

FINAL

THIRD TAXING DISTRICT
of the City of Norwalk
Special Commission Meeting
February 11, 2025

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: Johnnie Mae Weldon, Chair; Pamela Parkington;
Michele Sweeney

STAFF: Kevin Barber, General Manager;
Ron Scofield, Assistant General Manager/District Clerk

OTHERS: No others were present

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Weldon called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

DISCUSSION OF LIBRARY BUDGET ALLOCATION

A follow-up discussion from the January 27th Commission Meeting took place with Mr. Barber reviewing the Library Budget. The amount of \$180,000 was requested for the Library Budget with an additional \$15,000 allotted for the floors in the Van Zillen Room. An amount dedicated to the purchase of computers for the Library was also discussed.

Mr. Barber referred to Page 3 of the Budget and pointed out that the Library is in a difficult financial position. The Library's reserve balance has diminished over the past three years.

Mr. Barber told the Commission he had a conversation with Sylvia Archibald, Library Director regarding the difficult financial position the Library is in.

Mr. Barber suggested the possibility of The Third Taxing District having a "Grant" Fund for the Library. Commissioner Parkington suggested Banking and IRS laws would be prohibitive to such a fund.

A discussion was held on the long-term sustainability of the Library.

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Commissioner Sweeny suggested adding a discussion about the Library to the Annual Meeting Agenda. Mr. Barber said a Library discussion can be added to the Annual meeting agenda under the parameter of the District Budget and the continued operation of the Library.

Mr. Barber recommended meeting with the Library Board of Directors in May to discuss the situation and the ongoing financial problems of the Library.

The Library will be funded this year in the amount of \$200,000 with the view that this will incentivize the Board of Directors to seek funds independently. Capital funds totaling \$25,000 will also be included in the District Budget.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DISTRICT BUDGET

Mr. Barber reviewed the District Budget from the Commission Meeting held on January 27th. There is a modest increase of 15% in the stipend for the Commission, Rate Payer Rep., Treasurer and Clerk.

The Library will get \$200,000 this year.

**** COMMISSIONER PARKINGTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE PROPOSED DISTRICT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, AS MODIFIED AND PRESENTED, TO THE ELECTORS FOR APPROVAL AT THE ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025**

**** COMMISSIONER SWEENEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COMMISSIONER PARKINGTON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

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The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Joyce
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