

**COMMON COUNCIL
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT**

SPECIAL MEETING

**APRIL 20, 2023
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AND VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the special meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. 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 (joined during Executive Session) Ms. Darlene Young

District C: Ms. Jenn McMurrer

District D:

District E: Mr. Thomas Livingston Ms. Lisa Shanahan

At Roll Call there were eleven (11) Common Councilmembers present and four (4) absent (Ms. Revolus, Mr. Kydes, Ms. Alterman and Mr. Meek). A Quorum was present.

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

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

IV. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A. GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE CLAIM AS TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANTS IN THE MATTER OF CITY OF NORWALK AND CITY OF NORWALK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY V. ILSR OWNERS, LLC, ET AL, DOCKET NO. X08-FST-CV-18-6038249-S WHICH IS CURRENTLY PENDING IN THE STAMFORD-NORWALK JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT STAMFORD:
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. WALL ST OPPORTUNITY FUND, LLC;

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B. KOMI VENTURES, LLC; AND

C. JASON MILLIGAN.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The members of the Common Council went into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

The members of the Common Council came out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

During Executive Session, no motions were made, and no votes were taken.

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE TO SETTLE CLAIM AS TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANTS IN THE MATTER OF CITY OF NORWALK AND CITY OF NORWALK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY V. ILSR OWNERS, LLC, ET AL, DOCKET NO. X08-FST-CV-18-6038249-S WHICH IS CURRENTLY PENDING IN THE STAMFORD-NORWALK JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT STAMFORD:**

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Mr. Coppola summarized the settlement and said copies will be made available for the public and the press.

Mr. Livingston said he had been living this matter for a long time and said that despite the time and money spent on this, it was done right. He said they got the 88 parking spaces and the legal fees in the settlement. He commended attorneys Coppola, Candela and Callahan for all their work on this.

Ms. Smyth thanked attorneys Coppola, Candela and Callahan for their perseverance. She also thanked Mr. Burnett and Mr. Livingston for their leadership.

Mr. Heuvelman thanked attorneys Coppola, Candela and Callahan for putting in this effort. He thanked Mr. Livingston for his work on this over the years and Mr. Burnett for continuing to move this forward. He said those 88 parking spaces are needed.

Mr. Goldstein said agreements matter and that he was glad the parties were able to come to a resolution.

Mr. Burnett echoed the comments made in terms of the team that has been involved in litigation for five years. He thanked the citizens of Norwalk for being patient as they worked through this. Mr. Burnett said this is a great moment and now they can move forward to re-engaging the Wall Street area.

Ms. Ayers acknowledged the businesses and the residents who reached out to express their concern about the long-standing situation on Wall Street. The City's best work was done in coming to a settlement.

Ms. Young said that it was about the residents, the community and the City. She said that as they move forward with the development of Wall Street, they may want to include Mr. Milligan and forge a better relationship. She thanked Mr. Coppola and the Law Department and everyone who put in so much time on this.

Mayor Rilling thanked the entire Common Council, the Law Department and Attorney Williams. He said this is an opportunity that will help create a modern and vibrant Wall Street. He said they kept moving forward because they knew they were right. He added that this will send a strong message to developers. He said that \$13 million has been committed to the Wall Street corridor.

**** MOTON PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk