



CITY OF NORWICH
CONNECTICUT

AGENDA MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH
November 6, 2023
7:30 PM

The meeting will be televised on the Public Access Channel and posted on the city website, www.norwichct.org, in real time.

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION: Extra Mile Day 2023

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: October 2 and October 16, 2023

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITIZENS COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS (on agenda items only)

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

1. Relative to a reappointment of a member of the Greater Norwich Chamber of Commerce to the Eastern Connecticut Regional Tourism District.
2. Relative to the donation of surplus used office furniture by Chelsea Groton Savings Bank to the City of Norwich.
3. Relative to City Manager being authorized to grant the Church of the Divine Providence permission to sell beer at its "Taste of Poland Festival".
4. Relative to property at 504 East Main Street being offered to abutting owners to purchase through the office of the tax collector.
5. Relative to property at 28 Dunham Street Sidewalk Assessment lien being released.
6. Relative to amendment of existing American Rescue Plan Act allocations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Roseann Muscaulla
City Clerk



City Of Norwich

Mayors Office

Peter A. Nystrom, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Norwich, Connecticut is a community which acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens collectively “**go the extra mile**” in personal effort, volunteerism and service; and

WHEREAS, Norwich, Connecticut is a community which chooses to shine a light on and celebrate individuals and organizations within its community who “**go the extra mile**” in order to make a difference and lift up fellow members of their community; and

WHEREAS Norwich, Connecticut is a community which encourages its citizens to maximize their personal contribution to the community by giving of themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, commitment and conviction to their individual ambitions, family, friends and community; and

WHEREAS, Norwich, Connecticut acknowledges the mission of the Extra Mile American Foundation to create 100 Extra Mile cities and states in America and is proud to support “**Extra Mile Day**” on November 6, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR PETER A. NYSTROM AND NORWICH CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM, JOSEPH A. DELUCIA, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWICH CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, do hereby proclaim **Monday, November 6, 2023** as **Extra Mile Day** in the City of Norwich. I urge each individual in the community to take time on this day to not only “**go the extra mile**” in his or her own life, but to also acknowledge all those around who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country or world a better place.

Dated this Sixth Day of November, 2023

Peter A. Nystrom
Mayor

Joseph A. DeLucia
President Pro Tem

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS, the term of the current appointee to the Eastern Connecticut Regional Tourism District expired September 15, 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Norwich hereby re-appoints Angela Adams as a regular member of the Greater Norwich Chamber of Commerce to the Eastern Connecticut Regional Tourism District with a term to expire September 15, 2026

Mayor Peter Albert Nystrom
Alderwoman Stacy Gould

RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS, The Chelsea Groton Savings Bank has donated surplus office furniture to the City of Norwich for use in City Hall; and

WHEREAS, these items, which include desks, credenzas, tables and upholstered chairs, may be used in the operations of the tax and purchasing offices and various conference rooms at City Hall as well as other departments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH that the offered donation of surplus inventory items by Chelsea Groton Savings Bank be accepted and that an appropriate letter expressing the city's thanks be sent to the Chelsea Groton Savings Bank.

Mayor Peter Albert Nystrom
Alderman Stacy Gould

RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS, the Church of the Divine Providence (Divine Providence Parish) will hold a “Taste of Poland Festival” on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 2:00-6:00 PM at Howard Brown Park located on the Norwich waterfront at 100 Chelsea Harbor Drive, Norwich, Connecticut featuring Dennis Polisky & Maestro’s Men, a Grammy nominated, Polka Hall of Fame band, live music with free admission and parking, with art activities, and authentic Polish food; and

WHEREAS, the organizer, Divine Providence Parish, proposes to make available beer for sale during the festival, the proceeds of the sales of beer and food to be used to support various programs and activities sponsored by the Divine Providence Parish, the sales of beer to be handled by an appropriate licensed and permitted entity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that, pursuant to Section 13.14.2 of the Norwich Code of Ordinances, City Manager John Salomone be and hereby is authorized to grant the Divine Providence Parish permission to sell beer at its “Taste of Poland Festival” to be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at the Howard T. Brown Park, subject to satisfactory proof that the Divine Providence Parish has complied with the applicable regulations of the State Liquor Commission; that identification will be mandatory from each person purchasing an alcoholic beverage; that the sales of beer will be made under a proper liquor license, and that proper insurances will be obtained and maintained by the Divine Providence Parish and any vendor of beer for the event.

Mayor Peter Albert Nystrom
Alderman Stacy Gould
Alderman Bill Nash
Alderman Grant Neuendorf

RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS, the city of Norwich acquired property identified as 504 East Main Street, map 103, block 3, lot 95, by a Foreclosure by Sale Committee Deed recorded August 24, 2017 at volume 3031 page 121 of the Norwich Land Records; and

WHEREAS, said property is currently a vacant lot and contains .09 acres; and

WHEREAS, an abutting property owner has inquired about obtaining this property in order to facilitate development of his property; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee of the council met on February 24, 2022 and after reviewing this request recommends that the property be conveyed to an abutter so long as the parcel is combined into the abutter's existing property; and

WHEREAS, there are presently three abutting property owners.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that said property be offered to abutting owners to purchase through the office of the tax collector by letters sent to each abutting owner soliciting bids on the property with the tax collector to determine in her discretion a minimum price, which is to be at least one hundred dollars (\$100), below which no bid will be accepted, and to report to the council by the second scheduled council meeting to be held in _____ if a bid or bids have been received and the identity of the high bidder, all bids subject to a bidder's confirming that this parcel will be combined with adjoining property of the bidder within 90 days of the conveyance of 504 East Main Street to the bidder.

Mayor Peter Albert Nystrom
Alderman Stacy Gould

RESOLUTION #5

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich, acting through its Department of Public Works, established a cost sharing program to encourage the construction of concrete sidewalks along private properties on public roads in Norwich as part of its program to improve sidewalks throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, the program provides for construction using granite curbing and concrete sidewalks with property owners to be assessed for the cost of the concrete sidewalk and the City of Norwich to pay for the cost of the curbing and miscellaneous items; and

WHEREAS, by resolution dated August 20, 2012 Ms. Kristine Day of 28 Dunham Street was accepted to the program with an estimated cost to her to replace the sidewalk and curbing of \$2,268; and

WHEREAS, the sidewalk was completed and a Certificate of Sidewalk Assessment in the sum of \$1,890 was recorded on December 17, 2013 at volume 2834 page 16 of the Norwich Land Records; and

WHEREAS, at the present time the balance owed on this assessment is \$367 plus the \$24 lien fee for a total of \$391; and

WHEREAS, work was recently performed on Dunham Street in connection with the 100% grant to the city included the installation of sidewalks while her sidewalk, now over ten years old, was not replaced; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works, Patrick McLaughlin, recommends that the remaining balance on the assessment and lien totaling \$391 be forgiven.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that the balance of the sidewalk assessment and cost totaling \$391 secured by a Certificate of Sidewalk Assessment recorded at volume 2834 page 16 of the Norwich Land Records be forgiven and the Certificate of Sidewalk Assessment be released.

Mayor Peter Albert Nystrom
Alderman Stacy Gould

RESOLUTION #6

Relative to amendment of existing American Rescue Plan Act allocations.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that the American Rescue Plan Act allocations adopted previously, be amended as follows:

No.	Project #	ARPA Exp. Code	Brief Description	Dept/ Entity	Details of requested change	Current balance unspent	Change + / (-)	City Manager recommended
1	ARP14	2.29-Loans or grants to mitigate financial hardship	Norwich Revitalization Program	NCDC	Reallocation of funds: - Additional funds to assist Reid & Hughes rehab. - Contribute towards rehab of structures at the Marina.	\$2,483,577	(\$600,000)	\$600,000 <u>to</u> 1. Reid & Hughes Project ARP31. 2. Marina Project
2	ARP15	2.35-Negative Economic Impacts: Aid to Tourism, Travel or Hospitality	Arts & Culture Support	Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition	\$500K was awarded in 1st round and \$500K in 2nd. <u>2nd</u> : \$250K returned to City and looking to reallocated \$250K to NCDC to manage programs on behalf of Cultural Coalition	\$351,233	(\$250,000)	\$250,000 <u>to</u> NCDC ARP15B
3	ARP15B	2.35-Negative Economic Impacts: Aid to Tourism, Travel or Hospitality	Arts & Culture Support	NCDC	Reallocate from Cultural Coalition \$250K. NCDC will manage on their behalf.	N/A	\$250,000	\$250,000 <u>from</u> ARP15
4	ARP31	2.31-Rehabilitation of Commercial Properties or Other Improvements	Reid & Hughes building renovation	NCDC	Additional funds to assist Reid & Hughes rehab	\$205,950	\$300,000	\$300,000 <u>from</u> ARP14
5	New Project	2.35-Negative Economic Impacts: Aid to Tourism, Travel or Hospitality	Marina rehab project	City Manager	Contribute towards rehabilitation of structures at the Marina. Allocate from funds approved for Norwich Revitalization Programs (ARP14)	N/A	\$300,000	\$300,000 <u>from</u> ARP14
Total Dollar Amount								\$0
BALANCE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE								\$0