

CITY OF TORRINGTON EXPLANATORY TEXT
November 6, 2018 Referendum

The Torrington City Council, at their special meeting of August 7, 2018, pursuant to Section C-13-9 of the City Charter, adopted appropriation and borrowing resolutions and further voted to submit certain resolutions in accordance with The Charter of the City of Torrington to the voters of Torrington for approval or disapproval at a referendum to be held in conjunction with the November 6, 2018 election between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the polling places listed below:

Pursuant to Sec. 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the City Council has authorized the City Clerk to prepare, with the approval of the City Attorney, an explanatory text with respect to each question on the ballot. The applicable text is set forth under the questions below.

These explanatory texts will be furnished to each applicant for an absentee ballot and will be made available for public distribution and at the polling places. The full text of the resolutions, as approved by the City Council, is available on the City website at www.torringtonct.org and on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT 06790, during the City's regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The appropriation and bond authorizations to be voted on shall be placed on the ballots under the following ballot headings (the bold text):

1. “Shall the City of Torrington appropriate \$38,000,000 for road and bridge improvements and pavement projects and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?”

This appropriation will be used for rebuilding and rehabilitation, including, but not limited to the reconstruction and repair of existing roads with PCI ratings below 72 as further described in the annual City of Torrington Pavement Management Program, including reconstruction and repair of the Bogue Road Bridge, and related drainage projects; installation of sidewalks and streetscape improvements, repair or reconstruction of existing sidewalks, including provision for handicap access ramps and ADA compliance upgrades; construction or reconstruction of surfacing and resurfacing for parking facilities, including repairs or reconstruction to existing police department, fire department and senior center parking facilities, and all related appurtenances and facilities necessary for the above, including, but not limited to, drainage systems, curbing, lighting and other utilities, guard rails, signs, pavement markings, sealing, overlay, traffic calming measures and improvements, repairs to public and private driveways affected by the above, and topsoil and seeding of disturbed areas, and for design and construction costs, equipment, materials, site improvements, architects' fees, engineering fees, interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and for administrative, printing, and financing, legal and other costs of issuance related thereto. With 21% of the city roads in poor condition and 22% in failing condition, it is necessary to implement a replacement and reconstruction plan.

2. “Shall the City of Torrington appropriate \$1,400,000 for roof and window replacements at the Torrington Middle School and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?”

\$700,000 of this appropriation will be used for the replacement of a roof and \$700,000 for the replacement of windows. The appropriations may be spent for design and construction costs, equipment, materials, site improvements, architects' fees, engineering fees, interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and for administrative, printing, and financing, legal and other costs of issuance related thereto. This appropriation will be inclusive of any and all private gifts and grants and State and Federal grants-in-aid. The roof and windows were installed in 1994. The windows are not energy efficient and the roof has outlived its life expectancy.

3. “Shall the City of Torrington appropriate \$1,000,000 for construction of a new animal shelter facility and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?

This appropriation will be used for construction of a new animal shelter facility to be located on property owned by the City of Torrington at 248 Bogue Road, Harwinton, Connecticut, including, but not limited to, planning, design, acquisition, demolition and construction costs, equipment, materials, site preparation and improvements, architects’ fees, engineering fees, and project management fees, or any other work related to such improvements, and for interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and for administrative, printing, and financing, legal and other costs of issuance related thereto. This appropriation will be inclusive of any and all private gifts and grants, State and Federal grants-in-aid, contributions from participating communities under the terms of the regional animal control services agreement. The current shelter is an older building (approximately 50 years-old) that does not contain an HVAC system or water distribution system, and interior finishes are not conducive to the type of daily maintenance and cleaning required in municipally run shelters.

4. “Shall the City of Torrington appropriate \$850,000 for roof replacements at the Street Department Building and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?

This appropriation will be used for the replacement and reconstruction of two (2) roofs for the Street Department Building located at 107 Arthur Street in the City and shall be inclusive of planning, design, acquisition and construction costs, equipment, materials, site improvements, architects’ fees, engineering fees, insurance, and project management fees related to the repair, improvement, restoration and replacement of the roof, as well as building repairs needed as a result of damage, or any other work related to such roof and building improvements. The roofs have exceeded their useful life and are in need of complete reconstruction to eliminate water intrusion and protect the infrastructure within the building.

POLLING PLACES

District 1	Middle School	200 Middle School Dr.
District 2	Coe Park 1	101 Litchfield St.
District 3	Coe Park 2	101 Litchfield St.
District 4	Torrington School 1	631 Torrington West St.
District 5	Torrington School 2	631 Torrington West St.
District 6	City Hall 1	140 Main St.
District 7	City Hall 2	140 Main St.
District 8	Armory	153 South Main St.

The location of polling place for all non-resident property owners eligible to vote will be: Room 311 City Hall, 140 Main Street, Torrington, Connecticut.