

## **Budget in Brief and Public Hearings**

Due to the unprecedented impact the Covid-19 pandemic is having on residents and business owners and the desire of the Town to mitigate the impact of this crisis, the Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools have amended their initial budget requests to eliminate a tax increase for next fiscal year. This has been accomplished through a number of expenditure reductions and revenue enhancements totaling \$9,867,907, resulting in a new Proposed FY 2020/21 Budget of \$299,871,758 representing an increase of 1.1% over the current year. The proposed mill rate necessary to support the revised Proposed FY 2020/21 Budget is 41.74 mills, representing a tax decrease of .14% from the current year. **Click here to view the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget Summary.**

The revised Proposed Budget, if approved by the Town Council, will result in the reduction of services in some areas. However, this amended budget proposal will preserve the Town's award winning school district and its most essential municipal services.

The Town Council of the Town of West Hartford will hold two public hearings on the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Town Budget as proposed by the Town Manager on March 10, 2020 and amended by the Town Manager on April 20, 2020.

The public hearings will be held at the following dates and times:

**April 27, 2020 at 2 PM**      **Call: 1 (415) 655-0001**  
**Access Code 198 025 983**

**April 30, 2020 at 6 PM**      **Call: 1 (415) 655-0001**  
**Access Code 191 626 254**

Both public hearings will be conducted exclusively as virtual meetings in accordance with the Standing Rules of the 2019-2021 Town Council of the Town of West Hartford and Executive Order No. 7B issued by Governor Ned Lamont. The public hearings will be broadcast live on television on West Hartford Community Interactive Comcast Channel 5 and Frontier TV Channel 6098 and streamed live at [www.whctv.org](http://www.whctv.org).

### **AUDIO COMMENT:**

Any West Hartford resident or taxpayer may participate in real-time by calling 1 (415) 655-0001, using the access codes provided above, at the appointed time and date. Participants using caller ID blocking will not be permitted to participate. Participants will be called on in the order in which their call was received. When prompted by the Moderator, participants will have three

minutes to speak, except that persons representing a group's duly authorized position may speak for up to five minutes.

**WRITTEN COMMENT:**

Any West Hartford resident or taxpayer may submit a written comment via email to [comment@westhartfordct.gov](mailto:comment@westhartfordct.gov). Written comments will be made part of the record at the April 30, 2020 public hearing and posted on the Town's website. In order to be included as part of the record, comments must meet the following requirements:

- Comments must be received no later than 11:59 PM on April 28, 2020.
- The "subject" of the email shall be: "[LAST NAME, FIRST NAME] Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget".
- The body of the email must begin with the commenter's full name and street address and a statement that they are either a resident or taxpayer.
- Comments must be germane to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget and no longer than 500 words.

**\*\*\* PRIVACY NOTICE \*\*\***

The phone number, electronic and physical address, and name of any person who comments by phone or email may be considered a public record and subject to public disclosure pursuant to the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, as codified in Chapter 14 of the General Statutes.

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