

**MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETINGS  
NORWALK CITY COUNCIL  
NORWALK, CALIFORNIA  
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

**CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

Mayor Rios called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California. Responding to roll call were Councilmember Ramirez, Vice Mayor Ayala, and Mayor Rios. Councilmembers Perez and Valencia were absent. Also present were Jesus M. Gomez, City Manager; Gloria V. Ramirez, Deputy City Attorney; and Theresa Devoy, City Clerk.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR CLOSED SESSION MATTERS**

There were no persons wishing to address City Council on the matters to be discussed in closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

City Council immediately convened to closed session for discussion on the following matters:

- I. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9(d)(2) – Significant exposure to litigation in one case.
  
- II. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8: Property: Assessor Parcel Number 8045-008-902 (California Youth Authority); Negotiating Parties: Jesus M. Gomez, City Manager, on behalf of the City and State of California; Under Negotiation; Price and Terms of Payment.

**RECESS**

City Council recessed at 5:59 p.m. pending the commencement of the regular meeting.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Rios called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California. Responding to roll call were Councilmembers Ramirez and Valencia, Vice Mayor Ayala, and Mayor Rios. Councilmember Perez was absent. Also present were Jesus M. Gomez, City Manager; Gloria V. Ramirez, Deputy City Attorney; and Theresa Devoy, City Clerk.

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The invocation was delivered by Ronald Spence, Faith Church of Norwalk; followed by the flag salute, led by Stephanie Cisneros, Studebaker Elementary School.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

The Deputy City Attorney indicated there was no reportable action taken on the matters discussed in closed session.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

City Council thanked all staff and participants involved in making the Arturo Sanchez Halloween Parade a success. Councilmember Ramirez welcomed all in attendance. Councilmember Valencia shared that the Norwalk Lions Club Breakfast Fundraiser was successful; and invited all to attend the Thinkers for Autism Fall Fun Festival at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex October 20. Vice Mayor Ayala informed residents that there will be a Soroptimist International of Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Flapjack Fundraiser, to be held at Applebees November 9. Mayor Rios reported on her attendance at the Soroptimist International of Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs meeting, Expedia Cruises Grand Opening, and met with Caltrans Director of Region 7 and toured vacant properties in Norwalk to discuss the conditions/maintenance; introduced Norwalk High School students attending for a civic engagement class; and highlighted that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

City Council presented a proclamation declaring October as Code Compliance Month, accepted by Code Compliance staff, and a video was shared.

City Council presented a proclamation declaring October as Down Syndrome Awareness Month; accepted by Parks and Recreation Adaptive Recreation participants and staff.

City Council recognized Bill's Barber Shop for its 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; accepted by Mr. Rosa.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Mr. Gomez introduced Daniel Abrego, new Senior Center Manager. He thanked Parks and Recreation, Teen Alliance Program, Public Safety, and Public Services for the success of the Arturo Sanchez Halloween Parade.

Ozzie Ramos, Deputy City Manager, provided a Parking Study Update.

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Videos were shared highlighting Hispanic Heritage Month, First Responders Luncheon Recap, and the “Bi-Weekly Review.”

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Consent calendar items are considered routine matters which may be enacted by one motion and roll call vote. Councilmember Valencia moved and Councilmember Ramirez seconded to approve the consent calendar as recommended. **MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Councilmembers Ramirez and Valencia, Vice Mayor Ayala and Mayor Rios  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Councilmember Perez

*WAIVED READING IN FULL OF ALL ORDINANCES ON THE AGENDA - City Council waived reading in full of all ordinances on the agenda and declared that said titles which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.*

**MEETING MINUTES**

City Council approved the minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2024.

825-04

**PAYROLL FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 – SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

City Council approved gross payroll in the amount of \$1,271,379.55; the payroll check numbers 38243 – 38261 and the voucher numbers 337109 – 337619 in the total net amount of \$936,160.64 for the payroll period September 15, 2024 – September 28, 2024.

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**COMMERCIAL DEMANDS**

City Council approved the warrant register period September 24 – October 7, 2024, in the total amount of \$4,443,595.28.

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**PROJECT NO. 7242 - ACCEPT WORK FOR EXCELSIOR DRIVE AND BLOOMFIELD AVENUE SPEED FEEDBACK SIGN IMPROVEMENTS**

City Council accepted the work completed by Select Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$73,419.99 for Excelsior Drive and Bloomfield Avenue Speed Feedback Sign Improvements.

1005-04-7242

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**RESOLUTION NO. 24-53 – AGREEMENT FOR ASSIGNMENT OF A NON-CONSUMPTIVE WATER USE PERMIT TO THE UNITED STATES DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY - ENERGY FOR GROUNDWATER CLEANUP AT THE NORWALK TANK FARM**

City Council:

- a. adopted Resolution No. 24-53, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK APPROVING A NON-CONSUMPTIVE WATER USE PERMIT FOR GROUNDWATER CLEANUP IN THE CITY OF NORWALK AT THE NORWALK TANK FARM SITE FOR THE UNITED STATES DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY - ENERGY; and
- b. approved an agreement with Defense Logistics Agency – Energy, for Assignment of a Non- Consumptive Water Use Permit, and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement, for Assignment of a Non-Consumptive Water Use Permit, and any amendments, on behalf of the City, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

935-01/1405-03

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-54 – APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT MEASURE A FUNDING**

City Council:

- a. adopted Resolution No. 24-54, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORWALK APPROVING THE BLANKET AUTHORITY TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR MEASURE A FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS; and
- b. approved an agreement between the City of Norwalk and the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District authorizing the receipt of Measure A funding.

420-03

**PROJECT NO. 3302-2425 - RESOLUTION NO. 24-55 – BUDGET AMENDMENT AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CITYWIDE SIDEWALK/CONCRETE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT**

City Council:

- a. adopted Resolution No. 24-55, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 ADOPTED BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE MEASURE R BOND FUNDS AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUNDS FOR AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT CURB RAMP INSTALLATIONS TO PROJECT NO. 3302-2425 – CITYWIDE SIDEWALK/CONCRETE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT, in the amounts of \$211,040 and \$56,000, respectively; and

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- b. awarded a contract to CJ Concrete Construction, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs in the amount of \$499,600 for Project No. 3302-2425, Citywide Sidewalk/Concrete Repair and Replacement; and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement and any extension/amendments including potential change orders, up to the retention amount provided there is funding in the budget, on behalf of the City, in a form approved by the City Attorney. 1005-04-3302-2425

**APPROVE EMERGENCY WORK FOR CECILIA STREET SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION - PROJECT NO. 7872 TRANSPORTATION CENTER AND SOCIAL SERVICES PARKING LOT RESURFACING**

City Council approved proceeding with the emergency work for Cecilia Street speed hump installation under Project No. 7872. 1005-04-7872

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ADVISORY BODY APPOINTMENTS**

None.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-56 - GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2022-01 (2024-01) / RESOLUTION NO. 24-57 - ZONE CHANGE NO. 2022-01 (2024-02) / ORDINANCE NO. 24-1754 - ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 2022-02 (2024-04) TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC PLAN AREA NO. 17, THE “NORWALK TRANSIT VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN” / RESOLUTION NO. 24-58 - FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT STATE CLEARING HOUSE NO. 2022070103.**

The Deputy City Attorney indicated that due to technical difficulties, the City’s website was unavailable from Sunday, October 13 to Tuesday, October 15. As such, it is advised that the public hearing remain open and be continued to November 6. Mayor Rios opened the public hearing to consider a General Plan Amendment, a Zone Change, a Zoning Text Amendment to establish Specific Plan Area No. 17, and a Final Environment Impact Report. The City Clerk presented a report on legal requisites for notice of hearing. A report was presented by Alex Hamilton, Interim Director of Community Development, and Gena Guisar, American Institute of Certified Planners, Director of Planning Services, CSG Consultants, Inc.

Testifying in favor of the matter were Mike Alvarado, Santiago Laguna, Angel Galindo, Joseph Trujillo, and Susana Fernandez. Testifying in opposition of the matter were Juan Luna, Amy Smith, Daniel Osborne, Aidan Marshall, Veto Basulto, Pete Wohlgezogen, Zach Strasters, Victoria Yundt, Jose Covarrubias, Elizabeth Pico, Monique Pena,

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Maria A. Castaneda, Brian German, Joshua Gastelum, Justin Walters, Elijah Silva, Manuel Santiago, Renee Asolas, Lupe Flores, Cliff Westerly, and Christina Benavides. The City Clerk received email comments testifying in opposition of the matter from Tania Magana, Felicity Hall, Raul Escamilla, Franciso Chamorro, Giovanni Cortez, Ajayan Rajappan, Mirella Garcia, Sade Preciado, Gabriel Servin, Aaron Granillo, Megan Thompson, Karla Arago, Nancy Sandoval, Olga Villareal, E. Puangpong, Orly Fuentes, Athena Alcalá, Caroline Burgoa, Victoria Resurreccion, Miriam Bonilla, Xicotencatl Blanco, Allen Bradley Sario, Hermelinda Murillo, Hind Baki, Victoria Yundt, Aidan Marshall, CREED LA/Charlie Carnow, and Alisha Pember. There being no other persons wishing to testify on the matter, Councilmember Ramirez moved and Councilmember Valencia seconded to continue the public hearing to November 6, 2024.

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Councilmembers Ramirez and Valencia, Vice Mayor Ayala, and Mayor Rios  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Councilmember Perez

320-02-01-2022-01(2024-01)/320-09-2022-01(2024-02)/320-05-2022-02(2024-04)/1005-04-7859

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Addressing City Council were Michaelle Peterson, Lisa Luna, Brian Tindall, and Charles Leon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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**THERESA DEVOY, CMC  
CITY CLERK**

**ATTEST:**

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**MARGARITA L. RIOS  
MAYOR**