

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Norwich was held April 16, 2018, at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers. Present: Mayor Nystrom, Ald. Nash, Gould, DeLucia, Burnham and Browning. City Manager Salomone and Corporation Counsel Michael Driscoll were also in attendance. Ald. Philbrick had an excused absence. Mayor Nystrom presided.

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

Please be advised that meetings of the Norwich City Council can be viewed in their entirety on the City of Norwich website “norwichct.org”.

Mayor Nystrom called for citizen comment.

Beryl Fishbone, 19 Bliss Place, was disappointed that Mohegan Park events did not qualify to be posted on the City’s web calendar.

Mayor Nystrom declared citizen comment closed.

Ald. Gould read the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Connecticut Trust For Historic Preservation will present the Mimi Findlay Award for Young Preservationists to individuals age 35 or younger, or groups whose members are 35 or younger; and

WHEREAS, the award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated interest, involvement and achievement or potential achievement in the restoration, maintenance, preservation or adaptive use of historic buildings; and

WHEREAS, Regan Miner is this years recipient of the Mini Findlay Award for Young Preservationist; and

WHEREAS, Regan Miner is a 2010 graduate of Norwich Free Academy (NFA) and went on to graduate from UCONN with a Bachelors Degree in History; and

WHEREAS, Regan has been honored with a 40 Under 40 Award of Southeast Connecticut and in 2016 received the Governors Tourism Award for Rising Stars; and

WHEREAS, The Rose City is proud of Regan Miner and thanks her for the hard work she gives the city, from her position of Consultant to the Norwich Historic Society, Coordinator of Norwich Heritage Group to being a member of the Board of Directors for the Leffingwell House Museum and creating the Benedict Arnold Walking Trail.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR PETER ALBERT NYSTROM AND NORWICH CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM, William (Bill) Nash, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWICH CITY COUNCIL AND

THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, do hereby congratulate and thank Regan Miner for her hard work and dedication on behalf of the City of Norwich.

Dated this Fifth Day of April, 2018

Peter Albert Nystrom
Mayor

William Nash
President Pro Tem

Mayor Nystrom called for a Public Hearing on a resolution regarding the Community Development Block Grant allocation recommendations.

Speaking in favor:

Katherine Verano, Safe Futures, stated that this program helps raise awareness, saves lives and that they work closely with the Norwich Police Department.

Lindsey Michaels, Safe Futures, works collaboratively with the Norwich Police Department for victim advocacy.

Patrick Daley, Norwich Police Chief, echoed the previous speakers regarding Safe Futures and asked for support to make this a successful program.

Deanna Rhodes, City Planner, spoke in support of the awnings for NCDC.

Speaking in opposition: There were no speakers.

There being no further speakers Mayor Nystrom declared the public hearing closed.

Mayor Nystrom called for a Public Hearing on 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

President Pro Tem Nash stated the following ordinance introduced by Mayor Nystrom and President Pro Tem Nash is being withdrawn at this time by the sponsors.

Council Ordinance

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

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 Nystrom called for a Public Hearing on 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

Speaking in favor:

Michael Jewell, 206 Scotland Rd, stated that Dodd Stadium is 25 years old and needs some capital improvements. He stated that a minor league baseball team is a unique asset to the City.

David Schermerhorn, General Manager Tigers, stated Dodd Stadium is an asset and a key benefit to the City

Rae Seifert, Deep River, stated that Dodd Stadium is an asset to the area.

Glenn Carberry, 27 Greenwich Court, stated it has many economic and quality of life benefits. There needs to be anticipated periodic investment in the Stadium and believes the best is yet to come.

Luke Gabordi, NFA coach, stated Norwich is fortunate to have NFA students benefit from this field and supports this project.

Speaking in opposition: There were no speakers.

There being no further speakers Mayor Nystrom declared the public hearing closed.

Upon a motion by Ald. Gould, seconded by President Pro Tem Nash, it was unanimously voted to waive the reading of the full text and incorporate it into the minutes this ordinance being given it second reading.

Ald. Gould motioned, seconded by President Pro Tem Nash, to adopt the ordinance below introduced by Mayor Nystrom, President Pro Tem Nash.

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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.

Section 3. To meet said appropriation \$800,000 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.

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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.

The above ordinance passed on a roll call vote of 6-0.

City Manager Report:

To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's Report
Date: April 16, 2018

I had my monthly meeting with Department heads on March 27th. Brigid Marks, Human Resources Director, is in the process of organizing a Prevention Workshop for Sexual Harassment for all employees. Ryan Thompson, Public Works Director stated that his department will be paving approximately 7 miles of roads this spring. Deanna Rhodes, Planning Director announced that a Blight Officer had been hired and will be starting the end of April. Assessor, Donna Ralston stated that Vision Appraisal has completed 4 out of the 6 areas scheduled for the Norwich re-valuation. I have requested department heads submit quarterly reports for the Council per their request from the Goal Setting session in January. Their reports will highlight their activities and accomplishments throughout the year and will be attached to my second report of the month immediately following the quarter end. The reports ending March 31st will include 3 quarters - July 2017 to March 2018. Going forward, the reports will be for the current quarter end. Each department has come up with their own informational format so if you have any questions, please contact my assistant and she will relay any questions or concerns to the department heads.

I had a conference call with Betsy Crum to finalize the Reid & Hughes Agreement, which I signed on April 6th.

The Mayor and I have meet with members of the Norwich Historical Society regarding the proposed funding for the cannon that is to be restored and also for the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day which will take place in November 2018.

The Development Agreement between the City and Burnham Square Development LLC for property at 19 North Cliff St. was fully executed on April 2nd.

Otis Home LLC completed the purchase of 80 Broadway along with the parking lot (68 Broadway) on April 5th. We are looking forward to their restoration and investment in the building by creating a food hall which will be another downtown destination.

Betsy Barrett and Jacquie Barbarossa welcomed nine students from Kelly Middle School's program with Norwich Youth and Family Services. The students toured City Hall from the basement jails cells to the attic and were impressed by the history of City Hall and Council Chambers.

I received a press release from the US Department of Justice regarding the Norwich Police Departments investigation of an untimely overdose death of a 20 year old in Norwich. Thank you to the Norwich Police for their participation in this case which has resulted in the arrest and guilty plea of the victim's heroin supplier. He is currently detained with sentencing scheduled for June 28, 2018.

The Redevelopment Agency has scheduled a public meeting to prioritize sites for grant funded brownfield assessments. This meeting will prioritize sites for grant funded brownfield assessments based on factors such as public health, community need redevelopment potential and owner interest. Municipal officials, residents, and property owners will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed work activities. The meeting will be held on Monday, April 23rd at City Hall in room 335 at 6 pm.

The City Manager's Office has received three Neighborhood Assistance Applications and will continue to accept them until June 1st, 2018.

I have the Treasurers Report from Michael Gualtieri, for quarter ended December 31, 2017 for your review.

<http://norwichct.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/745>

Mayor Nystrom called for citizen comment on resolutions.

Rob Dempsy, 36 River Ave, asked the Council to support resolution #6.

Mayor Nystrom declared citizen comment on resolutions closed.

Upon a motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by Ald. Burnham, it was voted to put the following resolution introduced by City Manager Salomone on the floor.

Motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by President Pro Tem Nash, to amend the below resolution to reduce NFD –Protective Equipment to \$352,134.00 and increase NHA- Rosewood Manor to \$75,000.00.

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 estimated at \$759,993 for program year (PY) 2018 and Recaptured funds of \$432,607 from previous program years; and

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.

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 7:30 p.m. during the April 16, 2018 Council meeting on the subject of Community Development Block Grant allocation recommendations for PY 2018.

CDBG Requests - PY 44 (2018-2019)				
Anticipated PY 2017 Allocation	\$	753,993.00		
Recaptured funding	\$	432,607.00		
	\$	1,186,600.00		
		PY 2018 Request	CDAC Recommendation	Council Recommendation
CD Office - Administration 20% of Grant Funds and ROL	\$	150,798.60	\$ 150,798.60	\$ 150,798.50
Public Services				
NHS Norwich Works	\$	50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
NHS Rapid Rehousing	\$	15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Safe Futures	\$	15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Total Public Services	\$	80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Non-Public Services				
ARC of NL	\$	8,722.35	\$ 8,722.35	\$ 8,722.35
DPW ADA Recreation Bldg	\$	60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
DPW Norwich Ave Sidewalks	\$	183,000.00	\$ 154,945.05	\$ 154,945.05
NHA Rosewood Manor	\$	75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
CD - Property Rehab	\$	250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
NCDC Signage & Awnings	\$	100,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Total Non-Public Services	\$	676,722.35	\$ 528,667.40	\$ 528,667.40
RECAPTURE				
NFD - Protective Equipment	\$	427,134.00	\$ 427,134.00	\$ 352,134.00
NHA - Rosewood Manor	\$	75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00
Total Recaptured Funding Req	\$	502,134.00	\$ 427,134.00	\$ 427,134.00
Public Service	\$	80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Non-Public Service	\$	676,722.35	\$ 528,667.40	\$ 528,667.40
CD Administration	\$	150,798.60	\$ 150,798.60	\$ 150,798.60
Recaptured Funding	\$	502,134.00	\$ 427,134.00	\$ 427,134.00
Total All Requests	\$	1,409,654.95	\$ 1,186,600.00	\$ 1,186,600.00

The above resolution as amended passes on a 6-0 vote.

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

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.

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, President Pro Tem Nash.

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 18, 2018 to review applications and receive comments relative to the Neighborhood Assistance Act.

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

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.

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

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)

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

Motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by President Pro Tem Nash, to amend the below resolution to change the amount in paragraph #2 from \$132,038,436 to "\$135,440,829".

On a vote of 6-0 amendment passes.

Motion of Ald. DeLucia, seconded by Ald. Browning, to further amend the below resolution to change in paragraph #5 from "target figure representing a 5% expense budget reduction" to "target figure up to a 5% expense budget reduction".

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 and requests the city manager's continuing assistance in identifying the areas most appropriate to permit and sustain such reductions.

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 adopted for fiscal year 2017-2018 General Fund as approved \$123,779,419 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 up to a 5% expense budget reduction.

The above resolution as amended passes on a vote of 6-0.

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

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.

Upon a motion of President Pro Tem Nash, seconded by Ald. Gould, it was unanimously voted to waive the full reading of the proposed ordinance except for its title, and incorporate its full text into the minutes of this meeting, schedule a Public Hearing on May 7, 2018 at 7:30 pm said ordinance being giving its first reading introduced by Mayor Nystrom, President Pro Tem Nash, Ald. Gould and Philbrick.

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 ~~12~~ 10 percent of the current fiscal year's budgeted expenditures and operating transfers.

Sec. 7-131.3. - Permitted uses of unrestricted fund balance.

UFB may be used to absorb operating deficits caused by unanticipated, unbudgeted revenue shortfalls or expenditure overages which cannot be mitigated by utilizing the contingency appropriation. ~~However, UFB shall not~~ may be used in the place of normal operating revenues in the annual budget process.

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.

Upon a motion by Ald. Gould, second by President Pro Tem Nash, it was unanimously voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-200(6), for the purpose of discussing the acquisition or disposition of real estate or interests in real estate when publicity regarding the proposed acquisition or a diminished price to dispose of the property and to review information given the city in confidence not required to be disclosed by law. City Manager Salomone, Comptroller Joshua Pothier, Corporation Counsel, Michael Driscoll, Mr. Robert Reed, and Attorney Theodore Phillips shall be asked to participate during all or portions of this Executive Session at the request of the City Council.

The council was in Executive Session from 8:58 pm to 9:43 pm, at which time Mayor Nystrom, stated no votes were taken.

Upon a motion of President Pro Tem Nash, seconded by Ald. Gould, it was unanimously voted to return to regular session.

Upon motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by Ald. Burnham, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:44 P.M.


City Clerk