

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Norwich was held May 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers. Present: Mayor Hinchey, Aldermen Nystrom, Philbrick, Braddock, Gould, Martin and Nash. City Manager Salomone and Corporation Counsel Michael Driscoll were also in attendance. Mayor Hinchey presided.

Ald. Martin read the opening prayer and Ald. Gould led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hinchey called for citizen comment.

David Burley, 638 Scotland Rd, talked about several City departments giving up resources in the upcoming budget yet there have been and continue to be several increases in the water and sewer rates and felt it is the Council and Public Utilities Commissioners job to protect the public interest. He felt that NPU is spending is out of control.

Rodney Bowie, 62 Roosevelt Ave, spoke against increasing the budget and asked this Council to stop the spending. He also agreed with the previous speaker.

David Crabb, 47 Prospect St, talked about that in the past few years Norwich income distribution for property owners has decreased causing weak home ownership recovery.

Abby Dolliver, 6 Deepwood Dr, talked about the State cuts to Board of Education mandated programs that effect school transportation. Norwich budget is being cut \$500,000 to public school transportation and \$70,000 to non- public school transportation which will have to be absorbed by Norwich because it is mandated.

Gregg Grippo, member of the Norwich Heritage Trust, stated he was very disappointed to see the Historic Reid and Hughes building is being torn down and questioned why. He also talked about the new development at Ponemah Mills. He questioned what the City is doing.

John Blackburn, 15 Alice St, talked about the state budget and felt it would be difficult to set our budget and even harder for the taxpayer to shoulder the burden.

Mayor Hinchey declared citizen comment closed

Upon motion of President Pro Tem Nystrom, seconded by Ald. Braddock, it was unanimously voted to enter in to the record that Regan Miner was the recipient of the 2016 State of Connecticut Tourism Rising Star Award and Mayor Hinchey congratulated her.

Upon a motion of Ald. Braddock, seconded by Ald. Martin, it was unanimously voted to accept the communication letter from the Department of Transportation.

City Managers Report:

**To:** Mayor Hinchey and members of the City Council

**From:** John Salomone, City Manager

**Subject:** City Manager's Report

**Date:** May 16, 2016

The state budget looms heavily on the city's budget process as we wait to hear the amount of state funding the City of Norwich will receive. In preparation, I held a meeting with department heads to discuss the affects to city budget based on potential funding levels.

I'm pleased to report that interviews for the City Planner position were held recently. We interviewed five highly qualified candidates for the position and an offer was made and accepted.

Collective bargaining negotiations are continuing with the Public Works Supervisors Union and the Norwich Fire Department.

I attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Lofts of Ponemah Mills project. This is an exciting project which will add substantial value to the village of Taftville and the City of Norwich as a whole.

I also attended the NPU Business Breakfast, held on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. During this event, NPU General Manager John Bilda and staff presented an overview of the NPU budget to a large group of NPU's business customers.

I met with Elanah Sherman to discuss the formation of an Open Space Commission.

A meeting was held to discuss the possible relocation of the Norwich Human Services department to city hall.

I met with Ryan Thompson, Josh Pothier and Attorney Driscoll to address process flow improvements for city properties. This includes notice of sale, disposition, and property follow-up.

I continue to attend the NPU City Wide Coordination Meetings to receive information on active developments throughout the city.

Attached you will find a report summarizing key indicators and updates from the Norwich Police Department. I have also attached a copy of a memo outlining the revisions to the 2016-2017 revenue estimates and recommendations on expenditure adjustments. This memo was emailed to you on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

I am happy to discuss any of the above with you in further detail.

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Attachments

**NORWICH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**M E M O R A N D U M**

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**DATE:** May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**TO:** John L. Salomone, City Manager

**FROM:** Louis J. Fusaro, Sr., Chief of Police

**RE: NPD - Key Indicators and Updates**

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**CRIME**

**I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE PART I CRIME RATE IS DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY IN NORWICH FOR THE LATEST REPORTING YEAR OF FBI UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS FOR THE CITY OF NORWICH. THE CRIME INDEX IS DOWN BY 25% FOR 2014 VS 2015. THIS IS A CREDIT, IN LARGE PART, THE GREAT WORK OF OUR OFFICERS, DETECTIVES AND THEIR SUPERVISORS AND OUR MANY PARTNERSHIPS AND WORK WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS. IT HAS RESULTED IN AN HISTORIC DROP IN CRIME.**

**THIS IS A POSITIVE TREND STARTED AND HAS CONTINUED EVER SINCE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL BEGAN SUPPORTING OUR STRATEGIC STAFFING PLAN IN 2011. THE INCREASE IN POLICE STAFFING GAVE US THE ABILITY TO RE-INVIGORATE OUR EFFORTS IN COMMUNITY POLICING, AND THE ABILITY TO INCREASE OUR POLICE PRESENCE ON OUR STREETS AND IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS THAT LED THE DROP IN CRIME. WE ARE ARCHIVING THE POSITIVE RESULTS WE PROMISED AS PART OF THE STAFFING PLAN MUCH QUICKER THAN I EVER ANTICIPATED.**

**HOWEVER, NARCOTIC TRAFFICKING AND THE RELATED HEROIN OVERDOSES, DEATHS AND RELATED CRIME CONTINUE TO BE A VERY SERIOUS CONCERN. WE**

**ARE PLACING SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES, BOTH LOCALLY AND REGIONALLY, INTO DEALING WITH BOTH THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND SIDE OF THE TERRIBLE SCOURGE OF HEROIN AND DRUG ABUSE. AND, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, WE REFER VICTIMS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TO REHABILITATION SERVICES TO HELP CURB THE PROBLEM.**

**OFFICERS ARE CONTINUING TO SPEND QUALITY TIME DETERRING CRIME BY ENGAGING IN “PROACTIVE” POLICE WORK AND UTILIZING THE COMMUNITY POLICING MODEL TO ADDRESS QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES THROUGHOUT THE CITY IN OUR ATTEMPTS TO CONTINUE TO DRIVE DOWN CRIME AND DISORDER AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS**

***2014 / 2015 COMPARISON***

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>
<b>PART I CRIME</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>-25%</b>
<b>CRIMINAL ARRESTS</b>	<b>3,592</b>	<b>3,262</b>	<b>-9%</b>

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**TRAFFIC**

**WE CONTINUE TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY WITH PROACTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT THAT ADDRESSES BOTH SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS AND AREAS WHERE TRAFFIC CRASHES HAVE BECOME PREVALENT.**

***2014 / 2015 COMPARISON***

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>
<b>MV CRASHES</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>-7.49%</b>
<b>MV ENFORCEMENT STOPS</b>	<b>8,179</b>	<b>7,191</b>	<b>-12.07</b>

A common contributing factor in motor vehicle crashes is excessive speed. And, the violations and speeding vehicles are not only confined to the major access roads it also involves the local secondary roads, which primarily consist of residential areas.

**CALLS FOR SERVICE**

Calls for police services has gone up slightly this past year as you can see in the below chart. During the same time 911 emergency calls have grown from 20,506 in 2014 to 22,189 in 2015. That represents an increase of over 8% during the past year as you can see below. This has occurred during the past year when the crime rate went down 25%.

**2014 / 2015 COMPARISON**

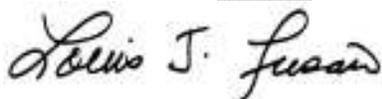
	2014	2015	% CHANGE
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>57,152</b>	<b>57,209</b>	<b>+.09%</b>
<b>911 EMERGENCY CALLS</b>	<b>20,506</b>	<b>22,189</b>	<b>+8.2</b>

**GRANTS**

We continue to pursue federal and state grants in our efforts to reduce our expenses through grant funding. We have been successful in obtaining competitive grants from both State and Federal grants sources, which has been helpful in giving us additional police officers and promoting community policing and the police presence in our neighborhoods that has helped in reducing crime.

**ITEM OF NOTE**

**WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORWICH CHAPTER OF NAACP, MS. JACQUELINE OWENS, THAT TWO OF OUR OFFICERS WILL BE HONORED ON TUESDAY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK, FOR THEIR DISTINGUISHED AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NORWICH. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE PRESENTATION AND THANK THE NAACP FOR HONORING THEM.**




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**CHIEF OF POLICE**



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May 13, 2016

To: Mayor Deberay Hinchey and Members of the Norwich City Council

# Revisions to 2016-17 Revenue Estimates and Recommendations on Expenditure Adjustments

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## State of Connecticut Budget Process

The State of Connecticut is expected to adopt a budget today after a long and convoluted process. Here is a recap of the changes to the State's budget:

- June 2015 – The State of Connecticut adopts its 2015-2017 biennial budget
- September 2015 – Governor cuts State Property and Colleges & Hospitals PILOT Grants for FY2015-16
- January 2016 – PA 15-1 Deficit Mitigation cuts Education Cost Sharing and Public School Transportation Grants for FY2015-16
- February 3, 2016 – Governor releases his proposed budget for FY2016-17
  - April 4, 2016 – City Manager submits his proposed City budget for FY2016-17 using revenue estimates from February 3, 2016 Governor's proposed budget
- April 6, 2016 – State Appropriations Committee releases its proposed budget for FY2016-17
- April 12, 2016 – Governor releases a revised budget plan for FY2016-17
- April 25, 2016 – State's Republican leadership releases its budget plan for FY2016-17
- April 28, 2016 – State's Democratic leadership releases its budget plan for FY2016-17
- May 2, 2016 – Governor releases a third budget plan for FY2016-17
- May 3, 2016 – Governor and Democratic leadership reach a tentative deal for the FY2016-17 budget

The Democrat’s budget deal makes a number of reductions to the grants to Norwich. Here is the most current information we have been able to glean from the State’s budget.

<b>Grants Included in General Fund Budget</b>			
	<b>FY2017</b>	<b>FY2017</b>	
	Governor's Proposed Budget (used for Norwich 2016-17 Proposed Budget)	Preliminary Analysis of May 2016 Democratic Budget Deal	Difference
PILOT: State-Owned Real Property	617,436	612,634	(4,802)
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	764,613	758,666	(5,947)
Mashantucket Pequot/ Mohegan Grant	1,917,276	1,912,306	(4,970)
Town Aid Road Grant	499,260	499,260	-
Public School Pupil Transportation	493,949	-	(493,949)
Non-Public School Pupil Transportation	69,390	-	(69,390)
Education Cost Sharing (excluding Alliance)	32,314,676	32,314,676	-
MRSA: Grants for Municipal Projects	187,132	187,132	-
MRSA: Select PILOT	259,862	248,588	(11,274)
MRSA: Additional Sales Tax Fund	1,362,971	973,869	(389,102)
MRSA: Motor Vehicle Property Tax Grants	2,019,740	336,074	(1,683,666)
	<b>40,506,305</b>	<b>37,843,205</b>	<b>(2,663,100)</b>

The reductions to the MRSA grants are accompanied with an increase in the motor vehicle mill rate cap from 32 mills to 37 mills.

### Revisions to Revenue Estimates

At this stage in our budget process, we have taken the opportunity to make some minor revisions to other revenue estimates in addition to the State grants. The changes are enumerated below.

<b>General Fund Revenues</b>		<b>2015-16 Budget</b>	<b>2016-17 Proposed</b>	<b>2016-17 Revised</b>	<b>Difference between Proposed and Revised</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>70202</b>	Prior Year Levies	1,521,000	1,712,000	1,800,000	88,000	Prior year collections are trending
<b>70208</b>	Motor Vehicle Taxes	752,000	6,261,859	7,240,274	978,415	Additional revenue from increase in MV cap from 32 mills to 37 mills
<b>70213</b>	Misc. Permits & Fees	569,000	500,000	504,000	4,000	Based on increase in 5-year trend
<b>70223</b>	Interest on Investments	60,000	60,000	140,000	80,000	Increase in rates of return
<b>70226</b>	Police Outside Services	110,000	131,000	135,000	4,000	Based on increase in 5-year trend
<b>70227</b>	Senior Citizens Center	4,500	4,700	6,000	1,300	Based on increase in 5-year trend
<b>70228</b>	NPU 10%	4,897,130	5,730,969	5,770,969	40,000	Change in amount allocated to CCD as a result of decrease in CCD mill
<b>70234</b>	Recording Fees	330,000	330,000	338,000	8,000	Based on increase in 5-year trend
<b>70235</b>	Land Record Cap Improv. Fees	13,000	13,000	14,000	1,000	Based on increase in 5-year trend
<b>70238</b>	Conveyance Tax	368,000	336,000	342,000	6,000	Based on increase in 5-year trend
<b>70243</b>	Misc. Unclassified	232,656	300,856	302,456	1,600	Increase in p-card rebate revenue
<b>70246</b>	City Property	58,000	88,000	90,000	2,000	Based on increase in 5-year trend
<b>70247</b>	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	2,164,802	1,410,114	1,399,365	(10,749)	Revised State Budget
<b>70254</b>	Mashantucket-Pequot/Mohegan	2,019,673	1,917,276	1,912,306	(4,970)	Revised State Budget
<b>70266</b>	Telecommunications Tax	115,000	135,000	125,000	(10,000)	Revenues trending down
<b>73500</b>	Shared Revenues	202,132	3,205,412	1,765,663	(1,439,749)	Revised State Budget
<b>70280</b>	School Transportation	677,199	563,339	0	(563,339)	Revised State Budget
<b>70284</b>	Education Cost Sharing	32,316,543	32,314,676	32,314,676	0	Revised State Budget
					<b>(814,492)</b>	

City Consolidated Fire District Revenues		2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Proposed	2016-17 Revised	Difference between Proposed and Revised	
70228	NPU 10%	2,907,234	2,939,876	2,910,973	(40,000)	Change in amount allocated to CCD as a result of decrease in CCD mill
73500	Shared Revenues	0	589,583	552,565	(37,018)	Revised State Budget
					(77,018)	
Town Consolidated Fire District Revenues		2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Proposed	2016-17 Revised	Difference between Proposed and Revised	
73500	Shared Revenues	0	54,529	62,849	8,320	Revised State Budget
					8,320	

Please note that the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) revenue may change if the Connecticut Legislators vote to have the decrease in funding be deducted from the non-Alliance portion of this grant rather than the Alliance portion. The reduction in ECS revenue is \$179,156.

### Recommended Expenditure Adjustments

In light of the changes in revenues, I would like to recommend the following expenditure adjustments as a means to offset increases in taxes.

Expenditure Adjustments					
General Fund	Page	Org	Obj	Description	Amount
City Manager	54	01011	80015	Professional Services	(1,000)
Finance	56	01012	80013	Seasonal/ Temporary	(1,000)
Assessor	61	01013	80021	Materials & Supplies	(1,000)
Human Resources	63	01014	80034	Postage	(800)
Police	71	01021	80016	Clothing Allowance	(5,000)
Police	71	01021	80021	Materials & Supplies	(3,000)
Police	71	01021	80032	Equip and Furn. Maint.	(5,000)
Fire	75	01022	80016	Clothing Allowance	(1,000)
Fire	75	01022	80017	Replacement Cost	(5,000)
EGP Fire	78	01023	80021	Materials & Supplies	(2,000)
EGP Fire	78	01023	80032	Equip and Furn. Maint.	(2,000)
EGP Fire	78	01023	80040	Building & Grounds Maint	(2,000)
Laurel Hill Fire	80	01024	80032	Equip and Furn. Maint.	(500)
Occum Fire	82	01025	80032	Equip and Furn. Maint.	(500)
Taftville Fire	84	01026	80021	Materials & Supplies	(500)
Taftville Fire	84	01026	80032	Equip and Furn. Maint.	(2,000)
Yantic Fire	86	01027	80057	Dues, licenses & Subscriptions	(2,000)
PW Engineering	100	01038	80034	Postage	(1,000)
PW Transfer Station Recycling Refuse	102	01040	80032	Equip and Furn. Maint.	(1,000)
PW Transfer Station Recycling Refuse	102	01040	80124	Landfill/Recycling Operations	(10,000)
Elections	106	01063	80039	Printing	(1,000)
Planning & Development	108	01064	83200	Contracted Services	(2,000)
Board of Education	111	01070	80700	Board of Education	(50,000)
Non-Departmental	115	01090	80086	Contingency	(195,000)
Non-Departmental	115	01090	80035	Utilities	(50,000)
Non-Departmental	115	01090	80073	Insurance	(40,000)

Non-Departmental	115	01090	87109	UCFS	(3,400)
Non-Departmental	115	01090	87110	TVCCA	(2,150)
Various	Various	Various	89999	Health Insurance	(142,000)
Various	Various	Various	89999	Workers' Compensation	(18,000)
Various	Various	Various	80023	Vehicle Fuel	33,745
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Expenditures					(516,105)
<b>CCD</b>					
	Page	Org	Obj	Description	Amount
City Consolidated Fire District	123	02020	89999	Health Insurance	(28,000)
City Consolidated Fire District	123	02020	89999	Workers' Compensation	(27,000)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Expenditures					(55,000)
<b>TCD</b>					
	Page	Org	Obj	Description	Amount
Town Consolidated Fire District	124	S2300	89ISO	Workers' Compensation	(3,027)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Expenditures					(3,027)

**Impact on Taxes**

The net impact of the budget revisions and the recommended expenditure adjustments would be as follows:

	A	B	C	D=B+C	E	F=D+E	G=F-A	H=G/A
	2015-16 Adopted Mill Rates	2016-17 Proposed Budget	Changes on May 2, 2016	City Council Tentatively Adopted Budget	Net Revenue and Expenditure Revisions from City Manager	Revised Mill Rates with May Changes from City Manager	Change from 2015-16 to 2016-17	Percent Change from 2015-16 to 2016-17
General Fund	40.90	41.63	(0.13)	41.50	0.20	41.70	0.80	1.96%
Town Consolidated Fire District	0.49	0.48	-	0.48	(0.01)	0.47	(0.02)	-4.08%
City Consolidated Fire District	7.16	7.13	(0.14)	6.99	0.04	7.03	(0.13)	-1.82%

**Estimated Impact on an Individual**

<i>Town Consolidated District</i>	2015-16	2016-17	\$ Change	% Change
Median Assessed Value of Home	93,800	93,800		
Median Assessed Value of Two Cars	9,880	9,880		
Combined Mill Rate-Home	41.39	42.17		
Combined Mill Rate-Cars	41.39	37.00		
Tax on Home	\$ 3,882.38	\$ 3,955.55	\$ 73.17	1.88%
Tax on Cars	\$ 408.93	\$ 365.56	\$ (43.37)	-10.61%
Total Tax	\$ 4,291.31	\$ 4,321.11	\$ 29.80	0.69%
<b>City Consolidated District</b>				
	2015-16	2016-17	\$ Change	% Change
Median Assessed Value of Home	93,800	93,800		
Median Assessed Value of Two Cars	9,880	9,880		
Combined Mill Rate-Home	48.06	48.73		
Combined Mill Rate-Cars	48.06	37.00		
Tax on Home	\$ 4,508.03	\$ 4,570.87	\$ 62.84	1.39%
Tax on Cars	\$ 474.83	\$ 365.56	\$ (109.27)	-23.01%
Total Tax	\$ 4,982.86	\$ 4,936.43	\$ (46.43)	-0.93%

Mayor Hinchey called for citizen comment on resolutions.

No one spoke.

Mayor Hinchey declared citizen comment on resolutions was closed.

Upon a motion of Ald. Nash, seconded by Ald. Gould, it was unanimously voted to hold a public hearing on the following resolution on June 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm introduced by City Manager Salomone.

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich is an entitlement community receiving U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars of \$778,804 for program year (PY) 2016; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH that the Council shall and hereby does schedule a public hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. during the June 20, 2016 Council meeting on the subject of Community Development Block Grant allocation recommendations for PY 2016.

<b>CDBG Requests - PY 2016</b>				
<b>Anticipated PY 2016 Allocation</b>		<b>\$ 778,804.00</b>		
		<b>PY 2016 Request</b>	<b>CDAC Recommended</b>	<b>Council Recommended</b>
1	CD Office - Administration	\$ 155,761.00	\$ 155,761.00	
<b>PUBLIC/SOCIAL SERVICES</b>				
2	TVCCA - Home Again Project	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	
3	Norwich Adult Education- ESOL Instruction	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	
4	Our Piece of the Pie - Norwich Work Force Development	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	
5	Madonna Place - Fatherhood Initiative	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	
6	Safe Futures - Domestic Violence Response Team	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
7	Thames River Family Program -Employment & Housing	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	
8	Norwich Human Services - Norwich Works	\$ 48,884.49	\$ 48,884.49	
9	Norwich Community Care Team	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
10	NCDC	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	
<b>Total Public/Social Service</b>		<b>\$ 205,884.49</b>	<b>\$ 78,884.49</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>OTHER</b>				
11	Norwich Housing Authority - Roof Replacement Sunset Park Phase 2	\$ 87,500.00	\$ -	
12	Norwich Fire Dept - Head Quarters Storage Facility	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	
13	Norwich Public Works - Taftville Sidewalks Phase 1	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 83,000.00	
14	Norwich Public Works - Sidewalk Ramps	\$ 66,000.00	\$ -	
15	Norwich Public Works - Playground Phase II	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	
16	CD Office Neighborhood Preservation/ Property Rehab Program	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 306,158.51	
17	Habitat for Humanity - 244 Washington St	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	
18	Disability Network	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
19	Norwich Police Dept-Taftville Public Safety Camera System Expansion	\$ 99,930.00		
<b>Total Public Service</b>		<b>\$ 205,884.49</b>	<b>\$ 78,884.49</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Other</b>		<b>\$ 971,430.00</b>	<b>\$ 544,158.51</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>CD Administration</b>		<b>\$ 155,761.00</b>	<b>\$ 155,761.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Requests</b>		<b>\$1,333,075.49</b>	<b>\$ 778,804.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Upon a motion of Ald. Martin, seconded by Ald. Braddock, it was unanimously voted to hold a public hearing on the following resolution on June 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm introduced by Mayor Hinchey.

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 that a public hearing will be held on June 20, 2016 to review applications and receive comments relative to the Neighborhood Assistance Act.

Upon a motion of Ald. Braddock, seconded by Ald. Martin, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution introduced by City Manager Salomone.

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager John L. Salomone has appointed as **regular members** to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on 2/28/18 or until a successor is appointed;

Henry Olender Jr. (U)  
Dorothy Travers (D)

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

Upon a motion of Ald. Nash, seconded by Ald. Martin, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution introduced by Mayor Hinchey.

**WHEREAS**, the Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee of Norwich will sponsor the 25th year of “The Taste of Italy” at the Howard T. Brown Park on September 10, 2016.

**WHEREAS**, “The Taste of Italy” allows the Italian Community to share its cultural heritage with the Norwich Community and permits festival goers to enjoy the food, music and entertainment of Italy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee of Norwich has requested permission to sell beer and wine during the festival.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 13.14.2 of the Norwich Code of Ordinances, the City Manager is authorized to grant the Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee of Norwich permission to serve and sell beer and wine at “The Taste of Italy” festival to be held on September 10, 2016 at the Howard T. Brown Park subject to satisfactory proof that the Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee of Norwich has complied with applicable regulations of the State Liquor Commission.

Upon a motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by Ald. Martin, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution introduced by Mayor Hinchey.

**WHEREAS**, section 9-41 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Norwich provides that the Council may, on or before the fourth Monday of each May, by resolution, change the basic fee schedule for the Rogers Road Transfer Station as set forth in a schedule of fees at section 9-40 of the Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the present schedule establishes a rate of \$3.00 for the disposal of any tire 20” in diameter or smaller and provides a rate of \$5.00 per tire for other tires.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH** that the rate for the disposal of tires be set at \$3.00 each for tires 21” in diameter or smaller and \$5.00 each for tires greater than 21” in diameter.

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Norwich has held two public hearings on the budget to be adopted for fiscal year 2016-2017; and

Upon motion of Ald. Braddock, seconded by Mayor Hinchey, to adopt the following resolution introduced by Mayor Hinchey:

**WHEREAS**, both public hearings were completed prior to the adoption of a budget by the legislature of the State of Connecticut and there existed an unusual degree of uncertainty as to the amount of revenue to be available to the city of Norwich under the state budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 at the time of these public hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, the council finds it would be of assistance to it and in the best interest of the city of Norwich to hold a third public hearing before adopting the budget for the city of Norwich for fiscal year 2016-2017.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH** that an additional public hearing on the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 be and hereby is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Norwich has held two public hearings on the budget to be adopted for fiscal year 2016-2017; and

The above resolution fails on a roll call vote of 3-4 with Ald. Philbrick, Braddock, Martin and Nash voting in opposition.

Upon motion to Ald. Nash, seconded by Ald. Gould, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

*Bob Bennett*

CITY CLERK