

The third Public Hearing for the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget was held May 16, 2022 at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers. Present: Mayor Nystrom, President Pro Tem DeLucia, Alderman Neuendorf, Gould, Singh (arrived 6:35 pm), Burto and Wilson. City Manager Salomone and Corporation Counsel Michael Driscoll were also in attendance.

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Mayor Nystrom opened the Public Hearing.

Patrick McLaughlin, Director of Public Works, stated that moving the Recreation Maintenance personal over to Public Works would not have a negative impact and it would even enhance the Parks.

Karen Redanz, 68 Mountain View, expressed support for the Recreation Department and asked for more funding, and she felt merging the Maintainers with Public Works is not in the best interest of the City.

Regan Miner, 67 East Town St, Executive Director of the NHS, gave a thanks to Cathy Osten for securing a grant for the Heritage Triangle Project. She asked the Council to support other items they need.

Bill Champagne, 7 NW Corner Rd, Preston, Former President Norwich Historical Society, asked the Council for future funding for the Historical Society.

H. Tucker Braddock, 868 Scotland Rd, Chair of the Harbor Commission, acquired a State grant (80%) and asked the City for (20%) to support replacing the docks and pilings at the Harbor.

Diane Doubleday Swan, 8 Mountain Dr, talked about the Recreation field needing repair and asked to help the children in Norwich.

Kevin Brown, President of Norwich Community Development Corporation, gave an update on the ARP funding given to NCDC.

Julie Cagle, stated that the Recreation Department is vital to the City and that the maintenance crew should not be merged.

Tricia Martin, 15 Whitten Ave, expressed concerns about merging the Recreation Maintainers with Public Works.

Beryl Fishbone, 19 Bliss Pl, complimented the Public Works Department and felt confident with the merging the Recreation and Public Works. She asked to help build tourism.

Andrew Daigle, 54 Mohegan Park Rd, asked the City to use ARP money to keep the Recreation fields in shape.

Eric Scott, 33 Fifth St, talked about the unsavory people living in his neighborhood and asked the Council to help with this.

Harrison Facon, owner Platinum Cut Barber Shop, Greeneville, asked that the 30 minute parking time be increased so his patrons don't get tickets.

Mayor Nystrom closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bret W. Bannard". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

City Clerk