



**CITY OF NORWICH**  
CONNECTICUT

**AGENDA MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH**  
**100 Broadway in Council Chambers**  
**April 3, 2023**  
**7:30 PM**

The meeting will be televised on the Public Access Channel and posted on the city website,  
[www.norwichct.org](http://www.norwichct.org), in real time.

**PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** March 20, 2023

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Report from the Health Equity Committee.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. City Managers Proposed Budget Proposal, Fiscal Year 2023-24.

**CITIZENS COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS**

**NEW BUSINESS-RESOLUTIONS**

1. Relative to appropriate unexpended and unencumbered opioid settlement funds.
2. Relative to setting the first and second public hearings on the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

**NEW BUSINESS-ORDINANCES**

1. AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF NORWICH AND THE CITY AND TOWN CONSOLIDATION DISTRICTS OF SAID CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24.
2. AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE TAX LEVIES ON THE LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2022.
3. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9-28 OF THE NORWICH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING THE FEE TO BE CHARGED TO COMMERCIAL HAULERS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SOLID WASTE AND ANY OTHER MATERIALS COLLECTED IN NORWICH AND DISPOSED OF AT FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY.

Roseanne Muscarella  
Assistant City Clerk

*Report of the Health Equity Committee*

March 2023

**Committee Members**

City Manager John Salomone or representative

Patrick McCormack or representative of Uncas Health District

Police Chief Patrick Daley or representative of the Norwich Police Department

Ms. Brigid Marks or representative of the Norwich Department of Human Resources

Director of Human Services, their successor or representative of the Norwich Human Services Department

Ms. Sheila Hayes, Norwich NAACP

Ms. Jennifer Granger or representative of United Community & Family Services Healthcare

Ms. Erica Brennan or representative of Rose City United

Mr. Robert Farwell or designee for the Otis Library

Dr. Mohammed Qureshi, Hartford Healthcare

Dr. Alexander Mbewe, or representative of Hartford Healthcare

Mr. Joseph Zuzel, Director of Community Health or representative, Hartford Healthcare (East)

Mr. Arvind Shaw, Chief Executive Officer, or designee of Generations

Sarah Duso, Norwich Public Schools Director of Equity or representative

The Health Equity Committee was able to meet three times this year. One meeting was canceled due to the inability to meet the quorum.

The Health Equity Committee met on the following dates: 11/07/22, 01/09/23, and 03/13/23

The Health Equity Committee met to form their committee, develop agendas, and plan for the work of the committee.

In the upcoming year, the Health Equity Health Committee will clearly define their role as they meet the goals of the resolution.

Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Norwich, on July 19, 2021, adopted a resolution recognizing

racism to be a threat to public health and safety in the City of Norwich and called upon the City of Norwich to work in partnership with the Uncas Health District to develop a “Norwich Health Equity” plan and proposed to appoint a Health Equity Committee to include but not be limited to certain officials of the City of Norwich, the Uncas Health District, United Community & Family Services, Rose City United, and Generations; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City Norwich on August 2, 2021 amended that resolution to add Hartford Healthcare, the Norwich NAACP branch and the Otis Library as stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the Council finds it remains in the best interest of the City of Norwich to foster healthcare equities for the City of Norwich and its residents and to reaffirm its declaration of racism as a public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, any long-term solution requires that the City of Norwich and its agencies, boards, committees and commissions recognize the impact that racism has and can have on the lives of our neighbors, how it impacts the overall health of the City, and requires a continuing commitment to addressing its impact; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Norwich finds that the formal appointment of a Norwich Health Equity Committee to include representatives of the office of the City Manager, the Norwich Department of Human Services, the Uncas Health District, the Norwich Police Department, the Norwich Human Resources Department, United Community & Family Services, Rose City United, Generations, Hartford Healthcare, the Norwich NAACP branch, and the Otis Library as well as other interested entities, residents, and city office holders will work to address and mitigate the detrimental effects of racism with respect to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Norwich anticipates that the Health Equity Committee will work with Demographics Prospective on the 13 points listed by the Council of the City of Norwich in its resolution of July 19, 2021 to guide their work; to hold regular meetings during which public participation and comment is encouraged, and report regularly to the Council of City of Norwich with respect to their findings and recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that a Health Equity Committee be, and the same hereby is, created to consist of the following persons or representatives of organizations, all to serve for two-year terms ending October 3, 2024 or until successors are appointed or the Committee dissolved;

**RESOLUTION #1**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Norwich adopted ordinance 1835 on December 19,2022 to establish a framework for collecting and appropriating opioid settlement funds; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to ordinance 1835, the city manager shall submit a resolution proposing the use of unexpended and unencumbered opioid settlement funds to be spent in the following fiscal year for the City Council’s consideration at its first meeting in April; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to ordinance 1835, any expenditures of opioid settlement funds shall be used exclusively for opioid abatement purposes, including, but not limited to, expanding access to opioid use disorder prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery options; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the date of this resolution, the City has \$141,505.20 of unexpended and unencumbered opioid settlement funds.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH**, that \$30,000 of opioid settlement funds be and hereby is appropriated as follows for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024:

Org	Obj	Description	Amount	Notes
29024427	53322	Professional Development	\$ 10,000	For three employees to receive Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America training.
29024427	55531	Advertising/ Marketing	\$ 8,000	Media and print campaign with community collaborators, youth, and seniors
29024427	58718	Reliance Health	\$ 10,000	Reimburse the cost of recovery coaches to supplement the How Can We Help grant)
29024427	58730	Assistance Payments	\$ 2,000	Transportation to care and other recovery-related assistance to clients
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	

City Manager John L. Salomone

**RESOLUTION #2**

**RESOLVED**, that the first public hearing on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the second public hearing on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

City Manager John Salomone

**NEW BUSINESS ORDINANCE #1**

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF NORWICH AND THE CITY AND TOWN CONSOLIDATION DISTRICTS OF SAID CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, the following appropriations hereby are made to meet the expense of the City of Norwich and the City and Town Consolidation Districts of the City of Norwich for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 to wit:

	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Proposed
<b>City Council</b>	408,622	438,638	
<b>City Manager</b>	424,267	440,278	
<b>Finance</b>	1,804,792	1,932,258	
<b>Assessor</b>	479,656	535,397	
<b>City Treasurer</b>	296,705	304,375	
<b>Law</b>	439,000	439,000	
<b>Human Resources</b>	637,636	660,687	
<b>City Clerk</b>	548,235	521,727	
<b>Planning &amp; Neighborhood Services</b>	1,189,146	1,250,590	
<b>Election</b>	160,655	169,122	
<b>Police</b>	18,365,141	18,370,424	
<b>Fire - Central</b>	2,306,027	2,357,455	
<b>Emergency Management</b>	72,840	75,661	
<b>Fire - East Great Plain</b>	154,996	165,433	
<b>Fire - Laurel Hill</b>	83,221	86,732	
<b>Fire - Occum</b>	92,300	100,168	
<b>Fire - Taftville</b>	173,968	176,038	
<b>Fire - Yantic</b>	160,383	171,874	
<b>Public Works</b>	11,155,301	12,150,807	
<b>Human Services</b>	2,221,289	1,930,703	
<b>Education</b>	86,346,105	86,803,758	
<b>Debt Service</b>	3,907,535	3,558,554	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	5,586,522	5,987,051	
<b>City Consolidation District</b>	8,231,074	8,117,604	
<b>Town Consolidation District</b>	505,129	487,256	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>145,750,545</b>	<b>147,231,590</b>	
<b>General Operations</b>	44,103,547	45,524,131	
<b>Debt Service</b>	3,907,535	3,558,554	
<b>Capital Improvements</b>	2,657,155	2,740,287	
<b>Education</b>	86,346,105	86,803,758	
<b>City Consolidation District</b>	8,231,074	8,117,604	
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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE TAX LEVIES ON THE  
LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2022**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH:**

Section 1. On the City Assessment list of October 1, 2022 a tax of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) mills on the dollar is hereby established to be levied upon the ratable Real Estate and Personal Property within the City of Norwich of the inhabitants of said City and all others liable to pay taxes therein.

Section 2. On the City Assessment list of October 1, 2022, a tax of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) mills on the dollar, is hereby established to be levied for fire services upon the ratable Real Estate and Personal Property within the Town Consolidation District of the inhabitants of said District and of all others liable to pay taxes therein.

Section 3. On the City Assessment list of October 1, 2022, a tax of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) mills on the dollar, is hereby established to be levied for fire services upon the ratable Real Estate and Personal Property within the City Consolidation District of the inhabitants of said District and of all others liable to pay taxes therein.

Section 4. On the City Assessment list of October 1, 2022, a tax of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) mills on the dollar is hereby established to be levied upon the ratable Motor Vehicles within the City of Norwich of the inhabitants of said City and all others liable to pay taxes therein.

Section 5. Except as provided in Section 6, all taxes on Real Estate and Personal Property listed in Sections 1 through 4 shall become due on July 1, 2023, and payable on said date in whole or in equal installments from that date, namely on July 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024, except that any tax of less than one hundred dollars shall be due and payable on July 1, 2023. If the first installment is not paid on or before August 1, 2023 or if the second installment is not paid on or before February 1, 2024, interest will be charged on any such delinquent payment at the rate of one and one-half (1½%) per cent per month from the due date or \$2.00 whichever is greater, as provided for in the general statutes. Any person may pay the total amount of such tax for which he is liable at the time when the first installment shall be payable.

Section 6. Taxes on Motor Vehicles shall become due and payable in full on July 1, 2023. If the payment is not paid on or before August 1, 2023 interest will be charged on the delinquent payment at the rate of one and one-half (1½%) per cent per month from due date or \$2.00 whichever is greater, as provided for in the general statutes.

City Manager John Salomone

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9-28 OF THE NORWICH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING THE FEE TO BE CHARGED TO COMMERCIAL HAULERS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SOLID WASTE AND ANY OTHER MATERIALS COLLECTED IN NORWICH AND DISPOSED OF AT FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Norwich is a party to a Municipal Service Agreement with the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority (SCRRRA) whereby SCRRRA bills the city a charge to be referred to as a tip fee for materials generated in Norwich and brought to a SCRRRA facility for disposition; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCRRRA tip fee per ton will increase by \$2.00 effective July 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Norwich currently charges commercial haulers \$68.00 for each ton of solid waste collected in Norwich and delivered to a SCRRRA facility.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH** that items c. and d. of Sec. 9-28 of the Norwich Code of Ordinances be and hereby is amended as follows:

Sec. 9-28. Permit for collection, transportation or disposition of solid waste and other materials.

c. The charge to be imposed on commercial haulers by the city of Norwich for solid waste and other materials collected in Norwich and transported to the Lisbon Incinerator or to any facility operated by the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority shall be ~~\$68.00~~ \$70.00 per ton.

d. This charge of ~~\$68.00~~ \$70.00 per ton shall become effective July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023.

Purpose: To increase the tip fee per ton charged to commercial haulers.

Mayor Peter Albert Nystrom  
President Pro Tem Joseph A. DeLucia  
Alderwoman Stacy Gould