

COMMON COUNCIL
AGENDA

Held at
One Court Plaza
May 17, 2022
6:30 PM

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<https://www.facebook.com/NorwichNewYork/>

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Approval of minutes of the special meeting of April 5 and the regular meeting of April 26, 2022

Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law (B) of 2022 - CHAPTER C Charter, Title XI Fire Department

Open Forum

Correspondence

- ◆ Achieve Half K
- ◆ B.I.D. Cruise-In
- ◆ Gus Macker
- ◆ Memorial Day Parade

Department, Board and Commission Reports

- ◆ Finance Report – December, January, February and March
- ◆ Human Resource Report – April
- ◆ Fire Department Report - April
- ◆ Parks Commission Minutes – March
- ◆ Youth Bureau Minutes – May
- ◆ Planning Commission Minutes – April
- ◆ Traffic Commission Minutes - May

Ward Reports

Motions

- ◆ Traffic Commission Referral – Golden Age signage and crosswalk

Resolutions

- ◆ Conduct A Clean Heating & Cooling Campaign
- ◆ Authorizing Lease Renewal For Portion Of City Parking Lot To Norwich Buffet
- ◆ Adopting Proposed Local Law No. (B) Of 2022 – Chapter C Title XI. Fire Department

Payment of Bills

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjournment

Correspondence

Achieve Half K – Ald. _____ **moved** to approve a request from Achieve for Police assistance for their Half K race on Saturday, October 22, 2022. The race will begin around 10 a.m. at East Park and ending at the Northeast Classic Car Museum. Seconded by Ald. _____, approved ayes all.

B.I.D. Cruise-In – Ald. _____ **moved** to approve a request from B.I.D. for the closure of East Park Place on Friday, May 27th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a Cruise-In. Seconded by Ald. _____, approved ayes all.

Gus Macker – Ald. _____ **moved** to approve a request from the YMCA for the street closure of Midland Dr. from the High School down to the Golden Artist parking lot from 8 a.m. on Friday, July 8 through 8 p.m. on Sunday, July 10th for their Annual Gus Macker Tournament. Special Event designation is requested along with bleachers, picnic tables and a water attachment to a fire hydrant near the Middle School Circle. Seconded by Ald. _____, approved ayes all.

Memorial Day Parade – Ald. _____ **moved** to approve a request from the American Legion for Police assistance for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2022. Assembly at the VFW at 10:15 a.m. with the parade commencing at 11:00 a.m., proceeding down East and West Main to West Park where ceremonies will take place and concluding at approximately 12:00 p.m. Seconded by Ald. _____, approved ayes all.

Motions

Traffic Commission Referral - Golden Age signage and crosswalk – Ald. _____ moved to approve installation of a crosswalk and signage as recommended at the Golden Age Apartments. Seconded by Ald. _____, approved ayes all.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION # - 2022 CONDUCT A CLEAN HEATING & COOLING CAMPAIGN

Ald. _____ introduced the following and **moved** its adoption:

WHEREAS, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) allows communities to earn credit for the Community Campaigns High-Impact Action under NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich wants to support clean energy initiatives that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while simultaneously reducing expenses for the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, a Clean Heating & Cooling campaign is an effective way to educate the public about the benefits of air and ground-source heat pumps; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the City of Norwich will undertake a Clean Heating & Cooling Campaign in accordance with NYSERDA guidelines.

Seconded by Ald. _____, and duly adopted, _____, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # - 2022 AUTHORIZING LEASE RENEWAL FOR PORTION OF CITY PARKING LOT TO NORWICH BUFFET

Ald. _____ introduced the following and **moved** its adoption:

WHEREAS, in on August 19, 2014 a lease for two parking spots for the placement of dumpsters was granted to Ruohua Chen, owner of the Norwich Buffet; and

WHEREAS, the lease will expire on May 31, 2022 and needs to be renewed; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committees have made recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized, under the direction of the City Attorney, to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with Ruohua Chen, owner of the Norwich Buffet, for the purpose of locating two dumpsters in the two parking spaces in the southwest corner of the City parking lot bordered by Fair and Court Streets, to include appropriate screening and other specifications as required by the City Codes Officer.

Seconded by Ald. _____, and duly adopted, _____, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # - 2022 ADOPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. (B) OF 2022 – CHAPTER C TITLE XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ald. _____ introduced the following and **moved** its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Common Council received proposed Local Law No. (B) of 2022 on May 3, 2022, to amend Chapter C TITLE XI. Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on May 17, 2022, in connection with said proposed Local Law; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law No. (B) of 2022 to amend Chapter C TITLE XI. Fire Department, as received by the Common Council on May 5, 2022, be and hereby is adopted, and is hereby designated as Local Law No. 2 of 2022.

Seconded by Ald. _____ and duly adopted, _____, on a roll call vote.

LOCAL LAW NO. 2
OF 2022

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER C CHARTER
OF THE CITY OF NORWICH

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Norwich, New York, as follows:

A local law adopted pursuant to TITLE XI. Fire Department in the City of Norwich.

Chapter C. Charter

TITLE XI. Fire Department

Section 190. How constituted.

[Amended 12-3-1996 by L.L. No. 3-1996]

The Fire Department shall be composed of the Fire Chief and as many paid fire personnel and volunteer members as the Common Council shall approve. There shall be three (3) Volunteer Assistant Fire Chiefs who shall serve at the discretion of the Fire Chief.

Section 191. Volunteer Assistant Chiefs, how elected.

[Amended 12-3-1996 by L.L. No. 3-1996]

The three (3) Volunteer Fire Chiefs shall be elected in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the Norwich Fire Department.

Section 192. Deleted. [12-3-1996 by L.L. No. 3-1996]

~~Section 193. Volunteer Members to continue.~~

[Amended 12-3-1996 by L.L. No. 3-1996]

~~The present volunteer members of the City of Norwich shall continue as volunteer members of said city, subject to removal by the Fire Chief and the Common Council; other volunteer members shall be appointed and vacancies filled in the different companies of the Fire Department, by the Common Council and Chief, upon the nomination of the members of the company in which such appointment is to be made or vacancy filled; the Common Council and Chief may refuse to appoint such nominee if in their judgment said candidate ought not be appointed.~~

Section 194. New Companies.

The Common Council shall have the power in their discretion to disband any fire, hook and ladder, or hose companies in case they deem it necessary or in case any said company may prove refractory, and, as often as they may judge the interests of the city may require, organize new volunteer fire companies.

Changes are crossed out to Delete Section 193.

Payment of Bills

Ald. _____ moved to pay the May 2022 bills after proper audit and certification.

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>5/17/2022</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	\$373,400.26	\$628,018.98	\$1,001,419.24
Sewer Fund	42,169.58	11,901.09	54,070.67
Water Fund	42,193.68	4,526.27	46,719.95
Trust	29,334.11	-	29,334.11
Debt Service		-	
Comm. Dev. - Special Grants	60.00	-	60.00
Capital Projects	16,960.00	-	16,960.00
TOTALS	\$504,117.63	\$644,446.34	\$1,148,563.97

Seconded by Ald. _____ and duly adopted _____.