



## Mayor's Budget Statement

June 13, 2017

Despite the challenges of having no conclusive revenue information from the State of Connecticut together with the Legislators' inaction in addressing an onerous and costly motor vehicle mill rate cap that results in significant reductions in tax revenue, we were determined to complete our budget process. Knowing that our taxpayers simply could not absorb a mill rate increase, **we have adopted a budget that results in no increase in the mill rate to be charged to real estate and personal property.**

Just like anyone running a business or household budget, we had to err on the side of caution and assume that the State revenues would be decreased or eliminated. This "worst-case scenario" has us facing tough decisions to cut critical capital projects, infrastructure improvements and educational expenses that are desperately needed in the City of Torrington. Over the next several months, we will investigate other ways to restore those line items.

Once the State of Connecticut has completed its budget and, in the event the City receives revenues in excess of the conservative estimate used to establish our budget, it is our intention to revisit and restore reductions that were made to the Board of Education and the City.

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