

COMMON COUNCIL NORWALK, CONNECTICUT	SPECIAL MEETING COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS & VIA TELECONFERENCE	FEBRUARY 14, 2022
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Mayor Rilling called the special meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. He noted there would be two opportunities for the public to address the budget.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Dixon called the Roll:

Council at Large: Mr. Gregory Burnett Mr. Edwin Camacho

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	Mr. Joshua Goldstein Ms. Barbara Smyth	Ms. Nora Niedzielski Eichner
District A:	Ms. Nicol Ayers	Mr. David Heuvelman
District B:	Ms. Diana Revolus	Ms. Darlene Young
District C:	Ms. Jenn McMurrer	
District D:	Ms. Heidi Alterman	
District E:	Mr. Thomas Livingston	Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were thirteen (13) Councilmembers present and two (2) Councilmembers absent (Mr. Meek and Mr. Kydes). A Quorum was present.

Also present were Mayor Harry Rilling; Chief Financial Officer, Henry Dachowitz; City Clerk, Irene Dixon, Assistant City Clerk, Jordan Schantz and Corporation Counsel, Mario Coppola.

II. PRESENTATION OF THE 2023-24 OPERATING BUDGET

Mayor Rilling turned the presentation over to Mr. Dachowitz.

Mr. Dachowitz shared his screen and reviewed the following items:

- Budget Presentation/Calendar
- Recommended Operating Budget
- Covid and ARPA Funds
- Recommended Operating Budget by City Departments
- Unrestricted Unassigned Fund Balance
- Tax Levy and Mill Rates

Following Mr. Dachowitz' presentation, Mayor Rilling asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Livingston asked about the tax levy in the Sixth Taxing District. Mr. Dachowitz explained that using the grand list for the median home value, individual tax payers will have different rates based on the assessed value of their homes. He described the three components of the mill rate. He said that a number of homes were taken down in anticipation of reconstruction, resulting in a lower value than if they had a home on the property. During reconstruction, the

homeowner will pay less in taxes and when the assessed value goes down, their taxes go up. The grand list is a sum of all assessed values.

Ms. Niedzielski Eichner noted there is an increase of the net levy by about \$16 million and asked Mr. Dachowitz if he could speak about where he sees the increases. Mr. Dachowitz explained how the net tax levy is calculated. Ms. Niedzielski Eichner said there has been a lot of growth in the grand list and asked what revenue is coming in from new development. Mr. Dachowitz explained that when there is new construction, the assessed value goes up.

It was asked how much of the money from cannabis sales will go toward the school budget. Mayor Rilling said that has not been determined yet.

III. ADJOURNMENT

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

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk