



CITY OF NORWICH
CONNECTICUT

AGENDA – MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH
January 4, 2021
7:30 PM

The meeting of the Council will seek to comply with the directives of Executive Order 7B-1 issued by Governor Ned Lamont on March 14, 2020, together with any Executive Orders subsequently issued which pertain to such meetings.

The Mayor, members of the City Council, the City Manager, City Clerk, Comptroller and Corporation Counsel shall be present in person but separated by appropriate social distancing at Council chambers or participate remotely by conference call, video conference or other technology.

The meeting shall be televised on the Public Access Channel and posted on the city website, www.norwichct.org, in real time, consistent with Executive Order 7B-1 and the usual practices of the City of Norwich. All remarks or comments made by the Mayor, the members of the Norwich City Council, city officials, and by the public during the Citizen Comment on resolutions and Public Hearings portion of the meeting, shall be included.

The comments of citizen on resolutions may be made telephonically pursuant to the following instructions:

Call phone number first dial 860-215-8140 and then when prompted, enter the conference ID# 4038191 followed by the pound (#) key.

This number will be available only during the public comment period listed on the agenda as Citizen Comment on resolutions and Public Hearings. Its use commences when Citizen Comment on resolutions and Public Hearings is reached and opened by the Mayor. Any calls must be made prior to the Mayor's announcement that the Citizen Comment on resolutions and Public Hearings period has ended.

Citizen Comments on resolutions limited to the resolutions on the agenda and Public Hearings may also be sent by email or means of other written communication stating the name, address and title if applicable, of the sender. Emails should be sent to the office of the Mayor at mayorsoffice@cityofnorwich.org and other written communication sent or delivered to the office of the Mayor, 100 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360. Emails must be received by 7:00 p.m., of above mentioned date, and other written communications received by 4:30 p.m., of above mentioned date, to be made available to the City Council for this meeting.

Citizen comments and Public Hearings will be limited to the resolutions on the agenda only. All speakers taking part in the Citizen Comment on resolutions portion of the meeting shall clearly state their name, address and title, if applicable, before speaking and will be limited to three minutes.

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: December 7 and 21, 2020

“STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS”: Mayor Peter Albert Nystrom

PUBLIC HEARING

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1789 ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 PERTAINING TO AN EXEMPTION FOR THE NORWICH ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESAN CORPORATION FROM THE PAYMENT OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 25 OTIS STREET FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE

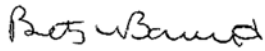
SECOND READING AND ACTION ON THE ABOVE ORDINANCE PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

CITIZENS COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS (only on the agenda items) call phone number first dial 860-215-8140 and then when prompted, enter the conference ID# 4038191 followed by the pound (#) key

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTION

1. Relative to a Grant application for Historic Restoration of slate roofing repairs to City Hall.


City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING #1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1789 ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 PERTAINING TO AN EXEMPTION FOR THE NORWICH ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESAN CORPORATION FROM THE PAYMENT OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 25 OTIS STREET FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE

WHEREAS, that certain property located at 25 Otis Street, Norwich, Connecticut was purchased by The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation on May 1, 2019 to be used for educational and charitable purposes; and,

WHEREAS, said property since May 1, 2019 has been used for educational and charitable purposes by The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation; and,

WHEREAS, said property was not considered to be tax exempt on the Grand List of October 1, 2018 and October 1, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statute Section 12-81(b) provides that any municipality may, by ordinance, provide that the property tax exemption authorized by any of subdivisions (7-16), inclusive, of section 12-81 shall be effective as of the date of acquisition of the property to which the exemption applies and shall, in such ordinance, provide procedure for reimbursement of the tax-exempt organization for any tax paid by it for a period subsequent to said date; and,

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statute Section 12-81(7) provides that real property, owned by a corporation organized exclusively for educational purposes and used for educational purposes, shall be exempt from taxation; and,

WHEREAS, the Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation subsequently filed an M-3 application with the Norwich Assessor for the real property located at 25 Otis Street to be eligible for the exemption based on its' use; and,

WHEREAS, the Assessor has approved the exempt status based on its current use; and,

WHEREAS, taxes on the October 1, 2018 Grand List, which covers the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 were \$4,818.20; and,

WHEREAS, The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation has paid the real estate taxes on the October 1, 2018 Grand List for the property located at 25 Otis Street in the total amount of \$4,818.20; and,

WHEREAS, The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, owned the property located at 25 Otis Street for a period of 212 days on the October 1, 2018 grand list; and,

WHEREAS, The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation would be entitled to a reimbursement in the amount of \$2,018.84.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH that such property at 25 Otis Street be and hereby is exempted from the payment of any real estate taxes, interest or penalty due on the Grand List of October 1, 2018 from the date of purchase, May 1, 2019, and the Grand List of October 1, 2019, as approved by the City Assessor, or until said premises are no longer used by The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation for educational and charitable purposes and the City of Norwich shall reimburse The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation for any City of Norwich real estate taxes paid by it on the Grand List of October 1, 2018 for the period subsequent to May 1, 2019; which reimbursement shall be in the sum of \$2,018.84 for real estate taxes paid to the City of Norwich.

Mayor Peter Albert Nystrom
President Pro Tem Mark M. Bettencourt
Aldерwoman Stacy Gould

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich will be required to make repairs and replacement of the slate mansard roofing on the historic Norwich City Hall; and

WHEREAS, this project may be eligible for a grant under the Historic Restoration Fund administered by the State Historic Preservation Office, \$100,000 being the maximum grant amount available; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich plans to apply for a grant of \$100,000 for the first phase of this project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that Norwich City Manager John L. Salomone be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the City of Norwich an application together with all documents, reports, plans and other materials necessary to complete a grant application for this project seeking funding of up to \$100,000 from the Historic Restoration Fund administered by the State of Connecticut Historic Preservation Officer.

**Mayor Peter Albert Nystrom
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