

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Norwich was held October 21, 2019, at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers. Present: Mayor Nystrom, Ald. Nash, Gould, DeLucia, Browning and Burnham. City Manager Salomone and Corporation Counsel Michael Driscoll were also in attendance. Mayor Nystrom presided.

Ald. Gould read the opening prayer and Ald. DeLucia led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Nystrom called for citizen comment.

Marvin Serruto, 100 Starr St, felt it was a good idea to have a rotary in Franklin Square, he stated the Uncas Leap Project was making good progress and thought the Memorial Veterans event for fallen soldiers Longnecker/Kraus was a great tribute.

Shiela Hayes, 382 Laurel Hill Ave, thanked Miranda Creations and NCDC for the presentation and would like to see more places highlighted i.e. art galleries, theaters and breweries.

Rodney Bowie, 62 Roosevelt Ave, stated he was impressed by the Norwich School System. He talked about the budget process and not over spending this next year.

David Crabb, 47 Prospect St, talked about several recent news nuggets.

Mayor Nystrom declared citizen comment closed.

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Upon a motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by President Pro Tem Nash, it was unanimously voted to accept the letter of resignation of Thomas L. Cummings from the Baseball Stadium Authority thanking him for his service.

Upon a motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by President Pro Tem Nash, it was unanimously voted to accept the letter of resignation of Gary A. Carignan from the Baseball Stadium Authority thanking him for his service.

City Manager Salomone report:

**To:** Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council  
**From:** John Salomone, City Manager  
**Subject:** City Manager's Report  
**Date:** October 21, 2019

I attended the monthly Southeastern CT Council of Governments (SCCOG), Southeast Area Transit (SEAT), and Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) meetings.

I meet with the Fire Chiefs to discuss the next steps of the Fire Apparatus Study and MEUI negotiations were held.

I had the pleasure of attending a retirement celebration for Angelo Callis, Norwich Youth and Family Services Coordinator. Congratulations on your retirement and thank you for 34 years of service with the City.

The Norwich Police Department is asking Norwich community members to participate in a Community Survey with the help of the National Police Foundation and the National Law Enforcement Applied Research & Data Platform. The survey can be found on the City's home page under the "News" section. The survey will help provide the Police Department with important data related to community engagement. All responses are kept confidential.

I have been notified from the Government Finance Officers Association that Comptroller, Joshua Pothier, has received the GFOS's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by the City. Congratulations to Josh and the Finance Office for this recognition.

The Planning Office completed a lengthy application for the "Best Practices in Land Use and Economic Development" with the Connecticut Economic Development Association (CEDAS) and will be receiving an accreditation award at their annual meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dan Daniska, Assistant City Planner will be attending of behalf of the City.

My assistant Jacquie Barbarossa has scheduled a flu clinic for City employees for Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to Uncas Health District and Susan Dubb, Public Health Nurse, for their participation.

Plans for *Light Up City Hall* are well underway and will be held on *First Friday*, December 6<sup>th</sup>. This year's *Cat's Meow* ornament will be the Buckingham Memorial. Previous year's ornaments of City Hall and Leffingwell House Museum have sold out and have been reordered. The ornaments will be available in the City Clerk's office and are due to arrive this week.

I have attached the City Departments, Norwich Community Development and Otis Library reports for quarter ending September 30, 2019.

### [Department Quarterly reports](#)

Mayor Nystrom called for citizen comment.

David Crabb, 47 Prospect St, praised the Council for Resolution #1 and asked to put a hold on Resolution #4.

Mayor Nystrom declared citizen comment closed.

Upon a motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by Ald. Delucia, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution with the amendment to add in Paragraph 4 "2<sup>nd</sup> meeting" and "November" introduced by Mayor Nystrom, Ald. Gould and Browning.

**WHEREAS**, on August 19, 2019, the Council of the City of Norwich adopted a resolution which among other things, recognized the Council had previously authorized a survey to identify that portion of 18 Falls Avenue which might be made available for development, and directed the City Manager to arrange the issuance of a Request for Proposals seeking parties interested in developing such property; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution required the Request for Proposals to be issued by the second meeting of the Council in October 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, a survey has been obtained and the Planning and Public Works Departments are using the same to determine what portion of 18 Falls Avenue should be offered consistent with current land use regulations and other interests of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City to delay the issuance of the Request for Proposals.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH**, that the time stated in the resolution of August 19, 2019 for the issuance of a Request for Proposals be and hereby is extended to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Council in November 2019.

Upon a motion of President Pro Tem Nash, seconded by Ald. Gould, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution with the amendment to add in Paragraph 2 the name of “Jason Vincent” introduced by Ald. Gould and DeLucia.

**WHEREAS**, the term of the current appointee to the Eastern Connecticut Regional Tourism District expired September 15, 2018; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Norwich hereby appoints Jason Vincent to the Eastern Connecticut Regional Tourism District with a term to expire September 15, 2021.

Upon a motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by Ald. Delucia, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution introduced by City Manager Salomone.

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager John L. Salomone, has appointed with Council approval as a **regular member** of the Inland Wetlands, Water Courses and Conservation Commission for a term to expire on February 28, 2021 or until a successor is appointed:

P. Michael Lahan (D)

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager John L. Salomone, has reappointed with Council approval as **regular members** of the Inland Wetlands, Water Courses and Conservation Commission for a term to expire on June 15, 2021 or until a successor is appointed:

Peter Chalecki (R)  
 Brandon Hyde (R)  
 Richard Morell (D)

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager John L. Salomone, with Council approval shall appoint as an **alternate member** of the Inland Wetlands, Water Courses and Conservation Commission for a term to expire on February 28, 2020 or until a successor is appointed:

Swarnjit Singh Bhatia (D)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Norwich hereby acknowledges the appointments of the above named to the Inland Wetlands, Water Courses and Conservation Commission.

Upon a motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by President Pro Tem Nash, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution introduced by City Manager Salomone.

To reallocate funds from the 2015-16 capital budget to renovate the employee bathroom at 50 Clinton Avenue for the Public Works Department.

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Department was able to replace the truck scale at the Rogers Road Transfer Station for less than the cost budgeted for this purpose; and,

**WHEREAS**, Public Works requests that \$27,000 of the savings from the truck scale project be reallocated to renovate the employee bathroom at 50 Clinton Avenue to correct issues which were identified in a recent Occupational Safety & Health Association (OSHA) inspection.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH**, that \$27,000 be and hereby is reallocated from Capital Improvement Fund account 36022016-57242 for to renovate the employee bathroom at 50 Clinton Avenue for the Public Works Department.

Upon a motion by Ald. Gould, seconded by President Pro Tem Nash, it was unanimously voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-200(6) for the purpose of discussing proceedings concerning a lease of real estate or interests in real estate as well as the acquisition or disposition of real estate or interests in real estate when publicity regarding the same would adversely impact the price of the same, and to review commercial or financial information given in confidence not required by statute. City Manager John Salomone, Finance Director Joshua Pothier, Corporation Counsel Michael E. Driscoll and C. J. Knutson shall be asked to attend during all or portions of this Executive Session at the request of the City Council.

I hereby further move, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-200(6), that the members of the Norwich City Council continue in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and litigation. City Manager John Salomone, Finance Director Joshua Pothier, and Corporation Counsel Michael E. Driscoll, shall be asked to participate during all or portions of the Executive Session at the request of the City Council.

The council was in Executive Session from 8:10 pm to 8:43 pm, at which time Mayor Nystrom, stated no votes were taken.

Upon a motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by President Pro Tem Nash, it was unanimously voted to return to regular session.

Upon motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by President Pro Tem Nash, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:44 pm.



Betsy M. Barrett  
City Clerk