



CITY OF NORWICH
CONNECTICUT

AGENDA – MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH
April 16, 2018
7:30 PM

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN COMMENT GENERAL (30 Minutes)

PROCLAMATION: Regan Miner

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Relative to a resolution regarding the Community Development Block Grant allocation recommendations.
2. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$675,000 FOR INTEGRATING AND IMPROVING NORWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CITY OF NORWICH ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$675,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE
3. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$800,000 FOR 2018-2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE DODD STADIUM PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$800,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

SECOND READING AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCES LISTED ABOVE

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITIZENS COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS-RESOLUTIONS

1. Relative to the Community Development Block Grant allocations and approved funding recommendations.
2. Relative to a reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
3. Relative to scheduling a public hearing for June 19, 2018 regarding the R. E. Van Norstrand Neighborhood Assistance Act.
4. Relative to adding members to the Plan of Conservation and Development Plan Implementation Committee.
5. Relative to an appointment of a regular member to the Ethics Commission.
6. Relative to requesting City Manager, John Salomone to review and assist the Council in identifying and prioritizing reductions to the expense budget by a target figure of 5%.
7. Relative to listing 347 Central Ave.

NEW BUSINESS-ORDINANCE

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion of Lease

City Clerk

Betsy Bennett

PUBLIC HEARING #1

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WHEREAS, the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) has held public meetings and voted on their recommendations for CDBG allocations in the month of February; and

WHEREAS, the allocation process is subject to a 30-day comment period prior to being placed into effect and the Council of the City of Norwich must hold a public hearing regarding the recommendations prior to the final vote on the allocation.

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City Manager John L. Salomone

Council Ordinance

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH:

Section 1. The sum of \$675,000 is appropriated for the planning, acquisition, training, data conversion, implementation of software and hardware upgrades, and other costs needed to effectuate the integration of human resources, accounting, purchasing, payroll, accounts payable and other administrative functions of Norwich Public Schools with those of the City of Norwich and for appurtenances, services, consultants, and warranties related thereto or for so much thereof or such additional process improvements and initiatives as may be accomplished within said appropriation, and for administrative, advertising, printing, legal and financing costs to the extent paid therefrom (the “Project”). Said appropriation shall be in addition to grant funding and all prior appropriations for said purpose.

Section 2. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$675,000. The average estimated useful life of the Project is 16 years. The Projects is a general benefit to the City of Norwich (the “City”) and its general governmental purposes.

Section 3. To meet said appropriation \$675,000 bonds of the City, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, may be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth (20th) year after their date, or such later date as may be allowed by law. Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the City Manager and the Comptroller, and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the City Manager and the Comptroller, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof and to pay for the administrative, printing and legal costs of issuing the bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in bearer form or in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of the City Manager and the Comptroller, bear the City seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the City Manager and the Comptroller, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the City Manager and the Comptroller, and be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC, Bond Counsel. They shall bear such rate or rates of interest as shall be determined by the City Manager and the Comptroller. The bonds shall be general obligations of the City and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon and shall be paid from property taxation to the extent not paid from other funds available for the payment thereof. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds, annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, shall be determined by the City Manager and the Comptroller in accordance with the requirements of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended (the “Statutes”). In connection with the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized herein, the City may exercise any power delegated to

municipalities pursuant to Section 7-370b of the Statutes, including the authority to enter into agreements managing interest rate risk. The City Manager and Comptroller, on behalf of the City, shall execute and deliver such reimbursement agreements, letter of credit agreement, credit facilities, remarketing, standby marketing agreements, standby bond purchase agreements, and any other commercially necessary or appropriate agreements which are necessary, appropriate or desirable in connection with or incidental to the sale and issuance of such bonds or notes.

Section 4. The issue of the bonds aforesaid and of all other bonds or notes of the City heretofore authorized but not yet issued, as of the effective date of this ordinance, would not cause the indebtedness of the City to exceed any debt limit calculated in accordance with law.

Section 5. Said bonds shall be sold by the City Manager and Comptroller in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold at competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold upon sealed proposals, auction or similar process, at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the City.

Section 6. The City Manager and the Comptroller are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of any series of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the City Manager and the Comptroller, have the seal of the City or a facsimile thereof affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the City Manager and the Comptroller, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the City Manager and the Comptroller pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Statutes, and be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC, Bond Counsel. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon and shall be paid from property taxation to the extent not paid from other funds available for the payment thereof. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the Property. Upon the sale of said bonds the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such temporary borrowings then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 7. Resolution of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with Borrowings. The City (the "Issuer") hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for the capital project defined in Section 1 with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Bonds") authorized to be issued by the Issuer. The Bonds shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date that the Regulations may authorize. The Issuer hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Comptroller or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and to amend this declaration.

Section 8. The City Manager and Comptroller are hereby authorized to exercise all powers conferred by Section 3-20e of the General Statutes with respect to secondary market disclosure and to provide annual information and notices of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance.

Section 9. In order to meet the capital cash flow expenditure needs of the City, the City Manager and Comptroller are authorized to allocate and reallocate expenditures incurred for the Property to any bonds or notes of the City outstanding as of the date of such allocation, and the bonds or notes to which such expenditures have been allocated shall be deemed to have been issued for such purpose.

Section 10. It is hereby found and determined that the issue of all, or a portion of, the bonds, notes or other obligations of the City authorized to be issued herein as qualified private activity bonds, or with interest that is includable in gross income of the holders thereof for purposes of federal income taxation, is in the public interest. The City Manager and the Comptroller are hereby authorized to issue and utilize without further approval any financing alternative currently or hereafter available to municipal governments pursuant to law including but not limited to any “tax credit bond,” or “Build America Bonds” including Direct Payment and Tax Credit versions.

Section 11. The City Manager and Comptroller are hereby authorized to prepare and distribute preliminary and final Official Statements of the City, to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all such other documents, and to take all action, necessary and proper for the sale, issuance and delivery of any bonds or notes relating to the Property in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes and the laws of the United States.

Mayor Peter Albert Nystrom
President Pro Tem Bill Nash

Council Ordinance

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH:

Section 1. The sum of \$800,000 is appropriated for capital improvements at Dodd Stadium (the "Project"). The Project shall consist of various renovations and improvements. Project improvements may consist of, but not be limited to, replacement and/or improvements to the HVAC system, field lighting, and netting; as well as administrative, advertising, printing, legal and financing costs related thereto. Said appropriation shall be in addition to all other appropriations for said purpose.

Section 2. The total estimated cost of the project is \$800,000. No portion of the Project cost is expected to be paid from sources other than the proposed bond issue. The estimated useful life of the Project is twenty (20) years. The Project is a general benefit to the City of Norwich and its general governmental purposes.

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City Manager John L. Salomone

WHEREAS, the City Manager John L. Salomone has re-appointed with Councils approval as a **regular member** to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on 2/28/20 or until a successor is appointed;

Henry Olender Jr. (U)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Norwich hereby acknowledges the appointment of the above named to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

City Manager John L. Salomone

RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS, the R.E. Van Norstrand Neighborhood Assistance Act, Chapter 228a of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S. 12-630aa-12-638) offers certain benefits to municipalities desiring to obtain the same and is administered by the State Department of Revenue Services (Commission of Revenue Services); and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Assistance Act provides a tax credit for business firms which sponsor local programs; and

WHEREAS, such programs must be proposed and conducted by private non-profit agencies or municipalities and be approved by the local legislative body;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH: A public hearing will be held on June 19, 2018 to review applications and receive comments relative to the Neighborhood Assistance Act.

Mayor Peter A. Nystrom
President Pro Tem William Nash

RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Norwich, by resolution adopted April 17, 2017 established a Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee, said committee to consist of the Mayor, City Manager, Planning Director, Public Works Director, the Executive Director of the Norwich Community Development Corporation, and representatives selected by several specifically listed boards or agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Norwich finds it would be appropriate and of assistance to the Council to add the Superintendent of Schools to the list of specifically identified positions and the Greater Norwich Chamber of Commerce to the list of boards and agencies appointing representatives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that the Superintendent of Schools and a representative of the Greater Norwich Chamber of Commerce be and hereby are added as members of the Plan of Conservation and Development Plan Implementation Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that the Superintendent of Schools Abby Dolliver, and Angela Adams, selected as representative of the Norwich Greater Chamber of Commerce, be and hereby are added as members of the Plan of Conservation and Development Plan Implementation Committee.

Mayor Peter A. Nystrom
Alderman Stacy Gould

RESOLUTION #5

BE IT RESOLVED that the below named be appointed as a **regular member** of the Ethics Commission with a term to expire on October 18, 2019 or until a successor is appointed:

Robin Lawson (R)

Alderman Stacy Gould
Alderman Joanne Philbrick
Alderman Joseph A. DeLucia

RESOLUTION #6

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Norwich, at Chapter VII, section 2, provides that the Chief Executive Officer of the city shall submit to the Council on or before the first Monday in April a budget message, an annual or current expense budget which shall be a complete financial plan for the ensuing fiscal year, and a capital budget which shall be a financial plan for affecting capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, City Manager John Salomone on April 2, 2018 delivered his budget message and presented his proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 to the Council of the City of Norwich recommending an expense budget of \$135,440,829; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the budget presented by the City Manager was held on April 12, 2018 with the Council to act initially on the City Manager's proposed budget by the second Monday in May 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Council anticipates that it will need to make reductions to the proposed City Manager's budget and requests the City Manager's continuing assistance in identifying the areas most appropriate to permit and sustain such reductions, his assistance commencing immediately.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that, City Manager John Salomone be and hereby is requested to review the expense budget of the City of Norwich as he presented it and to assist the council in identifying and prioritizing reductions to the same in an effort to reduce the expense budget as well as to identify additional or alternate possible sources of revenue to reach a target figure representing a 5% expense budget reduction of each department.

Mayor Peter A. Nystrom
President Pro Tem William Nash
Alderwoman Stacy Gould
Alderwoman Joanne Philbrick

RESOLUTION #7

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich acquired the property known as 347 Central Avenue (map 87, block 1, lot 67) by a Committee of Sale deed recorded September 29, 2016 at volume 2981, page 290 of the Norwich Land Records; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Norwich by a resolution adopted November 20, 2017 established a committee known as the “347 Central Avenue Committee of Sale” to review the condition of the property and make recommendations to the Council of the City of Norwich as to disposing of the property, and if its recommendation is that the property be sold in “as is” condition, to also make a recommendation to the Council as to a proposed purchaser; and

WHEREAS, the 347 Central Avenue Committee of Sale, having reviewed the property and concluded it should be conveyed in “as is” condition but that the condition of the property and the cost to be incurred to restore it to acceptable condition precludes a sale for more than a nominal consideration, recommends that the city convey the property for nominal consideration to a person or entity to act as a Preferred Developer of the same pursuant to a Development Agreement to be approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, said Committee issued a Request for Proposals seeking a developer who will invest sufficient funds and efforts to restore the existing structure to an acceptable and useable condition within a reasonable time and recommends to the Council of the City of Norwich that it select Lauren Kang Properties, LLC or its nominee to be the Preferred Developer of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Norwich accepts the recommendation of the 347 Central Avenue Committee of Sale that Lauren Kang Properties, LLC or its nominee be selected as the Preferred Developer for 347 Central Avenue subject to its entering into a Development Agreement with the City of Norwich satisfactory to the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH that the 347 Central Avenue Committee of Sale be and hereby is authorized to negotiate and draft a Development Agreement for the property at 347 Central Avenue with Lauren Kang Properties, LLC or its nominee and to submit its proposed Development Agreement to the Council of the City of Norwich for its consideration and possible approval on or before the second council meeting in June 2018.

Alderwoman Stacy Gould

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 7-132.2 AND 7-131.4(c) OF ARTICLE VI OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING THE SIZE AND REPLENISHMENT OF THE GENERAL FUND UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH THAT:

Section 1.

This ordinance shall take effect 10 days following passage and publication and continuing in effect until June 30, 2022, unless sooner amended or repealed.

Section 2.

Sections 7-131.2 and 7-131.4(c) of article VI of the code of ordinances be and hereby are, amended as follows:

Sec. 7-131.2. - Size of unrestricted fund balance.

The city shall accumulate a UFB of not less than ~~at least~~ 10 percent of the current fiscal year's budgeted expenditures and operating transfers.

Sec. 7-131.4. - Replenishment of unrestricted fund balance.

Should the unrestricted fund balance of the general fund, having reached the minimum level set in 7-131.2, fall below that minimum level, in the fiscal year following such occurrence, the city shall increase the contingency appropriation called for in 7-131.1 according to the following schedule:

(a) If the UFB is below eight percent of the current fiscal year's budgeted expenditures and operating transfers, the city shall restore UFB to the eight-percent level within two budget cycles.

(b) If the UFB is greater than eight percent, but below ten percent of the current fiscal year's budgeted expenditures and operating transfers, the city shall restore UFB to the ten-percent level within five budget cycles.

~~(c) If the UFB is greater than ten percent, but below 12 percent of the current fiscal year's budgeted expenditures and operating transfers, the city shall restore UFB to the 12 percent level within five budget cycles.~~

Purpose: To temporarily lower the minimum size of the General Fund unrestricted fund balance to 10% and to remove the requirement to increase it beyond 10% until July 1, 2022.

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