

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
CITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF FINANCE
May 21, 2019**

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A **PUBLIC HEARING** was held by the City Council and the Board of Finance in the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, to solicit citizen input regarding the proposed City budget for the fiscal period from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Atty. Victor Muschell, and City Councilors Paul Cavagnero, Gregg Cogswell, Fred Simon, Anne Ruwet, and Frank Rubino. Board of Finance Members Lance Boynton, Laurene Pesce, Mark Bushka, Christopher Anderson, Christopher Beyus, and James Wright were also present. City Councilor Marie Soliani was absent.

Mayor Carbone called the Public Hearing to order at 7:29 p.m.

City Clerk Carol Anderson read the legal notice.

Public Comment

Gary Euchalitto expressed his opposition to basing decisions that will impact the future of Torrington solely on the mill rate. He stated that the two most important factors for economic development are the quality and education of the workforce.

David Maccalous spoke on behalf of the Drakeville Volunteer Fire Department to inform the Boards about how the proposed budget would impact the volunteer departments and stated that Drakeville and Tarringford would both likely close within a year if additional funding is not granted.

Gary Euchalitto expressed his support for the volunteer fire departments.

Public Hearing Closed

Seeing and hearing no desire for further comment, Mayor Carbone declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. Clerk*

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK