

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Norwich was held August 15, 2019, at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers. Present: Mayor Nystrom, Ald. Nash, Gould, Philbrick, DeLucia, Browning and Burnham. City Manager Salomone and Corporation Counsel Michael Driscoll were also in attendance. Mayor Nystrom presided.

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

Mayor Nystrom made a brief statement that the City of Norwich will remain as it is and he has spoken with Norwich Clergy Association to discuss matters in the near future. As the City is opposed to any hatred, bigotry and discrimination.

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Mayor Nystrom called for citizen comment.

Edgar Rodriguez, 18 Academy St., Plainfield, spoke on behalf of Swarnjit Singh Bhatia over concerns about the lease agreement with CT Tigers owner that their contract with the City reflect the emotions of the people of Norwich. There is no place for hate in Norwich

Edgar Rodriguez, 18 Academy St., Plainfield expressed his concerns about hate and religion separation and that people need to be mindful of what they say as it can cause a negative reaction.

Nancy Baez, 232 Franklin St., expressed her feelings about the vast diversity in our city and wants to see all people to come together and not hate each other for the sake of our future generations.

Shafique Ahmed, 531 River Rd., Lisbon, expressed his concerns and feelings about the future of the City of Norwich with respect to what the previous speakers had expressed.

Lori Geiselman, 5 Champlin Place, spoke in support of her coworker Edgar Rodriguez and expressed her concerns about the future of the City and the contract with CT Tigers also not allowing any type hatred.

Tarq Aonadi, 475 Center Rd., Wallingford, Executive Director of Islamic Relations of CT, spoke with gratitude for being able to speak and show his support of his work. He also expressed concerns about the recent hate crimes and looking forward to help solve these issues.

Farhay Menau, Norwalk, Chairman CT of Islamic Relations Group, also expressed his concerns about the CT Tigers owner belonging to a racist organization.

Jamal Bdeir, 200 Dunham St. referenced the Councils approval of work to be done on Dunham St. last year and questioned why no repairs have been made to Dunham St. as of yet a year later.

Mohammed, Alice St., spoke about his family with high regard and is also concerned about the CT Tigers owners' affiliations and wants things to stay safe.

David Crabb, 47 Prospect St., spoke about the rectitude of the intentions of the world to the Supreme Judge of the world.

Brian Kobylarz, 16 Hobart Ave., spoke about 18 Falls Avenue with regard to the comments and suggestions made at the last Council meeting being good quality suggestions and would like to see them incorporated into a new resolution for vote/passage.

Rodney Bowie, 62 Roosevelt Ave., explained he has many neighbors of different races and that he doesn't have any problems. He also spoke with deep concern about the City's spending and wants it to stop.

Mayor Nystrom declared citizen comment closed.

Ald. Philbrick voiced her dismay about the following communication and asked to be excused at 8:05 PM

Upon a motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by President Pro Tem Nash, it was unanimously voted to accept the letter on Estimated Tax Impact of Debt Service on Proposed Bond Ordinance.

August 12, 2019

To: Mayor Peter A. Nystrom and Members of the Norwich City Council through City Manager John Salomone

### Estimated Tax Impact of Debt Service on Proposed Bond Ordinance

The purpose of this memo is to give the estimated tax impact on the debt service for the proposed bond ordinance on the agenda for the August 19, 2019 Norwich City Council meeting.

#### ***Assumptions***

The estimates in this memo make the following assumptions:

- Approval of the bond ordinances by the City Council and Norwich voters
- 4% interest rate on the debt issued
- 20 year amortization for the bond issues
- 0.5% increase in the grand list each year

#### ***\$5 Million Infrastructure Improvement Program***

The funds for this proposed project would be spent over a series of years. Because of this, the debt service estimates assume that the bonds would be issued incrementally from 2020-2023. Over the first five years, a homeowner with a median valued single-family home would pay an average of approximately \$20 per year in real estate property taxes related to debt service for this project. The annual debt service cost begins to decrease in year three.

Mayor Nystrom called for a Public Hearing on AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-2(e) OF THE NORWICH CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO THE SELLING OF FOOD OR DRINK IN MOHEGAN PARK

Speaking in favor:

Beryl Fishbone, 19 Bliss Place, questioned what and how the fee schedules would be set?

Rebecca Mellucci, 303 Mohegan Park Rd., supports this resolution she thinks it is a great idea.

Marvin Serutto, 100 Starr St., questioned how the parking spots would be allotted if there are four spots what would happen if a fifth truck came in?

Speaking in opposition: None

There being no further speakers Mayor Nystrom declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Nystrom called for a Public Hearing on participation in a Cost Sharing Program with The City of Norwich to construct concrete sidewalks.

Speaking in favor:

Rodney Bowie, 62 Roosevelt Ave., supports this program he has no problem with it.

Jamal Bdeir, 200 Dunham St., questioned how this program worked?

Speaking in opposition: None

There being no further speakers Mayor Nystrom declared the Public Hearing closed.

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

Upon a motion Ald. Browning, seconded by Ald. Gould, to adopt the following ordinance introduced by Mayor Nystrom and President Pro Tem Nash and Ald. Browning.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-2(e) OF THE NORWICH CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO THE SELLING OF FOOD OR DRINK IN MOHEGAN PARK**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH that Section 14-2(e) of the Norwich Code of Ordinances be repealed in its entirety and that a new section 14-2(e) as set forth herein be adopted:**

Section 14-2. Property

(e) ~~The selling of food or drink in Mohegan Park, with the exception of the Reynolds Road-Mahan Drive recreation area, is limited to the concession building. No other vendor is allowed to sell food and drink in the park during the period the concession is in operation, unless permitted in writing by the director of public works.~~

*The selling of food or non-alcoholic beverages in Mohegan Park shall be permitted at such times and locations as are authorized by permit or other written authorization issued by the Director of Public Works or his designee. Any such permit or other written authorization shall specify the location or locations at which such vending is permitted and may limit the scope and time when such vending is permitted.*

- 1) The Director of Public Works shall establish regulations which shall identify the location or locations in Mohegan Park where the vending of food or non-alcoholic beverages is permitted and shall establish limits as to the dates and hours of operation when such vending is permitted. Such regulations may also establish limits as to the number of vendors permitted in the park as well as the number permitted to vend at any location or locations identified for the purpose. Such regulations may also establish rules for any festivals and events with multiple vendors selling food and non-alcoholic beverages.*
- 2) The Director of Public Works may establish a schedule of permit fees applicable to vendors selling food and non-alcoholic beverages in Mohegan Park, which fees shall take into account the operating expenses and other costs to the City, and may differ as a result of the location at which vending is to take place, and the duration of the vending activity. All sums received from the collection of such permitting fees shall be used to defray the operating expenses and costs to the City arising from the sale of food and non-alcoholic beverages in Mohegan Park.*
- 3) The Council shall by resolution approve the permit fees proposed by the Director of Public Works and may by resolution increase or decrease permit fees to reflect any increase or decrease in the operating expenses and other costs to the City associated with the vending of food and non-alcoholic beverages in Mohegan Park.*
- 4) Unless exempted under the statutes of the State of Connecticut, no person shall vend in Mohegan Park without holding a proper license or licenses as may be required for the vending of food or non-alcoholic beverages as determined by the Uncas Health District and the Chief of Police.*
- 5) Vending may be conducted from a properly equipped and licensed motor vehicle or a wheeled vehicle or device, other than a motor vehicle, which may be moved with or without a motor and which does not require registration by the Department of Motor Vehicles.*
- 6) Before any permit, as provided in this section, shall be issued, such vendor who utilizes a motor vehicle shall file with the Director of Public Works a certificate of insurance that also names the City of Norwich as an additional insured party. This insurance shall contain the specific policies, and be in the amounts required by the*

*City, to protect both the vendor and the City. The Director of Public Works will provide these requirements to each vendor requesting a permit.*

- 7) *All vendors shall, prior to the issuance of a permit, submit an executed agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Norwich and its employees, officers and officials both elected and appointed, and/or agents from any and all claims, actions, injuries, or damages of every kind and description which may accrue to or be suffered by any person by reason of or related to the vending of food and non-alcoholic beverages by the vendor in Mohegan Park.*

On a roll call vote of 6-0 the above ordinance passes.

City Manager Salomone report:

**To:** Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council  
**From:** John Salomone, City Manager  
**Subject:** City Manager's Report  
**Date:** August 19, 2019

I attended the monthly Public Safety Meeting. I also attended the two *Property Revaluation Information Sessions* that were held on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. More than 60 people attended the sessions that were presented by City Assessor, Donna Ralston and William Lee, Assessment Analyst. I would like to thank them both for their detailed and informative presentation that gave residents and taxpayers a better understanding of the revaluation process. Their presentation has been posted on the City's website under the Assessor's Department

Negotiations are ongoing for Public Works Supervisors, MEUI and Fire Department personnel.

The Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) has presented the City with its annual Member's Equity Distribution check for \$49,930. The City of Norwich and Norwich Board of Education has received a total of \$98,110 in distributed Members Equity since CIRMA began the program in 2011.

I have been informed by Norwich Public Works Program Coordinator, Jeanne Kurasz who is also serving as the City of Norwich's Sustainable CT contact for the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification, that the City's application has been submitted. The deadline is August 30<sup>th</sup> and the team has completed the task ahead of schedule. The City has accumulated just over 400 points and only 200 are needed for certification. Thank you to the Sustainability Team and the NPU interns who worked to complete the application in a timely manner. This certification is designed to boost local economies, help municipal operations become more efficient, reduce operating cost and provide grants and additional support to municipalities.

An Informational Parking Discussion will be held on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers. "Parking Management Trends around the Country" will be discussed from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm and "Plans for Growing Downtown Norwich" will be discussed from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

The Ellis Ruley Committee will be hosting an official unveiling of the “Brought to Light” Ellis Walter Ruley in Norwich Quilt on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm on the second floor of City Hall to acknowledge and thank the committee members, quilters and those that contributed. City Hall be open until 8 pm the same evening to view the quilt and additional events will be held at the City Hall parking deck and the David Ruggles Courtyard in conjunction with “First Friday” events “Discover your HeARTist” throughout the downtown.

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

Upon a motion of Ald. DeLucia, seconded by Ald. Gould, it was unanimously voted to amend the following resolution to insert in paragraph 8 “10410300-58815 Economic Development Contingency “ and in paragraph 9 to add “60 days after the issuance of the RFP”.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Norwich owns the property identified as 18 Falls Avenue (map 101/block 4/lot 63) which property is located along the west channel of the Yantic River and adjacent to the Intermodal Transportation Center; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of this property at 18 Falls Avenue is used in connection with the Intermodal Transportation Center to provide one handicapped parking space and two other parking spaces for shoreline access supporting a public access walkway running along the bank of the Yantic River; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of this property at 18 Falls Avenue includes the Transfer Station Bridge, so-called, and is used to provide access to the upper floors of the Intermodal Transportation Center, primarily for parking; and

**WHEREAS**, the remaining portion of the property at 18 Falls Avenue includes a structure in disrepair and in need of renovation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Norwich has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Norwich to identify more precisely those portions of 18 Falls Avenue currently used in support of the Intermodal Transportation Center, either for access to the Intermodal Transportation Facility for parking, or used for access to and/or parking for the public access walkway running along the bank of the Yantic River, to require them to be separated from the remaining portion of 18 Falls Avenue, and since the remaining portion of 18 Falls Avenue including the structures is unlikely to be of any immediate use to the City of Norwich the Council finds it would be in the best interest of the City of Norwich to make such property available for renovation and development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Norwich has also determined it to be in the best interest of the City of Norwich to better define the portion of 18 Falls Avenue to be made available for renovation and development, being the remaining portion of 18 Falls Avenue not required or used for access to the Intermodal Transportation Center or for parking and access for the public access walkway, by a survey of 18 Falls Avenue to be made at a cost not to exceed \$5,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Norwich finds it to be in the best interest of the City of Norwich to offer the remaining portion of Falls Avenue not used in support of the Intermodal Transportation Center as described herein, and as determined by survey, by a Request for Proposal process recognizing:

- 1) Any property to be renovated and developed shall remain subject to any existing restrictions for public access to the Intermodal Transportation Center and the public access walkway, including parking for the same;
- 2) The property is to be offered for renovation and development in “as is” condition;
- 3) Any proposed renovation and development must comply with Zoning and Land Use Regulations and Restrictions, including Floodplain, Floodway and Coastal Area Management Regulations applicable to the same;
- 4) The Council finds that three (3) years from the date on which a Development Agreement has been entered into with a prospective developer is an adequate time period for the renovation and development of the property and that the failure to complete the renovation and development within such three (3) year time period is to be a violation of the Development Agreement; and
- 5) Prior to any conveyance to a developer the property at 18 Falls Avenue shall be divided in accordance with the terms of this resolution with description to be prepared from the survey.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH**, that the sum of \$5,000 be and hereby is appropriated from line item 10410300-58815 Economic Development Contingency, for purposes of conducting a survey of the property at 18 Falls Avenue to permit that portion of the property used to provide access to the Intermodal Transportation Center, including the entrance and exit ramp to the upper floors of the same and to the public access parking and walkway be separated from the remaining property at 18 Falls Avenue by the recording of an appropriate instrument such that the structure and remaining land at 18 Falls Avenue may be offered to interested parties for renovation and development by a Request for Proposal process; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH**, that City Manager John Salomone be and hereby is authorized and directed, with the assistance of the Purchasing Agent, City Clerk, Public Works Department, and/or such other individual(s) or department(s) as he may wish to utilize, to issue a Request for Proposals seeking interested parties to renovate and develop that portion of 18 Falls Avenue not used in connection with the Intermodal Transportation Center and the public access walkway, said Request for Proposals to be incorporate the conditions expressed in this resolution, conditions standard to city requests for proposals, and to be issued on or before the second meeting of the Council in October 2019 with responses to the same due no later than 60 days after issue of the RFP, responses to include, among other things, the price offered by the responder for the property, whether the responder wishes to lease or purchase the property, the responders plan and timeline for renovation and development of the property, which renovation and development must be completed within three (3) years of the date of entering into a Development Agreement, the use for which the property is to be renovated and developed, any improvements necessary for access to such property proposed by the developer in connection

with such use, and a description of the value of the proposed use to other uses existing or proposed on Hollyhock Island.

On a vote of 6-0 the above substituted resolution passes.

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 interest in real estate when publicity regarding the site, purchase or construction would adversely impact the price of the same, to review engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations, including perspective public supply, made for the City, and review commercial or financial information given in confidence not required by statute. City Manager John Salomone, General Manager of Norwich Public Utilities, Chris LaRose, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Norwich Public Utilities, Robert Staley, President of the Norwich Community Development Corporation, Robert Mills, Chairman of Board of Directors of the Norwich Community Development Corporation, Robert Buckley and Mark Block, it's counsel were asked to participate during all or portions of this Executive Session at the request of the City Council.

Upon a motion by Ald. Browning, seconded by Ald. DeLucia, it was unanimously voted to include Deanna Rhodes to go into Executive Session.

The Council was in Executive Session from 8:35 pm to 9:20 pm, at which time Mayor Nystrom, stated no votes were taken.

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

Mayor Nystrom called for citizen comment.

David Crabb, 47 Prospect St., spoke on Resolutions #1 and #3 warning the Council that the economy is heading toward shaky ground.

Sheila Hayes, 382 Laurel Hill Ave., spoke in disappointment of Resolution #3 she wants to see these funding gaps to stop happening

Rodney Bowie, 62 Roosevelt Ave., again stressed to stop the spending.

Mayor Nystrom declared citizen comment closed.

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

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH:**

That the ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$5,000,000 FOR THE CITY OF NORWICH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2019) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$5,000,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE", as adopted by this meeting of the Council, be submitted to a referendum vote of the electors of the City for approval or



disapproval in conjunction with the general election on November 5, 2019, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. and that the warning of said referendum state the question to be voted upon and the ballot label with respect thereto as follows:

Question 1:

“Shall the ordinance entitled ‘ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$5,000,000 FOR THE CITY OF NORWICH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2019) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$5,000,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE’, as adopted by the City Council on August 5, 2019, be approved? YES NO”

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

“Shall the \$5,000,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the planning, acquisition and construction of the City of Norwich Infrastructure Improvement Program (2019), which consist of the improvement or new construction of roads, bridges and bridge structures, sidewalks, piers and wharves, and appurtenant areas throughout the City, as may be accomplished within said appropriation, pursuant to the ordinance adopted by the City Council on August 5, 2019, be approved? YES NO”

The voting will be by paper/electronic ballot. Those desiring to vote for the question shall fill in the box in front of the question on the ballot at “**YES**”. Those desiring to vote against the question shall fill in the box in front of the question on the ballot at “**NO**”. Absentee ballots will be made available in accordance with the law.

The warning of said referendum shall also state that the full text of the aforesaid ordinance and question are on file open to public inspection in the office of the City and Town Clerk, that the vote on the aforesaid bond ordinance is taken pursuant to Chapter VIII, Section 4 of the City Charter and Chapters 90 and 152 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and that absentee ballots will be made available in accordance with the law.

The City and Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and print pursuant to section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes (i) explanatory text for the foregoing question and (ii) materials concerning such question in addition to the explanatory text.

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 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>Location</b>	<b>Owner Cost</b>
Gretchen Philbrick	27 Sturtevant Avenue	\$4515.00
Broadway Soulor LLC	143-145 Rockwell St.	\$6640.00
Burnham Sq. Development LLC	19 North Cliff St.	\$1816.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the cost of this project be funded from the existing capital budget line item for sidewalks, Capital Improvement Fund #3602 and the Sidewalk Fund, #2858, and that a public hearing be set at the second meeting of the City Council in August 2019.

The estimated city’s cost for curbing and miscellaneous construction items is \$6,775.00.

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

Relative to the transfer of funds among various departments to close out Fiscal Year 2018-19.

**WHEREAS**, the Law Department expended approximately \$40,000 in excess of its 2018-19 appropriation primarily resulting from higher than anticipated condemnation relocation costs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department expended approximately \$560,000 in excess of its 2018-19 appropriation resulting primarily from retirement payouts, overtime, and replacement overtime costs; and,

**WHEREAS**, Norwich Public Schools expended approximately \$1,400,000 in excess of its 2018-19 appropriation resulting from higher than anticipated special education tuition and transportation costs; and,

**WHEREAS**, several departments underspent their 2018-19 budgets in an amount totaling approximately \$1,172,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH**, that \$1,172,000 be and hereby is transferred *from* the 2018-19 budgets of the departments listed below *to* the 2018-19 budgets of the Law, Police, and Norwich Public Schools departments as follows:

**Budget Decreases**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Org (s)</u>	<u>Amount of Transfer</u>
City Council	10410300	\$31,000
City Manager	10411300	3,000
Finance	10411700	10,000
Assessment	10413100	33,000
Treasurer	10413700	4,000
Human Resources	10414100	7,000
Planning & Neighborhood Services	10415100	17,000
Elections	10419700	8,000
Norwich Fire	10420200	60,000
Emergency Management	10422300	13,000
Laurel Hill VFD	10423400	5,000
Taftville Volunteer Fire	10423600	7,000
Public Works	10430300 - 10434800	410,000
Human Services	10441700 - 10450300	24,000
Insurance	10500000	79,000
Contingency	10500000	461,000
<b>Subtotal - Budget Decreases</b>		<b>\$1,172,000.00</b>

**Budget Increases**

<u>Department</u>		<u>Amount of Transfer</u>
Law	10413900	\$40,000
Police	10420100	560,000
Norwich Public Schools	10470000	572,000
<b>Subtotal - Budget Increases</b>		<b>\$1,172,000.00</b>

**Net Budget Change**

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH**, that the remaining 2018-19 budget deficit of \$828,000 (\$1,400,000 minus \$572,000) for Norwich Public Schools shall be addressed in a separate ordinance for an additional appropriation from General Fund unrestricted fund balance.

Upon a motion of President Pro Tem Nash, seconded by Ald. Gould, it was unanimously voted to waive the full reading of the text, and set a Public Hearing on September 3, 2019 for the second reading and action on the following ordinance introduced by City Manager Salomone.

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING ADDITIONAL FISCAL YEAR 2018-19  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND CITY CONSOLIDATION  
DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, Norwich Public Schools expended approximately \$1,400,000 in excess of its fiscal year 2018-19 General Fund appropriation as a result of higher than anticipated special education tuition and transportation costs; and

**WHEREAS**, \$572,000 of the \$1,400,000 overage was offset by transfers of unexpended appropriations from other General Fund departments– leaving a net spending deficit of \$828,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Consolidation District’s (“CCD”) wages, overtime, replacement costs, and fringe benefits for fiscal year 2018-19 are \$420,000 higher than anticipated compared to the adopted 2018-19 budget for the CCD; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Fund and CCD have adequate levels of unrestricted fund balance (“UFB”) to absorb the impact of the budget variances described above; and

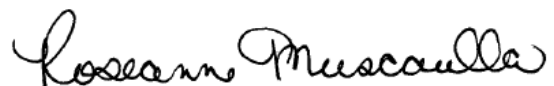
**WHEREAS**, the CCD will have a fund deficit of approximately \$220,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH THAT** the fiscal year 2018-19 appropriations for the General Fund and CCD be, and hereby are, increased by the sums of \$828,000 and \$420,000, respectively, for the reasons set forth above.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH THAT** if, during the fiscal year 2020-21 budget development process, the City Consolidation District fund is projected to be in a deficit position at the end of fiscal year 2019-20, then an additional amount will be included in the 2020-21 tax levy for the City Consolidation District to restore such deficit.

Purpose: To increase the appropriations of the General Fund and City Consolidation District funds for projected expenditures in excess of the adopted 2018-19 budget.

Upon motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by President Pro Tem Nash, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:45pm.



Roseanne Muscarella  
Assistant City Clerk