

A **PUBLIC HEARING** of the City Council & WPCA was held at the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, March 16, 2020 to solicit citizen input regarding the proposal to submit a grant application to the Connecticut Department of Housing (DOH) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program services set aside for FY 2020. Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone and City Councilors Drake Waldron, Sharon Waagner, Frank Rubino, Anne Ruwet and David Oliver. Councilor Paul Cavagnero was absent.

Also present were Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell, Torrington Housing Authority Executive Director Claudia Sweeney, Supportive Housing Works Deputy Director Kathy Hunter, Executive Director David Barrett Rich and Director of System Performance Lauren Zimmerman.

Mayor Carbone opened the Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Assistant City Clerk Jonathan Draper read the legal notice that was published in the *Republican American* newspaper on March 5, 2020.

Public Comment

Supportive Housing Works Deputy Director Kathy Hunter and Director of System Performance Lauren Zimmerman presented an overview of the shelter diversion program for the Northwest Coordinated Access Network area and explained how the program would combat homelessness in Torrington.

Nicholas Tella expressed his concerns that the program might attract more homeless persons to Torrington.

Northwest CT Community Foundation Grants and Program Director Julia Scharnberg expressed her support for the homeless shelter diversion program.

Hearing Closed

Mayor Carbone declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. City Clerk

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK