS the City of Norwalk continues to bring public awareness to its residents with respect to recycling and proper disposal of waste, and should continue to expand policies that promote a cleaner and more sustainable environment; and;

WHEREAS, in the month of April we not only celebrate Earth Day, but also Arbor Day, a national observance to promote the planting of trees and the appreciation of the importance of trees in our lives, on April 25th; and

Earth Day Resolution – continued.

WHEREAS Norwalk has received “Tree City USA” designation for the 10th Year running;
and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to recognize the 44th anniversary of Earth Day
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of
Norwalk hereby proclaims Earth Day to be celebrated in the City of Norwalk on Tuesday,
April 22, 2014, with a variety of educational, earth-focused activities for the community.

ALSO, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Common Council of
the City of Norwalk believe we should always act in a manner meant to increase attention
to issues that affect our environment and that we should consistently strive to adopt policies
supported by economic feasibility which impact our environment in a positive way.

**** MR. BONENFANT AND MR. KYDES MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION
AS PRESENTED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE – none

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES - none

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox;
Telesco Secretarial Services