

CITY OF HARTFORD COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING



REVISED AGENDA SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

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**REVISED AGENDA
MEETING OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
September 14, 2020**

Approve the minutes for the meetings of May 11 & 23, June 8 & 22, July 13, August 10, 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a Grant of \$5,000 from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to hire a consultant to help formally establish the Charter Oak Monument within the Charter Oak Place District.**
- 2. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$1,354,492, for the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) enhanced detection, response, surveillance and prevention of COVID-19 work from the State of Connecticut's Department of Public Health (DPH).**
- 3. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$58,750.36 from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office for enforcement of distracted driving.**
- 4. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant award under the "FY 20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program" from the Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$598,041.00.**
- 5. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept ongoing payments from the EdAdvance, a Regional Educational Service Center, as an agent for the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC), to provide funding to support Family Child Care ("FCC") providers as approved by OEC, as part of the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The minimum amount that the City will be paid for providing this service is \$35,000, but that may be increased subject to the State's orders.**
- 6. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution to formally endorse the proposed the *Equality Act*, H.R. 5, in the United States Congress.**
- 7. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$173,000.00 from the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's FY 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) to fund cancer screening for all Hartford firefighters.**
- 8. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a Grant of \$180,266.82 from the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S) to provide funds for the purchase of PPE and related supplies, including reimbursements, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.**
- 9. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a check in the amount of \$200.00 for the City of Hartford's Film and Media Commission.**

10. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying substitute resolution for authorizing the City to enter into a Tax Fixing Agreement with Mitchell Farmington Valley, LLC, owner of Land Rover Dealership at 77 Weston Street.
11. MAYOR BRONIN, "approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a new ground lease for the Hilton Hotel pursuant to a sale of the hotel"
12. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to accept a donation of \$1,875 from the Metropolitan District Connecticut (MDC) to support public events hosted by the Department of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation (DFCYR).
13. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution requesting to enter into Executive Session during the Council meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020, in order to discuss the potential settlement of a workers' compensation matter, *Otto Dowd v. City of Hartford*.
14. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to continue funding the Parkville Senior Center and the Hispanic Senior Center through agreements with Parkville Senior Center Inc. and Catholic Charities, Inc.
15. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the transfer to the Suspense Book of \$1,412,722.52 in outstanding delinquent personal property and motor vehicle taxes for tax bills that the Tax Collector has certified as unlikely to be collected. In most instances, the businesses associated with the tax have closed and the owner cannot be located, or the owner is deceased.
16. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the Mayor to make transfers in the FY2020 General Fund Budget.
17. LABOR, EDUCATION, WORKFORCE AND YOUTH COMMITTEE, Communication concerning updates from the Director, Department of Children, Youth and Recreation (DCYFR)- Kim Oliver. Update: Summer camp, Budget allocations, Early Learning Centers, Afterschool Recreation and HPS Plans for School Year.
18. PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, Communication to postpone action at committee level until the MyRec Field Reservation System Operational Review and Improvement Plan is completed on resolution requesting that a more comprehensive policy by DPW be put in place to best help navigate the needs of the community to become effective by winter of FY 2021 and a Request for Proposal (RFP) to hire a third party contractor to assist with managing of Hartford's fields reservation process.

REPORTS

19. PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND HOUSING COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution which would authorize the acquisition of property located at 522&532 Ann Uccello street ("The Properties") from House of Bread, Inc.
20. PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND HOUSING COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution which would authorize the transfer of seven (7) City-Owned Properties to the Hartford Land Bank
21. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution confirming the appointment of Frank Barrows, Lionel Thompson, Diego Lopez, Rev. Elizabeth Arulampalam, Lashawn Robinson, Charlie Ortiz, and Kyla Jackson to the Police Accountability Review Board (PARB).
22. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution confirming the appointment of Eric W. Crawford to the Civilian Police Review Board.

23. **LABOR, EDUCATION, WORKFORCE AND YOUTH COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution requesting that the City Council of Hartford, assembled on this 10th day of August, 2020, urge Alden Global Capital to Cease any further layoffs or buyouts that have decimated the staff, not to seek to increase ownership interest in Tribune Publishing, and to consider in good faith any offers from outside entities that would return Tribune Publishing newspaper to a civic-minded ownership.
24. **OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**, Report on proposed ordinance making General Fund Appropriations to reflect project costs relative to Public Improvements in the Martin Luther King School.
25. **OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution for authorizing The City to enter into a Tax Fixing Agreement with Mitchell Farmington Valley, LLC, owner of Land Rover Dealership at 77 Weston Street.
26. **OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution which would authorize the transfer of seven (7) City-owned properties to the Hartford Land Bank.
27. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**, with report on Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Appointments of Departments Heads Requirements, Section 850 Residency requirements of the Municipal Code.
28. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**, with report on Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article XVIII, Section 2-860 Motor Vehicle Policy of the Hartford Municipal Code.
29. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**, with report on Ordinance Amending Article V, Division 5, Section 2-196 of the Hartford Municipal Code.

FOR ACTION

30. **QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**, Communication to postponed action on resolution requesting that the Court of Common Council creates a process whereby the Mayor must choose a majority of the members of the Civilian Police Review Board from among candidates nominated by community organizations specifically focused on serving communities impacted by overpolicing, with a list of such organizations to be determined and comprise at least two members who are under the age of 26 when they are appointed and at least one member who has previously been incarcerated after a criminal conviction or an adjudication of juvenile delinquency.
31. **PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**, with accompanying substitute resolution that would authorize the City to enter into an agreement with Bushnell Park Foundation to help achieve our mutual goal of restoring, preserving and promoting the Park.
32. Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Appointments of Departments Heads Requirements, Section 850 Residency requirements of the Municipal Code.
33. Ordinance Amending Article V, Division 5, Section 2-196 of the Hartford Municipal Code.
34. Substitute Ordinance amending chapters 2, Article XVIII, Section 2-860 Motor Vehicle Policy of the Hartford Municipal Code.
35. Resolution calling upon the Mayor to suspend Police Chief Jason Thody from all job duties and relieve him of his City-issued weapon and City-issued vehicle until such time as the Independent

Audit Commission completes its investigation and the Mayor or the Court of Common Council can take the appropriate action in response to the findings of that investigation.

36. Ordinance making General Fund Appropriations to reflect project costs relative to Public Improvements in the Martin Luther King School.
37. Resolution requesting that those now living on these ancestral lands, recognize that harm was done and the pursuit of shared responsibility and of promoting knowledge about Indigenous Peoples, unifying communities, combating prejudice and eliminating discrimination against Indigenous Peoples and that on the second Monday in October of each year the City of Hartford will support events that encourage understanding and appreciation of Indigenous Peoples changes shall not affect the status of the second Monday of October of each year as a publicly recognized holiday.
38. Resolution by the Court of Common Council requesting to remove the name of Columbus Boulevard and rename it Dr. Frank T. Simpson Boulevard, named after one of Hartford's historic civil rights champions.

RESOLUTIONS

39. (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILMAN LEBRON) (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) (COUNCILMAN GALE) Resolution calling on the Governor and Legislature of the State of Connecticut to enact, by executive order and/or legislation, provisions to protect the ability of all Hartford residents to have equal access and opportunities in education and employment.
40. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON) (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCILMAN LEBRON) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) (COUNCILMAN GALE) Resolution by the Court of Common Council requesting to superimpose the name of Congressman John R. Lewis on Elm Street and Trinity Street to be displayed as Congressman John R. Lewis Way.

HEARING DATE – MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

41. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILMAN LEBRON) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) (COUNCILMAN GALE) Resolution requesting that the basketball located at Elizabeth Park, in Hartford, be named “Coach Jack Phelan Court” in memory of Coach Phelan’s legacy.

HEARING DATE – MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

42. Resolution requesting that any proposed ordinance submitted to the Town Clerk’s Office by a member of the Court of Common Council or by the Mayor includes a brief, 2-3 sentence statement on what the ordinance seeks to do and to have a “Frequently Asked Questions” document attached to it, following a Public Hearing, based on the questions asked.

Attest: Noel F. McGregor, Jr.
Town & City Clerk

Agenda Item #1



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Charter Oak Monument Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept a Grant of \$5,000 from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to hire a consultant to help formally establish the Charter Oak Monument within the Charter Oak Place District.

The monument dedicated to Hartford's Charter Oak needs repair. In order for the City to make repairs, SHPO has directed that the State and National Register of Historic Places be amended to include the monument, which was unfortunately omitted from the Charter Oak Place District. To remedy that omission, SHPO has made a grant to the City to engage a consultant to perform the underlying work necessary to specifically include reference to the Charter Oak Monument. This will enable the City to seek further funds for the actual repair.

We respectfully request that Council act on the attached resolution at its September 14 meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, A monument to honor the Charter Oak Tree is located in an historic district that makes no mention of its presence and is in dire need of repair; and

WHEREAS, Before restoration of this significant historic monument can begin, a qualified consultant must amend the State and National Register of Historic Places nomination forms, so the Charter Oak Place District includes reference to the Charter Oak Monument; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford seeks a Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant to hire a qualified consultant to prepare an amendment that will establish the importance of the Charter Oak Monument and its relationship to the Charter Oak Place historic district in order to complete the rehabilitation and preservation, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to apply for and accept a grant of \$5,000 from SHPO, for the purpose of hiring a qualified consultant to prepare an amendment to State and National Register of Historic Places nomination forms.

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same program, for the same authorized contract period and any immediate extension thereof, and for the same or similar purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to receive, contract and expend the SHPO award according to the terms of the City's original grant application; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreements or other documents, or to take any of the other aforesaid actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the Mayor executing such agreements and documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

Agenda Item #2



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection Cooperative Agreement: Funding Application for the Enhanced Detection, Response, Surveillance and Prevention of COVID-19

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$1,354,492, for the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) enhanced detection, response, surveillance and prevention of COVID-19 work from the State of Connecticut's Department of Public Health (DPH).

These funds allow DHHS to enhance local efforts to support COVID-19 testing activities, surveillance, and prevention of further COVID-19.

Accepting this funding will have no revenue or expense impact on the City's General Fund. The Department of Health and Human Services is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut's Department of Public Health (DPH) received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhancing Detection Cooperative Agreement for the period of May 19, 2020 through May 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The DPH set aside \$20 million to support local public health efforts and is awarding the City of Hartford a portion of these funds; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford will use these funds to enhance local efforts supporting COVID-19 testing activities, surveillance, and prevention of further COVID-19 transmission; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to accept \$1,354,492 in funding from the CT DPH for the funding period May 19, 2020-May 18, 2022 to be used to strengthen its response to the COVID-19 pandemic and protect our residents; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same program, for the same authorized contract period, and for the same purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to receive, contract, and expend the above referenced grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreements or other documents, or to take any of the other aforesaid actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the Mayor executing such agreements and documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

Agenda Item #3



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, President and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: FY 2021 Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement (DDHVE)

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$58,750.36 from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office for enforcement of distracted driving.

The purpose of this grant is to fund annual enforcement efforts of the Hartford Police Department related to the operator using hand held cell phones or a mobile electronic device. The efforts aim to decrease fatalities and injuries as a result of crashes caused by driver distraction, especially those caused by hand held mobile phone or electronic device. Enforcement will be conducted citywide. This grant covers 100% of overtime costs dedicated to enforcement and provides the full fringe totaling \$58,750.36.

The Hartford Police Department is happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office awards grants to municipalities for traffic safety enforcement; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has traditionally partnered with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation to decrease fatalities and injuries as a result of crashes caused by driver distraction and

WHEREAS, Funds from the FY2021 Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement (DDHVE) for Municipal Police Department to conduct high visibility enforcement focused on driver distraction, especially those caused by hand held mobile phone or electronic device, therefore, be it

WHEREAS, The federal grant funds cover 100% of the wage and fringe costs; and

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a grant for enforcement in the amount of \$58,750.36 for overtime from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office. And, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to apply for and accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same program, for the same authorized contract period, and for the same purposes, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to receive, contract and expend the above referenced grant funds, and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to take any of the aforesaid actions, and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties executing such documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

Agenda Item #4



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

September 14, 2020
Honorable Maly D. Rosado
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: FY 20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program grant acceptance

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant award under the "FY 20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program" from the Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$598,041.00.

Shortly after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hartford Police Department identified several unanticipated expenses directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The expenses include the costs relating to personal protective equipment, social distancing tools, police overtime, and cleaning services. Grant money within this award is approved to cover these expenses.

Additionally, few cities and towns in Connecticut have safe options for housing COVID-19 positive arrestees or COVID-19 positive individuals subject to mandatory quarantine by order of the Department of Health, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 19a-131c. A portion of the funding in this grant has been authorized to partially rehabilitate the facility at 50 Jennings Road for this purpose.

The Hartford Police Department is happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin

Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford Police Department has been part of the essential services within the City of Hartford in preventing, preparing and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has approved the application by the City of Hartford for an award under the OJP funding opportunity entitled “BJA FY 20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program” (CESF); and

WHEREAS, the approved award amount is \$598,041.00 which does not require cost sharing or match; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned funding is approved by OJP to be used for several problems stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic such as:

1. The cost of personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary to protect sworn member of the Hartford Police Department as well as citizens;
2. The cost of barriers, cones, and social distancing tools;
3. Unanticipated overtime costs;
4. The cost of cleaning and disinfection services; and
5. The rehabilitation of the 50 Jennings Rd. facility to be partially repurposed as a quarantine-safe detention facility; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to accept the grant award of \$598,041.00 from the OJP for the purpose of the above listed COVID-19 related expenses.

Agenda Item #5



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

September 14, 2020
Honorable Maly D. Rosado
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: CT Office of Early Childhood's Initiative to Support Family Child Care (FCC)

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept ongoing payments from the EdAdvance, a Regional Educational Service Center, as an agent for the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC), to provide funding to support Family Child Care ("FCC") providers as approved by OEC, as part of the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The minimum amount that the City will be paid for providing this service is \$35,000, but that may be increased subject to the State's orders.

The Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation and other City officials will sign a Letter of Commitment with EdAdvance under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §10-66c, as EdAdvance has been assigned as a fiscal and administrative agent to support FCC providers and childcare programs.

The purpose of this Agreement is to support a regional FCC network to be developed and operated by the City of Hartford. This regional network will assist FCC providers with resources and referrals, coaching in early childhood practices, and support on business practices.

The income stream for FCC must be treated as a separate grant, the Department must obtain a certified resolution authorizing receipt of the funds from EdAdvance. Given the application is due effective immediately, we respectfully ask that the Council act upon the attached resolution at the earliest possible date without referral to committee.

The Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, the Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation (DFCYR) is entering into an agreement with EdAdvance, a Regional Educational Service Center as part of the OEC's effort to support Family Child Care (FCC) during the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC) has assigned EdAdvance as their fiscal agent to oversee the needs of FCC in cooperation with the Governor, the Public Health Emergency, and the governmental entities of Connecticut during the COVID-19 pandemic throughout Governor Lamont's Civil Preparedness and Public Health Emergency enacted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic (the COVID Emergency); and

WHEREAS, DFCYR on behalf of the City will be paid a Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for those services rendered. The first payment of \$17,500 will be payable on or by July 15th, 2020 and \$17,500 will be payable on or by September 1, 2020, which payment will be made by EdAdvance; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the City of Hartford, DFCYR is signing an agreement to provide the services as mentioned on the agreement and to accept compensation in the designated amount, up to \$35,000, but subject to increase and extension if the need for Family child care continues as described due to continuation of the COVID Emergency; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor, acting through the Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation, is hereby authorized to accept the described funding of \$35,000.00, and such additional funding as may be awarded from time to time by OEC and/or EdAdvance, for the continuation of services for the Family Child Care in the City as may be assigned for the purpose, throughout the duration COVID Emergency, and enter into the agreement or any other document requested by OEC and/or EdAdvance, a Regional Educational Service Center to initiate and continue the described services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same programs, for the same authorized contract period or any extension of that contract period, and for the same purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is further authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he, the Corporation Counsel, and the Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to apply for, receive, contract, and expend the above referenced grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to take any of the aforesaid actions, and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties executing such documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel, and the Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation.

Agenda Item #6



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Endorsement of the Equality Act

Dear Council President Rosado,

The City of Hartford recognizes that LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual) rights are human rights, and that all residents of the City of Hartford should be treated fairly and equally regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. The attached resolution would formally endorse the proposed the *Equality Act*, H.R. 5, in the United States Congress.

The bill would prohibit discrimination against the LGBTQIA community by specifically adding the terms sexual orientation and gender identity to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and codifying the protections granted by the Supreme Court under federal law.

We are introducing this resolution in partnership with other Connecticut municipalities, including Middletown, New Britain, and Torrington, which have already adopted similar resolutions. The purpose of the resolution is to increase visibility and support for this important legislation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford supports the rights, freedoms, and equality of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning (LGBTQ+), and;

WHEREAS, the modern history of the LGBTQ community started with individuals who took a stand for human rights and dignity at the Stonewall Inn in New York City on June 28, 1969, and;

WHEREAS, decisive moments in the history are the story of the LGBTQ community and have put our nation on a positive course to achieving full equality, and;

WHEREAS, individuals of this town who are LGBTQ have made and continue to make, vital contributions to every aspect of our town, including in the fields of education, law, health, science, business, research, economic development, architecture, fashion, sport, technology, music, civil rights, politics, and;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in 2015 recognized the marriage of same-sex couples under the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution, and;

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States in the June 2020 Bostock v. Clayton County ruled that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects sexual orientation and gender identity in the matters of employment, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City of Hartford:

1. Recognizes that LGBTQ rights are human rights and are Constitutionally protected;
2. Recognizes that all residents should be treated fairly and equally regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity;
3. Agrees that the Hartford must strive to ensure that the promise of equality is realized for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED By the City of Hartford that we hereby endorse and lend our support for the federally proposed Equality Act (H.R. 5).

Agenda Item #7



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: FEMA FY2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG)

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$173,000.00 from the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's FY 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) to fund cancer screening for all Hartford firefighters. The terms of the grant require that the City provide a match equal to 10% of the total cost of the grant, or \$17,300.00. That funding is available within existing appropriated funds in the FY2021 budget.

The Office of Central Grants Administration or the Hartford Fire Department are happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded a grant in the amount of \$173,000.00 to the City of Hartford through the FY 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG); and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program is to protect the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford will utilize the AFG grant funds to cover the cost of cancer screenings for all Hartford firefighters currently in active service; and

WHEREAS, The terms of the grant require that the City provide a match equal to 10% of the total cost of the purchase, or \$17,300.00 and such funds are available in existing appropriated funds in the FY2021 General Fund Budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to accept \$173,000.00 from The United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's FY2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same program, for the same authorized contract period or any extension thereof, and for the same purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to receive, contract and expend the above referenced grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreements or other documents, or to take any of the other aforesaid actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the Mayor executing such agreements and documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

Agenda Item #8



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: FEMA FY2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S)

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept a Grant of \$180,266.82 from the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S) to provide funds for the purchase of PPE and related supplies, including reimbursements, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. The terms of the grant require that the City provide a match equal to 10% of the total cost of the grant, or \$18,026.68. That funding is available within existing appropriated funds in the FY2021 budget.

The Office of Central Grants and Administration is happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded a grant in the amount of \$180,266.82 to the City of Hartford through the FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S); and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the AFG-S is to provide funds for the purchase of PPE and related supplies, including reimbursements, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford will utilize the AFG grant funds to purchase surgical type face masks, goggles, or safety glasses, face shields, full coverage isolation gowns, and footwear covers; and

WHEREAS, The terms of the grant require that the City provide a match equal to 10% of the total cost of the purchase, or \$18,026.68 and such funds are available in existing appropriated funds in the FY2021 General Fund Budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to accept \$180,266.82 from The United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's FY2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same program, for the same authorized contract period or any extension thereof, and for the same purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to receive, contract and expend the above referenced grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreements or other documents, or to take any of the other aforesaid actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the Mayor executing such agreements and documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

Agenda Item #9



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Acceptance of Donation for the Film and Media Commission

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept a check in the amount of \$200.00 for the City of Harford's Film and Media Commission.

This donation was made by Robenia McKinley and will be used improve the commission's online presence.

The Film and Media Commission is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, Robenia McKinley donated \$200.00 to the City of Hartford's Film and Media Commission to support the Commission's online presence; and

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to accept the \$200.00 check; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to receive, contract, and expend the above referenced donation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreements or other documents, or to take any of the other aforesaid actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the Mayor executing such agreements and documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

Agenda Item #10



**Luke A. Bronin
Mayor**

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Substitute Land Rover Tax Fixing Agreement

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a substitute resolution for authorizing the City to enter into a Tax Fixing Agreement with Mitchell Farmington Valley, LLC, owner of Land Rover Dealership at 77 Weston Street.

At the August 10, 2020 meeting of the Court of Common Council, a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Tax Fixing Agreement with Mitchell Farmington Valley, LLC, owner of Land Rover Dealership at 77 Weston Street was referred to a meeting of the Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee, which took place on the following Monday, August 17th.

During the Committee meeting, Councilman Gale requested that language be added to the resolution outlining default procedures if the Developer failed to meet the terms of agreed upon Community Benefits, as stated within the resolution and pending Tax Fixing Agreement. The Committee members voted unanimously to include such language which has been added to the attached substitute resolution for your consideration.

The Department of Development Services is happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, On June 16, 1992, the Commission on the City Plan approved a resolution recommending that the Court of Common Council declare the North Meadows Industrial and Business Development (IBD) Project area a rehabilitation area; and

WHEREAS, On July 21, 1992, the Court of Common Council approved a resolution to add the North Meadows IBD Project to the present list of designated rehabilitation areas; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Farmington Valley, LLC (the “Developer”) acquired property located at 77 Weston Street, Hartford, CT (the “Property”) in the North Meadows Industrial Business Development (IBD) Project area, a rehabilitation area, and who acquired the Property in December 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Developer substantially renovated a 30,603 square foot facility for a Land Rover dealership with an estimated construction value of \$6 million; and

WHEREAS, The Developer has approached the City of Hartford for consideration of an assessment fixing agreement for improvements at 77 Weston Street; and

WHEREAS, To ensure the Property is economically viable going forward a tax assessment fixing agreement is proposed which would fix the assessed value of the Property such that it yields a property tax commencing with the 2019 Grand List (July 2020 and January 2021 tax bills) of \$191,497.93 in years 1-3, \$213,377.67 in years 4-6, \$235,257.41 in years 7-9, and \$257,137.15 in year 10, resulting in \$2,177,536.18 in tax revenue over a ten year period; and

WHEREAS, As part of the tax assessment fixing agreement, the Developer has agreed to enter into a Community Benefits Agreement with the City, under which Developer will be required to make good faith efforts to ensure that twenty percent (20%) of employment opportunities at the facility go to Hartford residents; and

WHEREAS, As part of the Community Benefits Agreement the Developer has agreed to develop an A.I. Prince Technical High School Scholarship / Grant program to provided on-the-job training to eligible Hartford students. The program is designed to encourage Hartford students in their pursuit of careers in the automotive repair fields. The program will provide scholarship opportunities to 3 Hartford resident students annually; and

WHEREAS, As part of the Community Benefits Agreement if The Developer fails to meet the stated goals of the agreed upon Community Benefits Terms as outlined in the Tax Assessment Fixing Agreement or fails to provide City of Hartford staff with an annual accounting of Community Benefits, the Developer may be deemed to be in Default of the Tax Fixing Assessment Agreement at which time the Developer shall be required to make a presentation to the City Council OMBGA committee to determine whether or not the tax abatement that was granted shall be voided; and

WHEREAS, Approval of the proposed tax assessment fixing agreement will incentivize the retention of a valued business entity resulting in the redevelopment of a vacant property in a designated IBD area, thereby returning a non-performing property to productive use. It has brought real property tax revenue to the City beyond what is currently received and generate additional personal property taxes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a tax assessment fixing agreement with Mitchell Farmington Valley, LLC; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interest of the City in order to effectuate the above transaction; and be it further

RESOLVED, that no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreements or other documents, or to take any of the other aforesaid actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the Mayor executing such agreements and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

Agenda Item #11



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Re: Hilton Hotel New Term Sheet

Dear Council President Rosado,

On August 12, 2019, the City Council approved and authorized the City of Hartford to enter into a new Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 108 loan and ground lease extension with 315 Trumbull Associates, LLC, the owners of the Hilton Hotel. At the time, this restructuring of the existing HUD loan and the additional borrowed amount provided the necessary capital funds to undertake a necessary upgrade and refurbishing of the Hotel.

As you know, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has substantially changed the economics of taking on more debt through an additional HUD 108 loan, and the current ownership of the Hilton has concluded, after much deliberation, that the sale of the Hilton to a buyer committed to keeping the Hotel as premier flagship brand, with the requisite capital to upgrade and refurbish the Hotel, and a commitment that the hotel would remain a union shop is the best way forward.

In order to conduct a successful sale of the Hotel, it will be necessary for the City to agree to a new Term Sheet that will be the basis for a long-term ground lease agreement with new owners. This includes restructured rent and PILOT agreement, a 49-year lease term with an option to purchase at the end of 10 years, assumption of the current collective bargaining agreement with UNITE HERE Local 217, as well as additional protections for union members, and the full repayment of the existing Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 108 loan at the closing.

I have attached the new Term Sheet for your review. The Office of Corporation Counsel is happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2019, the Court of Common Council approved and authorized the Mayor to enter into a new HUD 108 loan and ground lease extension with 315 Trumbull Associates, LLC, the owners of the Hilton Hotel; and

WHEREAS, it was the intent, at the time, that a restructuring of the existing HUD loan and the additional borrowed amount would provide the necessary capital funds to undertake a necessary upgrade and refurbishing of the Hotel; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic has substantially changed the economics of taking on more debt through an additional HUD 108 loan; and

WHEREAS, the current ownership of the Hilton has concluded that a potential sale of the Hilton to a buyer committed to keeping the Hotel as premier flagship brand, investing the requisite capital to upgrade and refurbish the Hotel, and ensuring a commitment to keep the Hotel as an union workplace is the most viable option available; and

WHEREAS, in order to conduct a successful sale of the Hotel it will be necessary for the City to agree to a new Term Sheet that will be the basis for a long-term ground lease agreement with new owners, including a restructured rent and PILOT agreement, a 49-year lease term with an option to purchase at the end of 10 years, assumption of the current collective bargaining agreement with UNITE HERE Local 217, as well as additional protections for union members, and the full repayment of the existing HUD 108 loan at the closing; and

WHEREAS, the current owners have hired Robert Douglas, a highly regarded real estate broker specializing in the sale of hotels, to market the property; and

WHEREAS, as part of the marketing effort it is important for new buyers to understand all terms and conditions that are required as part of the purchase, including those terms and conditions required by the City of Hartford as part of a new ground lease; now therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Mayor is authorized to execute all necessary documents and agreements and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and the best interests of the City in order to enter into a new ground lease agreement with new buyers of the Hilton Hotel consistent with the terms of the herein attached and approved Term Sheet by this Resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to take any of the aforesaid actions, and be it further

RESOLVED That all approvals and authorizations provide hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties executing such documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel, and be it further

RESOLVED That the adoption of this Resolution and Term Sheet does not void the previous Resolution adopted by this Court of Common Council authorizing a new HUD 108 loan should a sale of the Hilton, as proposed, not be finalized.

TERM SHEET

Hartford Hilton Extension of Ground Lease Agreement

& Transfer of Hotel to New Owner

September 9, 2020

Lessor	City of Hartford
Current Lessee	315 Trumbull Street Associates, LLC
New Lessee	A replacement owner with experience in owning or operating hotel properties similar to the Hartford Hilton. The replacement owner will be identified by Current Lessee based on a national marketing process conducted by a broker engaged by Current Lessee. The City will retain the right to approve the replacement owner (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed).
Existing Lease	Ground and Space Lease dated July 1, 2011 covering the two (2) leasehold parcels for 315 Trumbull Street and the Skybridge over Church Street and the one (1) subleasehold parcel with the XL Center
Proposed Transaction	Extend Existing Lease in connection with a transfer of the Hilton Hotel to a new owner
Form of Loan/City Assistance	None – Existing Section 108 Loan to be repaid upon transfer of Hotel
City Responsibilities	Amend and restate Existing Lease per conditions in this Term Sheet
Current Lessee Responsibilities	Conduct Marketing of Hartford Hilton to qualified bidders. At the closing of a transaction, current lessee shall make payment to the City of the current delinquent rent payments.
New Lessee Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enter into Amended Lease with City• Assume Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) with UNITE-HERE Local 217 through the existing term• Assume all applicable obligations and related agreements, including side letters and any arbitration awards interpreting the

	<p>CBA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assume all accrued benefit banks of current bargaining unit employees • Assume pension-related responsibilities associated with the bargaining unit employees, including providing certain assurances to the employees' pension fund trustees • Agree to maintain franchise affiliation with Flag (Hilton or other upscale or upper upscale brand)
Key Terms of Existing Lease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expires on July 1, 2022 and reverts to Air Rights Leases which expire on June 30, 2072 • PILOT Payment based off appraised value of \$8,750,000 and CPI increases annually.
Key Terms of Amended Lease	<p>Existing Lease will be amended and restated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the Existing Lease for 49 years. There will be one 10-year extension, subject to City Council approval. • PILOT Payments (i.e. Rent): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Years 1-5: 3% of revenues, with no minimum annual PILOT ○ Years 6-10: 3.5% of revenues, with a minimum PILOT payment of \$550,000 ○ Years 11-20: 4% of revenues, with a minimum PILOT payment of \$650,000 Year 11 for next 10 years. ○ Years 21+: 4.5% of revenues with a minimum annual PILOT payment of 60% of the full real property tax due based upon the grand list assessment for the tax year in which the minimum PILOT is due. • If the employees of the Hotel cease to be members of the union pursuant to the decertification of the union under the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act , then the rent payment shall be 6% of revenues, but not to exceed the full real property tax due based upon the grand list assessment for the tax year in which the rent payment is due. • Incorporate: (i) commercially reasonable and customary defaults, remedies, and cure periods; and (ii) standard institutional leasehold mortgagee protective provisions to facilitate any future financings. If the operation of the property as a hotel during the ground lease is suspended for any reason, except force majeure, then the property will be

	<p>assessed in full and real property taxes shall be paid accordingly in the way of increased Pilot Payments. The Ground Lease shall reflect the obligation of the new owners to act in good faith to maximize growth in revenue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following repayment in full of HUD Loan, the City's existing rights (i) to approve any sale, mortgage or other transfer of ownership of the Hotel, and (ii) to purchase the Hotel upon the same terms as stated in a bona fide third-party offer, shall no longer apply. • Lessee will have an option to purchase fee simple title to 315 Trumbull Street and a permanent easement for the Church Street Skybridge on the tenth (10th) anniversary of the Amended Lease and every 5 years thereafter. The Amended Lease will set forth the process to determine the purchase price which will be a third-party arbitrated process.
Timeline for Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to commencing marketing process for the Hotel, this Term Sheet will be executed by the City and Current Lessee after approval by the City Council. • During the marketing and due diligence process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Form of Amended Lease to be negotiated between Current Lessee and City; ○ Form of amended or new franchise agreement (including PIP) must be negotiated between Current Lessee and Flag; • Closing of transfer of Hartford Hilton to approved bidder will happen within 5 business days, in which event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amended Lease to be executed between City and New Lessee at closing; ○ New Lessee will assume Collective Bargaining Agreement at closing as noted above; ○ New Lessee will assume or execute new franchise agreement (including PIP) with Flag at closing; ○ Existing HUD Loan to be repaid in full at closing.
Prior Approval of City for Additional HUD Loan and Extension of Existing Lease	<p>In the event the bidding process for the transfer of the Hartford Hilton is not successful, the City and Current Lessee will discuss in good faith a process to move forward under the City's prior approval.</p>
Non-Binding	<p>This Term Sheet is intended solely to outline certain terms and conditions upon which the City and Current Lessee are willing to proceed to negotiate the agreements evidencing those transactions</p>

	described in this Term Sheet (the “ Agreements ”), and is not intended to be binding on either party hereto nor to impose any obligation on either party. No party intends to be bound by any agreement until it agrees to and sign formal, written Agreements, and neither party may reasonably rely on any promises inconsistent with this paragraph. This paragraph supersedes all other conflicting language.
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The City of Hartford and 315 Trumbull Street Associates, LLC have caused this Term Sheet to be executed by their respective duly authorized officers as of the date first above written.

CITY OF HARTFORD

By: Luke Bronin
Title: Mayor

Approved as to form and legality

Howard G. Rifkin, Esq.
Corporation Counsel

Agenda Item #12



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Donation from Metropolitan District of Connecticut (MDC)

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to accept a donation of \$1,875 from the Metropolitan District Connecticut (MDC) to support public events hosted by the Department of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation (DFCYR). For past few years, the MDC, as part of their philanthropic programming, provides this sum to the City.

The DFCYR is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, The Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation serves Hartford's families, youth and children and as part of their mission has been organizing several events targeted to benefit the families of Hartford, such as fitness, health related events, book distribution events, food distribution, etc.

WHEREAS, The Department looks forward and provide opportunities for residents to access support related to health, housing, education, and more; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan District of Connecticut has committed \$1,875.00 as part of their yearly social philanthropic obligation to the City of Hartford for future community based events; and

RESOLVED, That the Mayor, acting through the Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation, is hereby authorized to accept funding, accept such funding as may be awarded, and enter into contract with the selected agencies as an ongoing donation each year until year 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same programs, for the same authorized contract period(s), and for the same purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is further authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he, the Corporation Counsel, and the Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to apply for, receive, contract, and expend the above referenced grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to take any of the aforesaid actions, and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties executing such documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel, and the Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation.

Agenda Item #13



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Executive Session

Dear Council President Rosado,

We are requesting that the Council enter into Executive Session during the Council meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020. A brief session is necessary in order to discuss the potential settlement of a workers' compensation matter, *Otto Dowd v. City of Hartford*.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

RESOLVED, pursuant to Chapter VIII, Section 3 of the City Charter, the Court of Common Council hereby approves settlement of Otto Dowd v. City of Hartford in the amount of \$54,000.

Agenda Item #14



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Parkville and Hispanic Senior Centers

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to continue funding the Parkville Senior Center and the Hispanic Senior Center thorough agreements with Parkville Senior Center Inc. and Catholic Charities, Inc.

This resolution authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to enter into 1-year agreements with both Parkville Senior Center, Inc. in the amount of \$77,380 and Catholic Charities Inc. in the amount of \$90,773 with an option to extend an additional three years based on the availability of funds. These funds have been budgeted for the period 10/1/2020 through 9/30/2021.

The Department of Health and Human Services is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, Thirteen (13%) percent of the City's population of 124,775 consists of residents who are 60 years and older, and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford is committed to promoting healthy lifestyles for its Seniors, and assuring that Seniors have access to the programs and services that will allow them to remain independent, and

WHEREAS, Hartford's Senior Centers are an important resource for many older residents and the Hispanic and Parkville Senior Centers have more than 50 years of combined experience providing services to the elderly population in the Greater Hartford area, and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has, for many years, provided financial support to these Senior Centers through contracts that require a comprehensive program for individuals who are 55 years of age and older, including education, recreation, health and social services, nutrition, and outreach to the homebound and frail elderly, and

WHEREAS, The Fiscal Year 2020-21 General Fund Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services includes funding that enables the City to provide \$77,380.00 to the Parkville Senior Center and \$90,773.00 to the Hispanic Senior Center, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Parkville Senior Center, Inc. in the amount of \$77,380.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and such agreement may include three one-year options to renew, subject to the availability of funds, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Catholic Charities, Inc. in the amount of \$90,773.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and such agreement may include three one-year options to renew, subject to the availability of funds, and be it further

RESOLVED That the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to effectuate the above transactions, and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to take any of the aforesaid actions, and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties executing such documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

Agenda Item #15



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Tax Suspense List

Dear Council President Rosado,

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 12-165, within sixty days of year end, each municipality must have a suspense tax book, and each year the Tax Collector must deliver to Council a listing of all taxes that have been deemed uncollectible, including the reason why the Tax Collector believes each tax is uncollectible. The process of moving delinquent taxes to the "suspense book" is an accounting function that reduces the tax receivable on the books which in turn provides a more accurate reflection of the municipality's actual tax receivable.

Attached please find a Resolution authorizing the transfer to the Suspense Book of \$1,412,722.52 in outstanding delinquent personal property and motor vehicle taxes for tax bills that the Tax Collector has certified as unlikely to be collected. In most instances, the businesses associated with the tax have closed and the owner cannot be located, or the owner is deceased.

It should be noted that collection efforts may continue on these receivables, if appropriate, and that the amounts due remain obligations of the individual taxpayer, and may be placed with the City's collection agency. Also, interest on these bills continues to accrue at the statutory rate of eighteen percent annually.

The Tax Collector is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, there is on file in the Office of the Town and City Clerk, and in the Office of the Tax Collector, a detailed listing of certain personal property taxes that are due to the City of Hartford and which have not been paid.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is required, at least annually, to certify as to the doubtful collection of taxes that have remained unpaid for some time, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 12-165.

WHEREAS, The Tax Collector has been unable to collect these taxes, despite making demand for payment upon the taxpayer at the last known address on record.

WHEREAS, These accounts may be referred to a collection agency for further collection effort and the Tax Collector may pursue collection of these taxes in the future, should new information be discovered that could aid in enforcement or if new location information is discovered regarding the taxpayer's whereabouts.

WHEREAS, Nothing herein contained shall be construed as an abatement of any tax transferred to the "suspense book", but any such tax, as it shall have been increased by interest or penalty, fees and charges, may still be collected; as provided by law.

WHEREAS, The following is the total outstanding tax liability and years of levy in accordance with the above mentioned Collector's file, as set forth in the certification:

Property Type	Grand List(s)	Taxes Owed
Motor Vehicle	2005 - 2017	\$1,412,722.52
Total amount to be moved to the Suspense Book		\$1,412,722.52

WHEREAS, Approval of the transfers is required before the end of the fiscal year; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the aggregate sum of \$1,412,722.52 in outstanding motor vehicle property taxes, and the same hereby is, transferred to the Municipal Suspense Tax Book effective as of June 30, 2020, in accordance with Section 12-165 of the State of Connecticut General Statutes.

Agenda Item #16



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

FY2020 Year End Budget Transfers

Dear Council President Rosado,

As you know, the City is currently funding all of its capital, vehicle, equipment and technology purchases on a pay-as-you-go basis. However, as you also know, we have identified the adequate funding of the Pay-As-You-Go capital reserve as a vulnerability in our long-term sustainability plan, and we have made the funding of that account a strategic priority.

The City's favorable operating costs in salaries and benefits in FY2020 provides an opportunity for increased funding to meet the City's infrastructure needs. This favorability represents a one-time financial savings, and the use of these funds for capital investment is consistent with the sound budgetary and financial practices that we have been following as a City.

These FY2020 Year End Budget Transfers would fund \$6,500,000 for Pay-As-You-Go capital items. In addition, these transfers would fund \$78,000 in FY2020 cost overruns for Families, Children, Youth and Recreation cost overruns related to the provision of seasonal recreational services. A total transfer of \$6,578,000 from unencumbered, available balances in Benefits is requested.

The Office of Management, Budget and Grants is happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin", is written over a horizontal line.

Luke A. Bronin

Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, Debt Service will fund critical capital needs in Fiscal Year 2020; and

WHEREAS, Families, Children, Youth and Recreation have incurred expenditure overruns in Fiscal Year 2020 for seasonal recreation services; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Chapter X Section 7(a) of the City of Hartford Charter, the Mayor has recommended the transfer of \$6,578,000 within the General fund to cover these projected expenditures; and

WHEREAS, Funds are projected to be available in the unencumbered appropriation balances in the Fiscal Year 2020 General Fund Budget in Benefits and Insurances for transfer to the departments noted below; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the FY2020 General Fund Budget:

- Transfer \$6,578,000 from Benefits & Insurances and any other General Fund Departmental appropriations with available unencumbered appropriation balances, and
- Transfer \$6,500,000 to Debt Service (Pay-As-You-Go Capital Expenditure Reserve), and
- Transfer \$78,000 to Families, Children, Youth and Recreation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to modify such transfers up to and including audit adjustments.

Court of Common Council



CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Agenda Item #17

Labor, Education and Workforce Committee

Nick Lebron, Committee Chair
James Sanchez, Committee Member

August 26th, 2020

Honorable Maly Rosado, Council President
City of Hartford
550 Main St.
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Labor, Education, Workforce and Youth Committee of the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford met virtually on June 24th, 2020 at 6pm (Streamed Live via [www.https://HPATV.org/channel96](https://HPATV.org/channel96) for Comcast/Xfinity Customers and Facebook Live).

Present were Nick Lebron, Chair, Committee Member Councilman James Sanchez, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti, Director Kim Oliver (DCYFR), Susan Campbell (Hartford Courant), Chief Community and Families Officer Nuchette Black-Burke (HPS), Assistant Director Youth Services Kristina Baldwin (DCYFR)

- Report updates

1. Director, Department of Children, Youth and Recreation (DCYFR)-Kim Oliver. Update:

- a. Summer camp
- b. Budget allocations: Early Learning Centers and Afterschool Recreation

Discussion:

Offer summer camp program without any major incidents and no COVID-19. Attendance was low this year. Provided a stipend for 20 leaders in training that worked in the program. Staff went through normal orientation and COVID19 training. They partnered with DPW for daily deep cleaning in the facilities used. Early learning

centers remained opened—They received \$100,000.00. Able to hire individuals to enhance the programs. \$155,000 for youth recreational activities and recs to remain open. Two models in place where kids go to their facilities like parker memorial or staff goes to the school, partnering with organizations that would operate out the school. Looking to provide programs for younger children to be able to bring them to their facilities. Partners will have to go through a very strict training on health and safety.

2. Superintendent, Hartford Public Schools (HPS) – Nuchette Black-Burke (Superintendent designee)
HPS Plans for School Year Discussion

School starts September 8th for families that chose the online option. Presentations shown at town halls can be found on the district website. CDC guidelines will be follow. Putting up signage for physical distance. Buildings will be clean daily and high touch areas on a frequent schedule. School buses will be disinfected after every trip. The State of CT provided guidelines and it is up to each district to create opening plans. There is a plan in place in case there is an outbreak. There are two options for the upcoming school year, Option A in person, Option B online learning

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Lebron
Chair of Labor, Education, Workforce and Youth Committee

Court of Common Council

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The Public Works, Parks, Recreation & Environment (PWPR&E)

Agenda Item #18

Report

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President
City of Hartford
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, CT 0610

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Public Works, Parks, Recreation & Environment (PWPR&E) Committee held a Meeting August 12, 2020 at 5:30 pm on WebEx and live on HPATV to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda:

Item #1

Resolution requesting that a more comprehensive policy by DPW be put in place to best help navigate the needs of the community to become effective by winter of FY 2021 and a Request for Proposal (RFP) to hire a third party contractor to assist with managing of Hartford's fields reservation process. (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) (COUNCILMAN MIGHTOM) (COUNCILMAN LEBRON) (COUNCILMAN GALE) (COUNCILMAN SANCEZ) (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (Item # 18 on Council Agenda 7/13/20).

The following were present: PWPR&E Committee Chair-Marilyn E. Rossetti, Committee Members: John Q. Gale and Nick Lebron, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez.

Also present were: Mike Looney- Director of Department of Public Works, Petrel Maylor- Acting Deputy Director of Department of Public Works, Mark Dowd – Superintendent of Parks, Kim Oliver – Director Department of Families Children Youth and Recreation, Cynthia Lauture - Corporation Counsel, Brian Gallagher Chair - PRAC and other concerned citizens.

Mike Looney, Kim Oliver and Mark Dowd presented an overview and background of the MyRec system. A discussion followed between committee members, presenters and guests. It was decided that Mike Looney would take the lead in conducting an operational review of both the City's MyRec fields and facilities scheduling system and the overall field reservation process as administered by DPW.

A motion was made by Committee Member Gale to postpone action until the MyRec Field Reservation System Operational Review and Improvement Plan is completed by the DPW team; Second by Committee Members Nick Lebron.

Vote Taken: (Yes: 3 No: Pass: Absent:)

PWPR&E Committee:

Committee Chair Marilyn Rossetti: Yes

Committee Member Nick Lebron: Yes

Committee Member John Gale: Yes

The comprehensive review and improvement plan completed on 8/21/20 is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn E. Rossetti

Chair, PWPR&E Committee

Court of Common Council

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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Agenda Item #19

REPORT

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President
City of Hartford
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, CT 0610

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Planning, Economic Development, and Housing Committee held a meeting on September 2, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Webex. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION CONCERNING A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 522&532 ANN UCCELLO STREET ("THE PROPERTIES") FROM HOUSE OF BREAD, INC (ITEM #7 ON THE AGENDA OF MONDAY, AUGUST 10th, 2020)

The following were present: PEDH Committee Chairwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman James Sánchez, Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilman Joshua Michtom, Councilman John Gale, Erin Howard from Development Services, Amiee Chambers from Development Services, Randal Davis from Development Services, I. Charles Matthews from Development Services, Laura Settlemyer from the Hartford Land Bank, Denise Holter Chair for the Community Advisory Task Force of the Healthy Hartford Hub/Supermarket project, Dani Martin-Singerman, and other concerned citizens.

Councilwoman Surgeon started the discussion on this item by asking why the city was interested in these properties and their vision for the area. Erin Howard, from Development Services, stated that the city acquired the Arrow Head property and the property adjacent to it because the city was looking for properties which would benefit the development of that section of Hartford. Erin Howard stated these properties are too small to be developed on their own their own. The city could take these two properties in addition with the Arrow Head property, and the property north of it, for a greater redevelopment plan in the future.

Committee Chairwoman Surgeon asked if \$17,000 was a reasonable price for those two properties. Erin Howard from Development Services said they had an appraisal of those properties and House of Bread agreed to pay the appraisal price.

Denise Holter, who represented the Community Advisory Task Force of the Healthy Hartford Hub/Supermarket Project, spoke to why that area was important for the development of a supermarket. That location was pinpointed due to a study siting that area of the city was one of the most food insecure and one of the most viable areas for a grocery store and potential retail space to serve the residents of Hartford in that area. The research she cited concluded that individuals who lived less than 3 miles outside of the city lived on average 18 years longer due to having access to healthy food. They are interested in the city holding those parcels in order to add to the revitalization of this area.

Councilman Sanchez asked if the Old Arrow Head Cafe property was listed as a historical property and if it is protected. Erin Howard, from the Department of Development Services, answered the Councilman's question and said that it was on the historical list. She stated that it is in a historic district and that anything there would have to go through the historic district processes and restoration commission. The City would want to make sure any development was consistent with the character of the neighborhood.

Councilman Sanchez also asked about the streetscape scheduled from Albany and Main Street to Main and Morgan Street with a roundabout in that intersection. Amiee Chambers, from Development Services, stated that they have been working with the Department of Transportation to try and push that development along. The request for the roundabout has been something the Department of Transportation has been studying and following. There has been communication in regards to data collection and the plan is conceptual at this point in time.

The Director of Development Services, I. Charles Matthews, said it was one of the highest priorities to have a development of that entire block. In order to make something such as a supermarket come to fruition, there would need to be a lot of development of that area and a course of action to work with the 16 property owners who are in that area, developers, and community organizations. Councilman Gale thanked I. Charles Matthews for his work in the arena of moving forward the development of that section of the city.

A motion was made by Councilman John Gale and seconded by Councilman Josh Michtom to send this item back to full council with a favorable recommendation.

PEDH Committee Vote Taken (6-0. 0 Absent. 0 Recused Pass)

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: Yes
Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: Absent
Councilman John Q. Gale: Yes
Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti: Yes
Councilman James Sánchez: Yes
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez: Yes
Councilman Joshua Michtom: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Shirley Surgeon
Chairwoman of Planning, Economic Development & Housing



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Acquisition of 522 & 532 Ann Uccello Street

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution which would authorize the acquisition of property located at 522 & 532 Ann Uccello Street (the "Properties") from House of Bread, Inc. The parcels are currently classified as (NX) Neighborhood Mix. The proposed conveyance price is \$17,000. The acquisition price is based on appraisals that have been obtained by the City and subsequent negotiations with the owner of the property.

The City of Hartford is proposing to market these two parcels along with 1355 & 1359 Main Street for redevelopment. The Department of Development Services has determined that the acquisition of these two parcels is a key component of the project.

Development Services will collaborate with the local NRZ and other members of the community regarding their review, support and input on the project. Additionally, this acquisition will be subject to an 8-24 Plan review and recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z).

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, August 10, 2020

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford (“City”) is seeking to acquire real property for the purpose of using such real property and other real property owned by the City of Hartford for the redevelopment of the “Salvin Block” Project (the “Project”) and

WHEREAS, The properties 522 Ann Uccello and 532 Ann Uccello (the “Subject Properties”) are owned by House of Bread Inc. (the “Seller”) and

WHEREAS, The acquisition of the Subject Properties by the City is necessary for the Project; and

WHEREAS, The result of negotiations between the parties over the past several months, Seller is willing to sell the Subject Properties to the City for a purchase price of \$17,000; and

WHEREAS, The City now desires to acquire pursuant the Subject Property from the Sellers for the above-reference purchase price; and

WHEREAS, The City has determined that it has sufficient funds to maintain the Subject Properties in advance of their redevelopment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to enter into a Purchase Agreement with the Seller or an affiliated entity established for such purpose as the acquisition of the Property, and to execute the closing and to transfer title of the Property; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Purchase Agreement shall (i) contain such other provisions regarding the conveyance as the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel deem necessary to protect the interests of the City and (ii) contain such provisions as are customary in real estate conveyances in Hartford County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into such other documents required by the Purchase Agreement, and to take any other actions (including, but not limited to, executing such other documents and entering into such other agreements) as are reasonably necessary to effectuate the sale of the Properties in accordance with the Purchase Agreement, whenever appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the City fail to acquire the Subject Properties.

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorization provided hereby are contingent upon, and only should be effective on and by means of, the parties executing such documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and Corporation Counsel.

Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD
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Agenda Item #20

REPORT

September 14, 2020

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Planning, Economic Development, and Housing Committee held a meeting on September 2, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Webex. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #3

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF SEVEN (7) CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES TO THE HARTFORD LAND BANK (ITEM #5 ON THE AGENDA OF MONDAY, AUGUST 10th, 2020).

Motion to accept and add item #3 on the agenda form OMBGA committee

The following were present: PEDH Committee Chairwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman James Sánchez, Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilman Joshua Michtom, Councilman John Gale, Erin Howard from Development Services, Amiee Chambers from Development Services, Randal Davis from Development Services, I. Charles Matthews from Development Services, Laura Settlemyer from the Hartford Land Bank, Denise Holter Chair for the Community Advisory Task Force of the Healthy Hartford Hub/supermarket project, Dani Martin-Singerman, and other concerned citizens.

Laura Settlemyer, the Executive Director of the Hartford Land Bank, gave a presentation to inform PEDH Committee members about the purpose of the land bank. Councilmembers were able to ask questions about the purpose of the Land Bank, funding for the land bank, and the Hartford Land Bank's role in fighting blight in the city.

The Land Executive Director of the Hartford Land Bank stated that they would only be taking on seven properties because they are unsure of how far the grant for \$5 million, which was given to the Hartford Land Bank by the state, will go. The Land Bank will be working with a rehab specialist and construction manager to put together a budget. The Land Bank will make sure to make the processes for vetting candidates for transfer of the properties transparent and available to the community for their input.

Councilwoman Bermudez asked if there is a one year out or two year out goal for the amount of properties the Land Bank would like to acquire and if there was a selection processes for picking the various blighted properties. Laura Settlemyer, the Executive Director of the Hartford Land Bank Stated the Land Bank has the goal of ramping up to 50 properties per year, and hope this is something which they can achieve within the next 3 to 5 years.

The Land Bank, in conjunction with the City of Hartford, is looking for properties that the city owns through tax deed sales that are in priority neighborhoods, existing tax delinquent properties, and properties that have existing blight notices and have sat vacant for more than a year or two with no response from the owners.

Councilman Michtom asked if there was outreach in the community in various different languages and how that was being done. Laura Settlemyer expressed that she was thankful for that question and would work to make outreach in various different languages a top priority.

Committee Chairwoman Surgeon thanked Laura for taking the time to speak with committee members and also asked questions about the land bank which were sent in by a member of the community. The first question regarded board members and if they are able to give financing to a person who wants to buy a prosperity. The Executive Director stated she would have to check the conflict of interest of clause. Committee Chair Surgeon also asked if they intended to have any women on the board. Laura Settlemyer expressed how it was important to her and passion of hers to make sure there would be more women on the board. She also stated that working with community groups would be key in making sure that Hartford residents are a priority.

Councilwoman Surgeon asked if they finished the disposition policy. Laura Settlemyer, the Executive Director of the Hartford Land Bank, sad that it had been approved from the state and not the city because they are only receiving state funds, and that the information to the Hartford Land Bank website.

Councilwoman Surgeon asked how these prosperities were chosen. Laura Settlemyer stated that these prosperities were chosen by the city. Erin Howard from the Department of Development Services stated that 5 out of the 7 prosperities were selected from the tax deed sale last year, the Director Development Services in coordination with the blight team identified these particular proprieties. The decision was based on where the properties stood in the processes of blight, what needed to be done from a property management perspective, and the ones they thought would be the most successful viable properties to hand off the Land Bank. The city also identified two other properties which they held for a lengthy amount of time and selected them based on how well they fit into the Hartford Land Bank Program. The idea is to hand off the worst of the worst and used the tiered systems of blight the city currently has.

Councilwoman Surgeon asked when the Land Bank would have people available to maintain and secure the properties if the committee was to approve the transfer. The Executive Director said the Land Bank Board needs to approve the transfer agreement after City Council approves the transfer of the seven properties. After many steps are taken before the Land Bank official has the properties all apparatuses for the Land Bank should be in place.

Councilwoman Surgeon asked about Board members and their terms. Board members of the Hartford Land Bank have terms of 3 years. Laura Settlemyer gave a breakdown of the different members on the board and their affiliations and how board members will be appointed and the various openings.

Councilman Lebron asked how many tiers of blight there are and if there is a one page overview of what determines the tier system. Erin Howard said that there is a blight enforcement team and they have about 200 blight notices. They look at blight properties from what capacity of deterioration they are in, from having to make an investment to tear the property down, to very blighted to medium to a lower and that the director of the blight program has specific details on the blight tier system.

Committee Chairwoman Councilwoman Surgeon made a motion to add and accept item #3 on the PEDH Committee agenda, a communication from Mayor Bronin which authorized the transfer of seven (7) city properties to the Hartford Land Bank which was sent from the OMBGA Committee to the PEDH Committee. The motion to was seconded by Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti. The item was accepted by the committee members.

A motion was made by Councilman James Sanchez and seconded by Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti to send this item back to full council with a favorable recommendation.

PEDH Committee Vote Taken (6-0. 0 Absent. 0 Recused Pass)

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: Yes
Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: Absent
Councilman John Q. Gale: Yes
Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti: Yes
Councilman James Sánchez: Yes
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez: Yes
Councilman Joshua Michtom: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

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Shirley Surgeon
Chairwoman of
Planning, Economic Development & Housing



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

August 10, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Transfer of Various City Owned Properties to the Hartford Land Bank

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution which would authorize the transfer of seven (7) City-owned properties to the Hartford Land Bank. These properties were identified in partnership with Hartford Land Bank. Five of the properties were acquired via the tax deed sale which was held on April 26, 2019. Each property owner had an additional six-month redemption period. The parcels officially became City-owned Properties on October 29, 2019. These 5 properties are: 61 Charlotte Street; 128 Edgewood Street; 471 Garden Street; 196 Homestead Avenue and 78 Martin Street. The other two properties, 103 Earle Street and 59 Magnolia, were acquired by the City in previous tax deed sales and were officially transferred to the City on September 3, 2013 and January 9, 2015 respectively.

On August 15, 2017 the City of Hartford Court of Common Council approved via Certified Resolution the establishment of the Hartford Land Bank as a tool to combat and prevent contagious blight that can sweep across neighborhoods and to better repurpose abandoned properties by replacing antiquated systems of tax foreclosure and property disposition. The Hartford Land Bank, Inc. registered as a 501(C)(3) Domestic Non-Profit Corporation on September 12, 2017.

This transaction will be subject to an 8-24 Plan review and recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z).

The Department of Development Services is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, August 10, 2020

WHEREAS, The Hartford Land Bank, Inc. registered as a 501(C)(3) Domestic Non-Profit Corporation on September 12, 2017 for the purpose of facilitating the restoration and re-activation of blighted properties in the City of Hartford, and

WHEREAS, The City has a portfolio of City owned properties that have been acquired through tax deed sales and blight lien foreclosures, and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford held a tax deed sale on April 26, 2019, and acquired certain parcels of properties subject to a six-month redemption period, which period has now expired, and

WHEREAS, the six-month redemption period has now expired and the City of Hartford now wishes to transfer certain individual parcels to the Hartford Land Bank, Inc., for the purposes of blight remediation and returning the properties to productive use consistent with neighborhood and community priorities and objectives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby approves the transfer of the following parcels:

- 61 Charlotte Street
- 128 Edgewood Street
- 471 Garden Street
- 196 Homestead Avenue
- 78 Martin Street,
- 59 Magnolia Street,
- 103 Earle Street, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the Hartford Land Bank, Inc. or its successors or assigns for the purposes set forth above; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Purchase Agreement shall (i) contain such other provisions regarding the conveyance as the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel deem necessary to protect the interests of the City and (ii) contain such provisions as are customary in real estate conveyances in Hartford County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as they and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to effectuate the above transaction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to take any of the aforesaid actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties executing such documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and Corporation Counsel.

Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD
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Agenda Item #21

REPORT

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President
City of Hartford
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee held a Virtual Meeting on August 18th, 2020 at 5:30 pm on Hartford Public Access TV to discuss the following item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Communication from Mayor Bronin with accompanying resolution confirming the appointment of Frank Barrows, Lionel Thompson, Diego Lopez, Rev. Elizabeth Arulampalam, Lashawn Robinson, Charlie Ortiz, and Kylah Jackson to the Police Accountability Review Board (PARB) (Item 9 on 8/11/2020 Agenda)

The following were present: Committee Co-Chairman Thomas J. Clarke, II, Council President Rosado, Councilman Lebron and Councilwoman Rossetti. Also present were Chief Freeman HFD, Nathalie Feola-Guerrieri Corporation Counsel, Assistant Chief Medina HPD, Eric Crawford, Diego Lopez, Kylah Jackson, Lashawn Robinson and Rev. Liza Arulampalam

All appointees whom were presented were allowed to speak to the Council and gave some background on themselves. As well as explain why they are interested on joining the Review Board.

A motion was made by Council President Maly Rosado to send this item back to full Council with a favorable recommendation; Second by Co-Chair Majority Leader Clarke II.

Vote Taken (2-0. 3Absent. Pass)
Councilman Thomas J. Clarke II: Yes
Councilman James Sánchez: Absent
Councilwoman Maly Rosado: Yes
Councilman John Gale: Absent
Councilman Joshua Michtom: Absent

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas J. Clarke, II, Co-Chairman of QL&PS
James Sánchez, Co-Chairman of QL&PS



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

August 10, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Appointments to the Police Accountability Review Board

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointments of Frank Barrows, Lionel Thompson, Diego Lopez, Rev. Elizabeth Arulampalam, Lashawn Robinson, Charlie Ortiz, and Kyla Jackson to the Police Accountability Review Board (PARB).

As you know, I asked members of the City Council to submit recommendations for the PARB. Rev. Arulampalam was nominated by Council President Rosado. Mr. Barrows and Mr. Thompson were nominated by Majority Leader Clarke and Councilwoman Surgeon. Mr. Lopez was nominated by Councilman Lebron. Ms. Jackson was nominated by Councilmembers Bermudez and Michtom.

I will continue to consult with Council members as we work together to build a strong, balanced, and representative board. I am confident that these initial seven members, who reflect the diversity of our community in many ways, will be effective members of the PARB.

Their resumes or biographies are attached for your review. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, August 10, 2020

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Police Accountability Review Board is to act as an independent body not tied to the Hartford Police Department and shall consider reforms regarding policing practices, engage directly with the Hartford community, and submit formal recommendations on a number of policies and issues related to the Hartford Police Department, and

WHEREAS, The Police Accountability Review Board is composed of thirteen members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Court of Common Council, and

WHEREAS, The Mayor has appointed Frank Barrows, Lionel Thompson, Diego Lopez, Elizabeth Arulampalam, Lashawn Robinson, Charlie Ortiz, and Kylah Jackson as members of the Police Accountability Review Board, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the following appointments:

Frank Barrows (D)
108 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford CT, 06105

Lionel Thompson, Jr. (D)
174 West Morningside Street, Hartford CT, 06112

Diego Lopez (D)
490 Ann Ucello Street, Hartford CT, 06103

Elizabeth Arulampalam (D)
12 Vernon Street, Hartford CT, 06106

Lashawn Robinson (D)
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Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD

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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Agenda Item #22

REPORT

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President
City of Hartford
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee held a Virtual Meeting on August 18th, 2020 at 5:30 pm on Hartford Public Access TV to discuss the following item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Communication from Mayor Bronin with accompanying resolution confirming the appointment of Eric W. Crawford to the Civilian Police Review Board. (Item 2 on 8/11/20 Agenda)

The following were present: Committee Co-Chairman Thomas J. Clarke, II, Council President Rosado, Councilman Lebron and Councilwoman Rossetti. Also present were Chief Freeman HFD, Nathalie Feola-Guerrieri Corporation Counsel, Assistant Chief Medina HPD, Eric Crawford, Diego Lopez, Kylah Jackson, Lashawn Robinson and Rev. Liza Arulampalam

Mr. Crawford gave some background on himself and explained to the Council why his interested in joining the Review Board.

A motion was made by Council President Maly Rosado to send this item back to full Council with a favorable recommendation; Second by Co-Chair Majority Leader Clarke II.

Vote Taken (2-0. 3 Absent. Pass)
Councilman Thomas J. Clarke II: Yes
Councilman James Sánchez: Absent
Councilwoman Maly Rosado: Yes
Councilman John Gale: Absent
Councilman Joshua Michtom: Absent

Respectfully Submitted, Thomas J. Clarke, II, Co-Chairman of QL&PS

Respectfully Submitted, James Sánchez, Co-Chairman of QL&PS



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

August 10, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Appointment to the Civilian Police Review Board

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointment of Eric W. Crawford to the Civilian Police Review Board.

The Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB) was created to hear public complaints against members of the Hartford Police Department. The body is comprised of voting members who are civilians. The board has the authority to investigate allegations through independent investigators, of police misconduct, to review reports and conclusions of the Hartford Police Department's Internal Affairs Division to determine that they are complete, accurate and factually supported, to make recommendations to the police chief and to the mayor in connection therewith.

As you know, I have proposed changes to strengthen the CPRB, specifically giving it a full-time, professional, investigative staff, subpoena power, as well as stronger authority.

Mr. Crawford has been a Hartford resident for decades, and he has devoted his career to serving young people and improving the criminal justice system. He is a widely respected member of the community, and he was recommended to me by many residents, organizations like the Phoenix Society and the Voices of Women of Color, and a number of City Council members. He currently serves as Director of Student and Family Relations at the Capitol Region Education Council.

In addition, Mr. Crawford has previously served as a member of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles and was deeply involved in reforms of the pardon and parole process. I believe that experience on an independent, quasi-judicial body will be beneficial to his service on the CPRB, as will his perspective as someone who has seen first-hand the way in which interaction with the criminal justice system has affected the lives of countless residents in our community.

Mr. Crawford's resume is attached for your review. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, August 10, 2020

WHEREAS, The Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB) was created to hear public complaints against members of the Hartford Police Department, and

WHEREAS, The Board is composed of nine voting members, including eight appointments by the Mayor, and

WHEREAS, The Mayor has appointed Eric W. Crawford as a member, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the following

Eric W. Crawford (D), 3521 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06120
For a term expiring November 18th, 2024
Filling a vacancy

Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD

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Agenda Item #23

August 26th, 2020

Honorable Maly Rosado, Council President
City of Hartford
550 Main St.
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Labor, Education, Workforce and Youth Committee of the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford met virtually on June 24th, 2020 at 6pm (Streamed Live via [www.https://HPATV.org/channel96](https://HPATV.org/channel96) for Comcast/Xfinity Customers and Facebook Live).

Present were Nick Lebron, Chair, Committee Member Councilman James Sanchez, , Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti, Director Kim Oliver (DCYFR), Susan Campbell (Hartford Courant), Chief Community and Families Officer Nuchette Black-Burke (HPS), Assistant Director Youth Services Kristina Baldwin (DCYFR)

Item #1 (ROSSETTI) (LEBRON) (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) Resolution requesting that the City Council of Hartford, assembled on this 10th day of August, 2020, urge Alden Global Capital to Cease any further layoffs or buyouts that have decimated the staff, not to seek to increase ownership interest in Tribune Publishing, and to consider in good faith any offers from outside entities that would return Tribune Publishing newspaper to a civic-minded ownership. (ITEM 30 ON AGENDA 8/10/20)

Discussion:

Susan Campbell, provided a background into how Alden Global Capitol operates in theory; Since they have purchased Tribune Publishing Newspaper. There have been many layoffs and the staff levels have drastically decreased.

Councilman James Sanchez made a motion to send to council with a favorable recommendation. Councilman Nick Lebron seconded the motion

Vote Taken (2-0 in favor)

Lebron: -yes

Sanchez: - yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Lebron

Chair of Labor, Education, Workforce and Youth Committee

INTRODUCED BY:
Councilwoman Marilyn E. Rossetti
Councilman Nick Lebron
Council President, Maly Rosado
Majority Leader TJ Clarke II

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, August 10, 2020

WHEREAS, The Court of Common Council and The City of Hartford is committed to supporting local journalism, including fair economic investment in newsroom staffing and resources; and

WHEREAS, In November 2019, Alden Global Capital, the hedge fund described as a “destroyer of newspapers,” increased its stake in Tribune Publishing Company to 32%, making it the largest shareholder of the company; and

WHEREAS, Alden’s increased ownership in Tribune Publishing, which owns The Hartford Courant, along with several large daily and smaller local newspapers across the country, is troubling because of its well-documented history of exacerbating financial problems by extracting short-term profits from already lean operations by dramatically slashing newsroom jobs and denying employees fair wages and benefits; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, the U.S. Department of Labor launched an investigation into Alden for allegedly taking nearly \$250 million worth of employee pension investments and reallocating them to its own funds; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-one U.S. Senators, in a letter to Alden’s leadership, condemned the hedge fund’s “pattern of profiteering” and its “newspaper-killing business model” as “bad for newspaper workers and retirees, bad for communities, bad for the public, and bad for democracy;” and

WHEREAS, Local news is vital to communities, now more than ever; research shows that it generates economic benefits to society, leads to increased political participation, and assists in holding elected officials accountable; and

WHEREAS, The Hartford Courant is America’s oldest continuously published newspaper; published the Declaration of Independence on Page 2 in 1776; was sued by Pres. Thomas Jefferson; attracted Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) as an investor; and has published every major event and many of the smaller ones since before the Nation was born; and

WHEREAS, The Hartford Courant that serves as a vital cog in the wheel of democracy has been decimated by Alden Global Capital; and

WHEREAS, In a time of an unprecedented pandemic, loss of jobs, and uncertainty about the future, the residents of the State’s Capital City need accurate information now more than ever; and

WHEREAS, Immediate support and a vigorously expressed appreciation for local journalism are imperative because in recent weeks, Alden has moved to cement its hold on Tribune Publishing by installing its founder, Randall Smith, as a third Alden-friendly member of the seven-member Tribune Publishing board, and then compelling the board to adopt a “poison pill” to discourage other, competing investors from buying company stock; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the City Council of the City of Hartford, assembled this 10th day of August, 2020, urge Alden Global Capital to take the following actions:

Cease any further layoffs or buyouts that have decimated the staff, and aggressively work to hire more journalists to publish this important national resource; and

Not seek to increase ownership interest in Tribune Publishing; and

Consider in good faith any offers from outside entities that would return Tribune Publishing newspapers to civic-minded ownership; and

RESOLVED, That we call upon Alden Global Capital to appear before the City Council to fully address this matter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be transmitted to Alden Global Capital and to Tribune Publishing Company as a sign of our dedication to and support of this important issue.

Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD

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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Agenda Item #24

Report

September 14, 2020

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held its regular scheduled Committee meeting on August 17, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Hartford Public Accesses TV. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred items as reflected on the committee agenda.

MAYOR BRONIN, Ordinance making General Fund Appropriations to reflect project costs relative to Public Improvements in the Martin Luther King School. (Item 25 ON 8/10/2020 AGENDA).

The following were present at the scheduled OMBG&A Committee Meeting: Council President and Committee Co-Chair Maly Rosado, Majority Leader and Committee Co-Chair Thomas T.J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez. We were also joined by Erin Howard, Director of Economic Development.

These resolutions are customary with past standards as to school building projects.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Surgeon and seconded by Majority Leader Clarke II to send item #3 back to full committee (COW) with favorable recommendation.

The votes proceeded as follows and the item was sent back to The Committee of The Whole. (COW)

OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items #1 on agenda (5-0. 0 Absent. 0 Recused) (Pass)

Majority Leader and Co-Chair Thomas T.J Clarke II: Yes

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: Yes

Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: Yes

Councilman John Q. Gale: Yes

Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez: Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm

Respectfully Submitted, Majority Leader & Co-Chair T.J. Clarke II

Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD

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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Agenda Item #25

Report

September 14, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held its regular scheduled Committee meeting on August 17, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Hartford Public Accesses TV. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred items as reflected on the committee agenda.

Communication from Mayor Bronin, with accompanying resolution for authorizing The City to enter into a Tax Fixing Agreement with Mitchell Farmington Valley, LLC, owner of Land Rover Dealership at 77 Weston Street.

The following were present at the scheduled OMBG&A Committee Meeting: Council President and Committee Co-Chair Maly Rosado, Majority Leader and Committee Co-Chair Thomas T.J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez. We were also joined by Erin Howard, Director of Economic Development along with representatives Mark Mitchell and Joe from Range Rover. The OMBGA Committee meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm. Item number two was introduced by Majority Leader and Co-Chair Thomas T.J. Clarke II and proceeded with discussions led by the Director of Development Services as to the proposed abatement breakdowns as follows:

- Year 1-3 @ 40%
- Year 4-6 @ 30%
- Year 7-9 would yield \$235K return and
- Year 8-10 @ 20% and a \$257K return.

Mark Mitchell testified to being relatively pleased with The Capital City since they moved from Farmington Valley. He currently lives in Bloomfield and considers himself a part of this region. The company has already been active in the community, sponsoring The Hartford Blooms and Golf tournament and The Scholars Hip Program. Twenty Percent of their current workforce is from the Hartford Community and have partnered with Mike McGarry to help with the social movement in The City and trade school opportunities as Joe currently sits on the board at Lincoln Tech just to show their investment in educating their employees. Council President Maly Rosado further inquired on the proposed 3 year scholarship program and \$2,000 value starter kit to qualified applicants along with The Mitchell Cares Community Initiatives.

The Subaru Program also donated \$57k to healthcare initiatives during the COVID pandemic. Councilwoman Surgeon had questions regarding the break downs on assessment. We were then joined by Councilman Gale who apologized for being late and expressed his appreciation in Mitchell's investment and community benefits. Councilman Gale was not sure he saw a term sheet or any discussion as to the ability of the city to take any action if anything proposed should not come to completion as it is not specified in resolution.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Surgeon and seconded by Councilman Gale to send item #2 back to full committee (COW) with a substitute resolution from Development Services regarding the benefits agreement and call-back clause.

The votes proceeded as follows and the item was sent back to The Committee of The Whole. (COW)

OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items #2 on agenda (5-0. 0 Absent. 0 Recused) (Pass)

Majority Leader and Co-Chair T.J. Clarke II: Yes

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: Yes

Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: Yes

Councilman John Q. Gale: Yes

Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez: Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Majority Leader & Co-Chair T.J. Clarke II



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

August 10, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Land Rover Tax Fixing Agreement

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution for authorizing the City to enter into a Tax Fixing Agreement with Mitchell Farmington Valley, LLC, owner of Land Rover Dealership at 77 Weston Street.

In December of 2016 the Mitchell Farmington Valley, LLC purchased property at 77 Weston Street with the intent of developing a new automotive dealership. Over a two-year period, the company renovated a vacant industrial building and invested \$6.2 million to develop a state-of-art Land Rover dealership.

Prior to the renovation, the property was valued at \$1,158,000 yielding an annual tax of \$60,219. Upon completion of construction, the value of the property increased to \$5,365,400 which now yields an annual tax of about \$279,017. As a result, the annual tax has increased by \$218,798.

At the time Mitchell Farmington Valley, LLC, purchased the property, they inquired about a tax abatement but agreed to postpone discussions while litigation proceeded with a coalition of auto dealerships in the North Meadows area. Most of that litigation was finalized in September 2019, resulting in an average assessment decrease of about 17 percent. The agreement proposed here is consistent with the agreements reached with the other auto dealerships.

In consideration of a Tax Fixing Agreement, the company has made a commitment to ensure that 20% of all employees at the facility are Hartford Residents as well as the creation of a job-training scholarship program for Hartford students attending A.I. Prince High School. We are happy to answer any questions regarding this proposed agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, August 10, 2020

WHEREAS, On June 16, 1992, the Commission on the City Plan approved a resolution recommending that the Court of Common Council declare the North Meadows Industrial and Business Development (IBD) Project area a rehabilitation area; and

WHEREAS, On July 21, 1992, the Court of Common Council approved a resolution to add the North Meadows IBD Project to the present list of designated rehabilitation areas; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Farmington Valley, LLC (the “Developer”) acquired property located at 77 Weston Street, Hartford, CT (the “Property”) in the North Meadows Industrial Business Development (IBD) Project area, a rehabilitation area, and who acquired the Property in December 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Developer substantially renovated a 30,603 square foot facility for a Land Rover dealership with an estimated construction value of \$6 million; and

WHEREAS, The Developer has approached the City of Hartford for consideration of an assessment fixing agreement for improvements at 77 Weston Street; and

WHEREAS, To ensure the Property is economically viable going forward a tax assessment fixing agreement is proposed which would fix the assessed value of the Property such that it yields a property tax commencing with the 2019 Grand List (July 2020 and January 2021 tax bills) of \$191,497.93 in years 1-3, \$213,377.67 in years 4-6, \$235,257.41 in years 7-9, and \$257,137.15 in year 10, resulting in \$2,177,536.18 in tax revenue over a ten year period; and

WHEREAS, As part of the tax assessment fixing agreement, the Developer has agreed to enter into a Community Benefits Agreement with the City, under which Developer will be required to make good faith efforts to ensure that twenty percent (20%) of employment opportunities at the facility go to Hartford residents.

WHEREAS, As part of the Community Benefits Agreement The Developer has agreed to develop an A.I. Prince Technical High School Scholarship / Grant program to provided on-the-job training to eligible Hartford students. The program is designed to encourage Hartford students in their pursuit of careers in the automotive repair fields. The program will provide scholarship opportunities to 3 Hartford resident students annually.

WHEREAS, Approval of the proposed tax assessment fixing agreement will incentivize the retention of a valued business entity resulting in the redevelopment of a vacant property in a designated IBD area, thereby returning a non-performing property to productive use. It has brought real property tax revenue to the City beyond what is currently received and generate additional personal property taxes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a tax assessment fixing agreement with Mitchell Farmington Valley, LLC; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interest of the City in order to effectuate the above transaction; and be it further

RESOLVED, that no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreements or other documents, or to take any of the other aforesaid actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the Mayor executing such agreements and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD

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Agenda Item #26

Report

September 14, 2020

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held its regular scheduled Committee meeting on August 17, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Hartford Public Accesses TV. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred items as reflected on the committee agenda.

Communication from Mayor Bronin, accompanying resolution which would authorize the transfer of seven (7) City-owned properties to the Hartford Land Bank. (Item 5 ON 8/10/2020 AGENDA) Note: Resolution was also referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The following were present at the scheduled OMBG&A Committee Meeting: Council President and Committee Co-Chair Maly Rosado, Majority Leader and Committee Co-Chair Thomas T.J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez. We were also joined by Erin Howard, Director of Economic Development.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Surgeon and seconded by Majority Leader Clarke II to send item #1 back to full committee (COW) with favorable recommendation.

The votes proceeded as follows and the item was sent back to The Committee of The Whole. (COW)

OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items #1 on agenda (5-0. 0 Absent. 0 Recused) (Pass)

Majority Leader and Co-Chair Thomas T.J Clarke II: Yes

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: Yes

Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: Yes

Councilman John Q. Gale: Yes

Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez: Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Majority Leader & Co-Chair T.J. Clarke II



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

August 10, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Transfer of Various City Owned Properties to the Hartford Land Bank

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution which would authorize the transfer of seven (7) City-owned properties to the Hartford Land Bank. These properties were identified in partnership with Hartford Land Bank. Five of the properties were acquired via the tax deed sale which was held on April 26, 2019. Each property owner had an additional six-month redemption period. The parcels officially became City-owned Properties on October 29, 2019. These 5 properties are: 61 Charlotte Street; 128 Edgewood Street; 471 Garden Street; 196 Homestead Avenue and 78 Martin Street. The other two properties, 103 Earle Street and 59 Magnolia, were acquired by the City in previous tax deed sales and were officially transferred to the City on September 3, 2013 and January 9, 2015 respectively.

On August 15, 2017 the City of Hartford Court of Common Council approved via Certified Resolution the establishment of the Hartford Land Bank as a tool to combat and prevent contagious blight that can sweep across neighborhoods and to better repurpose abandoned properties by replacing antiquated systems of tax foreclosure and property disposition. The Hartford Land Bank, Inc. registered as a 501(C)(3) Domestic Non-Profit Corporation on September 12, 2017.

This transaction will be subject to an 8-24 Plan review and recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z).

The Department of Development Services is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A Bronin, Mayor

INTRODUCED BY
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, August 10, 2020

WHEREAS, The Hartford Land Bank, Inc. registered as a 501(C)(3) Domestic Non-Profit Corporation on September 12, 2017 for the purpose of facilitating the restoration and re-activation of blighted properties in the City of Hartford, and

WHEREAS, The City has a portfolio of City owned properties that have been acquired through tax deed sales and blight lien foreclosures, and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford held a tax deed sale on April 26, 2019, and acquired certain parcels of properties subject to a six-month redemption period, which period has now expired, and

WHEREAS, the six-month redemption period has now expired and the City of Hartford now wishes to transfer certain individual parcels to the Hartford Land Bank, Inc., for the purposes of blight remediation and returning the properties to productive use consistent with neighborhood and community priorities and objectives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby approves the transfer of the following parcels:

- 61 Charlotte Street
- 128 Edgewood Street
- 471 Garden Street
- 196 Homestead Avenue
- 78 Martin Street,
- 59 Magnolia Street,
- 103 Earle Street, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the Hartford Land Bank, Inc. or its successors or assigns for the purposes set forth above; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Purchase Agreement shall (i) contain such other provisions regarding the conveyance as the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel deem necessary to protect the interests of the City and (ii) contain such provisions as are customary in real estate conveyances in Hartford County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as they and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to effectuate the above transaction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to take any of the aforesaid actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties executing such documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and Corporation Counsel.

Court of Common Council

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Agenda Item #27

Report

September 14, 2020

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Committee of the Whole held a scheduled meeting on September 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Hartford Public Accesses TV. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred items as reflected on the submitted agenda.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Appointments of Departments Heads Requirements, Section 850 Residency requirements of the Municipal Code. (Mayor Bronin) (Item #11 on the 06.22.2020 agenda)

The following were present at the scheduled COW meeting: Council President Maly D. Rosado, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilman Nick Lebron, Councilman Joshua Michtom, Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti, and Councilman James Sanchez. We were also joined by Alexandra Lombardi, Assistant Corporation Counsel and Thea Montanez, Chief Operating Officer for the City of Hartford.

A motion was made by Councilman John Gale and seconded by Councilwoman Nick Lebron to send item #3 back to the full Council with no recommendation.

The votes proceeded as follows and the item was sent back to City Council for their next scheduled meeting on September 14, 2020.

COW Votes Taken on items #3 on agenda (8-0. 1 Absent. 0 Recused) (Pass)

Council President Maly D. Rosado: Yes
Councilwoman James Sanchez: Yes
Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti: Yes
Councilman Nick Lebron: Yes
Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: Yes
Councilman John Q. Gale: Yes
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez: Yes
Councilman Joshua Michtom: Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Council President, Maly D. Rosado

Court of Common Council

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Agenda Item #28

September 14, 2020

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Committee of the Whole held a scheduled meeting on September 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Hartford Public Accesses TV. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred items as reflected on the submitted agenda.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article XVIII, Section 2-860 Motor Vehicle Policy of the Hartford Municipal Code. (Councilman Michtom) (Item #14 on the 07.13.2020 Agenda)

The following were present at the scheduled COW meeting: Council President Maly D. Rosado, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilman Nick Lebron, Councilman Joshua Michtom, Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti, and Councilman James Sanchez. We were also joined by Alexandra Lombardi, Assistant Corporation Counsel and Thea Montanez, Chief Operating Officer for the City of Hartford.

A motion was made by Councilman Nick Lebron and seconded by Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti to send item #2 back to the full Council with no recommendation.

The votes proceeded as follows and the item was sent back to City Council for their next scheduled meeting on September 14, 2020.

COW Votes Taken on items #2 on agenda (8-0. 1 Absent. 0 Recused) (Pass)

Council President Maly D. Rosado: Yes

Councilwoman James Sanchez: Yes

Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti: Yes

Councilman Nick Lebron: Yes

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: Yes

Councilman John Q. Gale: Yes

Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez: Yes

Councilman Joshua Michtom: Yes

ting was adjourned at 8:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Council President, Maly D. Rosado

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Agenda Item #29

Report

September 14, 2020

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A motion was made by Councilman Nick Lebron and seconded by Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti to send item #2 back to the full Council with no recommendation.

The votes proceeded as follows and the item was sent back to City Council for their next scheduled meeting on September 14, 2020.

COW Votes Taken on items #2 on agenda (8-0. 1 Absent. 0 Recused) (Pass)

Council President Maly D. Rosado: Yes

Councilwoman James Sanchez: Yes

Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti: Yes

Councilman Nick Lebron: Yes

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: Yes

Councilman John Q. Gale: Yes

Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez: Yes

Councilman Joshua Michtom: Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Council President, Maly D. Rosado

Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD

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Agenda Item #30

Communication

August 10, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President
City of Hartford
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee held a Virtual Meeting on July 21st, 2020 at 5:30 pm on Hartford Public Access TV to discuss the following item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Resolution requesting that the Court of Common Council creates a process whereby the Mayor must choose a majority of the members of the Civilian Police Review Board from among candidates nominated by community organizations specifically focused on serving communities impacted by overpolicing, with a list of such organizations to be determined and comprise at least two members who are under the age of 26 when they are appointed and at least one member who has previously been incarcerated after a criminal conviction or an adjudication of juvenile delinquency. (COUNCILMAN MICHTOM) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) (Item 20 on 7/13/20 Agenda)

The following were present: Committee Co-Chairman Thomas J. Clarke, II, Co-Chairman James Sánchez, Council President Rosado, Councilman Gale, Councilman Michtom, Councilwoman Surgeon, Councilman Lebron, Councilwoman Rossetti and Councilwoman Bermudez. Also present were Chief Freeman HFD, Nathalie Feola-Guerrieri Corporation Counsel, Andrew Woods Hartford that Cares, Chief Thody HPD and Assistant Chief Medina HPD.

A motion was made by Councilman Sanchez to postpone this item; Second by Council President Rosado.

Vote Taken (5-0. 0Absent. Pass)

Councilman Thomas J. Clarke II: Yes

Councilman James Sánchez: Yes

Councilwoman Maly Rosado: Yes

Councilman John Gale: Yes

Councilman Joshua Michtom: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas J. Clarke, II
Co-Chairman of QL&PS

James Sánchez
Co-Chairman of QL&PS

Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD

550 MAIN STREET

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Agenda Item #31

Report

August 10, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President
City of Hartford
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Public Works, Parks, Recreation & Environment (PWPR&E) Committee held a Meeting July 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm on WebEx and live on HPATV to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda:

Item #1

Communication from Mayor Bronin with accompanying resolution that would authorize the City to enter into an agreement with Bushnell Park Foundation to help achieve our mutual goal of restoring, preserving and promoting the Park. **(Item # 2 on Council Agenda 6/22/20).**

The following were present: PWPR&E Committee Chair-Marilyn E. Rossetti, Committee Members: John Q. Gale and Nick Lebron. Also present were: Mike Looney- Interim Director of Department of Public Works, Jim DelVisco - Corporation Counsel, Aimee Chambers – Director of Planning and Zoning, Mary Zeman- Manager, Bushnell Park Foundation (BPF) and other concerned citizens.

Mike Looney and Mary Zeman presented an overview and background. A discussion followed between committee members and presenters.

A motion was made by Committee Member Gale to move item with a favorable recommendation to full council; Second by Committee Members Nick Lebron with the following amendment as reflected in the substitute resolution:

1. The agreement having an Initial Term of five years, with the Foundation having the right to renew agreement for four additional terms of five years each;

2. The referral of the Agreement to the City's Planning and Zoning Commission for a Section 8-24 review (the "Review") and the Council's receipt of the Review; and
3. There being a provision in the Agreement requiring for the Foundation to provide quarterly reporting to the Council relative to the Foundation's donation/gifts to the City in the form of improvements to and alterations of the Park, as have been approved in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Agreement, and the fundraising efforts.

Vote Taken: (Yes: 3 No: Pass: Absent:)

PWPR&E Committee:

Committee Chair Marilyn Rossetti: Yes

Committee Member Nick Lebron: Yes

Committee Member John Gale: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn E. Rossetti
Chair, PWPR&E Committee



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

June 22, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Agreement with Bushnell Park Foundation

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution that will authorize the City to enter into an agreement with the Bushnell Park Foundation to help achieve our mutual goal of restoring, preserving, and promoting the Park.

The agreement will allow the Bushnell Park Foundation to assist the City in the restoration, maintenance and preservation of the Park; organize and sponsor or seek sponsors for various events in the Park; work with the City and others on the design and development plan of the Park; conduct tours of the Park; alter and improve the Park with the prior written approval of the City's Department of Public Works and subject to and contingent upon the Foundation obtaining any and all required permits and/or other required approvals; manage the Pump House Gallery, and related functions discussed in the resolution.

The Department of Public Works or Corporation Counsel's office are happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, August 10, 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford (the “City”) owns and maintains Bushnell Park (the “Park”), an historic park, the acquisition of which was approved by the City in December of 1853; and

WHEREAS, Bushnell Park Foundation, Inc. (the “Foundation”) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to support the City’s efforts to protect, preserve, promote, restore and maintain the Park; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Foundation wish to enter into a License and Cooperation Agreement (the “Agreement”) in which the Foundation will agree to carry out, among other things, the following relative to the Park: assist the City in the restoration, maintenance and preservation of the Park; organize and sponsor or seek sponsors for various events in the Park; work with the City and others on the design and development plan of the Park; recruit, organize and coordinate volunteers to assist in the Foundation’s efforts under the Agreement; conduct tours of the Park; alter and improve the Park with the prior written approval of the City’s Department of Public Works and subject to and contingent upon the Foundation obtaining any and all required permits and/or other required approvals; manage the Pump House Gallery with its exterior courtyard and, upon request, the asphalt pad/skating rink adjacent to the Pump House, all of the foregoing to be for, among other things, uses for space for office activities, storage, conferences and events; and fund-raising activities to help to achieve the Foundation’s goal of protecting, preserving, promoting, restoring and maintaining the Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City of Hartford’s Court of Common Council hereby empowers and authorizes the Mayor to execute and deliver the Agreement, and any extensions thereof and/or amendments thereto, upon and subject to such terms and conditions as may be negotiated by the City’s Department of Public Works and the City’s Office of the Corporation Counsel, both acting in the best interests of the City, all of the foregoing being subject to the following:

1. The Agreement having an Initial Term of five years, with the Foundation having the right to renew the Agreement for four additional terms of five years each;
2. The referral of the Agreement to the City’s Planning and Zoning Commission for a Section 8-24 review (the “Review”) and the Council’s receipt of the Review; and
3. There being a provision in the Agreement requiring the Foundation to provide quarterly reporting to the Council relative to the Foundation’s donation/gifts to the City in forms of improvements to and alterations of the Park, as have been approved in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Agreement and the Foundation’s fundraising efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee is hereby empowered and authorized to execute and deliver any and all manner of documents and take such other actions as the Mayor or his designee and the Office of the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to further and/or effectuate the above transaction(s); and be it further

RESOLVED, that, if applicable, no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution, should the Mayor or his designee fail to execute and deliver the aforementioned agreements and/or other documents or take any of the aforesaid actions, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, if applicable, all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the Mayor or his designee executing and delivering such agreements and/or documents and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Office of the Corporation Counsel.



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

Agenda Item #32

March 9, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Revision to Residency Requirement

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance that would revise Chapter 2, Section 850 of the Municipal Code of the City of Hartford, commonly known as the residency requirement. As you know, while state law bars a residency requirement for union employees, our current residency requirement applies to all Council and Mayoral appointees and unclassified employees of the City.

The ordinance change before you would create a mechanism by which that requirement can be waived for certain employees, with a 10% decrease in maximum salary for any employee for whom the requirement is waived. Please note that the ordinance before you does not allow the residency requirement to be waived for the Chief Operating Officer, the Fire Chief, the Chief of Police, or the Corporation Counsel.

The purpose of the residency requirement is to help ensure City leaders are connected to and invested in the community. We all share that desire and that goal. However, as an administration, we have seen that there can be an unintended consequence to the residency requirement as currently constituted: some candidates who have deep ties to Hartford, but whose families have moved to surrounding communities, are effectively dismissed from contention for leadership roles because it is not practical for them to sell their homes and move their families just a few miles. In some cases, the residency requirement as currently constituted actually makes it easier to recruit someone from out of state, with no ties to Hartford, than it does to recruit someone who lives, for example, in Bloomfield or Windsor, and has strong connections to Hartford.

In addition, almost all employees subject to the residency requirement are appointees, and therefore have much less job security than our other employees. Finally, for department heads in particular, we recruit individuals with very specific expertise, who are highly qualified in particular areas of municipal government. That limits the candidate pool to begin with, and the residency requirement as currently constituted puts us at a competitive disadvantage. While some of our peer cities also have residency requirements, few, if any, apply to such a wide range of employees as Hartford's.

I strongly believe that we should encourage and incentivize residency, as this change seeks to do. I do not believe that the current inflexible requirement benefits our city or our community in the way in which it was originally intended.

I look forward to discussing this proposal with you and working together to ensure that we are delivering the best possible service to our residents. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Luke A. Bronin

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 850 OF THE HARTFORD MUNICIPAL CODE

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,
CITY OF HARTFORD

March 9, 2020

Be It Ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

That Chapter 2, Section 850, of the Municipal Code of the City of Hartford be amended as follows:

(A) All council and Mayor appointees and Unclassified Employees employed by the City, shall maintain a continuous residence in the City during the period of such appointment or employment. This section shall not apply to new employees or appointees during the first six (6) months of such employment or appointment. If such individual ceases to be a bona fide resident of the City once the residency has been established or fails to become a bona fide resident within six (6) months of the appointment or employment, the Council shall, by a vote of seven (7) members, send notice to the mayor that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter V, section 3(c) of the Hartford Charter, the office or position of the individual who has failed to remain a bona fide resident of Hartford shall thereupon become vacant, and such appointment or employment shall terminate.

Bona fide resident is defined as:

- (1) An employee who has a Hartford mailing address. A post office address does not qualify as a bona fide Hartford address;
- (2) Be a registered Hartford voter; and
- (3) If the employee owns a motor vehicle, said motor vehicle must be registered in the City of Hartford

(B) The provisions of subsection (A) above shall not apply to individuals who were employees and appointees at the time of the effective date of this section.

(C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (A) above, the Mayor, after providing a written justification to the Council, may waive the requirement for bona fide residence in the City of Hartford, provided that (1) such requirement shall never be waived for the positions of Chief Operating Officer, Fire Chief, Chief of Police and Corporation Counsel, and (2) the maximum salary for any employee for whom the residency requirement is waived shall be reduced by ten percent (10%) from that set forth in the applicable pay scale.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

Agenda Item #33

July 13, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Revisions to Strengthen Civilian Police Review Board

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance that would significantly strengthen the Civilian Police Review Board. I believe that we stand united in our desire to reform and strengthen the Civilian Police Review Board, giving it full-time, professional staff, more investigative power, and giving its findings significantly greater weight.

Like the draft I sent to you last week, this version is of course subject to change based on additional stakeholder engagement and deliberation – and of course the legislative process the Council will go through.

The only change in this version from the previous version that you saw is a new requirement for the Mayor to solicit recommendations from organizations representing various stakeholders, including organizations advocating for criminal and social justice reform, neighborhood organizations, and others. The requirement also mandates that the Mayor tell the Council which organizations were consulted when transmitting a nominee. This change is the result of hearing from stakeholders, including the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance, that there is a desire to have more community input in the selection process for the CPRB.

I hope we can work together to adopt strong reforms that bolster civilian oversight of police, strengthen the expectations for fair, strong accountability within the police department, and that earn buy in and credibility with all stakeholders, including our community and members of the police department.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have, as is Corporation Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin

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Mayor

AN ORDINANCE AMENDINGH ARTICLE V, Division five, SECTION 2-196 OF THE HARTFORD MUNICIPAL CODE

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,
CITY OF HARTFORD
JULY 13, 2020

Be It Ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

That Article V, Division 5, Section 2-196, of the Municipal Code of the City of Hartford be amended as follows:

Sec. 2-196. - Established; composition; meetings; functions.

(a) *Established.* There is hereby established a civilian police review board to hear public complaints against members of the Hartford Police Department. It is in the interest of Hartford residents and citizens, generally, and of the Hartford Police Department that investigations of complaints concerning misconduct by police officers involving members of the public be complete, thorough and impartial. These inquiries must be conducted fairly and independently, and in such a manner that the public and the police department have confidence. An independent civilian complaint review board is hereby established, as a body comprised of voting members who are civilians. The civilian police review board shall have the authority to investigate allegations through [independent investigators] the inspector general, of police misconduct, [to review reports and conclusions of] concurrent to the Hartford Police Department's Internal Affairs Division review of a complaint, and to reach an independent judgment and [to determine that they are complete, accurate and factually supported,] to make [recommendations] findings and transmit them to the police chief and to the mayor in connection therewith. Said review board shall be in the Office of Equity and Opportunity for administrative purposes only.

(b) *Composition.* The civilian police review board shall be comprised of nine (9) regular voting members and two (2) alternates who shall be regular voting members when they sit. The mayor shall appoint eight (8) of the nine (9) regular members, pursuant to Section 2(d) of Chapter IV of the City Charter, no more than two (2) of whom may be non-residents of the city, and the mayor shall appoint both of the alternates. The commission on human relations shall appoint one (1) member. Both alternates and the member appointed by the commission on human relations shall be Hartford residents.

[The Office of Human Relations shall procure the services of independent investigators who are not active, sworn police officers to work on behalf of the civilian police review board.] The civilian police review board shall rely upon the findings, and investigative reports of the [independent investigator] inspector general in making recommendations. In addition to other information and testimony of witnesses, the [independent investigator] inspector general shall have access to the same files and reports as the Hartford Police Department's Internal Affairs Division as allowed by existing statutes or requirements of law.

No civilian member of the civilian police review board shall be an officer of the Hartford Police Department or employee of the City of Hartford, or an immediate family member of an officer of the Hartford Police Department or employee of the City of Hartford, as governed and defined by the City of Hartford Code of Ethics.

Members and alternates selected for the civilian police review board shall be chosen based on their experience and expertise in fields relevant to the charge of the civilian police review board. The civilian police review board

shall be reflective of the city's neighborhoods and communities and of its business, labor and legal communities and, as well as, of the city's ethnic, gender, racial and sexual orientation composition. In making appointments to the board, the Mayor shall solicit and consider recommendations from organizations representing various communities of interest, including but not limited to, organizations in the City advocating for criminal and social justice reform, neighborhood organizations, business and labor organizations, and organizations advocating for diversity and equality within the City.

In transmitting the name of a nominee to the City Council, the Mayor shall provide the qualifications of the nominee as well as a list of the organizations from which the Mayor sought input and recommendations.

The police chief shall designate one (1) non-voting member and one (1) non-voting alternate from the Hartford Police Department who shall be available to advise the civilian police review board as to police policies, training and procedures. The said designees, each to be of a rank of at least Lieutenant, shall have first undergone diversity and cultural sensitivity training.

Of the members initially appointed to the civilian police review board by the mayor, four (4) shall be appointed for four (4) years each; three (3) shall be appointed for three (3) years each, and one (1) shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years. Thereafter each and all appointments shall be for a term of four (4) years. The two (2) alternates shall each be appointed for a four (4) year term. The member appointed by the commission on human relations shall serve for four (4) years. Each member shall serve until his/her successor is appointed and any member may be reappointed. Any member of the civilian police review board appointed by the mayor may be removed for cause by the mayor. Any member of the civilian police review board appointed by the commission on human relations may be removed for cause by the commission on human relations.

Any member of the civilian police review board who misses, without excuse or permission, three (3) consecutive meetings or four (4) meetings in a twelve (12) month period of the civilian police review board's regularly scheduled meetings shall be considered to have resigned. Any vacancy on the civilian police review board occasioned by resignation, death, inability to serve or removal of a member shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the mayor within forty-five (45) calendar days of the date when the vacancy occurred.

The members of the civilian police review board shall undergo training in the policies, procedures and directives of the Police Department relevant to their duties. The police department and the [Office of Human Relations] inspector general shall cooperate in the development and provision of such training.

(c) *Jurisdiction.* The civilian police review board shall investigate through [independent investigators and the staff of the Office of Human Relations] the inspector general [all] citizen complaints against City of Hartford police officers filed with the Police Department or with the [Office of Human Relations] civilian police review board, concurrent to any investigation conducted by Police/Internal Affairs. Complaints may be filed directly with the [Office of Human Relations] the civilian police review board or with the police department or with community-based agencies, registered by the [Office of [Human Relations] civilian police review board and the police department. Each citizen complaint received by the [Office of Human Relations] civilian police review board, whether directly or from a community agency, shall be forwarded to the police department within three (3) business days. Complaints received by the Police Department shall be forwarded to the civilian police review board within three (3) business days.

The civilian police review board shall have jurisdiction over citizen complaints against police officers related to, but not limited to, the following:

- [(1) Slow or poor service.
- (2) Discourteous attitude.
- (3) Profane language.]
- (1) Improper handling of citizen's property.
- (2) False arrest; improper detention.
- (3) Violation of the code of conduct.
- (4) Excessive use of force.
- (5) Civil rights violation.
- (6) Illegal search and seizure.
- (7) Failure to provide medical attention.
- (8) Harassment.
- (9) Use of racial or ethnic slurs/discriminatory language.
- (10) Crime committed by police.
- (11) Abuse of authority.
- (12) Retaliation for filing a complaint.

Allegations in a complaint of slow or poor service, discourteous attitude or use of profane language shall be investigated by Police/Internal Affairs and reported to the civilian police review board on a quarterly basis. In cases in which an officer has had repeatedly been the subject of complaints for slow or poor service, discourteous attitude or use of profane language, based upon a vote of the civilian police review board, a full inspector general investigation may be required.

The civilian police review board shall have the right to request on its own motion an investigation of a public incident when the public interest may be served by so doing. However, the civilian police review board may not initiate complaints as to police conduct or claimed misconduct and may not issue recommendations for discipline on its own motion.

The [Office of Human Relations] civilian police review board, through the inspector general, will provide training and information to community-based agencies regarding the citizen complaint process.

[Within fifteen (15) days of the conclusion of any discipline or disciplinary proceeding by the police department with respect to a sustained citizen complaint, the Office of Human Relations shall be notified and shall promptly notify the civilian police review board and any community-based agencies involved.

A notice and summary report of all citizen complaints investigated by the Hartford Police Department's Internal Affairs Division shall be forwarded to the Office of Human Relations for transmittal to the civilian police review board.

Citizen complaints of a less serious nature, as determined by the Director of the Office of Human Relations, or her/his designee, including complaints such as slow or poor service, or for discourteous attitude, shall be offered for voluntary mediation to all parties. Said mediation will be conducted at the Office of Human Relations. If mediation is not agreed to or is not successful in resolving the complaint, it shall be investigated.]

(d) *Operations.*

(1) The mayor shall designate the chairperson of the civilian police review board, who shall serve a one-year term which may be extended by designation of the mayor annually for no more than three (3) terms of one (1) year each. Annually, the civilian police review board shall elect a vice chairperson and a secretary. Said elections shall be by a quorum of the members at the meeting of the civilian police review board falling closest to the anniversary date of the previous election. The chairperson shall act as spokesperson for and as liaison between the civilian police review board and the mayor and the city. In the absence of the chairperson, the vice chairperson shall serve or act until a succeeding chairperson is appointed.

(2) The city shall provide for the requisite staff assistance, supplies, equipment and facilities to the Office of [Human Relations] Equity and Opportunity in order to facilitate the administration of the civilian police review board business. [The Office of Human Relations may seek additional funding or resources through grant writing or otherwise on behalf of the civilian police review board.] The [Office of Human Relations] civilian police review board will develop policies and procedures for the filing and processing of citizen complaints, for the operations of the civilian police review board and for training members of the civilian police review board and the community-based agencies.

(3) The meetings of the civilian police review board shall be open to the public, except that the civilian police review board may hold executive sessions in accordance with state law. Meetings of the civilian police review board shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act.

(4) The meetings of the civilian police review board shall be held at sites away from the police stations.

(5) The civilian police review board shall meet monthly. A quorum of five (5) members is required to convene a regularly scheduled or specially called meeting and conduct business.

(6) When sufficient cause exists, the civilian police review board may convene special meetings, in accordance with its policies and procedures and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

(7) The reports of the [independent investigators] inspector general associated with the civilian police review board shall [normally] be completed within forty-five (45) days from the date the investigation is initiated.

If extenuating circumstances prevent the [independent investigation] inspector general from being completed within forty-five (45) days, a request for additional time shall be submitted to the [Director of Human Relations] chair of the civilian police review board, who may grant additional time for the completion and submission of the [independent] investigation.

(8.) At each meeting, the civilian police review board shall review pending citizen complaint cases; decide completed citizen complaint cases; and receive updates on its recommendations.

(9) In the course of its [proceedings with respect to] investigation into citizen complaints, in [an] appropriate circumstances, the [civilian police review board] inspector general may take sworn testimony from witnesses concerning the alleged conduct which is the subject of the complaint. Any officer or member of the police department against whom a citizen complaint is filed may be required to attend and participate. [except where the report and any recommendation of the independent investigator concurs with the recommendation of the Hartford

Police Department/Internal Affairs that the citizen complaint is not sustained, provided that no such officer or member of the police department shall be compelled to testify or submit evidence.

The police chief will ensure that a non-voting designee of her/his choice shall be present at every meeting of the civilian police review board. In the event that the standing non-voting designee and alternate is unavailable, the police chief shall notify the Office of Human Relations and assign a substitute participant of the Hartford Police Department.]

(10) Following the review of a citizen complaint and subsequent investigation by the inspector general, the civilian police review board will determine whether or not the citizen complaint is [upheld] sustained. The civilian police review board will promptly report its findings and determinations to the police chief. A copy of its determinations shall also be sent to the citizen complainant and to the relevant community-based agency, if applicable.

[(11) In the event the police chief adopts the findings or accepts the recommendation of the civilian police review board, she/he shall promptly notify in writing the civilian police review board of the same. The police chief shall cause notice of the decision to be given to the citizen complainant and to the relevant community-based agency, if applicable.

(12) The police chief shall seriously consider the findings and recommendations of the civilian police review board. Should the police chief elect not to accept either the findings or the recommendation of the civilian police review board, she/he shall promptly notify in writing the civilian police review board of her/his decision and the reasons for said decision related to the specific civilian complaint.]

(11) The chief of police shall promptly review the findings and determinations of the civilian police review board and consider the recommendations of internal affairs. Any proposed action by the Chief that substantially differs from the findings and determinations of the civilian police review board shall be the subject of review by the three-member panel established herein.

(12) (i) There is hereby established a three-member panel, which shall include the chief of police, the chair of the civilian police review board or a member designee, and an independent member selected by the chief of police and the chair of the civilian police review board from a list of qualified individuals approved by the selection panel established herein. The three-member panel shall be empaneled to review any citizen complaint in which the findings and determinations of the civilian police review board and those of the chief of police differ. The inspector general, or designee, and the commander of internal affairs, or designee, shall present the respective findings and recommendations. Such panel, after reviewing all the facts, reports and findings shall render a decision, by a majority vote, that either upholds the findings and proposed actions of the chief of police or upholds the findings and proposed actions of the civilian police review board. The decision of the panel shall be reduced to writing and shall become a public document. The decision by the three-member panel shall be final, and the Chief of Police shall proceed in conformance therewith.

(ii) The independent panel member may be a retired judge, including a judge referee, or a retired judge of probate. Such independent member may be entitled to a daily stipend for participating in a review.

[In the event the police chief adopts the findings or accepts the recommendation of the civilian police review board, she/he shall promptly notify in writing the civilian police review board through the Office of Human

Relations of the same. The police chief shall cause notice of the decision to be given to the citizen complainant and to the community-based agencies, if applicable.]

(13) There is hereby established a selection committee consisting of the Council President or their designee, the chief of police, the chair of the civilian police review board, the president of the Hartford Police Union, and the inspector general, which shall generate a list of candidates qualified to serve as independent members of the three-member panel established herein. To be eligible for inclusion on the list of qualified candidates, an individual must be a retired state or federal judge or state referee.

(14) The civilian police review board will seek to complete its review of every civilian complaint within ninety (90) days of receipt thereof. In the event that circumstances prevent the completion of a review of a civilian complaint within ninety (90) days, the [Office of Human Relations] inspector general, on behalf of the civilian police review board, will submit written cause for the delay and reason(s) for the same to the office of the mayor.

(15) [The Office of Human Relations shall monitor the activities of the civilian police review board and make recommendations to improve its operations.]

The civilian police review board may also make recommendations to the office of the mayor for revision of specific police department policies and procedures related to civilian complaint process.

(e) *Accountability.* The civilian police review board shall prepare an annual report to the office of the mayor and the court of common council indicating:

(1) The type and number of complaints filed,

(2) The number of police officer(s) complained against and the number of police officer(s) and members of the police department against whom multiple complaints were received, and the disposition of the complaints, and

(3) The dollar value, if any, of settlements ordered and/or paid arising out of the citizen complaints, provided such disclosure does not violate a confidentiality agreement

The chief of police shall prepare an annual report to the office of the mayor and the court of common council indicating disciplinary actions taken and assistance offered to police officer(s) and members of the Hartford Police Department against whom multiple civilian complaints were received.

(f) (new) *Inspector General.* There is hereby established the position of inspector general. The inspector general shall be a member of the classified service and following a competitive selection process shall be appointed by a panel consisting of the chair of the civilian police review board, the mayor, and the president of the city council. The inspector general shall have the requisite skills and knowledge of general police policies and practices and the state of the law related to civil rights, and other claims made against police officers, and more generally have experience and expertise in fields relevant to the charge of the civilian police review board. The inspector general may have a law enforcement background but may not be a member of a police department at the time of nomination to the position or have ever been a member of the Hartford Police Department. The inspector general may have such staff as may be provided for in the annual budget as adopted by the City Council. Such staff shall be members of the classified service and, subject to the rules of the classified service, shall be appointed and may be removed by the inspector general. Such staff may have a law enforcement background but may not be a member of a police department at the time of the nomination to the position or may not have ever been a member of the Hartford Police Department.

(1) The inspector general reports to the civilian police review board.

(2) The inspector general shall conduct a concurrent investigation, along with the Police Department/Internal Affairs investigation, into each citizen complaint referred by the civilian police review board.

(3) The chair of the civilian police review board shall refer complaints to the inspector general forthwith for investigation.

(4) The inspector general shall have access to the same files and reports as the Hartford Police Department's Internal Affairs Division as allowed by existing statutes or requirements of law.

(5) Upon authorization under state law, the inspector general shall have subpoena power as part of an investigation of a complaint.

(6) The inspector general shall complete its investigation and provide its findings and recommendations within a forty-five day (45) period, unless that time is extended pursuant to the provisions of this section.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

(Ord. No. 29-92, 6-22-92; Ord. No. 8-00, 3-27-00; Ord. No. 51-03, 12-8-03; Ord. No. 05-06, 4-10-06; Ord. No. 20-06, 6-12-06)

Agenda Item #34

Councilman Joshua Michtom

SUBSTITUTE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 280 MOTOR VEHICLE POLICY OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD MUNICIPAL CODE

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF HARTFORD
AUGUST 10, 2020

Be it ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

That Chapter 2, Article XVIII, Section 2-860 of the Municipal Code of Hartford shall be amended as follow:

The following ordinance is modified by the addition of underline material.

Sec. 2-860. - [Motor vehicles policy.]

(A) Use of City Vehicles. It shall be the policy of the City of Hartford that motor vehicles will be provided to only the following City employees on a twenty-four-hour basis, but only if such vehicles are equipped with a global positioning system as detailed in paragraph (D), below. None of the City employees listed below shall be provided with a motor vehicle unless such vehicle is equipped as required by this Section:

- Mayor of the City of Hartford.
- Police Chief of the City of Hartford Police Department.
- Fire Chief of the City of Hartford Fire Department.

(B) No City of Hartford employee shall be provided a motor vehicle of any kind on a twenty-four (24) hour basis unless the Court of Common Council specifically authorizes the use of the motor vehicle in a resolution solely for the purpose of granting authorization for twenty-four (24) hour usage.

(C) The City of Hartford shall determine the taxable benefit of the use of a motor vehicle owned by the City and shall report said benefit to the appropriate state and federal authorities. The City of Hartford's determination of the taxable benefit shall be a matter of public record.

(D) Aside from providing City services and conducting City business, City vehicles may be used for commuting and de minimis personal errands during workdays only while traveling between work and home, pursuant to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations.

(E) Every vehicle owned by the City of Hartford shall be equipped with a global positioning system with the capabilities to identify the location of any vehicle and to determine its mileage usage.

(F) Whenever any of the City employees listed above is operating or traveling in a motor vehicle provided on a twenty-four-hour basis and such vehicle is involved in any accident resulting in property damage, including damage to that vehicle, or injury, including injury to occupants of that vehicle, the City employee to whom that vehicle was provided shall, if the incident occurred outside Hartford, report the incident immediately to the local police of the town where the incident occurred, or to the State Police, or to such other law enforcement agency as has jurisdiction in that place, or, if the incident occurred in Hartford, report the incident to the State Police, so an independent investigation can be completed.

(G) Within seven days of the incident described in (E) above, the City employee to whom the vehicle was provided shall notify the Mayor, the Chief Operating Officer, and all members of the Court of Common Council of the incident, via email, including the following information:

- The time, date, and location of the incident;
- The names of everyone who was in the vehicle at the time of the incident;
- Whether anyone was injured and if so, the names of the injured parties and the nature of their injuries, inasmuch as that information is known;
- Whether property was damaged and if so, the names of the property owners and the nature of the damage, inasmuch as that information is known;
- A brief description of the incident;
- The case number or similar record number assigned to the incident by the law enforcement agency that investigated as provided above, or, if the law enforcement agency contacted declined to investigate, the name of the agency and the representative of that agency who indicated to the City employee that there would be no investigation;
- Any documents generated by the responding law enforcement agency with regard to the incident;
- If any criminal charges resulted from the incident, either against the City employee or any other person, the nature of those charges;
- Such other information and / or documents as the City employee deems relevant to explain and detail the incident.

The City employee shall be under a continuing obligation to provide further information concerning the incident to the parties listed above, as soon as that information becomes available.

(H) No vehicle provided to a City employee on a twenty-four-hour basis shall be used for any personal trip to any location more than fifty miles outside the City of Hartford without prior consent of the Mayor or the Chief Operating Officer and prior notice to the Court of Common Council.

(I) Failure to comply with any of the requirements of paragraphs (E) – (G) shall result in the forfeiture of the use of the City vehicle for one year. Such failure of compliance shall be determined by a vote of the majority of the Court of Common Council.

Agenda Item #35

INTRODUCED BY:
COUNCILMAN JOSH MIGHTOM
COUNCILWOMAN WILDALIZ BERMUDEZ

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, July 13, 2020

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE MAYOR TO SUSPEND THE POLICE CHIEF FROM ALL DUTIES AND RELIEVE HIM OF HIS WEAPON AND HIS CITY-ISSUED VEHICLE

WHEREAS, the Police Chief of the City of Hartford, Jason Thody, was involved in a motor vehicle accident on May 31, 2020, in or near the town of Haddam, CT; and

WHEREAS, another motorist witnessed Chief Thody driving erratically and called 911 to report that he believed the operator of the Chief's City-issued vehicle, which the witness identified to a 911 operator by its license plate number, was intoxicated; and

WHEREAS, the recording of the 911 call was made public by the Connecticut State Police on July 7, 2020 (at <https://www.cspnews.org/post/5-31-incident-in-haddam>), and that recording detailed the witness's observations, including that the Chief's vehicle struck a guardrail at approximately 60 miles per hour and did not stop; that the Chief's vehicle was being operated dangerously and that the operator was "all over the road" and appeared unable to stay between the lines on the roadway; that the Chief's vehicle nearly struck two motorcyclists; and that the Chief's vehicle was traveling fast enough that the 911 caller, who was following at 65 miles per hour, could not keep up, on a rural highway where the speed limit was 45 or 50 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Chief's behavior while driving on that date, if it was as described by the 911 caller, was dangerous and reckless; and

WHEREAS, the Chief's behavior, if it was as described by the 911 caller, raises serious concerns about his judgment; and

WHEREAS, the publication of the 911 call placed the City of Hartford on notice of the likelihood that one of its employees, to wit, Police Chief Thody, had operated a City-issued vehicle in a dangerous and reckless manner, and such notice could subject the City to liability if the City were to take no preventive action and Thody were to again drive recklessly and cause damage or injury to a third party; and

WHEREAS, the Chief's behavior, if it was as described by the 911 caller, raises serious concerns about his fitness to serve as the City's head law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Independent Audit Commission of the City of Hartford is currently investigating this incident and will hold a hearing on the incident later this month; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Court of Common Council calls upon the Mayor to suspend Police Chief Jason Thody from all job duties and relieve him of his City-issued weapon and City-issued vehicle until such time as the Independent

Audit Commission completes its investigation and the Mayor or the Court of Common Council can take the appropriate action in response to the findings of that investigation.



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

Agenda Item #36

August 10, 2020

Honorable, Maly D. Rosado Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Martin Luther King School – Project No. 064-0310RNV

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance reconciling the budget for the Martin Luther King School Project No. 064-0310 RNV (the project) with the current scope and anticipated costs. The ordinance authorizes an additional \$3,462,345 for the project, reflecting a total revised project cost of \$111,462,345.

As you may know, the State of Connecticut has approved a 95% reimbursement rate for eligible costs for this project. The State of Connecticut, through the Office of School Construction Grants & Review, has authorized the increase and the Board of Education has requested that an appropriation ordinance be adopted to reflect the additional funding.

City staff and staff at the Board of Education are available at your convenience to provide additional information and answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin", is written over a horizontal line.

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

Introduced by: Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

AN ORDINANCE MAKING GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO REFLECT PROJECT COSTS RELATIVE TO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MARTIN LUTHER KING SCHOOL

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,
CITY OF HARTFORD

August 10, 2020

Be It Ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford that:

Section 1. As authorized by the State of Connecticut, the sum of \$3,462,345.00 is hereby appropriated by the City of Hartford, Connecticut (the "City") in the General Fund in support of public improvements in the Martin Luther King School Project No. 064-0310 RNV (the "Project"), which additional sum will increase the project costs in the Project to be \$111,462,345.00.

Section 2. The estimated useful life of the Project is not less than twenty years. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$111,462,345.00. The cost of the Project is expected to be defrayed from State and Federal grants for a full renovation at 95% reimbursement rate.

Section 3. The balance of any appropriation not needed to meet the cost of the Project authorized hereby may be transferred by resolution of the Court of Common Council to meet the actual cost of any other capital project of the City (including the Project authorized hereby and capital projects authorized by prior or future capital ordinances) for which an appropriation has been adopted; provided that the aggregate amount of the appropriation authorized pursuant to such transfer shall not be increased.

Section 4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to spend a sum not to exceed the aforesaid appropriation for the purposes set forth herein, and the Mayor is specifically authorized to make, execute and deliver any contract or contracts, and any other documents necessary or convenient to complete the Project authorized herein and the financing thereof.

Section 5. The Mayor and City Treasurer, in the name of the City, are hereby authorized to, and if any such action shall heretofore have been taken, such action is hereby ratified and confirmed, (a) publish such notices, hold such hearings, make such representations and agreements, and take such other actions as shall be necessary, (b) make, execute and deliver all such additional and supplemental documents, (c) appoint any other consultants or professionals as required and (d) do and perform such acts and take such actions as may be necessary or required for the consummation of the transactions provided for and contemplated by this ordinance.

Section 6. The Mayor is authorized in the name and on behalf of the City to apply for and accept any and all Federal and State grants-in-aid for the Project and is further authorized to expend said funds in accordance with the terms hereof and in connection therewith to contract in the name of the City with engineers, contractors and others.

Leigh Ann Rawls, Director of Finance
ATTEST:

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

Noel F. McGregor, Town & City Clerk

Agenda Item #37

RESOLUTION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY IN HARTFORD

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford, formerly known as, Saukiog, has a long and rich history full of Indigenous Culture, and

WHEREAS, many residents of Hartford identify as partially or fully Indigenous peoples, and should have a day for their ancestry to be celebrated and learned about, as they are the original peoples of this land, and

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford would not have its history without that of the Indigenous peoples of the land, and

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford, on June 29, 2020, removed the long standing Christopher Columbus statue, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Hartford stated, "Even during his own life and by the standards of his own time, Columbus was known and punished for his extraordinary tyranny and brutality, and there are better ways and more worthy heroes to honor the proud heritage and legacy of our Italian American community."; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that those now living on these ancestral lands, recognize that harm was done and acknowledge that we have a shared responsibility to forge a path forward to address the past and continuing harm done to the Indigenous people and the land, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the pursuit of shared responsibility and of promoting knowledge about Indigenous Peoples, unifying communities, combating prejudice and eliminating discrimination against Indigenous Peoples, the City of Hartford does hereby resolve the second Monday in October of each year to be Indigenous Peoples' Day, and be it further

RESOLVED, that on the second Monday in October of each year the City of Hartford will support events that encourage understanding and appreciation of Indigenous Peoples, their traditions, culture and our shared history in these ancestral lands known as Hartford, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of Hartford will work together in partnership with historians, Native Americans and the Board of Education to ensure that all Hartford residents, government officials, businesses and schools educate and reflect on the historical and cultural significance that indigenous people have on this country and this city as the original peoples of this land, and be it further

RESOLVED, that none of the above changes shall affect the status of the second Monday of October of each year as a publicly recognized holiday that should be observed and respected by employers, educational institutions or otherwise.

Agenda Item #38

INTRODUCED BY:
Majority Leader T.J. Clarke II
Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, August 10, 2020

WHEREAS, Dr. Frank T. Simpson was born in Florence, Alabama. After graduating from Tougaloo College in Mississippi, he came to Hartford in 1929. Dr. Simpson is also a deceased member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Beta Sigma Lambda Chapter of Greater Hartford founded in 1940. He began his civil rights activities in Hartford as a social worker for the Independent Social Worker, a North Hartford agency; and

WHEREAS, In 1944 he was the first paid employee of the fledgling state Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. For fifteen years, he served as Executive Director of the commission, the first state civil rights commission in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Among his accomplishments were the opening of an astronomical construction union for African American workers and the hiring of the first African American saleswomen by downtown Hartford department stores; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Simpson traveled widely throughout the country, advocating desegregation as a consultant to state governments and educational institutions. In 1960 he became an executive assistant to the state welfare commissioner. In 1959 the United Negro College Fund gave him its meritorious service award in recognition of his efforts on behalf of higher education for African Americans as the chairman of the fund. In 1966 he was the first African American to receive an extraordinary citation of merit from the Hartford Seminary Foundation Alumni Association. He was also honored by the Lions Club of Hartford, the Prince Hall Masonic Chapter of New England; and

WHEREAS, For over 20 years, the Dr. Frank T. Simpson scholarship through the Beta Sigma Lambda Educational Foundation Inc. has given over \$75,000 in scholarship to Greater Hartford high school seniors attending college in the Fall. These young adults have distinguished themselves through their passionate commitment to their communities and in their high schools. Dr. Frank T. Simpson scholarship mission supports African American students in their pursuits of higher education, enabling them to attain their fullest potential as individuals, enjoy rewarding and fulfilling lives, and contribute to global peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, In honor of his legacy, Hartford has jointly named Dr. Frank T. Simpson-Waverly Elementary School after him and another long-time neighborhood resident and the first employee of Connecticut's first civil rights agency. The school is located in Northeast Hartford; and

WHEREAS, The Dr. Frank T. Simpson House is a historic house at 27 Keney Terrace in Hartford, Connecticut. Built-in 1913, it is an excellent local example of Tudor Revival and was the home of Frank T. Simpson, a leading figure in Connecticut's civil rights movement of the mid-20th century; now be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council remove the name of Columbus Boulevard and rename it Dr. Frank T. Simpson Boulevard, named after one of Hartford's historic civil rights champions.

Agenda Item #39

INTRODUCED BY:

Council Majority Leader T.J. Clarke
Councilman Nick Lebron
Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti
Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez
Councilman John Gale

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, Residents of or employees in the City of Hartford and the State of Connecticut can face discrimination: which is the denial of employment and educational opportunities, because of hair texture or protective hairstyles including braids, locks, twists or bantu knots; and

WHEREAS, Throughout United States history, society has used (in conjunction with skin color) hair texture and hairstyles to classify individuals on the basis of race; and

WHEREAS, Like one's skin color, one's hair has served as a basis of race and national origin discrimination; and
WHEREAS, Racial and national origin discrimination can and do occur because of longstanding racial and national origin biases and stereotypes associated with hair texture and style; and

WHEREAS, Routinely, people of African descent can be deprived of educational and employment opportunities because they are adorned with natural or protective hairstyles in which hair is tightly coiled or tightly curled, or worn in locs/locks, cornrows, twists, braids, Bantu knots; and we have developed a growing awareness in the importance of not discriminating against and encouraging the growth of natural hair; and

WHEREAS, Racial and national origin discrimination is reflected in school and workplace policies and practices that bar natural or protective hairstyles commonly worn by people of African descent; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who have hair texture or wear a hairstyle that is historically and contemporarily associated with African Americans or persons of African descent, systematically suffer harmful discrimination in schools, workplaces, and other contexts based upon longstanding race and national origin stereotypes and biases; and as a society we are working to dismantle negative stereotypes; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford calls on the Governor and Legislature of the State of Connecticut to enact, by executive order and/or legislation, provisions to protect the ability of all Hartford residents to have equal access and opportunities in education and employment by adoption the following measures:

1. To prohibit discrimination on the basis of ethnic hairstyles historically associated with race, by adopting what is commonly referred to as the CROWN Act.
2. To prohibit discrimination based on a person's hair texture or hairstyle if that style or texture is commonly associated with a particular race or national origin.

3. Stipulate that a person shall have equal rights and shall not be subjected to prohibited practices based on their hair texture or style.
4. Mandate that schools, places of work, and other established institutions do not implement grooming requirements which explicitly and disproportionately impact people of African descent based on hair texture and style.

Agenda Item #40

INTRODUCED BY:

T.J. Clarke II, Majority Leader
Shirley A. Surgeon, Councilwoman
Maly D. Rosado, Council President
Marilyn Rossetti, Councilwoman
Nick Lebron, Councilman
Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilwoman
John Q. Gale, Councilman

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, Congressman John Robert Lewis was a civil rights leader who served 17 terms in the United States House of Representatives, representing the 5th Congressional District in Georgia from January 1987 until his death in July 2020; and

WHEREAS, Congressman John Lewis was considered as one of the “Big Six” leaders of groups who were instrumental in organizing the monumental 1963 March on Washington; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Lewis was among the 13 original Freedom Fighters who challenged segregated interstate travel in the south in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Lewis was the former chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) from 1963 to 1966; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Lewis became nationally known during his prominent role in the Selma to Montgomery march for voting rights; and

WHEREAS, On March 7, 1965, a day that is now referred to as “Bloody Sunday”, Congressman Lewis led a group of students and other activist and marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, AL; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Lewis continued to be a leader in the modern day Civil Rights Movement while serving in Congress which led to him being awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack H. Obama in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Lewis was referred to as the “Conscience of Congress” by his fellow colleagues. He was also a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and was inducted into the Distinguished Service Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Lewis leaves a legacy in our state and country to cherish which we are left by one of his remarkable commencement speeches, “Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble”; now, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council superimpose the name of Congressman John R. Lewis on Elm Street and Trinity Street to be displayed as Congressman John R. Lewis Way.

Agenda Item #41

INTRODUCED BY:

Maly D. Rosado, Council President
Thomas Clarke II, Majority Leader
Councilman James Sanchez
Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon
Councilman Nick Lebron
Councilman John Gale

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, Jack Phelan passed away on Monday, July 20th, 2020 at the age of sixty-six; and

WHEREAS, Phelan coached at the University of Hartford from 1981-1992, helping the program transition from Division II to Division I. He compiled an overall record of 128-181 and was inducted into the school's athletic Hall of Fame in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Coach Phelan was a pillar in the community, who not only gave back to his home city through his love and passion for basketball, but was also a role model for many of Hartford's youth; and

WHEREAS, Coach Phelan mentored thousands of kids as a coach and athletic director consistently serving as a resource for families both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, Due to the important role Coach Jack Phelan had in the City of Hartford a request by Representative Matt Ritter, and community leaders, is being made to rename the basketball court located at Elizabeth Park after Coach Jack Phelan; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the basketball court located at Elizabeth Park, in Hartford, hereby be named "Coach Jack Phelan Court" in memory of Coach Phelan's legacy.

Agenda Item #42

INTRODUCED BY:
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez
Councilman Josh Michtom

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 14th, 2020

RESOLUTION FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESSIBILITY IN CITY ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford values civic engagement, transparency, and accessibility for all residents, and

WHEREAS, the Hartford Court of Common Council seeks input from the full Hartford community, regardless of educational background, cognitive ability, or age, on matters affecting their own neighborhoods and communities, and

WHEREAS, the Hartford Court of Common Council considers it a duty to present information to the public in an understandable way, to promote civic engagement and investment in city government, and

WHEREAS, the Hartford Court of Common Council has received constituents requests during public comment calling for an increase in clarity regarding council agenda items; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that any proposed ordinance submitted to the Town Clerk's office by a member of the Court of Common Council or by the Mayor include a brief, 2-3 sentence statement on what the ordinance seeks to do, written, to the extent possible, in easily digestible terms and understandable language, and be it further

RESOLVED, that any proposed City of Hartford Ordinance, have a "Frequently Asked Questions" document attached to it, following a public hearing, based on the questions asked during said hearing, which would include answers by the proponents of the Ordinance, prior to a final Council vote for action.