

A **PUBLIC HEARING** was held by the Board of Councilman and the Board of Finance in the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, May 21, 2018, to solicit citizen input regarding the proposed City budget for fiscal year 2018/2019.

Those in attendance included Mayor Elinor Carbone, City Councilors Marie Soliani, Frank Rubino, Paul Cavagnero, and Gregg Cogswell, and Board of Finance members Christopher Anderson, Laurene Pesce, Mark Bushka, Josh Ferreira, Lance Boynton, and Jenna Reichen. Councilman Fred Simon and Councilwoman Anne Ruwet were absent.

Also present were City Treasurer Dan Farley, Comptroller Alice Proulx, Deputy Comptroller Gina Casper, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Brett Simmons, Acting Deputy Police Chief Wayne Newkirk, Fire Chief Peter Towey, and Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp.

Mayor Carbone called the Public Hearing to order at 7:50 p.m.

Maurette Wall read the legal notice.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Diane Holland expressed her concerns regarding recent changes to Torrington Public Schools and emphasized the impact of closing East School. Carol Bottass agreed and stated that the children in Torrington Public Schools are not being treated properly.

Glenn Royals expressed his concerns regarding the amount of funding that the City grants to the Public School system every year. He also expressed his frustration regarding the City's maintenance of sidewalks, stating that maintenance should be the responsibility of property owners, not the City. Mayor Carbone clarified that recent court cases have determined that the responsibility for maintaining sidewalks lies with the municipalities.

Barbara Gall expressed her opposition to the Alliance District program.

**Meeting Closed**

Mayor Carbone declared the public hearing closed at 8:05 p.m.

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

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC  
CITY CLERK