

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

TUESDAY
May 12, 2020
6:30 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

9. Discussion and possible action on the Mayor's Veto, on May 8, 2020, of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Appropriating \$625,000 for Community Pool Park Design Services and Authorizing the Issue of \$625,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose".



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ATTN: Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Dear Council Members:

We are caught in an economy/virus pandemic storm of an unprecedented nature. High winds of business closings, drenching rainfall of unemployment numbers, and a storm tracking radar that forecasts these conditions will not change for an undetermined length of time. We cannot be sure that even schools will reopen this coming September.

The state of our economy is a real concern. What will be the impact on revenues for private businesses to operate and municipal government to provide services? Predictions for state government are troubling with billion dollar deficits in the current and future years. Those predictions include Connecticut and many other states. The news today reports that hospitals are experiencing significant financial distress.

A unique characteristic of this storm is that government has closed businesses. This is a new kind of economy downturn not experienced previously. The speed of recovery is very unpredictable. The community pool project is a project worthy of support, but it is not time sensitive. We can and should renovate the pool when the overwhelming financial hardships of citizens and businesses are no longer prevalent, when unemployment is absorbed by gainful employment.

For these reasons, pursuant to Chapter III, Section 7 of the Town of Wallingford Charter, the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Appropriating \$625,000 for Community Pool Park Design Services and Authorizing the Issue of \$625,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose", approved by the Town Council on April 28, 2020, is vetoed.

Sincerely,

William W. Dickinson, Jr.
Mayor

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