



CITY OF NORWICH
CONNECTICUT

AGENDA – MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH

May 17, 2021

7:30 PM

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.

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN COMMENT GENERAL (30 Minutes on non-agenda items)

SECOND READING AND ACTION ON THE BELOW ORDINANCE PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 8-74, 8-75 AND 8-77 OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF FUND PLAN OF THE CITY OF NORWICH (to be postponed until June 21, 2021 @ 7:30 pm)

PUBLIC HEARING

1. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$600,000 FOR THE DEMOLITION, PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HVAC SYSTEM AT THE JOHN B. STANTON SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$600,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

SECOND READING AND ACTION ON THE ABOVE ORDINANCE PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITIZENS COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS (only on the agenda items)

NEW BUSINESS-RESOLUTIONS

1. Relative to an amendment of the 2021-22 budget to adjust revenue estimates.
2. Relative to an amendment of the 2021-22 budget to reduce expenditures.
3. Relative to an amendment of the 2021-22 budget to add an Assistant Zoning and Blight Enforcement Official effective October 1, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Acquisition/disposition of property

Patricia Bennett

City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 8-74, 8-75 AND 8-77 OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF FUND PLAN OF THE CITY OF NORWICH

WHEREAS, plan changes have been proposed to the City of Norwich Volunteer Firefighters Pension Plan; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 5, 2020 the City of Norwich Finance Department received an analysis of the financial impact of the proposed changes prepared by the actuarial firm overseeing the pension fund; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Firefighter Relief Fund Committee at a special meeting held October 13, 2020 reviewed this financial analysis and voted to recommend the proposed plan changes to the Council of the City of Norwich

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norwich, that the following amendments to Sections 8-74, 8-75, and 8-77 of Article IV of Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances listed as follows:

Section 8-74(a)(v)(6);

Section 8-74(a)(v)(7,) (to be added);

Section 8-75(a) (i) and (ii), (subpart (ii) deleted in full);

Section 8-75(c)(vi), (amending 8-75(c)(vi) by deleting (i) and (2) and restating (vi));

Section 8-75(c)(vii), (to be added);

Section 8-77(d)(i)(1)(a) and (b);

Section 8-77(d)(i)(l)(c), (to be added).

BE AND HEREBY ARE ADOPTED.

Sec. 8-74. – Service

(v) Contribution rate. A plan member shall contribute the following amounts for purchase of credited service during the following periods:

(1) \$60.00 for plan years prior to January 1, 1995.

(2) \$84.00 for plan years on or after January 1, 1995 but prior to January 1, 2000.

(3) \$120.00 for plan years on or after January 1, 2000 but prior to January 1, 2006.

(4) \$180.00 for plan years on or after January 1, 2006 but prior to January 1, 2011.

(5) \$216.00 for plan years on or after January 1, 2011 but prior to January 1, 2014.

(6) \$264.00 for plan years on or after January 1, 2014 but prior to January 1, 2021.

(7) \$288.00 for plan years on or after January 1, 2021.

Sec. 8-75. - Retirement benefits.

(a) Normal retirement.

~~(i) For members joining the plan prior to January 1, 2015, the~~ A plan member's normal retirement date shall be the first day of the month in which such member has attained age 55 and has completed at least 20 years of credited service.

~~(ii) For members joining the plan on or after January 1, 2015, the plan member's normal retirement date shall be the first day of the month in which such member has attained age 55 and has completed at least 25 years of credited service.~~

(b) Deferred retirement. A plan member who is satisfactorily able to perform fire duties may remain an active member and continue to earn credited service beyond his/her normal retirement date while he/she continues to collect benefits. The first day of the calendar month following such deferred retirement shall be known as his/her deferred retirement date.

(c) Calculation of retirement benefits. The monthly amount of retirement benefits payable to a plan member shall be calculated as follows:

(i) For retired members with a break in service prior to January 1, 1995, \$7.00 times 20 years of service, for a maximum of \$140.00.

(ii) For retired members with a break in service on or after January 1, 1995 but prior to January 1, 2000, \$8.00 times number of years of credited service, with a maximum of 30 years, or \$240.00.

iii) For retired members with a break in service on or after January 1, 2000 but prior to January 1, 2006, \$10.00 times number of years of credited service, with a maximum of 30 years, or \$300.00.

(iv) For retired members with a break in service on or after January 1, 2006 but prior to January 1, 2011, \$15.00 times number of years of credited service, with a maximum of 35 years, or \$525.00.

(v) For retired members with a break in service on or after January 1, 2011 but prior to January 1, 2015, \$18.00 times number of years of credited service, with a maximum of 40 years, or \$720.00.

(vi) For retired members with a break in service on or after January 1, 2015 but prior to January 1, 2021, \$22.00 times number of years of credited service, with a maximum of forty years, or \$880.00;

~~(1) Forty years, or \$880.00, for members who joined the plan prior to January 1, 2015~~

~~(2) Thirty years, or \$660.00, for members who joined the plan on or after January 1, 2015~~

(vii) For retired members with a break in service on or after January 1, 2021, \$24 times number of years of credited service, with a maximum of 40 years, or \$960.00

Sec. 8-77. - Death benefits.

(d) Death after retirement.

(i) Qualified spousal and child benefits. A plan member who is under the age of 65 as of January 8, 2001 and is an active member is entitled to have benefits pass onto his/her qualified spouse and child(ren), subject to the restrictions and calculations described herein.

(1) Qualified spouse is entitled to death benefits until death or remarriage, calculated as follows:

a. Plan member who died between January 8, 2001 and July 16, 2006. Fifty percent of the deceased plan member's retirement benefit;

b. Plan member who died ~~after~~ between July 16, 2006 and January 1, 2021. Ninety percent of the deceased plan member's retirement benefit.

c. Plan member who die after January 1, 2021. One hundred percent of the deceased plan member's retirement benefit.

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

Council Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$600,000 FOR THE DEMOLITION, PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HVAC SYSTEM AT THE JOHN B. STANTON SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$600,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

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

Section 1. The sum of \$600,000 is appropriated for the demolition of the existing boilers and the planning, permitting, acquisition, and installation of new boilers and other HVAC improvements to the John B. Stanton School including but not limited to the abatement of any hazardous materials in the boiler room, equipment purchases, upgrades or improvements, architecture, engineering and other consultants, appurtenances and services related thereto, all or so much of any portion of any part of the foregoing as may be accomplished within the foregoing appropriation and as determined by the City of Norwich (the "City"), and for administrative, advertising, printing, legal and financing costs (hereinafter the "Project"). Said appropriation shall be in addition to grant funding and all prior and future appropriations for said purpose.

Section 2. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$600,000. The average estimated useful life of the Project is 30 years. The Project is a general benefit to the City and its general governmental purposes. Project costs may be paid from grants, bonds and notes issued by the City, or any combination of the foregoing.

Section 3. To meet said appropriation, up to \$600,000 bonds of the City, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, may be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth (20th) year after their date, or such later date as may be allowed by law. Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the City Manager and the Comptroller, and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the City Manager and the Comptroller, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof and to pay for the administrative, printing and legal costs of issuing the bonds. The bonds shall bear such rate or rates of interest as shall be determined by the City Manager and the Comptroller. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in bearer form or in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of the City Manager and the Comptroller, bear the City seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the City Manager and the Comptroller, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the City Manager and the Comptroller, and be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC, Bond Counsel. The bonds shall be general obligations of the City and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon and shall be paid from property taxation to the extent not paid from other funds available for the payment thereof. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds, annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, shall be determined by the City Manager and the Comptroller in accordance with the requirements of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended (the "Statutes"). In connection with

the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized herein, the City may exercise any power delegated to municipalities pursuant to Section 7-370b of the Statutes, including the authority to enter into agreements managing interest rate risk. The City Manager and Comptroller, on behalf of the City, shall execute and deliver such reimbursement agreements, letter of credit agreement, credit facilities, remarketing, standby marketing agreements, standby bond purchase agreements, and any other commercially necessary or appropriate agreements which are necessary, appropriate or desirable in connection with or incidental to the sale and issuance of such bonds or notes.

Section 4. The issue of the bonds aforesaid and of all other bonds or notes of the City heretofore authorized but not yet issued, as of the effective date of this ordinance, would not cause the indebtedness of the City to exceed any debt limit calculated in accordance with law.

Section 5. Said bonds shall be sold by the City Manager and Comptroller in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold at competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold upon sealed proposals, auction or similar process, at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the City.

Section 6. The City Manager and the Comptroller are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of any series of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the City Manager and the Comptroller, have the seal of the City or a facsimile thereof affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the City Manager and the Comptroller, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the City Manager and the Comptroller pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Statutes, and be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC, Bond Counsel. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon and shall be paid from property taxation to the extent not paid from other funds available for the payment thereof. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the equipment. Upon the sale of said bonds the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such temporary borrowings then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 7. Resolution of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with Borrowings. The City (the "Issuer") hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for the capital project defined in Section 1 with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Bonds") authorized to be issued by the Issuer. The Bonds shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date that the Regulations may authorize. The Issuer hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Comptroller or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and to amend this declaration.

Section 8. The City Manager and Comptroller are hereby authorized to exercise all powers conferred by Section 3-20e of the General Statutes with respect to secondary market disclosure and to provide annual information and notices of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance.

Section 9. In order to meet the capital cash flow expenditure needs of the City, the City Manager and Comptroller are authorized to allocate and reallocate expenditures incurred for the equipment to any bonds or notes of the City outstanding as of the date of such allocation, and the bonds or notes to which such expenditures have been allocated shall be deemed to have been issued for such purpose.

Section 10. It is hereby found and determined that the issue of all, or a portion of, the bonds, notes or other obligations of the City authorized to be issued herein as qualified private activity bonds, or with interest that is includable in gross income of the holders thereof for purposes of federal income taxation, is in the public interest. The City Manager and the Comptroller are hereby authorized to issue and utilize without further approval any financing alternative currently or hereafter available to municipal governments pursuant to law including but not limited to any “tax credit bond,” or “Build America Bonds” including Direct Payment and Tax Credit versions.

Section 11. The City Manager and Comptroller are hereby authorized to prepare and distribute preliminary and final Official Statements of the City, to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all such other documents, and to take all action, necessary and proper for the sale, issuance and delivery of any bonds or notes relating to the equipment in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes and the laws of the United States.

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

RESOLUTION #1

Relative to an amendment of the 2021-22 budget to adjust revenue estimates.

RESOLVED, that the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22, as tentatively adopted on May 3, 2021, be amended by the revenue adjustments as listed herein.

General Fund			2021-22 Proposed	2021-22 Revised	Revenue Adjustment
10040000	41105	Prior Year Levies	1,784,300	1,801,600	17,300
10040000	41106	Interest and Lien Fees	1,055,800	1,084,100	28,300
10040000	41200	Conveyance Tax	664,900	671,500	6,600
10042000	42130	Public Safety Permits	13,200	13,900	700
10040000	43600	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1,450,858	2,902,773	1,451,915
10041000	44102	Recording Fees	158,900	162,200	3,300
10041000	44103	Planning & Zoning Fees	21,500	23,500	2,000
10043000	44403	Refuse Collection Fees	7,300	7,500	200
10043000	44406	Burial Fees	500	400	(100)
10041000	44501	Vital Statistics	120,900	123,300	2,400
10044000	44708	Senior Center Fees	6,900	7,200	300
10042000	45102	Public Safety Fines	4,200	4,700	500
10042000	49125	Transfer from Police Private Duty	236,200	219,500	<u>(16,700)</u>
		Total Revenue Adjustment			<u>1,496,715</u>
		Change in General Fund Mill Rate			(0.75)
		Change in CCD Mill Rate			(0.03)

City Consolidation District			2021-22 Proposed	2021-22 Revised	Revenue Adjustment
28354200	41105	Prior Year Levies	118,000	120,000	2,000
28354200	41106	Interest and Lien Fees	61,000	63,000	2,000
28354200	43500	Shared Revenues	702,992	677,368	<u>(25,624)</u>
		Total Revenue Adjustment			<u>(21,624)</u>
		Change in CCD Mill Rate			0.04

City Manager John L. Salomone

RESOLUTION #2

Relative to an amendment of the 2021-22 budget to reduce expenditures.

RESOLVED, that the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22, as tentatively adopted on May 3, 2021, be amended by the expenditure reductions as listed herein.

General Fund

Description	Page	ORG	OBJ	Fund	Change in Expenditures
Reduce Capital Contingency to \$200K	115-117	10500000	59102	GF	(300,000)
Police Overtime	73	10420100	51630	GF	(50,000)
Norwich Fire Replacement Cost	77	10420200	51631	GF	(5,000)
PW Streets Building Repairs & Maintenance	94	10430300	54430	GF	(5,000)
PW Streets Supplies	94	10430300	56610	GF	(10,000)
Total Expenditure Adjustment					<u>(370,000)</u>
Change in General Fund Mill Rate					(0.18)
Change in CCD Mill Rate					(0.01)

Mayor Peter A. Nystrom
President Pro Tem Mark M. Bettencourt
Alderman Stacy Gould

RESOLUTION #3

Relative to an amendment of the 2021-22 budget to add an Assistant Zoning and Blight Enforcement Official effective October 1, 2021.

RESOLVED, that the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22, as tentatively adopted on May 3, 2021, be amended by the expenditure additions as listed herein.

General Fund

Description	Page	ORG	OBJ	Fund	Change in Expenditures
Add Asst ZEO/Blight Enforcement Official effective 10/1/2021	67	10415100	51610	GF	45,398
Fringe on Asst ZEO/Blight Enforcement Official	67	10415100	52000	GF	<u>19,649</u>
Total Expenditure Adjustment					<u>65,047</u>
Change in General Fund Mill Rate					0.03
Change in CCD Mill Rate					(0.00)

Alderman Joseph A. DeLucia