



CITY OF NORWICH
CONNECTICUT

AGENDA – MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH
February 18, 2020
7:30 PM

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN COMMENT GENERAL (30 Minutes)

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITIZENS COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS-RESOLUTIONS

1. Relative to placing in the suspense account certain real estate taxes.
2. Relative to an appointment of an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
3. Relative to diversity on City Committees, Commissions, Boards and Authorities.
4. Relative to an appointment to the Norwich Golf Course Authority.

Betsy W. Bannard

City Clerk

RESOLUTION #1

Relative to placing in the suspense account certain real estate taxes.

WHEREAS, Section 12-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 35 of Public Act 13-276 provides for the administrative procedure for transferring real estate taxes deemed uncollectible to the “suspense” tax book; and,

WHEREAS, taxes transferred to the suspense tax book are no longer listed as an asset of the city in its annual financial report; and,

WHEREAS, listed below are the names and addresses of the persons against whom certain real estate taxes on the Grand Lists up to and including 2018 were levied and which the Tax Collector believes such taxes are uncollectible because of lack of payment for several years; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Tax Collector’s recommendation the aggregate sum of \$89,046.85 in real estate tax on the Grand Lists up to and including 2018, to be transferred to the suspense tax book; and,

WHEREAS, nothing herein contained shall be construed as an abatement of any tax transferred to the suspense tax account, but any such taxes, as it shall have been increased by interest, penalty fees and charges may be collected; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH that the aggregate sum of \$89,046.85 representing uncollectible real estate taxes on the Grand Lists up to and including 2018, be and the same hereby are transferred to the suspense account.

Unique ID	Address	List Years Due	Taxes Due
1000020562	56 ALICE ST	2018	1,204.56
0112180001	HOLLAND AVE	2018	2,548.28
0112190001	20 CROWN ST	2018	1,391.72
0108790001	751 NORTH MAIN ST	2018	595.08
0029250001	17 PACEMAKER AVE	2013-2015	1,313.30
0047130001	90 PINE ST	2012	3,559.12
0360010023	53 PRENTICE ST 23	2018	837.20
0081360001	5TH CANAL END OF STREET	2018	6,430.66
1200020001	BEEBE RD	2018	207.28
0049540001	117 RIVER AVE	2018	48.00
0094660001	SEVENTH ST	2018	1,180.58
0057480001	35 LAMBERT DR REAR	2018	24.39
7125620001	LAUREL HILL RD	2018	73.16
0100340001	97 FOREST ST	2018	475.12
0023810001	OAKRIDGE ST	2018	710.26
7131530001	337-341 MAIN ST	2018	68,448.14
TOTAL			89,046.85

City Manager John Salomone



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February 10, 2020

To: Mayor Peter A. Nystrom and Members of the Norwich City Council through City Manager John Salomone

Explanation of Resolution “Relative to placing in the suspense account certain real estate taxes”

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §12-165, the Tax Collector must research each real estate tax account which she deems as not being collectable prior to presenting them to the City Council. There are different reasons for her to request that the tax account be transferred to the suspense tax book, including: mobile home abandoned and owner deceased or cannot be located, mobile home was removed without consent, property is contaminated, title issues, etc.

The properties presented in the resolution for your consideration at the February 18, 2020 meeting are ones that the City of Norwich does NOT wish to acquire, either by tax sale or foreclosure and to date all attempts to collect the taxes have been unsuccessful.

To consider these accounts as assets when it is believed that they will never be recouped does not help the City get an accurate picture of its finances. However, it is important to remember that while these real estate taxes are not **deemed** collectable, they **are** collectable and payment of the taxes would be accepted until the end of the 15 year collection period is over.

RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS, the City Manager John L. Salomone has appointed with Councils approval as an **alternate member** to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on 2/28/22 or until a successor is appointed;

Joanne Philbrick (R)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Norwich hereby acknowledges the appointment of the above named to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

City Manager John L. Salomone

RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS, in the City of Norwich, Committees, Commissions, Boards and Authorities play an important role in shaping city priorities, as well as the nature and provision of the city's services; and

WHEREAS, residents appointed to Committees, Commissions, Boards and Authorities make decisions that affect the daily lives, opportunities, and well-being of all residents of; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the City encourages participation by all residents in city government by serving as members of these Committees, Commissions, Boards and Authorities reflecting our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the expression of diverse viewpoints when making decisions will lead to the betterment of the City, benefit a larger number of residents as well as encouraging civic participation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH that efforts shall be made to promote full community representation and encourage applicants from all backgrounds with the intention that appointments be representative of the diversity of the population of the City of Norwich when possible.

President Pro Tem Mark M. Bettencourt
Alderman Derell Q. Wilson
Alderman Ella C. Myles
Alderman Joseph A. DeLucia

RESOLUTION #4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the below named be and hereby is appointed as a regular member to the Norwich Golf Course Authority for a term to expire January 23, 2021 or until a successor is appointed.

Susan Dutilly (D)

Alderman Derell Q. Wilson
Alderwoman Ella C. Myles
Alderman Joseph A. DeLucia