

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF FINANCE
PUBLIC HEARING: CITY BUDGET
LOCATION: CITY HALL AUDITORIUM/ZOOM
May 24, 2023**

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A **PUBLIC HEARING** was held by the City Council and the Board of Finance of the City of Torrington on Monday, May 22, 2023, to solicit citizen input regarding the proposed budget for the City of Torrington, for the fiscal period from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

Present at the City Hall Auditorium were Mayor Carbone, City Clerk Carol Anderson, City Comptroller Robin Stanziale, Deputy Comptroller Kim Aviles, Fire Chief Eric Borden, Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp, Deputy Police Chief Bart Barown, Treasurer Dan Farley, Councilors Keri Hoehne, David Oliver, Armand Maniccia, Paul Cavagnero, and Board of Finance Members Christopher Beyus, James Wright, Deborah Iannacito, and Laurene Pesce. Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell, Public Works Director Ray Drew, Board of Finance Members Mark Bushka, Christopher Anderson, and Councilor Drake Waldron joined via Zoom. City Councilor Anne Ruwet was absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 7:59 p.m.

City Clerk Carol Anderson read the legal notice.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Busa, a Torrington resident, said that his children and their friends have all bought homes outside of Torrington, due to the high taxes driving them out.

Eileen Vassallo, a Torrington resident shared that she and her husband built a house in Torrington, however, they could have built in a neighboring town with less taxes.

John DeAngelis a Torrington resident said that it is crazy to live and do business in Torrington with the high taxes. How do they plan to attract more businesses?

Denise Bourque asked via Zoom chat, Do you think it is fair to the residents who do not have children that the BOE (Board of Education) has no cuts to offer for their budget, showing an unwillingness to cooperate?

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mayor Carbone declared the public hearing closed at 8:09 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by
Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk*

ATTEST:


CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK