

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Norwich was held May 2, 2022 at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers. Present: Mayor Nystrom, President Pro Tem DeLucia, Ald. Neuendorf, Gould, Singh, Burto and Wilson. City Manager Salomone and Corporation Counsel Michael Driscoll were also in attendance. Mayor Nystrom presided.

Ald. Neuendorf read the opening prayer and Ald. Wilson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Upon a motion of Ald. Singh, seconded by Ald. Gould, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to adopt the minutes of April 4 (Regular & Public Hearing), 14 and 18, 2022.

Upon a motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by Ald. Burto, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to accept the following report.

### [Memo regarding budget amendment resolutions](#)

#### **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

There was no City Managers this week report.

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Mayor Nystrom called for citizen comment on resolutions.

Robert Bell, 122 Broadway, commented on the use of the ARP funds and encouraged the Council to steer toward recovery. He talked about a community center.

Brian Kobylarz, 16 Hobart Ave, asked the Council to recognize greatest humanity crisis in World. He spoke against using ARP funding for City employees.

Joanne Philbrick, Norwichtown, talked about this budget and stated the mill rate will only decrease by .02%, and said something has to give. She talked about the City spending a massive amount of money on the Waste Water treatment plant and our schools. She asked to stop the insanity.

Rodney Bowie, 62 Roosevelt Ave, stated he applauded the budget. He spoke against using ARP funding to hire employees.

Sandy Soucy, 5 Aqua Ct, asked to reconsider the ARP funding for the roof repair at Slater Museum.

Mayor Nystrom declared citizen comment closed.

Upon a motion of Ald. Wilson, seconded by Ald. Burto, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution introduced by City Manager Salomone.

**RESOLVED**, that the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23, as proposed on April 4, 2022, be amended by the adjustments as listed herein.

General Fund			2022-23 Proposed	2022-23 Revised	Revenue Adjustment
10040000	43500	Revenue Sharing	3,504,304	3,564,304	60,000
10042000	43100	Federal Grants-ARPA	500,000	1,000,000	500,000
10043000	44405	Direct Hauler Fees	667,600	732,600	65,000
		Total Revenue Adjustment			<u>625,000</u>
		Change in General Fund Mill Rate			(0.35)

City Consolidation District			2022-23 Proposed	2022-23 Revised	Revenue Adjustment
28354200	43100	Federal Grants-ARPA	0	240,000	240,000
		Change in CCD Mill Rate			(0.42)

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**RESOLVED**, that the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23, as proposed on April 4, 2022, be amended by the adjustments as listed herein.

General Fund

Description	Department	Page	ORG	OBJ	Change in Tax Levy	Change in GF Mill Rate
To charge PPC for collection activity to be transitioned from PPC to Finance Department in December 2022	Revenues	49	10041000	48962	(37,500)	
Shift a portion of Public Works Parking maintenance expenditures to PPC	Public Works	98	10434800	54430	(25,000)	
<b>Total Change</b>					<b>(62,500)</b>	<b>(0.04)</b>

Upon a motion of Ald. Singh, seconded by Ald. Burto, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution introduced by Mayor Nystrom, President Pro Tem DeLucia, Ald. Gould, Singh, Burto and Wilson.

**RESOLVED**, that the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23, as proposed on April 4, 2022, be amended by the adjustments as listed herein.

General Fund

Description	Department	Page	ORG	OBJ	Change in Expenditures
Reduce Finance Audit Services	Finance	56	10411700	53331	(4,000)
Reduce HR Professional Services	Human Resources	64	10414100	53010	(3,000)
Reduce PW Streets' Regular Employees line item for anticipated vacancies	Public Works	95	10430300	51610	(75,000)
Reduce Police Replacement Cost	Police	74	10420100	51631	(330,000)
Reduce NFD Equipment & Furniture Maintenance	Norwich Fire	78	10420200	54310	(5,000)
Reduce EGP Supplies	East Great Plain Fire	83	10423300	56610	(2,000)
Reduce Laurel Hill Supplies	Laurel Hill Fire	85	10423400	54430	(1,000)
Reduce Occum Physicals line item	Occum Fire	88	10423500	53080	(1,000)
Reduce Taftville Professional Development line item	Taftville Fire	90	10423600	53322	(2,000)
Reduce Yantic Building Repairs & Maintenance line item	Yantic Fire	92	10423700	54430	(3,000)
Reduce Assistance Payments	Human Services	108	10442700	58730	(5,000)
Reduce Assessor's Professional Services line item	Assessor	59	10413100	53010	(5,000)
Reduce Regular Employees line item for anticipated vacancies	Planning & Neighborhood Services	68	10415100	51610	(30,000)
Decrease Education budget	Norwich Public Schools	115			<u>(430,000)</u>
Total Change in Expenditures					<u>(896,000)</u>
Total Change in General Fund Mill Rate					(0.50)

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**RESOLVED**, that the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23, as proposed on April 4, 2022, be amended by the adjustments as listed herein.

Capital Budget

Description	Department	Page	Change in Expenditures
Armed response vehicle refurbishment	Police	121	(\$60,000)
Replace underground fuel tank	Yantic	122	(100,000)
Field maintenance	Recreation	123	6,000
Mopeep building renovation	Recreation	123	37,000
Mohegan Road playground, sidewalks, and other improvements	Recreation	123	46,000
Spayne basketball courts improvements	Recreation	123	30,000
Skate park improvements	Recreation	123	<u>41,000</u>
Total Change in Expenditures			<u>\$0</u>

Upon a motion of Ald. Singh, seconded by Ald. Neuendorf, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution introduced by Mayor Nystrom, President Pro Tem DeLucia, Ald. Gould, Singh, Burto and Wilson.

**RESOLVED**, that the proposed preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23, as amended by the revenue and expenditure changes on May 2, 2022, be tentatively adopted, with a public hearing scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Upon a motion of Ald. Singh, seconded by Ald. Gould, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to put the following Resolution #6 introduced by President Pro Tem DeLucia, Ald. Gould, Singh, Burto and Wilson on the floor.

**RESOLVED**, that the American Rescue Plan Act allocations previously adopted prior to April 4, 2022 and those allocations proposed on April 4, 2022 be amended as follows:

**Round 1 – Adopted prior to April 4, 2022**

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Change Description</b>	<b>Amount of Change</b>
ARP13	Schools as community centers	Remove Community Engagement Coordinator	(\$85,000)

**Round 2 – Proposed by City Manager on April 4, 2022**

<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Change Description</b>	<b>Amount of Change</b>
Slater Memorial Museum Roof Restoration	Remove funding	(\$500,000)
Norwich Revitalization Program (NRP) - Phase II	Reduce funding from \$2 million to \$1.5 million	(500,000)
Balance the 2022-23 budget	Increase funding to balance the General Fund and CCD budgets	740,000
<b>Total Net Change - Round 2</b>		<b><u>(\$260,000)</u></b>

Upon a motion by Ald. Wilson, seconded by President Pro Tem DeLucia, it was unanimously voted to ask for a ten minute recess from 8:05 pm to 8:15 pm.

Motion was passed on a roll call vote of 6 to 1 with Mayor Nystrom voting on opposition.

\*Resolution #6 was amended after Resolution #7, in consequence of Fitzgerald Field Upgrades - \$200,000 being removed from page 3 of Resolution #7

Upon a motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by Ald. Wilson, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to put the following Resolution #7 introduced by Mayor Nystrom, President Pro Tem DeLucia, Ald. Gould, Singh, Burto and Wilson on the floor.

**RESOLVED**, that the American Rescue Plan Act Round 2 Allocations, as proposed by City Manager John Salomone on April 4, 2022 and, as amended on May 2, 2022, be tentatively adopted, with a public hearing scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

[Resolution #7 - Tentative ARPA Round 2 Attachment](#)

Upon a motion to amend of President Pro Tem DeLucia, seconded by Ald. Gould, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to remove on page 3 of Resolution #7 the following amount of \$200,000 from the last column;

Other departmental requests	Fitzgerald Field Upgrades	Norwich Human Services / Recreation	New announcers booth, pave parking area, remove or remove dug outs, make into a multi purpose field instead of just baseball as there is a need for more soccer fields and lacrosse fields. The field is very run down and has not been upgraded in over 20 years.	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
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Motion passes on a roll call vote of 7-0.

\* This amendment also effects Resolution #6 to reflect the removal of the \$200,000 in the last column

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Below is the amended Resolution #6.

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**Round 1 – Adopted prior to April 4, 2022**

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Balance the 2022-23 budget	Increase funding to balance the General Fund and CCD budgets	740,000
<b>Total Net Change - Round 2</b>		<b><u>(\$460,000)</u></b>

Upon a motion of Ald. Gould, seconded by Ald. Burto, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution introduced by Mayor Nystrom, President Pro Tem DeLucia, and Ald. Gould.

**WHEREAS**, Darlene Patton, Executrix of the Estate of Patricia B. Coffey aka Patricia A. Coffey has offered to convey to the City of Norwich by a deed in lieu of foreclosure a parcel of land carried on the land records of the City's Tax Assessor's office as Map 13, Block 1, Lot 55 (537 Canterbury Turnpike) more particularly described in Schedule A attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, Darlene Patton, Executrix of the Estate of Patricia B. Coffey aka Patricia A. Coffey has offered said deed in lieu of foreclosure in full and final satisfaction of all real estate taxes due the City of Norwich assessed with respect to 537 Canterbury Turnpike; and

**WHEREAS**, the taxes due as of April 30, 2022 are \$6,270.85 and said property is assessed at a value of \$16,300.00.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Norwich hereby accepts the tender of the deed in lieu of foreclosure by Darlene Patton, Executrix of the Estate of Patricia B. Coffey aka Patricia A. Coffey, conveying to the City of Norwich title to 537 Canterbury Turnpike in full and final satisfaction of said taxes assessed with respect to said property; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Manager John Salomone be and hereby is authorized to accept said deed on behalf of the City of Norwich, subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel, and to cause it and any other necessary documents to be filed or recorded.

Mayor Nystrom announced there would be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Public hearing on the American Rescue Plan Proposal, Fiscal Year 2022-23 funding on May 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Upon motion of Ald. Singh, seconded by Ald. Gould, on a roll call vote it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:45 pm.



City Clerk