

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Norwich was held June 14, 2021, at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers. Present by a roll call vote: Mayor Nystrom, Ald. Bettencourt, Nash, Gould, Wilson, Myles and DeLucia. City Manager Salomone and Corporation Counsel Michael Driscoll were also in attendance. Mayor Nystrom presided.

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Upon a motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by Ald. Wilson, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to put the following revenue changes on the floor.

Description	Object(s)	Page	Amount
Revenue Changes			
Remove Distressed Municipalities funding	43100/ 43500	48	(3,528,980)
Add CRF funding remaining from December 2020 distribution	43100	48	350,000
Increase Conveyance Tax revenue estimate	41200	48	100,000
Increase Sale of City Assets revenue estimate	49200	48	50,000
Increase Building Permit revenue estimate	42201	48	50,000
Total Revenue Changes			(2,978,980)

Discussion ensued with Superintendent Stringfellow and Business Manager Sirpenski of Norwich Public Schools who stated their understanding that certain monies to be proposed to be cut of Norwich Public Schools may be offset by ECS funding which would be General Fund revenue and not Alliance District revenue. Upon their representation that if the resulting approximate \$1.3 million increase, represented to be ECS revenue, was determined to be Alliance District revenue the Norwich Public Schools would not spend the \$1,240,000 which was proposed to be cut from the \$86,346,105 allotment which cut had been included in the proposed cut to expenditures in the proposed tentatively adopted 2021-22 budget in response to the \$3.5 million loss of Distressed Municipalities revenue.

Upon a motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by President Pro Tem Bettencourt, it was voted to adopt the following new revenue change. Motion withdrawn by the sponsors.

Upon a motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by Ald. Wilson, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to put the following Revenue Changes resolution on the floor.

Motion of President Pro Tem Bettencourt, seconded by Ald. Gould, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to approve the Revenue Changes by a net reduction of \$1,678,980 as presented below.

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Education cost sharing	43371	48	1,300,000
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Upon a Motion of President Pro Tem Bettencourt, seconded by Ald. Nash, it was unanimously voted to put the following expenditure changes on the floor.

Item #	Description	Department (s)	Page (s)	Amount
Expenditure Changes				
1	Remove Records Clerk and share Revenue Collection Clerk between Tax and City Clerk	Finance/ City Clerk	55/ 65	(72,543)
2	Remove Assistant ZEO/ Blight Official	Planning & Neighborhood Services	67	(65,047)
3	Remove Fire Services Director	City Manager	53	(129,191)
4	Reduce NCDC funding	Mayor/Council	51	(50,000)
5	Cut Marketing funding	Mayor/Council	51	(25,000)
6	Cut Multicultural Development Program	Mayor/Council	51	(25,000)
7	Delay fill of Assistant Assessor for six months	Assessor	58	(47,695)
8	Leave 3 Police Officer positions vacant	Police	73	(251,909)
9	Leave 1 Laborer position vacant	Public Works	94	(74,409)
10	Reduce Otis Library funding	Non-Departmental	115	(25,000)
11	Remove capital item - Fix Dugout, announcers booth and roofs- Dickenman & Depina, Hamilton and Skatepark roof	Recreation	115	(11,500)
12	Remove Capital Item - Zero-turn mower	Recreation	115	(15,000)
13	Remove NFD windows	Norwich Fire	115	(22,500)
14	Remove Capital Item - ADA water fountain at Recreation building	Recreation	115	(3,500)
15	Reduce Capital Contingency to bring Capital Budget to Charter minimum	City Manager	115	(121,247)
16	Reduce Norwich Public Schools funding	Norwich Public Schools	111	(1,240,000)
Total Expenditure Cuts				(2,179,541)

On a roll call vote of 7-0 the above motion passes.

Upon a motion of President Pro Tem Bettencourt, seconded by Ald. Nash, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to put the following expenditure changes on the floor.

President Pro Tem Bettencourt asked to divide the question taking 1-15 together and 16 separately.

On a roll call vote of 7-0 expenditure change items #1-15 are approved.

President Pro Tem Bettencourt appealed the ruling of the Mayor regarding a second motion.

Motion of President Pro Tem Bettencourt, seconded by Ald. Nash, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to remove #16 the Norwich Public Schools expenditure reduction of \$1,240,000 for a final list of expenditure changes presented below.

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Total Expenditure Cuts				<u>(939,541)</u>

Upon a motion of Ald. Wilson, seconded by Ald. Myles, on a roll call vote it was voted unanimously to adopt the City of Norwich appropriation ordinance for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

RESOLVED, that the appropriations ordinance of the City of Norwich; including the General Fund, Capital Budget, Town Consolidation District, and City Consolidation District; for Fiscal Year 2021-22 as submitted by the City Manager on April 5, 2021, as amended and tentatively adopted by

the Council of the City of Norwich on May 3, 2021, as further amended by the Council of the City of Norwich on May 17, 2021, and as further amended on June 14, 2021 be, and the same hereby is, adopted.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF NORWICH AND THE CITY AND TOWN CONSOLIDATION DISTRICTS OF SAID CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22.

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, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 to wit:

	2019-20 Budget	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Adopted
City Council	389,384	437,340	408,622
City Manager	380,781	396,796	424,267
Finance	1,722,343	1,691,804	1,804,792
Assessor	462,880	474,396	479,656
City Treasurer	275,341	278,050	296,705
Law	431,000	454,000	439,000
Human Resources	544,136	548,745	637,636
City Clerk	508,943	518,172	548,235
Planning & Neighborhood Services	1,056,325	1,042,594	1,189,146
Election	127,450	164,183	160,655
Police	17,031,379	17,294,300	18,365,141
Fire - Central	2,120,770	2,190,032	2,272,887
Emergency Management	82,637	76,331	72,252
Fire - East Great Plain	145,552	149,216	154,996
Fire - Laurel Hill	78,360	78,445	81,221
Fire - Occum	81,393	88,060	92,300
Fire - Taftville	165,713	164,584	173,968
Fire - Yantic	165,341	162,904	160,383
Public Works	10,687,164	10,857,197	11,144,301
Human Services	2,156,044	2,044,053	2,221,289
Education	81,789,000	84,240,102	86,346,105
Debt Service	4,383,985	4,097,319	3,907,535
Miscellaneous	5,143,032	5,409,119	5,633,250
City Consolidation District	8,011,975	7,782,705	8,157,074
Town Consolidation District	481,312	448,631	505,129
TOTALS	138,422,240	141,089,078	145,676,545
General Operations	41,234,300	41,876,961	44,103,547
Debt Service	4,383,985	4,097,319	3,907,535
Capital Improvements	2,521,668	2,643,360	2,657,155
Education	81,789,000	84,240,102	86,346,105
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Town Consolidation District	481,312	448,631	505,129
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Upon a motion of Ald. Myles, seconded by Ald. Nash, on a roll call vote it was voted unanimously to adopt the City of Norwich tax levy ordinance for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

RESOLVED, that the tax levy ordinance of the City of Norwich for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 as submitted by the City Manager on April 5, 2021, as amended and tentatively adopted by the Council of the City of Norwich on May 3, 2021, as further amended by the Council of the City of Norwich on May 17, 2021, and as further amended on June 14, 2021 be, and the same hereby is, adopted.

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE TAX LEVIES ON THE
LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2020

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

Section 1. On the City Assessment list of October 1, 2020 a tax of forty-one and ninety-eight hundredths (41.98) mills on the dollar is hereby established to be levied upon the ratable Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicles 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, 2020, a tax of thirty-seven hundredths (0.37) mills on the dollar, is hereby established to be levied for fire services upon the ratable Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicles 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, 2020, a tax of six and sixty-six hundredths (6.66) 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, 2020, a tax of three and two hundredths (3.02) mills on the dollar, is hereby established to be levied for fire services upon the ratable Motor Vehicles within the City Consolidation District of the inhabitants of said District and of 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, 2021, and payable on said date in whole or in equal installments from that date, namely on July 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022, except that any tax of less than one hundred dollars shall be due and payable on July 1, 2021. If the first installment is not paid on or before August 1, 2021 or if the second installment is not paid on or before February 1, 2022, 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, 2021. If the payment is not paid on or before August 1, 2021 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.

The following Resolution was withdrawn by the sponsors Mayor Nystrom and Ald. Gould.

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich has received an analysis of the Fire/EMS Services provided in the City of Norwich prepared by the McGrath Consulting Group, Inc., with emphasis on the services provided by the City of Norwich Fire Department and the five (5) volunteer fire departments; and

WHEREAS, the report makes recommendations with respect to an amalgamation of the six (6) fire departments with a goal of supporting and improving services provided by the departments; and

WHEREAS, the report also recommends the establishment of a position of a fire commissioner which position may not be established this year for budgetary reasons and may in the future be subject to budgetary issues; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the services provided by the fire departments in the City of Norwich are supported and improved by regular meetings among the chiefs of the fire departments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that City Manager John Salomone be and hereby is requested to arrange monthly meetings to include himself, the chiefs of the six (6) fire departments or their designees, and such other persons as he believes would be helpful to such meetings to discuss issues of concern to the fire departments and the city for the purpose of supporting and improving the services provided by the six (6) fire departments with monthly reports to be sent to the Public Safety Committee of the Council.

The following Resolution was withdrawn by the sponsors Mayor Nystrom and Ald. Gould.

RESOLVED, that the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22, as submitted by the City Manager on April 5, 2021, as amended and tentatively adopted by the Council of the City of Norwich on May 3, 2021, as further amended by the Council of the City of Norwich on May 17, 2021, be amended by the expenditure adjustments as listed herein.

General Fund Expenditures

Description	Page	ORG	OBJ	Change in Expenditures	Change in GF Mill Rate	Change in CCD Mill Rate
Decrease Salaries for removal of Fire Services Director Position	53	10411300	51610	(105,000)		
Decrease Fringe for removal of Fire Services Director Position	53	10411300	52000	(24,191)		
Total Change				(129,191)	(0.06)	(0.00)

Upon motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by Ald. Myles, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:10 pm.

Betsy Bennett

City Clerk