



CITY OF NORWICH
CONNECTICUT

AGENDA – MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH
April 18, 2016
7:00 PM

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN COMMENT GENERAL (30 Minutes)

PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

1. Catholic Charities Diocese of Norwich.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Relative to a letter of resignation of Charles Jaskiewicz from the Building Committee-Kelly Middle School.
2. Relative to a letter of resignation of Leland Loose from the Redevelopment Agency.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CITIZENS COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS-RESOLUTIONS

1. Relative to City Manager is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Document Preservation Grant.
2. Relative to the 2016 carnival hosted by the Norwich Noontime Rotary.
3. Relative to the sale of beer & wine at “Rock the Docks 2016” concert series at Howard T. Brown Park.
4. Relative to placing in the suspense account certain real estate taxes.
5. Relative to City Manager is authorized to apply for Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program.

Betsy Bannard

City Clerk

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS, the City Clerk's Office has been approved for an Historic Document Preservation Grant in the amount of \$5,000 for converting land records from paper copy to imaged copy; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required by the City.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Acting City Manager, John Bilda is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

City Manager John Salomone

RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS, the Norwich Noontime Rotary has held a carnival in downtown Norwich for the past several years to raise funds for its projects; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 carnival hosted by the Norwich Noontime Rotary will be held from Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. to Monday, May 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Viaduct parking lot; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary carnival is a popular event bringing residents and visitors to the downtown to enjoy the rides, entertainments, and refreshments available at the carnival.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH that it invites and welcomes those patronizing the Norwich Noontime Rotary Carnival and that it offers it's thanks to the Norwich Noontime Rotary for its efforts.

City Manager John Salomone

RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS, the Norwich Harbor Management Commission and the Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce will be co-producing “Rock the Docks 2016”, a series of concerts to be held at Howard T. Brown Park from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on the following dates:

Wednesday, July 6, 2016
Wednesday, July 13, 2016
Wednesday, July 20, 2016
Wednesday, July 27, 2016
Wednesday, August 3, 2016
Wednesday, August 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, “Rock the Docks” will allow the entire community to enjoy a variety of music and entertainment at a scenic location; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Norwich Area Business and Industry Foundation, Inc., established through the Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce, proposes to sell beer and wine during the concert series to patrons thereof at a location in Howard T. Brown Park, the proceeds of the sales to be used to support the concert series with these sales to be handled by an appropriately licensed and permitted entity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that, pursuant to Section 13.14.2 of the Norwich Code of Ordinances, City Manager John Salomone be and hereby is authorized to grant the Greater Norwich Area Business and Industry Foundation, Inc. permission to sell beer or wine the “Rock the Docks 2016” celebration to be held on Wednesday’s as listed above or as rescheduled at the Howard T. Brown Park, subject to satisfactory proof that the Greater Norwich Area Business and Industry Foundation, Inc. has complied with the applicable regulations of the State Liquor Commission; that identification will be mandatory from each person purchasing an alcoholic beverage; that the sales of beer and wine will be made under a proper liquor license, and that proper insurances will b obtained and maintained by the Greater Norwich Area Business and Industry Foundation, Inc. and any vendor of beer and/or wine for the event.

**Alderman H. Tucker Braddock
Alderman Gerald Martin**

RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS, Section 12-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 35 of Public Act 13-276 provides for the administrative procedure for transferring real estate taxes deemed uncollectible to the “suspense” tax book; and,

WHEREAS, taxes transferred to the suspense tax book are no longer listed as an asset of the city in its annual financial report; and,

WHEREAS, listed below are the names and addresses of the persons against whom certain real estate taxes on the Grand Lists up to and including 2014 were levied and which the Tax Collector believes such taxes are uncollectible because of lack of payment for several years; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Tax Collector’s recommendation the aggregate sum of \$105,742.01 in real estate tax on the Grand Lists up to and including 2014, to be transferred to the suspense tax book; and,

WHEREAS, nothing herein contained shall be construed as an abatement of any tax transferred to the suspense tax account, but any such taxes, as it shall have been increased by interest, penalty fees and charges may be collected; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH that the aggregate sum of \$105,742.01 representing uncollectible real estate taxes on the Grand Lists up to and including 2014, be and the same hereby are transferred to the suspense account.

City Manager John Salomone

PROPERTY OWNER NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	UNIQUE ID	2014 GL TAX AMT
56 ALICE ST LLC	56 ALICE ST	100-002-0562	1,033.30
BILL HENRY ESTATE OF	117 RIVER AVE	004-954-0001	38.46
CARPENTER IRENE	44 NORWICH AVE #38	001-774-0001	322.83
EGGOMAN/PONT CENTER FIN/HALE MILL	45 SUNNYSIDE ST	008-930-0001	434.62
EGGOMAN/PONT CENTER FIN/HALE MILL	244 YANTIC RD	008-929-0001	769.86
EISS ALAN + DONNA	53 PRENTICE #23	036-001-0023	285.60
EVANS MEMORIAL AME ZION	14 GROVE ST	713-125-0001	634.40
FOOT OF FIFTH	5TH CANAL END OF STREET	008-136-0001	514.26
HASELMAN PETER	BEEBE RD	120-002-0001	248.34
JAMES MARK ALLEN	SEVENTH ST	009-466-0001	389.30
KILKELLY DELIA ESTATE OF	35 LAMBERT DR REAR	005-748-0001	24.84
NAUTILAS DEVELOPMENT	LAUREL HILL	712-562-0001	67.28
SCHNIP BLDG CO	97 FOREST ST	010-034-0001	331.62
STRATTON BURTON	751 NORTH MAIN ST	010-879-0001	634.40
THAMES/LAUREL HILL	7 HILLSIDE AVE	011-208-0001	1,312.06
THERMOS NORWICH DEV/AUCTION MASTERS	68 THERMOS AVE	011-222-0001	17,128.58
THERMOS NORWICH DEV/AUCTION MASTERS	116 THERMOS AVE	011-223-0001	1,542.74
THERMOS NORWICH DEV/AUCTION MASTERS	HOLLAND AVE	011-218-0001	2,018.52
THERMOS NORWICH DEV/AUCTION MASTERS	20 CROWN ST	011-219-0001	1,115.00
THERMOS NORWICH DEV/AUCTION MASTERS	85 HILLSIDE AVE	011-225-0001	6,007.50
TRIANON GROUP LLC/HINSCH	OAKRIDGE ST	002-381-0001	836.24
YMCA OF SOUTHEASTERN ST	337-341 MAIN ST	713-153-0001	70,052.26
			105,742.01



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April 11, 2016

To: Mayor Debery Hinchey and Members of the Norwich City Council through City Manager John Salomone

Explanation of Resolution “Relative to placing in the suspense account certain real estate taxes”

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §12-165, which was recently amended by Public Act 13-276, the Tax Collector must research each real estate tax account which she deems as not being collectable prior to presenting them to the City Council. There are different reasons for her to request that the tax account be transferred to the suspense tax book, including: mobile home abandoned and owner deceased or cannot be located, mobile home was removed without consent, property is contaminated, title issues, etc.

The properties presented in the resolution for your consideration at the April 18, 2016 meeting are ones that the City of Norwich does NOT wish to acquire, either by tax sale or foreclosure and to date all attempts to collect the taxes have been unsuccessful.

To consider these accounts as assets when it is believed that they will never be recouped does not help the City get an accurate picture of its finances. However, it is important to remember that while these real estate taxes are not **deemed** collectable, they **are** collectable and payment of the taxes would be accepted until the end of the 15 year collection period is over.

RESOLUTION #5

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich has an abundance of aging housing stock where lead-based paint continues to remain a hazard, especially for children residing in such housing, and

WHEREAS, children, particular those under the age of six, can have multiple health risks and permanent damage from elevated blood lead levels, and

WHEREAS, Uncas Health District, the Norwich Property Rehab Program and official data compiled by government agencies confirm that there are children in Norwich that are diagnosed with elevated blood lead levels, and

WHEREAS, the Norwich Office of Community Development is writing a grant to be filed with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) not to exceed \$3.33 million from the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program in order to reduce the occurrence of elevated blood lead levels, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH that the City Manager is authorized to apply for a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant program in the amount not to exceed \$3.33 million.

Mayor Deberey Hinchey
City Manager John Salomone