

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Norwich was held July 5, 2016 at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers. Present: Mayor Hinchey, Aldermen Nystrom, Philbrick, Gould, Braddock and Nash. City Manager Salomone and Corporation Counsel Michael Driscoll were also in attendance. Ald. Martin had an excused absence. Mayor Hinchey presided.

President Pro Tem Nystrom read the opening prayer and Ald. Gould led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by Ald. Braddock, it was unanimously voted to adopt the minutes of June 6 & 20, 2016.

Mayor Hinchey called for a Public Hearing on, participation in a cost sharing program with the City of Norwich to construct concrete sidewalks.

There were no speakers

There being no speakers Mayor Hinchey declared the public hearing closed.

City Manager's Report:

*ESTABLISHED 1659*

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

**From:** John Salomone, City Manager

**Subject:** City Manager's Report

**Date:** July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Union negotiations have still continued over the past weeks for both the Police and Fire Departments. In addition, we have held negotiations with both the Public Works Supervisors and the Municipal Employees Union Independent Inc. I will be periodically updating the City Council as the process develops.

On Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> I attended the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Norwich Firefighters Local 892 Golf Tournament hosted by the Norwich Golf Course. Participation in this charity event benefited the Norwich Fallen Fire Fighter & Family Fund.

The Mayor and I attended a Promotions Ceremony at the Norwich Police Station on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations again to: Sgt. Lazzaro and Sgt. Callaway.

Also on Wednesday I met with Leo Butler at the Norwich Free Academy (NFA) to discuss programs provided by the Academy and I received a general tour of the NFA campus.

The first meeting to discuss options pertaining to the Reid & Hughes building was held on Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup>. Robert Mills of NDCD, Gary Evans of Community Development, City Planner; Deanna Rhodes, Acting Director of Public Works; Patrick McLaughlin, Chief Scandariato of the Norwich Fire Department, Building/Housing Code Enforcement Official; Jim Troeger and Aimee Wickless from Brown Jacobson P.C. were in attendance. I will keep the City Council updated on the groups progresses and will be submitting a report in August.

Also on Wednesday I attended a Badge Pinning Ceremony at the Norwich Fire Department Headquarters. Congratulation again to: Battalion Chief Merchant, Captain Benjamin, Lieutenant Watts.

On Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup> the Mayor and I met with Senator Osten to discuss the Buckingham Building.

I attended the retirement party held by the Human Services department on Thursday as well. We wish Kay Eyberse, Mary Bartlett and Matt Hinchey all the best and thank them for their service to our City.

The Mayor and I met with members of the Norwich Golf Course to discuss possibly installing a pond for irrigation purposes. Further research will be needed before a decision can be made.

On Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> the Mayor and I attended a Wreath Laying Ceremony for Samuel Huntington hosted by the Norwich Historical Society. I fully appreciate all the hard work and dedication that goes into preserving the historical background within the City of Norwich. Important landmarks like the tomb of Samuel Huntington, is what makes Norwich the unique and special City that it is.

We also attended a Retirement Luncheon for Chief Fusaro on Friday, followed by the Police Chief Swearing In of Patrick Daley who will now serve as Interim Acting Chief of Police until a permanent appointment can be made. Chief Fusaro has gone above and beyond with his service to the City of Norwich and its residents over the past four decades. He will truly be missed and I wish him the best with his future endeavors.

Mayor Hinchey called for citizen comment on resolutions.

Kathy Zeiner, representing Safe Futures, asked the Council to support the CDBG funding which will add full time and part time staff in Norwich to help prevent domestic violence.

David Crabb, 47 Prospect St, asked on resolution #2 not to rubber stamp the CDBG funds because they keep Norwich in a rut. He also asked why there can't be more funding for the lifeguards at Mohegan Park.

Mayor Hinchey declared citizen comment closed.

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

**WHEREAS**, the property owners listed below want to participate in a cost sharing program with the City of Norwich to construct concrete sidewalks along their property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Norwich wants to improve sidewalks throughout the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH** that: granite curbing and concrete sidewalks will be constructed at the following locations where the property owners will pay for an assessment for the cost of the sidewalks and the City of Norwich will pay for the cost of the curbing and miscellaneous items.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Owner Cost</b>
Richard and Denise Kelly	6 Goldberg Avenue	\$ 2,482.00
Mario and Alicia Soto	8 Goldberg Avenue	\$ 2,316.00
Robert and Dorothy Lesser	15 Joseph Perkins Avenue	\$ 2,770.00
Joao Mendes	40 Convent Avenue	\$ 2,242.00
Felicia Keramidas	8 Grove St	\$ 9,821.00
Robert and Donna Grayeck	30 Ward St.	\$ 1,925.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the cost of this project be funded from the existing capital budget line item for sidewalks, Construction Account #81000 and the Special Assessment Fund, Fund #40000.

The estimated city’s cost for curbing and miscellaneous construction items are estimated to be \$18,201.00.

Upon motion of Ald. Philbrick, seconded by Ald. Gould, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution introduced by President Pro Tem Nystrom.

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) 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 from June 6 until July 6, 2016 prior to being placed into effect and the Council of the City of Norwich held a public hearing regarding the recommendations on June 20, 2016.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORWICH CITY COUNCIL** that the allocation sum of \$778,804 in CDBG entitlement grant funds shall be allotted as follows, and that the Community Development Director is hereby directed to submit the Annual Action Plan for the City of Norwich to HUD no later than July 17, 2015.

CDBG Requests - PY 2016				
	Anticipated PY 2016 Allocation	\$ 778,804.00		
		PY 2016 Request	CDAC Recommended	Council Recommended
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 motion to Ald. Braddock, seconded by Ald. Gould, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

*Betsy Bennett*

CITY CLERK