



**ACTIONS**  
**MEETING OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
**October 13, 2020**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ACTION TAKEN**

**(1) MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution to accept a 2020 COPS Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$2,391,351 over a three-year period

**REFERRED TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**(2) MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution for the procurement of mailing, folding, and inserting equipment through our current vendor, Pitney Bowes, and will save the City an estimated \$11,601.60 over five years.

**REFERRED TO THE OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET & GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**

**(3) MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution allowing the conveyance of an easement in the South Branch Park River Corridor for the purpose of maintaining an existing multi-use path and constructing an extension to this multi-use path.

**HEARING DATE – OCTOBER 19, 2020**

**REFERRED TO THE PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**REPORTS**

**(4) HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$65,000 in funding for the City of Hartford, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Dial-A-Ride Program (DAR) from the North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA). (Item #6 on 09.28.2020 AGENDA)

**CONSENT**

**(5) HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$31,500 in Title III-D funding for the City of Hartford, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Keep on Living Program (KOL) from the North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA). (Item #5 on 09.28.2020 AGENDA)

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**(6) HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution** authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$60,000 in funding for the City of Hartford, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) HEART & Home Help Program (HHP) from the North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA). (Item # 2 on 09.28.2020 AGENDA)

**CONSENT**

**(7) HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution on the update of 1.4 million designation for the fight against Covid-19.

**RECEIVED**

**FOR ACTION**

(8) Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Appointments of Departments Heads Requirements, Section 850 Residency requirements of the Municipal Code.

**POSTPONE**

(9) Ordinance Amending Article V, Division 5, Section 2-196 of the Hartford Municipal Code.

**HEARING DATE – OCTOBER 19, 2020**

**POSTPONE**

(10) Substitute Ordinance amending chapters 2, Article XVIII, Section 2-860 Motor Vehicle Policy of the Hartford Municipal Code.

**POSTPONE**

**RESOLUTIONS**

(11) **COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) (COUNCILMAN MIGHTOM)** 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 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, that any written testimony submitted to the Court of Common council by community members and organizations should be made publicly available on the city website.

**REFERRED TO THE OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET & GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**

(12) **COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) (COUNCILMAN MIGHTOM)** Resolution requesting changes to Section VIII of the Council Rules & Section VI of the Council Rules.

**Fail (7-2)**

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

**Agenda Item #1**

October 13, 2020

Maly D. Rosado, Council President

Members of the Court of Common Council

City of Hartford

550 Main Street

Hartford, CT 06103

**RE: FY 2020 COPS Hiring Program Grant**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution to accept a 2020 COPS Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$2,391,351 over a three-year period. This resolution formally accepts the grant, which was included in the Police Department's budget adopted by the City Council, and it will support ten members of the police class planned for the Adopted Budget.

The Office of Central Grants Administration or the Police Department are happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name of the official submitting the letter.

Luke A. Bronin

Mayor

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

City of Hartford October 13, 2020

**WHEREAS**, The United States Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office awards grants to municipalities for hiring new police officers, and

**WHEREAS**, this grant will fund 10 officers for full pay and benefits for three years, and

**WHEREAS**, the only obligations that the City will incur is that it maintains the employment of those ten officers for one additional year after the three year grant funded period, and

**RESOLVED**, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to accept a grant for \$2,391,351 from The United States Department of Justice COPS Office 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 #2

October 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: Contract with Pitney Bowes for Mailing Equipment**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution for the procurement of mailing, folding, and inserting equipment through our current vendor, Pitney Bowes, and will save the City an estimated \$11,601.60 over five years.

This resolution would allow the City to enter into a public cooperative agreement that is offered through the State of Connecticut. The City would retain the ability to cancel the agreement upon relatively short notice, and the new equipment will be provided and maintained by Pitney Bowes at no additional cost to the City.

The Finance Department 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 October 13, 2020

**WHEREAS,** the City of Hartford (the “City”) has been engaging Pitney Bowes, Inc. (the “Vendor”) to provide to the City mailing, folding and inserting equipment (the “Equipment”) to support City operations under a year-to-year arrangement, which arrangement, as determined by the City’s Purchasing Agent (the “Purchasing Agent”), has created increased costs for the City; and

**WHEREAS,** the Purchasing Agent now proposes that the current arrangement with the Vendor be changed by having the City participate in a public cooperative agreement that is offered through the State of Connecticut (the “Agreement”) that will include, without limitation, the following: a term of sixty (60) months; the City’s ability to cancel the Agreement for convenience upon relatively short notice; and new Equipment that will be provided by the Vendor to the City and supported and maintained by the Vendor, all of the foregoing being at no additional cost to the City; and

**WHEREAS,** the Purchasing Agent estimates that the Agreement will cost \$17,621.40, (excluding postage) per year and, by comparison to the current arrangement, will save the City \$2,320.32 per year (\$11,601.60 in the aggregate); and

**WHEREAS,** entering into the Agreement with the Vendor has been deemed by the City’s Finance Department, Procurement Division and Office of the Corporation Counsel to be acceptable and appropriate under any and all applicable City laws.

**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 acceptable to the City’s Finance Department, Procurement Division and Office of the Corporation Counsel, acting in the best interests of the City; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any other documents and to take such other actions, upon and subject to such terms and conditions that 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 effectuate and/or further the above transaction(s); 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 or his designee fail to execute and deliver the aforementioned agreements or other documents, or fail 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 or his designee executing and delivering such agreements and documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor or his designee and the Office of the Corporation Counsel.

### **Agenda Item #3**

October 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: South Branch Park River Multi-Use Path, Conveyance of Property**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution allowing the conveyance of an easement in the South Branch Park River Corridor for the purpose of maintaining an existing multi-use path and constructing an extension to this multi-use path. This easement is to be conveyed by the Housing Authority of the City of Hartford to the City of Hartford.

The initial paved path was completed in 2009 and it extends from Flatbush Avenue to Nilan Street, parallel to the South Branch Park River. The extension of the trail, from Nilan Street to Newfield Avenue, is funded with a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection. Over the past three years, staff has met with neighborhood residents and the Behind the Rocks/Southwest NRZ to confirm their continued interest in this trail. The trail has been endorsed in City plans, including the Capital Parks Plan, the Bicycle Plan, and the Plan of Conservation and Development.

On March 13, 2019 the Council approved the grant that will fund the design and construction of the trail extension.

The Department of Development Services 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', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Luke A. Bronin

Mayor



**INTRODUCED BY:  
COUNCIL**

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor  
2020

**COURT OF COMMON**

City of Hartford, October 13,

**WHEREAS,** The State Bond Commission has awarded the City of Hartford a grant of \$1,000,000 which is being administered by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), which will be used to design and construct a multi-use trail from Nilan Street to Newfield Avenue, in the South branch River corridor; and

**WHEREAS,** The South Branch Park River Multi-Use Trail has been endorsed in City plans including the Capital Parks Plan, the Bicycle Plan, and the Plan of Conservation and Development; and

**WHEREAS,** The first section of the South Branch Park River Multi-Use Trail was completed in 2009 from Flatbush Avenue to Nilan Street; and

**WHEREAS,** The completed section of the South Branch Park River Multi-Use Trail was built on property owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Hartford (HACH) to the east and south of the South Branch of the Park River; and

**WHEREAS,** The extension of the South Branch Park River Multi-Use Trail from Nilan Street to Newfield Avenue will be located in part on HACH property that is east and south of the South Branch of the Park River; and

**WHEREAS,** When the South Branch Park River Multi-Use Trail section from Flatbush Avenue to Nilan Street was built, no property rights were conveyed to the City of Hartford; and

**WHEREAS,** prior to construction of the section of the South Branch Park River Multi-Use Trail from Nilan Street to Newfield Avenue, the City must have property rights for all segments of the trail; and

**WHEREAS,** The HACH continues to support the transfer of the needed property right of an easement to the City of Hartford; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept the conveyance of an easement, across the HACH property east and south of the South Branch of the Park River from the Housing Authority of the City of Hartford; and be it further

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## **Health and Human Services Committee Members**

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**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 the above referenced property rights; 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 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 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**



Nick Lebron, Councilman  
Joshua Michtom, Councilman  
Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilwoman  
James Sánchez, Councilman  
Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman

Noel F. McGregor, Jr, Town and City Clerk

## **Health and Human Services Committee Members**

**Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**6:00 PM Streamed Live for Comcast/Xfinity Customers and via Facebook Live**

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

# Court of Common Council

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## Health and Human Services Committee Members

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The Health & Human Services Committee of the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford met virtually on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6pm (Streamed Live for Cocast/Xfinity Customers and Facebook Live).

Attendance: Councilman Nick Lebron, Committee Chair, Councilman TJ Clarke, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, HHS Director Liany Arroyo, Corporation Counsel Demar Osbourne.

3. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$65,000 in funding for the City of Hartford, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Dial-A-Ride Program (DAR) from the North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA). (Item #6 on 09.28.2020 AGENDA)

Discussion:

Director Arroyo stated:

- Provide transportation to Doctors appointment and grocery stores. Using Dial-a-Ride to distribute meals to seniors throughout the week.

Motioned by Councilman Thomas J. Clarke,

Seconded by Councilman John Q. Gale.

Approved – Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Lebron

Chair of Health & Human Service Committee

## Agenda Item #5



M... Council President  
T... Majority Leader  
W... Councilwoman  
John... Councilman

Nick Lebron, Councilman  
Joshua Michtom, Councilman  
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Discussion:

Director Arroyo stated:

- Programs provided through north-end senior center for blood pressure checks and have events to serve meals, covid-19 testing, information of services. About 100 seniors have attended each event.

Motioned by Councilman Thomas J. Clarke,  
Seconded by Councilman John Q. Gale.  
Approved – Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Lebron  
Chair of Health & Human Service Committee



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### **Agenda Item #6**

Maly D. Rosado, Council President  
Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader  
Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman  
John Q. Gale, Councilman

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1. Call To Order 2. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$60,000 in funding for the City of Hartford, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) HEART & Home Help Program (HHP) from the North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA). (Item # 2 on 09.28.2020 AGENDA)

#### Discussion

Director Arroyo stated:

- Grants are for the senior population, for new and existing programs. Serve about 75-90 folks a year to #1. Referrals come from different senior centers.

Motioned by Councilman Thomas J. Clarke,  
Seconded by Councilman John Q. Gale.  
Approved – Unanimously

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Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Lebron  
Chair of Health & Human Service Committee

## **Agenda Item #7**

Maly D. Rosado, Council President  
TJ Clarke II, Majority Leader  
Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilwoman  
John Q. Gale, Councilman



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#### 4. New Business

\$1.4 Million Designated for COVID relief

Director Arroyo stated:

- 3 non-profit organizations were chosen to administer service, Hartford Communities that Care, Family Life Education, Hispanic Health Council.
- 849k to hire 20 employees for outreach, 198k to do work around flu vaccine,
- 400k from CDC for FQHC, Media Outreach, COVID testing and PPE for school nurses.
- Regional distribution of service include Bloomfield and East Hartford, as well as Hartford.
- (5) \$15,000 still to be awarded to non profits to provide 6 months of COVID outreach

Item was seen by council and voted on favorable, therefore no vote was taken on this item.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Lebron  
Chair of Health & Human Service Committee

**Agenda Item #8**

Introduced  
by:

Mayor Luke A. Bronin

HEADING  
AND  
PURPOSE

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

COUNCIL,

COURT OF COMMON  
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.



**Agenda Item #9**

Introduced by:

Mayor Bronin

HEADING  
AND  
PURPOSE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V, DIVISION 5, SECTION 2-196 OF  
THE HARTFORD MUNICIPAL CODE

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,  
CITY OF HARTFORD

October 13th, 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. In nominating members of the CPRB, the mayor shall give substantial weight to nominees recommended (a) by a majority

of members of the Court of Common Council or (b) through any community recommendation process jointly established by the Mayor and the Court of Common Council by Resolution passed by Council and approved by the Mayor. For any vacancy, no fewer than five recommended nominees will be provided to the mayor by the council or through the community recommendation process. If the mayor has been provided with five recommended nominees and does not select a nominee from that list, the mayor shall provide a public justification for such decision.

[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] a current, former, or retired officer of the Hartford Police Department or any other law enforcement agency 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 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] attend meetings of the civilian police review board, as requested by the board. The Hartford Police Department shall timely provide information as to police policies, training and procedures upon request by the Board, except as otherwise required by law or to the extent that disclosure could compromise public safety. 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 or by a two-thirds vote of the city council. 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 and staff of the civilian police review board shall undergo training in the policies, procedures and directives of the Police Department relevant to their duties, including training relating to racial profiling. 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) Racial profiling and/or 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 be a City resident and 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. All meeting minutes shall be posted to the City's website and also made available to the public at the Office of the Town and City Clerk.
- (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. All meeting minutes shall be posted to the City's website and also made available to the public at the Office of the Town and City Clerk.

- (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. Upon request by the chair of the civilian police review board, any proposed action by the Chief that adopts findings

and determinations that differ from the findings and determinations of the civilian police review board shall be the subject of review by an independent arbitrator, 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.

(12) Upon request for review by an independent arbitrator, the chair of the civilian police review board, or designee, and the chief of police, or designee, shall present to the independent arbitrator their respective findings and recommendations. The independent arbitrator, after reviewing all the facts, reports, findings and presentations, shall render a decision that either upholds the findings of the chief of police or upholds the findings of the civilian police review board. The decision of the arbitrator shall be reduced to writing and shall become a public document. The decision by the arbitrator shall be final, and the Chief of Police shall proceed in conformance therewith.

(ii) The independent arbitrator must be a retired state or federal judge, including a state referee, or a retired judge of probate. Such independent arbitrator 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 arbiters 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, or a retired judge of probate.

(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 and city council 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 and identity of police officer(s) complained against and the number and identity 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 identity of police officers with either (a) more than two complaints in any twelve-month span or (b) more than five total complaints during the previous ten years.

(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. This annual report shall be posted to the City's website and also made available to the public at the Office of the Town and City Clerk.

(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 and . 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 thin the selection of the Inspector General there shall be a preference for candidates with formal legal training. e 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)

**INTRODUCED BY:**  
COUNCILMAN JOSH MIGHTOM  
COUNCILWOMAN WILDALIZ BERMUDEZ

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

**Agenda Item #10**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING HARTFORD ORDINANCE SECTION 2-860 [MOTOR VEHICLES POLICY]**

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford provides three City employees, the Mayor, the Police Chief, and the Fire Chief, with City vehicles for twenty-four-hour use; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of all residents that any accidents involving City vehicles and the damage or injuries resulting therefrom be properly investigated; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City that City vehicles be used safely and appropriately; and

WHEREAS, the Court of Common Council enacted an ordinance governing City vehicles, Sec. 2 – 860, in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Operating Officer of the City indicated in an email to the Court of Common Council on June 29, 2020, that the City was not fully in compliance with that ordinance, inasmuch as the City vehicle provided to the Police Chief was not equipped with a global positioning system; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bronin promulgated Policy 014, concerning “Take Home Vehicles for Overnight Use,” on February 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, that Policy requires City employees to report all collisions involving City-issued vehicles to State or local police and limits use of such vehicles to work trips, local errands during the work day, and trips between home and work; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief was involved on May 31, 2020, in an accident resulting in damage to the City-provided vehicle he was operating, which accident was not reported to State Police or local law enforcement when it occurred, nor timely investigated by an independent authority, nor reported to the Court of Common Council until June 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief was in violation of Policy 014 at the time of the May 31 accident, inasmuch as he was on personal business not between his home and his work on a day when he had not been working, and he did not report his accident to local or State police;

THEREFORE, be it hereby enacted that the above-mentioned ordinance shall be amended as provided herein.

**Agenda Item #11**

**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 written testimony submitted to the Court of Common council by community members and organizations should be made publicly available on the city website, 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.

**Agenda Item #12**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez

City of Hartford, October 6, 2020

Councilman Josh Michtom

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND COUNCIL RULES**

**WHEREAS** the Revised Rules of the Court of Common Council, adopted at the beginning of this year, already provide that no member may speak for more than six minutes on any motion, nor any member speak in rebuttal for more than two minutes; and

**WHEREAS** the Court of Common Council represents all the people of Hartford and is their voice in the City's governance; and

**WHEREAS** the people of Hartford are entitled to robust, public debate in which all the members of the Court of Common Council have a full opportunity make clear the reasoning behind their votes and the other actions they take as members of this body; Therefore, be it hereby

**RESOLVED** that Section VI of the Council Rules be amended with the addition of the language that follows in italics, such that the following sentence be added after the first sentence in that section: "The Presiding Officer shall endeavor to give the floor to the members for debate in the order that the members indicated to the Presiding Officer that they wished to be heard." And be it further;

**RESOLVED** that Section VIII of the Council Rules be amended with the addition of the language that follows in italics, such that the first sentence of that Section shall read, in its entirety, "When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except a motion to adjourn, to table, to call the previous question, to postpone to a day certain or indefinitely, to commit or to amend, provided that no such motion may be heard until every member who wishes to speak on the question under debate has had the opportunity to speak for the full time allowed by these rules, or has waived such opportunity."