

COMMON COUNCIL

July 17, 2012

Mayor Joseph Maiurano presided at a meeting of the Common Council held at 7:00 PM on July 17, 2012, in the Common Council Chambers at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Ald. Robert Carey
Ald. Terry Bresina
Ald. John Deierlein
Ald. Paul Laughlin
Ald. Thomas LoPiccolo
Mayor Joseph Maiurano
Supervisor Robert Jeffrey

Also:

Director of Finance/City Clerk William Roberts
Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshall Jason Lawrence
Youth Bureau Director Robert Mason
DPW Superintendent Carl Ivarson
Deputy City Clerk Brian Drake
City Attorney Patrick Flanagan
EMO A. Jones
Fire Chief Tracy Chawgo
Community Development Specialist Todd Dreyer

Absent:

Ald. Walter Schermerhorn
Supervisor James McNeil

Call to Order

The meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Maiurano at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Ald. Carey **moved** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 19, 2012, and the special meeting of June 26, 2012. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, duly approved ayes all.

Mayoral Appointment

Norwich B.I.D.M.A. Board of Directors - Mike King, Mayor's Representative

Council Appointment

Ald. Laughlin **moved** to re-appoint Terry Bresina as Council Representative to the Norwich B.I.D.M.A. Board of Directors. Seconded by Ald. Carey, approved ayes all.

Open Forum There were no comments.

Department, Board and Commission Reports

- ◆ Parks Commission Minutes of June 13, 2012
- ◆ Police Department Monthly Report of June 2012
- ◆ Water Commission Minutes of June 20, 2012
- ◆ Youth Bureau Report of June 2012

Ald. LoPiccolo **moved** to receive and file the department, board, and commission reports. Seconded by Ald. Laughlin, approved ayes all.

Ward Reports

Ward 1

Ald. Carey reported he received two communications from constituents, one of which he referred to the appropriate department head for resolution, and the other, regarding the Little League Park, he referred the person to the School District.

Ward 2

Ald. Bresina reported he received several communications from constituents regarding a matter already being addressed by the Codes Enforcement Office.

Ward 3

Ald. Deierlein that he received no comments from constituents during the past month.

Ward 5

Ald. Laughlin reported he received no communications from constituents during the past month.

Ward 6

Ald. LoPiccolo reported that he received no communications from constituents during the past month.

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to receive and file the ward reports. Seconded by Ald. Carey, approved ayes all.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION #72-2012

**AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT AND
LOAN ASSISTANCE AT 1 WILLARD COURT**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich administers an Emergency Home Repair Program designed to provide grants and/or loans to income-qualifying homeowners for the purpose of making emergency home repairs; and

WHEREAS, an application for assistance was received from Charles E. Berry for the purpose of funding the replacement of the roof at his residence at 1 Willard Court; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the applicant is income-eligible for fifty percent grant assistance and fifty percent loan assistance; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has solicited and received two price quotations based on a work scope prepared by City staff; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 77.44% of the City funds to be expended on the repair work for this Emergency Home Repair Program project will be reimbursed to the City from the current USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation grant; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is appropriately classified as a Type 2 action under the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Norwich be and hereby is authorized to prepare necessary documents related to the issuance of City Emergency Home Repair Program grant and loan assistance to the applicant; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of Norwich Finance Director be and hereby is authorized to make payments to the contractor for direct repair costs of up to \$4,550 (four thousand, five hundred fifty dollars) and other minor amounts for necessary change orders that may be approved by the City, and payments to the lead testing firm for lead assessment and lead clearance costs.

Seconded by Ald. LoPiccolo and duly adopted, 5-0, on a roll call vote.

Discussion: Ald. Carey asked the amount of the loan and the source of the funds. Community Development Specialist Todd Dreyer replied that the loan would be 50% of the \$4,550, from USDA funds, and the loan would be repaid directly to the City.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich recognizes the need to engage in inter-municipal cooperation and undertake efforts to improve efficiency in order to enhance the performance of local government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich has developed and engages in several programs designed to improve efficiency and enhance governmental performance, particularly through the following programs: 1) a shared services agreement with the Norwich City School District principally involving the exchange of police and information technology services; 2) shared services agreements with five nearby towns (Town of Norwich, Town of North Norwich, Town of Plymouth, Town of Preston, and Town of Pharsalia) providing use of City recreational facilities and City youth recreation programs to the youth of the member towns; 3) inter-municipal agreements with the Town of Norwich for shared drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities; 4) fire and emergency ambulance services contracts with the towns of Norwich, North Norwich, Plymouth and Guilford; and 5) participation in recent NYSERDA Energy Conservation Personnel and Lighting Upgrade programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich Common Council has become aware of funding awards available through the Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program to recognize and reward the community for these efforts to improve local government operations and reduce local property tax burdens; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds it desirable for the City of apply for funding assistance through the LGPEP program for the purpose of defraying the costs of the above described programs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is appropriately classified as a Type 2 action for the purpose of SEQRA review, and a Determination of Non-Significance (a negative declaration) will not be issued; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Joseph P. Maiurano, as Mayor of the City of Norwich, acting under the advice of the City Attorney, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application or applications as may be necessary to apply for funding assistance through the 2012 Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program.

Seconded by Ald. Deierlein and duly adopted, 5-0, on a roll call vote.

Payment of July 2012 Bills Ald. Laughlin **moved** to pay the July 2012 bills after proper audit and certification. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein and duly adopted, ayes all.

July Bills

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>7/17/12</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	\$ 61,471.73	\$160,708.37	\$ 222,180.10
Sewer Fund	20.83	43,188.19	43,209.02
Water Fund	5,697.62	22,895.74	28,593.36
Trust	7,851.21	-	7,851.21
Debt Service	348,017.10	-	348,017.10
Community Dev. Small Cities	246.24	98.48	344.72
Community Dev. Special Grants		2,304.30	2,304.30
Economic Dev.	3,275.00	-	3,275.00
Capital Projects	421,941.36	-	421,941.36
TOTALS	\$848,521.09	\$229,195.08	\$1,077,716.17

Executive Session

Ald. Bresina **moved** to enter executive session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss the sale of real property where price may be affected. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.

Ald. Laughlin **moved** to exit executive session at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to enter executive session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss matters leading to the employment of a particular person or corporation. Seconded by Ald. Laughlin, approved ayes all.

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to exit executive session at 8:23 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Bresina, approved ayes all.

Adjournment

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Laughlin, accepted ayes all.

