

COMMISSION ON THE CITY PLAN
Monday, September 11, 2023, 12:00 PM
Hybrid SPECIAL Meeting
23 Union – Lower Level Conference Room, Norwich, CT

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Frank Manfredi called the meeting to order at Noon.

ROLL CALL AND SEATING OF ALTERNATES:

Present: Chairman Frank Manfredi, Deane Nason, James Quarto, Ella Myles and
Jason Courter (alternate)

Absent: Kathy Warzecha

Staff: City Planner Dan Daniska, Director of Planning Deanna Rhodes and Corporation Counsel
Attorney Michael Driscoll

Chairman Manfredi seated alternate member, Jason Counter, for the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Council Ordinance Referral: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$199,200,000 FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY UPGRADE PROJECT IN THE CITY OF NORWICH, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$199,200,000 REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY SECURED SOLELY BY SEWER REVENUE TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO ENTER INTO GRANT AND LOAN AGREEMENTS AND A JOINT RESOLUTION WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Chris LaRose, General Manager of Norwich Public Utilities, gave a short overview of the project. He discussed the history and age of the existing sewage treatment facility and the funding sources for the plant upgrades. A brief discussion ensued with members asking questions relative to start of construction, prospect of solar panel installation, planned future sewer capacity, ratepayer increases and the next steps for the project.

A Motion was then made by Ella Myles to send a Favorable Recommendation/Referral to the City Council for the upgrade of the sewer treatment plant to maintain adequate community facilities as it is in line with the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) . The Motion was seconded by James Quarto. The Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session Pending Litigation

Deanna Rhodes reminded the Commission of the process to enter into Executive Session and requested that the Commission invite the City Attorney, City Planner and her to attend.

James Quarto then made a Motion to enter into Executive session (at 12:15 p.m.) with the invited guests mentioned: Attorney Michael Driscoll, Dan Daniska Deanna Rhodes. The Motion was seconded by Ella Myles. The Motion passed unanimously. The recording of the meeting temporarily ceased at this time.

A Motion was then made by Ella Myles to come out of Executive Session (at 12:29 p.m). The Motion was seconded by Jason Courter. The Motion passed unanimously.

The recorder was then turned on and the meeting resumed.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by James Quarto, seconded by Ella Myles, the Motion passed unanimously and the Special Meeting of the CCP adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Deanna L. Rhodes, AICP*