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Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rilling asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Ms. Mimi Burgess, the beloved wife of Mr. Bobby Burgess and for Middletown State Representative Quentin Williams.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Dixon called the Roll:

Council at Large:	Mr. Gregory Burnett	Mr. Edwin Camacho
	Mr. Joshua Goldstein	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner

District A: Mr. David Heuvelman
District B: Ms. Diana Revolus
District C: Mr. John Kydes Ms. Jenn McMurrer
District D: Ms. Heidi Alterman Mr. Bryan Meek (7:52 p.m.)
District E: Mr. Thomas Livingston Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were eleven (11) Council members present and four (4) absent (Ms. Smyth; Ms. Ayers; Ms. Young and Mr. Meek). A Quorum was present.

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: December 13, 2022

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. CAMACHO)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mr. Thomas Tanner commented on the death of State Senator Williams and said it was tragic and should be a wake up call. This motivates him to make transportation safer.

Mr. Tanner spoke in support of the curb and sidewalk project; however, he wanted to offer some feedback on the design. Mayor Rilling suggested he contact the Chief of Operations and Public Works.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATIONS: There were no resignations announced this evening.

APPOINTMENTS:

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

**ANA TABACHNECK, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION –
ALTERNATE
DARIUS WILLIAMS, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION – REGULAR**

Mr. Goldstein spoke in support of the reappointments.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REAPPOINTMENTS:

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

**TAMSEN (TAMMY) LANGALIS, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION –
REGULAR**

Mr. Goldstein spoke in support of the reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT**

Christopher MacDonnell, Harbor Management Commission

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner spoke in support of this reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Rilling offered Councilmembers an opportunity to comment.

Mr. Burnett recognized State Representative Williams, noting that prior to becoming a State Representative he was an advocate for having a charter school in Norwalk.

Ms. Revolus said that she had the great honor of working with State Representative Williams and hoped to see a school in Norwalk. She added that he fought hard for Norwalk.

Mayor Rilling welcomed the newest member of the Common Council, Ed Camacho. He said that Mr. Camacho served the City in various capacities and was very active in civic affairs.

Mayor Rilling extended his New Year's greetings to everyone and highlighted the holidays events the City of Norwalk held, including Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, and Ukrainian Christmas, thanking Ms. Young for the Kwanzaa event.

Norwalk will be having their first ever Christmas Tree collection and interested residents should check the City of Norwalk's website for the collection dates for their area. The Mayor's Ball date has been moved to April 21st, 2023.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mr. Burnett reminded everyone that on Monday, January 16th, Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday will be commemorated with several events throughout the City of Norwalk.

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS:

RESIGNATIONS: There were no resignations announced this evening.

APPOINTMENTS: There were no appointments announced this evening.

REAPPOINTMENTS: There were no reappointments announced this evening.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

VII.A.1, VII.A.2, VII.B.2a, VII.B.2b, VII.B.3a, VII.B.3b, VII.B.4, VII.C.1, VII.C.2, VII.C.3, VII.C.4a, VII.C.4b, VII.C.5a, VII.C.5b, VII.C.6a, VII.C.6b, VII.C.7a, VII.C.7b, VII.C.8a, VII.C.8b, VII.C.9a, VII.C.9b, VII.C.10a, VII.C.10b, VII.C.11a, VII.C.11b, VII.C.12a, VII.C.12b, VII.C.13a, VII.C.13b, VII.D.1

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. Authorization to Settle Claim: Mirtila Cruz – EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to Gabrielli Isuzu Truck Sales for a refuse truck, in an amount not to exceed \$124,280.00. Funding from the DEEP Grant.
2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a contract for the acceptance, donation, movement, and placement of the Norwalk Harbor Splash! Dragon Boat Trophy in City Hall and as part of the Norwalk Public Art Collection.

B. PUBLIC WORKS

- 2a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement with Burns Construction Company, Inc. for Project PM2023-2 Permanent Pavement Repairs & Surface Restoration, for an amount not to exceed \$488,020.00. Account No. 03 00 00 2602
- 2b. Authorize the Chief of Operation and Public Works, to execute orders on Contract with Burns Construction Company, Inc. for Project PM2023-2 Permanent Pavement Repairs & Surface Restoration, for an amount not to exceed \$48,802.00. Account No. 03 00 00 2602
- 3a. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement with Reliable Excavating Co., for Project RD2022-2 Curb and Sidewalk for Senga and Morton Area, for an amount not to exceed \$774,993.65.
Account No. 09 23 7100 5777 C0583 134010 5796 APW09
- 3b. Authorize the Chief of Operations and Public Works, to Execute Orders on Contract with Reliable Excavating Co., for Project RD2022-2 Curb and Sidewalk for Senga and Morton Area, for an amount not to exceed \$77,499.37.
Account No. 09 23 7100 5777 C0583 134010 5796 APW09
4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to sign an Agreement, between the City of Norwalk and Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., pavement management software SAM IS, First Year Fee \$19,210.00, Recurring Annual Subscription and Support Fee, \$4,000.00, to be paid out of the existing PO with VHB, Inc.
Account No. 09 20 4021 5777 C0021
09 22 4021 5777 C0021
09 23 4021 5777 C0021

C. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

1. Authorize Office of Building Management to execute change order on contract with Energy Resources USA to provide LED Lighting Retrofit Services at the Norwalk Public Works Center for a total not to exceed \$3,907.41

Accounts #0922/237100 5777 C0327.

2. Authorize Office of Building Management to execute change order on contract with Energy Resources USA to provide LED Lighting Retrofit Services at the Norwalk Fire Headquarters for a total not to exceed \$4,658.03

Accounts #0922/237100 5777 C0327.

3. Authorize to increase the contingency allowance for Salamone Associates, PC., for underground oil tank removal project at various school locations, to provide additional environment design services and environmental testing/monitoring services for contaminated materials for an additional amount of \$55,000.

Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0789

4a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Insalco Corporation for various furniture items for the Cranbury Elementary School - New project for a total sum of \$168,147.57. Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

4b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Change Orders on Purchase Order for a total not to exceed \$8,400. Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786

5a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Lakeshore Learning Materials, LLC. for various furniture items for the Cranbury Elementary School - New project for a total sum of \$51,389.61.

Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

5b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Change Orders on Purchase Order for a total not to exceed \$5,000.

Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

6a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Robert H. Lord Co. for various furniture items for the Cranbury Elementary School - New project for a total sum of \$772. Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

6b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Change Orders on Purchase Order for a total not to exceed \$500.

Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

7a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Red Thread Spaces, LLC, for various furniture items for the Cranbury Elementary School - New project for a total sum of \$218,884.

Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

7b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Change Orders on Purchase Order for a total not to exceed \$11,000.

Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

8a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to W.B. Mason Co. Inc. for various furniture items for the Cranbury Elementary School - New project for a total sum of \$346,141. Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

8b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Change Orders on Purchase Order for a total not to exceed \$40,000.

Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

9a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to CT Communications (State Contract #18PSX0097) for the Telephone System for the Cranbury Elementary School - New project for a total sum of \$28,694.

Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

9b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Change Orders on Purchase Order for a total not to exceed \$2,000.

Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

10a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Raptor Technologies, LLC. for the Visitor Management System for the Cranbury Elementary School - New project for a total sum of \$1,923.50.

Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

10b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Change Orders on Purchase Order for a total not to exceed \$500.

Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

11a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to TOTAL Communications (State Contract #18PSX0202) for Computer Networking Electronics for the Cranbury Elementary School - New project for a total sum of \$162,877.38. Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

11b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Change Orders on Purchase Order for a total not to exceed \$10,000.

Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

12a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Environmental Systems Corporation (State Contract #19PSX0015) for Digital Displays for the Cranbury Elementary School - New project for a total sum of \$7,311.70. Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

12b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Change Orders on Purchase Order for a total not to exceed \$1,000.

Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

13a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Environmental Systems Corporation for Computer Charging Stations for the Cranbury Elementary School - New project for a total sum of \$15,328.

Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

13b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Change Orders on Purchase Order for a total not to exceed \$1,000.

Acct. #0921 5010 5777 C0786.

D. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an amendment to increase the Fuss and O'Neill contract by \$60,000 for Additional Transportation Engineering and Related Design Services for East Wall Street

Improvements. Acct. # 0922-4120-5777-C0232 (\$40,000)

0923-4120-5777-C0824 (\$20,000)

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**** MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR ACCEPTANCE, DONATION, MOVEMENT, AND PLACEMENT OF THE ATTITUDE CROSSINGS SCULPTURE TO THE ART PARK ON WEST AVENUE AND AS PART OF THE NORWALK PUBLIC ART COLLECTION.**

Ms. McMurrer said department representatives were present to answer any questions.

Mr. Meek and Mr. Kydes said they would be voting against this item.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) VOTES IN OPPOSITION (MR. KYDES AND MR. MEEK)**

**** MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO APPROVE THE NORWALK RECREATION AND PARKS GIFT AND DONATION AND ART ACCEPTANCE POLICY.**

Ms. McMurrer reviewed the item. Mr. Meek said he would be voting against the item, because there were no provisions for maintaining the items. Those costs were not factored into this.

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

B. PUBLIC WORKS

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FERGUSON ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. FOR STATE PROJECT 102-360 NORWALK TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE – PHASE IV, FAP 1102 (CN)123 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,125,192.00. ACCOUNT NO. FHWA CMAQ GRANT (100%)**

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY AND PARKING, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH FERGUSON ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. FOR STATE PROJECT 102-360 NORWALK TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE – PHASE IV, FAP 1102(CN) 123 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$312,519.20. ACCOUNT NO. FHWA CMAQ GRANT (100%)

Mr. Livingston reviewed the items and said the replacement traffic systems were being funded 100% by the State and Federal government.

Mr. Meek spoke in opposition to spending \$850,000 on simple projects and said those lights were serviceable. Mayor Rilling said he was pleased to see the light at the Grace Baptist Church and West Avenue are in this plan.

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

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were none.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Informal Settlement Agreement with the Connecticut Dept. of Labor - Division of Safety & Health for an amount not to exceed \$11,095.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN INFORMAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPT. OF LABOR - DIVISION OF SAFETY & HEALTH FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,095.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk