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

Mr. Burnett asked for a Moment of Silence on behalf of the victims of the mass shootings in Monterey Park in CA and in Half Moon Bay, CA this past weekend.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Dixon called the Roll:

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

District A:	Ms. Nicol Ayers	Mr. David Heuvelman
District B:	Ms. Diana Revolus	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Mr. John Kydes	Ms. Jenn McMurrer
District D:	Ms. Heidi Alterman	Mr. Bryan Meek
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were fifteen (15) Councilmembers present. A Quorum was present.

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: January 10, 2023

The following addition was made to the minutes:

Mr. Meek joined the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH THREE (3) ABSTENTIONS (MS. AYERS; MS.
SMYTH AND MS. YOUNG**

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.

Ms. Diane Lauricella asked how the City could use renewable materials and about the use of solar panels at Cranbury Elementary School. She added that the orientation of the building is a way to save money on heat. She asked if the school was considered as a net zero school and if they will optimize making energy on site.

There were no other members of the public who wished to participate this evening.

IV. MAYOR

A. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

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RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. Burnett announced the resignation of Mr. Jordon Hensley from the Historical Commission

APPOINTMENTS:

REAPPOINTMENTS:

**** MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY MANGELS TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner spoke in support of this reappointment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mr. Burnett congratulated Chief Walsh and Deputy Chief Blake on their appointments and invited all to the swearing in ceremony for Chief Walsh, Deputy Chief Blake on January 25th at City Hall. Several other Officers will also be sworn at the ceremony in following their promotions.

A new plaque will be unveiled on January 30th to commemorate the contributions of the Hill Sisters who were leaders in the fight for Women's Suffrage and helped to pass the 19th Amendment. The event will take place along the Norwalk River Valley Trail, facing Maple Street.

The last round of small business funding from COVID-19 funds are available and local businesses are invited to apply.

V. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

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:

VI. REPORTS: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. CORPORATION COUNSEL

VII. COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION, PARKS, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

- ** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO TPC-TURF PRODUCTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) TORO WORKMAN GTX EFI CARTS, MODEL # 076409 FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEEP GRANT ACCOUNT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,874.44**

Mr. Meek read a statement regarding the Common Council meeting that took place two weeks ago, where an internet outage took place at City Hall and individuals could not attend the meeting in person. He said the meeting was arguably an illegal meeting. However, if it was not an illegal meeting, it was unethical. Mr. Meek said that Council members were notified 90 minutes prior to the meeting about the internet outage, but the public was only notified by a Facebook post.

Mr. Burnett asked Mr. Meek to keep his comments relative to the item. Mr. Meek referred to Masons Rules.

Mr. Meek said that until the City figures out how to conduct public business in public, he will not be voting in the affirmative to approve any expenditures.

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

- ** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO TPC-TURF PRODUCTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TORO GROUNDMASTER 5910 MOWER, MODEL # 31699 FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEEP GRANT ACCOUNT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$167,069.67**

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

- ** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO FIELD TURF USA INC, FOR THE SOLO SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE TRACK AT BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL, PRICING OFF THE SOURCEWELL CONTRACT # 060518-FTU, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$822,600.00 ACCT # 0922-6030-5777-C0820 134010-5796 ARP01**

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

B. FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

1. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY: REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE DATED: JANUARY 2023

2. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: NARRATIVE ON TAX COLLECTIONS DATED: JANUARY 2023

3. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: MONTHLY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT DATED: DECEMBER 2022

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

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR EXTENDED DUE DATE AND EXTENDED PAYMENT PERIOD FOR THE 2021 GRAND LIST MOTOR VEHICLE SUPPLEMENTAL TAX BILLING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CGS 12-142. DUE DATE MARCH 1, 2023, AND PAYABLE APRIL 1, 2023.**

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

C. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

**** MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

AS AUTHORIZED ON DECEMBER 13, 2022, COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA: AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, AND INSTRUMENTS WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION AND SERVICE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS, TASERS, DASHBOARD CAMERAS, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND DATA STORAGE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$460,394.65 ANNUALLY. ACCOUNT # 013049-5258.

TECHNICAL CORRECTION FOR APPROVAL: AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, AND INSTRUMENTS WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION AND SERVICE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS, TASERS, DASHBOARD CAMERAS, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND DATA STORAGE FOR 5 YEARS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$460,394.65 ANNUALLY. ACCOUNT # 013049-5258.

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

D. LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL INCENTIVES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EVERSOURCE SOLAR INCENTIVES) AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FORMS AND AGREEMENTS AS THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR THE CRANBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner asked for a brief summary of the item.

Mr. Alan Lo described the efforts made at Cranbury Elementary School to make it more efficient. He noted that the City is required to do a full evaluation of energy opportunities. He said that not every option is available for every projects. A full presentation was given to the Land Use and Building Management Committee.

Mr. Lo said there are very strict requirements for schools, and they are required to achieve those requirements in order to get reimbursements. The reports are available to the Common Council members as well as the public.

Mr. Lo said they are doing an analysis of roof top and car port systems, but they are not at the point to make a presentation to the Land Use and Building Management Committee.

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

E. COMMUNITY SERVICES

**** MR. HEUVELMAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS WITH FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ALLOW FOR STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY'S GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS TO BE PLACED AT THE NORWALK HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNSHIPS AND STUDENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.**

Mr. Heuvelman said this was a great opportunity for the students and shows, as a community its commitment to education.

Ms. D'Amore, Director of Health said this expanded partnership is part of a larger initiative to recruit people to work in health services. She said the Health Department has had great experiences working with Interns and hired a number of Interns in the past.

Ms. Alterman spoke in support of the program.

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

**** MR. HEUVELMAN AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO EXTEND THE STUDENT PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT NURSING PROGRAM.**

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

**** MR. HEUVELMAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A DATA SHARING AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ALLOW NPS TO SHARE DE-IDENTIFIED STUDENT DATA FOR USE IN THE NORWALK STUDENT BMI DATA REPORT.**

Ms. Alterman spoke in support of the Health Department, but said that when sharing weights of students, especially elementary and middle school girls, there needs to be more sensitivity.

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

IX. MOTIONS POSTPONED TO A SPECIFIC DATE

There were no motions postponed this evening.

X. SUSPENSION OF RULES

There were no suspensions of rules this evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Irene Dixon, City Clerk