

**FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF NORWICH    April 15, 2026**

The First Budget Public Hearing 26-2027 fiscal year budget was held April 15, 2026 at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers. Present: Mayor Singh, President Pro Tem DeLucia, Ald. Nystrom, Ald. Zuccardy, Ald. Kadambaya and Ald. Hayes. Absent was Ald. Nash. City Manager John Salomone, Corporation Counsel Aimee Seifert were also in attendance. Mayor Singh presided.

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Mayor Singh called for speakers on the budget.

Matt Simpson, spoke on analysis reports of the fire service. He was requested by the Council to speak on the budget.

Nyasia Aiken, spoke on her position as Per Diem Triage Clerk for Human Services and spoke of the importance of that position and would like to see it added to the budget as a full time position.

Tynieze Edwards, spoke in support of the previous speaker, referring to the high rental rates and need for the help that Human Services provides.

The following communication was submitted to the City Clerk for incorporation into these minutes on April 15, 2026 at 10:50 AM.

**From:** Kayser, Jennifer

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2026 9:48 AM

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**Subject:** Communication for City Council Meeting - Public Hearing April 15th

**Importance:** High

Good Morning,

I respectfully request that this communication be included in the official minutes for the April 15 budget hearing.

I am writing to urge the City Council to adopt a flat budget/mill rate for Norwich taxpayers, consistent with the current proposal from the City Manager. I support this approach and ask that you maintain this position. While I understand that the Board of Education has requested additional funding beyond what is included in the proposal, I strongly encourage the Council to stay the course and adopt a flat budget.

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Additionally, I would like to address the section of the proposal concerning the volunteer fire companies. The City Manager states confidence in reaching a resolution but also notes the possibility of increasing funding for career firefighters if an agreement cannot be reached. I do not share this confidence, nor do I support allocating additional taxpayer funds for this purpose.

I believe this approach places an unnecessary financial burden on taxpayers and does not reflect their best interests. Instead, I urge the Council to prioritize solutions that support and retain our volunteer fire services. Specifically, I ask that you take immediate steps to reopen the Yantic Fire Department and allow volunteers to continue serving the community.

I also ask that you keep in mind the importance of fiscal responsibility. Residents have consistently requested a flat-funded budget, and I urge you to act accordingly in this decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Kayser  
18 Maplewood Court, Norwich, CT

There being no further speakers the public hearing was adjourned at 7:39PM.

  
City Clerk