

SECOND TAXING DISTRICT
Special Electors' Budget Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2020

Electors Present:	Harold Bonnet Mary Mann Sandra Stokes Martha Wooten-Dumas	Maria Borges-Lopez Gwen Stewart David Westmoreland
Also Present:	Alan Huth Lisa Roland Scott Murphy Eric Strom Gwendolyn Gonzalez Kara Murphy, Esq.	Interim General Manager District Clerk Director of Electric Operations Director of Customer Care & Finance Collections Specialist Tierney, Zullo, Flaherty & Murphy
Public Present:	None	

**(A total of 7 Electors participated in this Special Budget Meeting
via video- and teleconference)**

The meeting was recorded in its entirety.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Westmoreland called the Special Budget Meeting of The Second Taxing District of the City of Norwalk to order at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020. The meeting was held via video- and teleconference, in accordance with Executive Order No. 7I, and originated in Fairfield County, Connecticut.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

The District Clerk, Lisa Roland, read aloud the only comments received on the record. Commissioner Wooten-Dumas questioned the budgets for two line items - street lights maintenance, and meeting and printing - why are these significantly different from last year's budget?

Eric Strom addressed the questions. Street lighting maintenance is significantly lower because LED lights won't require as much maintenance. Meanwhile, Meeting and Printing is significantly higher because it includes recruiting fees for a new General Manager.

No other comments/questions were received.

Commissioner Westmoreland asked if there was anyone present that would like to make a comment or ask a question. There were none.

3. APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET (Fiscal Year 2020-2021)

The proposed budget had been reviewed by the Commissioners in two prior meetings and nothing had changed since the last meeting. However, due to extraordinary circumstances, a mid-year review and revision may be required.

The following resolution regarding the adoption of the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget was voted on.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE 2020-2021 BUDGET

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont issued Executive Order 7S, which permits the suspension of in-person voting requirements for critical and time sensitive municipal fiscal deadlines, including the adoption of budgets;

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2020, Governor Lamont issued Executive Order 7W, which clarified that Executive Order 7S applies to quasi-municipal corporations, including but not limited to the Second Taxing District of the City of Norwalk;

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2020, Governor Lamont issued Executive Order 7CC, which further clarified the factual findings the District is required to make in order to adopt a budget or other financial findings, in the absence of in-person voting by the electors of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, the District Commission herein approves the adoption of the 2020-2021 Budget with the following terms and conditions:

Resolved, that the adoption of the 2020-2021 Budget is necessary to ensure the orderly, uninterrupted operation of the District;

Resolved, that the immediate action by the District Commission during the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency is necessary for the following reasons:

- (a) to avoid endangering public health and welfare by ensuring continued electric and water services;
- (b) to prevent significant financial loss to the District; and
- (c) to ensure the continued protection of person and property within the District;

Resolved, that the 2020-2021 Budget is adopted by majority vote of the District Commission.

Dated on this 27th day of April 2020 at Norwalk, Connecticut.

Lisa Roland
District Clerk

Commissioner Borges-Lopez moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Mann seconded. The resolution was approved with one abstention. Commissioner Stokes abstained. **(2020-04-27-3)**

4. RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE CHOICE OF AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020.

The auditing firm of Michaud Accavallo Woodbridge & Cusano, LLC was selected to perform auditing services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Commissioner Borges-Lopez moved to approve MAWC, LLC. Commissioner Mann seconded.

The firm of Michaud Accavallo Woodbridge & Cusano, LLC (MAWC, LLC) was approved unanimously. **(2020-04-27-4)**

5. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Borges-Lopez moved to adjourn. Commissioner Mann seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Attest:

Lisa G. Roland
District Clerk