



**CITY OF NORWICH**  
CONNECTICUT

**AGENDA – MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH**  
**September 21, 2020**  
**7:30 PM**

The meeting of the Council will seek to comply with the directives of Executive Order 7B-1 issued by Governor Ned Lamont on March 14, 2020, together with any Executive Orders subsequently issued which pertain to such meetings.

The Mayor, members of the City Council, the City Manager, City Clerk, Comptroller and Corporation Counsel shall be present in person but separated by appropriate social distancing at Council chambers or participate remotely by conference call, video conference or other technology.

The meeting shall be televised on the Public Access Channel and posted on the city website, [www.norwichct.org](http://www.norwichct.org), in real time consistent with Executive Order 7B-1 and the usual practices of the City of Norwich. All remarks or comments made by the Mayor, the members of the Norwich City Council, city officials, and by the public during Citizen Comment General (30 minutes) and the Citizen Comment on resolutions portion of the meeting, shall be included.

The citizen comment general (30 minutes) and comments of citizen on resolutions may be made telephonically pursuant to the following instructions:

Call phone number first dial 860-215-8140 and then when prompted, enter the conference ID# 4038191 followed by the pound (#) key.

This number will be available only during the citizen comment general (30 minutes) and public comment period listed on the agenda as Citizen Comment General (30 minutes) on non-agenda items and Citizen Comment on resolutions. Its use commences when Citizen Comment General (30 minutes) on non-agenda items and Citizen Comment on resolutions is reached and opened by the Mayor. Any calls must be made prior to the Mayor's announcement that the Citizen Comment General (30 minutes) on non-agenda items and Citizen Comment on resolutions period has ended.

Citizen Comment General (30 minutes) on non-agenda items and Citizen Comments on resolutions limited to the resolutions on the agenda may also be sent by email or means of other written communication stating the name, address and title if applicable, of the sender. Emails should be sent to the office of the Mayor at [mayoroffice@cityofnorwich.org](mailto:mayoroffice@cityofnorwich.org) and other written communication sent or delivered to the office of the Mayor, 100 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360. Emails must be received by 7:00 p.m., the above mentioned date, and other written communications received by 4:30 p.m., the above mentioned date, to be made available to the City Council for this meeting.

Citizen Comment General (30 minutes) on non-agenda items and Citizen Comments will be limited to the resolutions on the agenda only. All speakers taking part in the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting shall clearly state their name, address and title, if applicable, before speaking and will be limited to three minutes.

## **PRAYER**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITIZEN COMMENT GENERAL (30 Minutes)** call phone number first dial 860-215-8140 and then when prompted, enter the conference ID# 4038191 followed by the pound (#) key

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. AN ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE NORWICH ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESAN CORPORATION FROM THE PAYMENT OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 25 OTIS STREET
2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-25 OF THE NORWICH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY CHANGING THE TITLE, ADDING NEW PROVISIONS, TO BE IDENTIFIED AS (3) AND (4) TO SUBSECTION (a), AND BY ADDING A SUBSECTION (d) REGARDING THE TIMELY FILING OF A CLAIM FOR AN EXEMPTION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.
3. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-26 OF THE NORWICH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING SUBSECTION (g) TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT NO. 19-36

## **SECOND READING AND ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Letter of resignation of Anthony Jacobs from the Redevelopment Agency.
2. Referral from the Public Safety Committee regarding an Ordinance Amending Section 7-26 Of The Norwich Code Of Ordinances by Adding Subsection (G) To Increase The Property Tax Abatement For Volunteer Firefighters Pursuant To Public Act No. 19-36.


## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**CITIZENS COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS (only on the agenda items)** call phone number first dial 860-215-8140 and then when prompted, enter the conference ID# 4038191 followed by the pound (#) key

## **NEW BUSINESS-RESOLUTIONS**

1. Relative to a reappointment of a regular member and an appointment of an alternate member to the Historic District Commission.
2. Relative to a reappointment of regular members to the Senior Affairs Commission.

3. Relative to a reappointment of a regular member to the Dangerous Buildings Board of Review.
4. Relative to a reappointment of a regular member and an appointment of a regular member to the Board of Assessment Appeals.
5. Relative to a reappointment of a regular member to the Community Development Advisory Committee.
6. Relative to the sale of 8 Garfield Avenue.

  
City Clerk

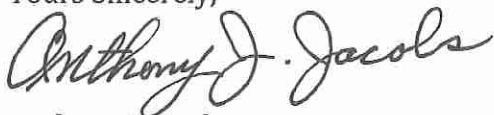
Mr. Anthony Jacobs  
19 Laurel Circle Drive  
Norwich, Ct 06360  
August 21, 2020

Ms. Betsy Barrett  
City Clerk  
City Of Norwich  
23 Union Street  
Norwich, Ct. 06360

I regret to inform you that I am resigning as Member of Redevelopment Agency.

I feel that my contribution has met its limit. In doing so, I will be able to spend more time with my family and enjoy retirement.

Yours Sincerely,



Anthony J. Jacobs

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CITY OF NORWICH  
Public Safety Committee  
100 Broadway  
Norwich, CT 06360  
(860) 823-3700

Public Safety Committee  
Joseph A. DeLucia - Chairman  
Record of the Vote  
September 9, 2020

Members Present – Alderman Joe DeLucia, Alderman Bill Nash and Alderman Mark Bettencourt

- Motion by Alderman Mark Bettencourt, seconded by Alderman Bill Nash that the Public Safety Committee to make a favorable recommendation to Council to adopt the ordinance to increase the Volunteer Fire Fighter Tax Abatement by \$500 in the first year and to \$2,000 by the second year.  
The motion passed unanimously.

Voting in favor – Alderman Mark Bettencourt, Alderman Bill Nash and Alderman Joe DeLucia  
Voting in opposition – None

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Rose, Recording Secretary

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**AN ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE NORWICH ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESAN CORPORATION FROM THE PAYMENT OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 25 OTIS STREET**

**WHEREAS**, that certain property located at 25 Otis Street, Norwich, Connecticut was purchased by The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation on May 1, 2019 to be used for educational and charitable purposes; and,

**WHEREAS**, said property since May 1, 2019 has been used for educational and charitable purposes by The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation; and,

**WHEREAS**, said property would not be tax exempt on the Grand List of October 1, 2018; and,

**WHEREAS**, Connecticut General Statute Section 12-81(b) provides that any municipality may, by ordinance, provide that the property tax exemption authorized by any of subdivisions (7-16), inclusive, of section 12-81 shall be effective as of the date of acquisition of the property to which the exemption applies and shall, in such ordinance, provide procedure for reimbursement of the tax-exempt organization for any tax paid by it for a period subsequent to said date; and,

**WHEREAS**, Connecticut General Statute Section 12-81(7) provides that real property, owned by a corporation organized exclusively for educational purposes and used for educational purposes, shall be exempt from taxation; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation has paid the July 1, 2019 real estate taxes for the property located at 25 Otis Street in the total amount of \$2,409.10; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, owned the property located at 25 Otis Street for a period of 151 days on the October 1, 2018 grand list; and,

**WHEREAS**, the daily taxes for the property located at 25 Otis Street are \$11.08; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation would be entitled to a reimbursement in the amount of \$1,673.08; 151 days multiplied by \$11.08.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH** that such property at 25 Otis Street be and hereby is exempted from the payment of any real estate taxes, interest or penalty due on the Grand List of October 1, 2018, or until said premises are no longer used by The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation for educational and charitable purposes and the City of Norwich shall reimburse The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation for any City of Norwich real estate taxes paid by it on the Grand List of October 1, 2018 for the period subsequent to May 1, 2019; which reimbursement shall be in the sum of \$1,673.08 for real estate taxes paid to the City of Norwich.

President Pro Tem Mark M. Bettencourt  
Alderman Stacy Gould

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-25 OF THE NORWICH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY CHANGING THE TITLE, ADDING NEW PROVISIONS, TO BE IDENTIFIED AS (3) AND (4) TO SUBSECTION (a), AND BY ADDING A SUBSECTION (d) REGARDING THE TIMELY FILING OF A CLAIM FOR AN EXEMPTION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH**, that Section 7-25 Personal property taxation exemption on ambulances including retrofitted handicapped vehicles of the Norwich Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

Sec. 7-25. Personal property taxation exemption on ambulances including retrofitted handicapped vehicles *and motor vehicles equipped for persons with disabilities*

(a) An exemption from personal property taxation shall be granted to the following:

(1) Any ambulance-type motor vehicle or retrofitted handicapped vehicle which is used exclusively for the purpose of transporting any medically incapacitated individual, except any such vehicle used to transport any such individual for profit.

(2) Any property owned by a nonprofit ambulance company.

*(3) Any motor vehicle owned by a person with disabilities or owned by the parent or guardian of such person, which vehicle is equipped for the purpose of adapting its use to the disability of such person, provided the legislative body of the municipality adopts a definition of such vehicle.*

*(4) As used in Section 7-25(a) (3) and (4) and Section 7-25 (d) the terms "motor vehicle" and "vehicle" shall be defined to mean a motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1(58) of the Connecticut General Statutes, that has been altered, reconfigured, or has undergone mechanical or structural changes that permit a persons with disabilities to safely drive such vehicle or to ride as a passenger therein, including hand controls, hoists, lifts, and other adaptive control devices which enable an individual with mobility restrictions to control the accelerator, floor brake, turn signals, dimmer switch, steering wheel and/or parking brake.*

(b) This section is adopted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-81c as may be amended from time to time.

(c) This section shall take effect in assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 1988

***(d) Applications for the exemption for motor vehicles owned by a person with disabilities or owned by the parents or guardian of such person shall be made on forms provided by the Assessor and must include all information and proofs required by the Assessor. A complete application for the exemption must be filed with the assessor, not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December next following the date the property tax is due. The failure to submit a complete application for the exemption by the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December deadline shall be deemed to be a waiver of the exemption as to the taxes due under the relevant assessment date.***

Mayor Peter Albert Nystrom  
President Pro Tem Mark M. Bettencourt  
Alderswoman Stacy Gould



**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-26 OF THE NORWICH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING SUBSECTION (g) TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT NO. 19-36**

**WHEREAS**, Public Act No 19-36 repealed section 12-81w of the General Statutes and substituted new provisions effective July 1, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Act No 19-36 increased the amount of the property tax abatement for certain first responders including volunteer firefighters and volunteer fire police officers, as defined in subsection (a) of section 7-308 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Such tax relief to include an abatement of up to \$1,500 in property taxes due in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, and an abatement of up to \$2,000 in property taxes due thereafter commencing with the fiscal year running from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH** that, Ordinance No. 7-26 be and hereby is amended by adding a subsection (g) to provide as follows:

Sec. 7-26. Tax abatement for volunteer firefighters.

(a) Any member seeking an abatement must have met with emergency call and training requirements set forth in §§ 8-74 (a)(i) and (ii).

(b) A member who cannot perform his/her duty as a result of a department-related injury, as defined in § 8-72, shall have their percentage of attendance adjusted in the same manner as § 8-74(a)(iii).

(c) The chief of each individual volunteer fire company shall submit a notarized list and an electronic list of all eligible members, as well as their respective level of tax abatement to the Norwich Tax Assessor, or the Tax Collector or Assessor of the municipality which has entered into an interlocal agreement with the City of Norwich and in which said eligible member resides, no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, in order to be eligible for a tax abatement as to taxes due on the following July 1<sup>st</sup> on the grand list of October 1<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year. This tax abatement shall be applied only to residential property tax or personal property tax, whether such property is owned individually jointly or as tenant in common with one or more other persons.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to imply that if an eligible member has less tax liability than their permitted amount of tax abatement, that they are entitled to receive any additional funds from the city under this section.

(e) The Tax Assessor for the City of Norwich shall maintain a record of all taxes abated in accordance with this section.

(f) The city manager is authorized to enter into, create, receive and deliver an interlocal agreement on behalf of the City of Norwich with one or more of the towns showing common boundaries with the City of Norwich to provide reciprocal tax abatements as set forth in this section for eligible members of volunteer fire department who in a municipality subject to said intergovernmental agreement and provide volunteer services in another municipality subject to said agreement.

***(g) Any member meeting the emergency call and training requirements set forth in subsection (a) herein or who cannot perform his/her duty as a result of department-related injury as set forth in subsection (b) herein, and on whose behalf the necessary qualifying information has been submitted by the chief of the volunteer fire company for which the member performed services as set forth in subsection (c) herein shall be eligible for a tax abatement of up to \$1,500 in property taxes due for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 and up to \$2,000 for taxes due on any fiscal year thereafter commencing with the fiscal year running from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.***

Mayor Peter Albert Nystrom  
President Pro Tem Mark M. Bettencourt

**RESOLUTION #1**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the below named be re-appointed as a **regular member** to the Historic District Commission with a term to expire on December 31, 2024 or until a successor is appointed:

Timothy Dowhan (D)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following be appointed an **alternate member** to the Historic District Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2021 or until a successor is appointed;

Gregory Farlow (R)

President Pro Tem Mark M. Bettencourt  
Alderman Stacy Gould  
Alderman Ella C. Myles

**RESOLUTION #2**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following be re-appointed as **regular members** to the Senior Affairs Commission for a term to expire on September 1, 2021 or until a successor is appointed;

Janice Stewart (D)  
Frank J. Jacaruso Jr. (D)  
P. Michael Lahan (D)  
Jacquelyn W. Randall (D)

President Pro Tem Mark M. Bettencourt  
Alderwoman Stacy Gould  
Alderwoman Ella C. Myles

**RESOLUTION #3**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following be re-appointed as a **regular member** to the Dangerous Buildings Board of Review for a term to expire on June 1, 2021 or until a successor is appointed;

James M. Quarto (D)

President Pro Tem Mark M. Bettencourt  
Alderwoman Stacy Gould  
Alderwoman Ella C. Myles

**RESOLUTION #4**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following be re-appointed as a **regular member** to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term to expire on June 1, 2022 or until a successor is appointed;

Jean Becker (U)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following be appointed a **regular member** to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term to expire on June 1, 2022 or until a successor is appointed;

Democles Angelopoulos (D)

President Pro Tem Mark M. Bettencourt  
Alderman Stacy Gould  
Alderman Ella C. Myles

**RESOLUTION #5**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following be re-appointed as a **regular member** to the Community Development Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2020 or until a successor is appointed;

Gemma Fabris (D)

President Pro Tem Mark M. Bettencourt  
Alderwoman Stacy Gould  
Alderwoman Ella C. Myles

**RESOLUTION #6**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Norwich, by a resolution adopted September 4th, 2019, authorized City Manager John Salomone to enter into an individual Real Estate Listing Agreement with Allyn and Associates Realtors offering to sell the property at 8 Garfield Avenue at a price to be recommended by Allyn and Associates Realtors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council further resolved that upon receipt of a Purchase and Sales Agreement containing an offer to purchase at a price recommended by Allyn and Associates Realtors and containing such terms and conditions as were satisfactory to the City Manager, he was to notify the Council of the proposed Purchase and Sales Agreement for its consideration and possible approval; and

**WHEREAS**, Allyn and Associates Realtors has received offers to purchase the property, the highest offer being the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ the property to be conveyed in "as is" condition.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH**, that City Manager John Salomone be and hereby is authorized and directed to enter into a Purchase and Sales Agreement on behalf of the City of Norwich to sell said property at a price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ pursuant to the terms of said Purchase and Sales Agreement and, upon timely tender of the purchase price subject to standard adjustments, to execute and deliver a deed of conveyance to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ or his designee for the property known as 8 Garfield Avenue, and to execute, deliver, and receive such other documents as are necessary to complete the transfer of title in keeping with the terms and conditions of the Purchase and Sales Agreement.

Mayor Peter Albert Nystrom  
Alderwoman Stacy Gould  
Alderman Joseph A. DeLucia