

COMMON COUNCIL

Special Meeting
May 5, 2026

Mayor Robert D. Jeffrey presided at a special meeting of the Common Council held at 6:00 PM on May 5, 2026, in the Common Council Chambers at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Robert D. Jeffrey
Ald. Eric Warren
Ald. Fred Gee
Ald. Nancy Allaire
Ald. William Loomis
Ald. David Zieno
Ald. Matthew Caezza

Also:

Director of Finance/City Clerk Dee DuFour
Director of Human Resources Lynn Murray
DPW Superintendent Tim Miller
Director of Parks & Recreation Anthony Testani
Fire Chief Gerald Parry
Police Chief Scott Burlison
EMO William Edwards
Deputy City Clerk Agnes Eaton

Supervisor Robert M. Jeffrey

Absent

Supervisor James McNeil

Call to Order

The meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Mayor Jeffrey.

Motion

Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with Principal Hotel for Hayes Street Parking Lot Drop-Off Area –
Ald. Loomis **moved** to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Principal Hotel, under the direction of the City Attorney, for the purposes of creating a drop-off area at the front of the hotel, part of which will be on City-owned property, located in the Hayes Street Municipal Parking Lot as approximately designated in the attached diagram. (see below). Seconded by Ald. Zieno, approved ayes all.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION #40 - 2026 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR WATER FILTER PLANT

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

WHEREAS, Rack 1 at the Water Filter Plant needs repair; and

WHEREAS, the repair of the valves and gauges of Rack 1 is necessary; and

WHEREAS, repairs will require a transfer from Reserves of \$28,604.40; ; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that repairs at the Water Filter plant pertaining to Rack 1 are hereby authorized; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following supplemental appropriation in the 2026 budget:

From:

Account Number
HR28

Name

Water Equipment – Capital Reserves

Amount

\$ 28,604.40

<u>To:</u>		
<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
F8330.4040	Water Treatment – Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 28,604.40

Seconded by Ald. Allaire, and duly adopted, 6 - 0, on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #41 - 2026

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE NEW YORK PLACES FOR LEARNING, ACTIVITY, AND YOUTH SOCIALIZATION (NY PLAYS) INITIATIVE

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

WHEREAS, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), in coordination with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), administers the New York Places for Learning, Activity, and Youth Socialization (NY PLAYS) Initiative, a competitive grant program supporting the design, construction, expansion, and renovation of public playgrounds across New York State; and

WHEREAS, the NY PLAYS Initiative provides grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$2,500,000 for eligible playground projects that promote youth physical activity, outdoor recreation, and community wellness; and

WHEREAS, municipalities applying to the NY PLAYS Initiative must demonstrate project readiness, planning efforts, and local support as part of the application evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich has identified the need to enhance recreational opportunities and playground facilities for residents and youth within the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich desires to submit an application to the NY PLAYS Initiative for funding assistance for the Weiler Park Playground Project; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Norwich supports the development and implementation of this project and acknowledges the planning efforts undertaken to advance the project concept; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Common Council] of the City of Norwich hereby authorizes the submission of an application to the New York Places for Learning, Activity, and Youth Socialization (NY PLAYS) Initiative for funding assistance for the Weiler Park Playground Project]; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and submit all necessary documents, forms, and certifications required to apply for and administer NY PLAYS grant funding; and be it further

RESOLVED that the City of Norwich acknowledges its responsibility to comply with all applicable program requirements should the project be awarded funding.

Seconded by Ald. Loomis, and duly adopted, 6 - 0, on a roll call vote.

Executive Session

Ald. Loomis **moved** to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual, litigation, contract negotiations.at 7:19 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Gee, approved ayes all.

Ald. Warren **moved** to exit executive session at 8:38 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Allaire, approved ayes all.

Adjournment

Ald. Loomis **moved** to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Allaire, approved ayes all.

