

COMMON COUNCIL
AGENDA

Held at
One Court Plaza
August 20, 2024
6:30 PM

You are encouraged to view the meeting via the City's Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/NorwichNewYork/>

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Public Hearing – Article II Camping

Open Forum

Correspondence

- ◆ Turning Point/FOR-DO event
- ◆ Colorscape 2024
- ◆ Pellet St. Block Party-Street Closing
- ◆ Colorscape 2024
- ◆ Curb Cut – 16 Jones Ave.

Department, Board and Commission Reports

- ◆ Parks Commission – July
- ◆ HR Reports – July
- ◆ Finance Reports – July
- ◆ Fire Department Report - July
- ◆

Mayoral Appointment

Housing Authority

- ◆ *Ryan Zieno, 20 Adelaide Street, appointed to fill the remainder of a five-year term expiring June 25, 2025.*

Ward Reports

Resolutions

- ◆ Designating “Preferred Purchaser” Of City-Owned Property At 37 Guernsey Street
- ◆ Authorizing Budget Transfer To Cover Overtime Costs In Parks
- ◆ Authorizing Additional Expenditure For The Sludge Drying Bed Repair Project
- ◆ Adopting Proposed Ordinance No. (E) Of 2024 Regarding Chapter 421 Public Property - Camping
- ◆ Appointment Of Firefighter In The Norwich Fire Department

Payment of Bills

Executive Session (if necessary)

Adjournment

Correspondence

Resolutions

RESOLUTION # - 2024 **DESIGNATING “PREFERRED PURCHASER” OF CITY-OWNED
PROPERTY AT 37 GUERNSEY STREET**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich acquired the real property at 37 Guernsey Street through property tax foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is considered by the Common Council to be surplus and its continued ownership by the City unnecessary to a useful public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposals for the purchase of the property, and considers the proposal from Dennis and Heidi Hoover of New Berlin, NY to be an acceptable offer based on the purchase amount offered, the significant investments to be made in the property’s rehabilitation, and the proposed use; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby designates Dennis and Heidi Hoover of New Berlin, NY as the “preferred purchaser” of the City-owned property at 37 Guernsey Street; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized, under the direction of the City Attorney, to negotiate and enter into a contract for the sale of the City-owned property at 37 Guernsey Street to Dennis and Heidi Hoover.

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

RESOLUTION # - 2024 **AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER TO COVER OVERTIME COSTS IN
PARKS**

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

WHEREAS, the overtime costs in the Parks Department have exceeded the budgeted amount; and

fer of \$8,000 is needed to cover those overtime costs; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the 2024 Budget to cover Parks overtime:

<u>From:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Account</u>
A1990.4	Contingency	\$8,000

<u>To:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Account</u>
A7110.1020	Parks - Overtime	\$8,000

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

RESOLUTION # - 2024 **AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE SLUDGE DRYING
BED REPAIR PROJECT**

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

WHEREAS, bids for the 2024 Sludge Drying Bed Repair Project were opened on May 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, due to more stone being needed than was planned for; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$12,440.96 is necessary to cover the additional costs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the additional \$12,440.96 to the 2024 Sludge Bed Repair Project is hereby authorized; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the 2024 budget:

<u>From:</u>		
<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HR42-9950.9	Sewer Equipment – Capital Reserves	\$12,440.96
<u>To:</u>		
<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
G8130.4040	Treatment & Disposal – Repairs & Maintenance	\$12,440.96

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

RESOLUTION # - 2024

**ADOPTING PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. (E) OF 2024 REGARDING
CHAPTER 421 PUBLIC PROPERTY - CAMPING**

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

WHEREAS, the Common Council received proposed Ordinance No. (A) of 2024 on January 16, 2024, to amend Chapter 421 Public Property by adding Article III Loitering; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 20, 2024, in connection with said proposed ordinance now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. (A) of 2024 to amend Chapter 421 Public Property, as presented to the Common Council on January 16, 2024, be and hereby is adopted, and is hereby designated as Ordinance No. 1 of 2024.

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Norwich as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. (5)
OF 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II CAMPING
OF THE CITY OF NORWICH**

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

Article I. Tampering

[Adopted 5-11-1915 (Ch. 64, § 64-1, of the 1967 Code); amended 9-18-2018 by L.L. No. 3-2018]

§ 421-1. Interfering with seats and benches.

All persons are hereby forbidden from moving or in any way changing the positions of the seats or benches placed upon the public parks in the City of Norwich, New York, and all persons are hereby forbidden from defacing, injuring or destroying any of said seats or benches upon the public parks in the City of Norwich, New York.

§ 421-2. Penalties for offenses.

Every violation of this article shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$250 or imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or both, for each violation thereof.

Article II. Camping

[Adopted 9-18-2018 by L.L. No. 3-2018]

§ 421-3. Camping on ~~City-owned~~ **Public** property.

All persons are hereby forbidden from camping on public property. Public property shall include all property owned by the City of Norwich, within or without the City Limits.

§ 421-4. Penalties for offenses.

- A. Every violation of this article shall be punishable by a fine of not more than a minimum of \$50 to a maximum of \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or both, for each violation thereof.
- B. Exemptions may be granted by the Common Council.

§ 421-5. Definitions:

CAMPING

The use of an area for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping or preparing to sleep, including the laying down of bedding for the purpose of sleeping, or storing personal property or storing other belongings, making a fire, cooking activities not in an outdoor park grill, or using a tent, or other structure for habitation. These activities constitute camping if it reasonably appears that in conducting one or more of these activities, the person is in fact using the area as living accommodation.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

A public access area including but not limited to streets, roads, including shoulder and median, bridges, sidewalks, alleys, parking lots, parks or other public green space, schools, transportation infrastructure, and any city-owned property.

STORING PERSONAL PROPERTY

Leaving one's personal items, including, but not limited to, clothing, bedrolls, cookware, sleeping bags, luggage, backpacks, wagons, or shopping carts, unattended for more than one hour.

RESOLUTION # - 2024

APPOINTMENT OF FIREFIGHTER IN THE NORWICH FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of firefighter in the Norwich Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has recommended the appointment of Eric Olsen of Norwich, NY, to such position; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Eric Olsen of Norwich, NY, be and hereby is granted a permanent appointment as Firefighter in the Norwich Fire Department as the rate of \$24.27, effective August 26, 2024, contingent upon successfully passing the required medical, psychological examinations and background check and any action necessary from the Norwich Civil Service Commission.

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

Payment of Bills

Ald. _____ **moved** to pay the August bills after proper audit and certification.

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>8/20/2024</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	\$	\$	\$
Water Fund			
Sewer Fund			
Trust		-	
Comm. Dev. - Special Grants	-	-	
Capital Projects		-	
TOTALS	\$	\$	\$

Seconded by Ald. _____ and duly adopted _____.