

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Norwich was held March 4, 2019, at 7:35 PM in Council Chambers. Present: Mayor Nystrom, Ald. Nash, Gould, Philbrick, DeLucia, Burnham and Browning. City Manager Salomone and Corporation Counsel Michael Driscoll were also in attendance. Mayor Nystrom presided.

Ald. Browning, read the opening prayer and Ald. DeLucia led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a motion of President Pro Tem Nash, seconded by Ald. Gould, it was unanimously voted to adopt the minutes of February 4 and 19, 2019.

Mayor Nystrom read the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Joseph “Jo-Jo” Kolodnicki Jr. was born in Norwich on March 13, 1976 to Joseph D. Kolodnicki, Sr. and Virginia (Perry) and was their eldest son; and

WHEREAS, Joseph “Jo-Jo” Kolodnicki Jr. at an early age felt a great passion and a serious love of expressing himself through art and in 1986 at the age of 10 he won the Town of Montville Art Award; and

WHEREAS, Joseph “Jo-Jo” Kolodnicki Jr. continued to progress with his artwork and has shown in many galleries throughout Norwich including Slater Memorial Museum and was a large part of the Norwich Art Community and Norwich; and

WHEREAS, Joseph “Jo-Jo” Kolodnicki Jr. was the father of 2 sons Azariah J. Kolodnicki and Joshua Kolodnicki, who were the pride and love in his life; and

WHEREAS, Joseph “Jo-Jo” Kolodnicki Jr. received authorization from the author of “The Secret of NIMH” to write the sequel, he completed a draft and had a publisher lined up for his sequel “Escape from NIMH”; and

WHEREAS, Joseph “Jo-Jo” Kolodnicki Jr.’s family has graciously donated the pencil sketch of Abraham Lincoln to the City of Norwich for display so many may see his art and appreciate what a great talent he had.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR PETER ALBERT NYSTROM AND NORWICH CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM, BILL NASH, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWICH CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, do hereby thank Joseph “Jo-Jo” Kolodnicki Jr. for his Artwork and enduring friendship he has given to the citizens of Norwich and for his dedication as a Mail Carrier to downtown Norwich, always with a smile and a kind word.

Dated this Fourth Day of March, 2019

Peter Albert Nystrom
Mayor

Bill Nash
President Pro Tem

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Upon a motion of President Pro Tem Nash, seconded by Ald. Gould, it was unanimously voted to accept the letter from the chairman regarding Robert Allen being removed from the Norwich Historic District Commission.

City Manager Report:

To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
Subject: City Manager's Report
Date: March 4, 2019

Josh Pothier and I met with the Board of Education, City Department Heads, Volunteer Fire Chiefs and Otis Library regarding the upcoming 2019-2020 budget process during the past two weeks.

I attended the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Board of Directors meeting on February 21st. The Mayor, Comptroller Josh Pothier, and I attended a meeting regarding the upcoming Superintendent search.

I attended the Mayors workshop with the Council that was held at Foundry 66 on Saturday the 23rd. I also met with the Mayor, Superintendent Abby Dolliver and staff regarding the Rt. 82 intersection by Mahan School. The traffic light timing has been adjusted which has eased the congestion slightly.

Forty-six 1st graders from Mahan School enjoyed an impromptu tour of City Hall on February 27th. Thank you to my assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa, the Mayor's Secretary, Bonnie Cuprak and Alderman Bill Nash for hosting the students and chaperones. The students especially liked posing for pictures in the Council Chambers.

Norwich Youth and Family Services will be hosting a reception for National Youth Service Day on Friday, May 3rd in Council Chambers. This year's celebration will coordinate with the City's World Youth Day Celebration. Individual youth who exemplify the standards of National Youth Service Day will be presented certificates of recognition. The deadline for submission is April 12th.

I received notification from the U.S. Department of Justice that the Norwich Police Department assisted with the investigation of two men that will be serving time in federal prison for their roles in a Southeastern Connecticut heroin trafficking ring. Thank you to Norwich Police Department for assisting in this investigation.

The City has received 14 applications for the position of Public Works Director. I will be reviewing them with Brigid Marks, Human Resource Director to determine their qualifications.

Thank you to the Norwich Events Organization, sponsors and volunteers for the 6th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival. The streets were filled with people of all ages who enjoyed the festivities.

I have attached the notes from Jim M. O'Shea of Achievement Unlimited of CT regarding the Council Workshop that was held on February 9th regarding the progress of last year's goals and objectives.

Also, attached is the Treasurer's Report from Michael Gualtieri, for quarter ended December 31, 2018 for your review.

Mayor Nystrom called for citizen comment on resolutions.

Marvin Serruto, 100 Starr St, stated he was in favor of all three resolutions and would like an explanation on Resolution #2.

Mayor Nystrom declared citizen comment on resolutions closed.

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

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 2019 carnival hosted by the Norwich Noontime Rotary will be held from Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to Monday, May 27, 2019 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 its thanks to the Norwich Noontime Rotary for its efforts.

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

To reallocate funds from the 2018-19 capital budget to purchase a compressor and a zero-turn mower for the Public Works Department.

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department was able to purchase a plow truck for less than the cost budgeted for this purpose; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Works requests that \$17,000 of the savings from this purchase be reallocated to purchase a compressor and a zero turn mower.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that \$17,000 be and hereby is reallocated in Capital Improvement Fund account 10219-88442 for the purposes of purchasing a compressor and a zero turn mower for the Public Works Department.

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

WHEREAS, Joseph "Jo-Jo" Kolodnicki, Jr. was born in Norwich and grew up displaying and developing many talents including the skills of an artist; and

WHEREAS, he had many friends in Norwich and the community mourns his recent untimely passing; and

WHEREAS, his mother, Virginia (Perry) Kolodnicki on behalf of his family, has donated to the City of Norwich a pencil sketch of Abraham Lincoln he had given her which will be displayed in city hall as an example of his talents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH that it accepts with appreciation this gift from Virginia (Perry) Kolodnicki of the pencil sketch of Abraham Lincoln which had been drawn and given to her by her son, Joseph "Jo-Jo" Kolodnicki, Jr., whose talents and whose contributions the Council acknowledged earlier this evening with a Proclamation and a short program.

Upon motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by President Pro Tem Nash, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:02 P.M.


City Clerk

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