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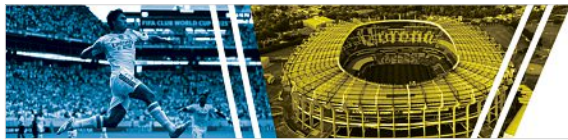
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Dozens rallied outside Norwich City Hall in support of the Norwich volunteer firefighters before the Public Safety Meeting on June 10. PHOTOS BY MATT GRAHN/NORWICH BULLETIN

Rally supports volunteer firefighters before meeting

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A man who had been arrested for mishandling Norwich's money got an ovation for calling out how the city is treating the volunteer firefighters.

"I have made mistakes. I've fixed my mistakes. You're making a mistake," Former Norwich Public Utilities Chair John Bilda said.

The June 10 Public Safety had many residents airing their grievances, before and during the meeting, with how the city has handled the volunteer fire departments.

Before the Public Safety meeting, there was a rally in support of the volunteer firefighters outside city hall. The people outside got honks and shouts of support from many drivers passing by.

Inside City Hall, there were statements from the public made in support of the volunteers, and claims of errors made by the paid firefighters now at the Taftville station, including parking at the wrong side of the Lofts at Ponemah Mills to respond to a fire alarm, and passing the home of someone suffering a medical emergency by four houses.



Taftville Fire Chief Tim Jencks talks with Norwich City Council President Pro Tempore Joe DeLucia about whether or not the Taftville volunteers are still able to operate out of the Taftville firehouse.

What happened when Norwich took over the Taftville station?

After the public comment period City Council President Pro Tempore Joe DeLucia read the email City Manager John Salomone had sent to Tim Jencks the evening before Taftville got

the court order to vacate the firehouse, even though Salomone's message stated the Taftville volunteers could stay.

The crowd disagreed with what DeLucia was saying and urged Taftville Chief Tim Jencks to explain things to

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Council to consider 'no confidence' vote in city manager

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The June 15 City Council meeting is likely to be more crowded than usual, thanks to item #10 under the New Business Resolutions: Relative to a vote of no Confidence in the City Manager, John Salomone.

The proposed vote was placed on the agenda for Monday night's meeting a resolution that the City Council, at the request of Aldermen Peter Nystrom and William Nash.

The vote is related to Salomone's handling of the dispute between the City and the Yantic, Taftville, Laurel Hill, and Occum volunteer fire departments, which include the closing of

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Norwich Interfaith campaign encourages connections

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In response to increasing hate locally and nationally, Norwich Interfaith is trying something new.

June 14 will be the kickoff for its Love Lives Here campaign with an event at Castle Church on Broadway at 1 p.m. The core message of the campaign is "One Norwich, Many Stories, One Community," according to a press release from Norwich Interfaith.

"At a time when communities across our nation are experiencing increased division, fear, and polarization, the Love Lives Here Campaign

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