

CITY OF HARTFORD

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL



VIRTUAL

COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 12, 2021

AGENDA

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



AGENDA
MEETING OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
APRIL 12, 2021

Approve the Minutes of March 22, 2021 & Special Meeting April 5, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS

1. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to execute the terms of a Tax Lien sale at 20 Sargeant Street with 20 Sargent Street, LLC, owned by Max Kothari.
2. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Fifteen-Year Tax Fixing Agreement with Spinnaker Real Estate Partners, LLC of 1 North Water Street, Norwalk, CT.
3. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution that will authorize and empower the City to amend an agreement between the City and Diligent, at the request of the Clerk's office, to run for a term of three years instead of one year.
4. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to accept a grant of \$300,000 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for COVID-19 vaccine education and outreach throughout the City of Hartford.
5. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to spend \$100,000 from the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2021 for the Hartford Universal Representation Program.
6. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to waive buildings, permits, and related fees on a major public housing renovation being undertaken by the Housing Authority of the City of Hartford (HACH) at five locations: Mary Sheppard Place; 275-293 Bellevue St.; 7-21 Sanford St.; 123-125 Martin St., and 31-33 Capen St.
7. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$128,500 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving (HFPG) to fund a portion of Love Hartford, a new initiative that broadens our efforts to give residents and community groups the opportunity to beautify their neighborhoods.
8. **LABOR, EDUCATION, WORKFORCE AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**, Communication to discharge from Committee a resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$30,000 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.
9. **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**, Communication with accompanying annual report submitted on behalf of the Advisory Commission on Food Policy for the City of Hartford. This annual report is mandated by City Ordinance and recounts the activities of the commission for 2020.
10. **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**, Communication concerning a resolution requesting that the Mayor's office to provide more consistent administrative support dedicated to translation services for Hartford's Puerto Rican, Latin, and Hispanic communities.
11. **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**, Communication concerning a resolution requesting that the Mayor of Hartford, the Hartford Health Department, Local Government Officials, State Legislators, and the Capital Region Council Of Government (CRCOG) take the lead and collectively dig out the root causes of homelessness and work systematically to put in place a process for all 169 cities and towns to actively contribute and participate in an issue that affects us all.

12. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, Communication concerning an ordinance Amending Chapter 27–Itinerant Vendors, Street Vendors, and Food Trucks of the Hartford Municipal Code.

13. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, Communication concerning a resolution, requesting that the Court of Common Council calls on representatives from the Hartford Public Library and the Mayor’s Office to provide an update on progress of this taxpayer funded initiative and that the city’s Office of Community Engagement provide a biannual report to the Court of Common Council on its efforts to engage/inform/educate Hartford’s refugee and immigrant families.

FOR ACTION

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

15. Resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$30,000 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

RESOLUTIONS

16. (COUNCILWOMAN BERMÚDEZ) (COUNCILMAN MIGHTOM) Resolution requesting that the Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee of the Court of Common Council take up at its next meeting the question of what recommendations to make, if any, concerning the impending renegotiation of the police union contract labor between the Hartford Police Union (“Union”) and the City of Hartford.

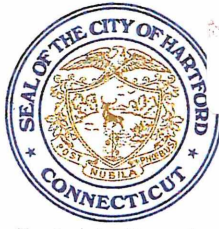
17. (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON) (COUNCILMAN LEBRON) Resolution requesting that the Mayor in preparation of the 2021 annual budget and all appropriate future budgets identify The American Rescue Plan of 2021 and similar legislation as the revenue source of any portion of the budget and identify with the specificity as required by Chapter X, Section 2 of the City Charter how these funds shall be expended.

18. (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON) (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILMAN SÁNCHEZ) (COUNCILMAN GALE) Resolution that the Hartford Court of Common Council sends its congratulations to coach John Gallagher and the entire University of Hartford men’s basketball team for their stellar performance this year and its best wishes for next season.

19. (COUNCILMAN GALE) Resolution requesting that the Court of Common Council invites The iQuilt Partnership and relevant representatives to present the Hartford 400 Highway Improvement Project to the Court of Common Council.

20. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) Resolution requesting that pursuant to the resolution passed on March 22nd by this Council, the initial members will be appointed to serve on the UBI Task Force and will work to develop a pilot program for the City of Hartford over the next several months.

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



**AGENDA ITEM
#1**

**Luke A. Bronin
Mayor**

April 12, 2021

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

RE: 20 Sargeant Street Tax Lien Sale

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to execute the terms of a Tax Lien sale at 20 Sargeant Street with 20 Sargent Street, LLC, owned by Max Kothari.

In December 2019, the City Council approved a previous tax lien sale to Express Kitchens for this property, which included Grand List years 2010 to 2017. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, that deal did not materialize. In early 2021, Mr. Kothari informed the City of his interest to revisit the transaction.

This tax lien resolution is similar to the previous resolution, however it includes Grand List years 2018 and 2019, as well as a requirement that 20 Sargent Street, LLC freezes rents for all existing tenants for one year. The resolution also requires the owner to pay property taxes going forward, beginning with the 2020 Grand List.

As of March 3, 2021, the outstanding tax balance for the subject property was \$2,122,539.39. The City has negotiated an agreement with 20 Sargeant Street, LLC to pay a reduced rate of 40% of the balance for Grand List years 2010 to 2017, and 60% of the balance for Grand List years 2018 to 2019, for a total price of \$906,993.04.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, April 12, 2021

WHEREAS, 20 Sargeant Street, LLC wishes to purchase the outstanding tax liens on the property located at 20 Sargeant Street (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property consists of a 3-story office building, on approximately 3.63 acres with a portion of the property being occupied by a number of commercial tenants; and

WHEREAS, the amount of tax liens on the Property that are outstanding date back to the 2010 Grand List and total 2,122,539.39 including accrued interest as of March 3, 2021, which liens are listed on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Hitesh "Max" Kothari, owner of Express Kitchens Inc., has formed a Single Asset Entity 20 Sargeant Street, LLC that wishes to purchase the tax liens listed on Exhibit A at 40% of the value (as of Closing) of the outstanding liens for tax years 2010-2017; and

WHEREAS, a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic 20 Sargeant Street LLC wishes to purchase the tax liens listed on Exhibit A for the 2018-2019 tax years at 60% of the of the value for a total payment of all tax liens of \$906,993.04; and

WHEREAS, The proposed payment \$906,993.04 would be paid as follows: \$181,398.61 at closing, and the balance in four equal annual installments over a four-year period. The buyer would be required to pay the taxes on the Property going forward commencing with the 2020 Grand List installments; and

WHEREAS, once the tax liens are acquired, 20 Sargeant Street LLC plans to take steps to acquire the Property and subsequently occupy a portion of the vacant space within the building for use by Express Kitchens as a storage facility in support of Express Kitchens operations; and

WHEREAS, Approval of the proposed tax lien sale will result in payments to the City of the portion of the outstanding taxes and will subsequently place the property in the hands of a prospective responsible owner capable of maintaining it and paying taxes going forward; and

WHEREAS, the terms of a proposed Tax Sale agreement have been expressed and documented by both parties as outlined in the attached Letter of Intent (LOI), dated March 24, 2021; and now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby authorizes sale of the 2010-2019 tax liens on 20 Sargeant Street to 20 Sargeant Street, LLC, or to explore other transactions resulting in the payments described herein, resulting in ownership transferring to 20 Sargeant Street LLC, in accordance with the terms herein and described in the executed LOI, dated March 24, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Corporation Counsel and the Mayor shall require the terms of the transaction to prevent the sale for profit of tax liens within five years following the date of the assignment, and that the remedy for the City in either such case is that 20 Sargeant Street LLC shall pay the City the amount of \$1,215,546.35 with interest; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the purchase agreement shall require Landlord, in the spirit of support the community, to extend all tenants lease for one year at the same rental rate with no increases, to be secured by an Affidavit signed by property owner and tenants; and be it further

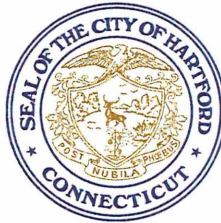
RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of documents and to take such actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to effectuate the above transactions; and be it further

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 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.

Exhibit A.

Grand List Year	Balance Due
2010	\$195,081.58
2011	\$266,489.32
2012	\$272,258.07
2013	\$276,544.72
2014	\$230,574.33
2015	\$209,720.53
2016	\$202,152.68
2017	\$179,831.72
2018	\$157,510.76
2019	\$132,375.68
Total	\$2,122,539.39



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

AGENDA ITEM

#2

April 12, 2021

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

RE: 55 Elm Street Tax Fixing Agreement

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Fifteen-Year Tax Fixing Agreement with Spinnaker Real Estate Partners, LLC of 1 North Water Street, Norwalk, CT.

The subject property consists of two existing buildings, including a seven-story, 135,000 square foot office building and a four-story, 35,000 square foot office building that have been vacant since 2018 and were previously leased by the State of Connecticut. The property is also located within one of the City's 10 transformative project areas, known as Bushnell South. The subject property is currently assessed at approximately \$3.9 Million and generates around \$287,046 in annual real estate taxes.

The developer proposes to subdivide 55 Elm Street into three parcels and as the first phase of the overall Bushnell South Redevelopment Plan, construct 164 housing units and approximately 15,700 square feet of commercial space. The developer is also proposing to convert 70 units to hotel use, should the market conditions allow for that.

The developer is requesting a tax fixing agreement that will fix the assessed value based upon the subdivided value of the parcel during construction, and then fix the tax value over fifteen years based upon gross revenues, with minimum set tax values. At a minimum, this will generate approximately \$5.6 Million in tax payments over the course of the fifteen-year period.

The developer has also agreed to a Community Benefits Agreement consistent with Hartford's Affirmative Action Plan and Living Wage requirements, as well as providing for 20% affordable workforce housing units.

Once subdivided and developed, this project within Bushnell South will increase the City's grand list by approximately \$26 Million. Upon conclusion of the tax agreement, the property is projected to generate approximately \$785,000 in future annual tax payments.

The Department of Development Services is happy to answer any questions regarding this proposed agreement. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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INTRODUCED BY
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, April 12, 2021

WHEREAS, Spinnaker Real Estate Partners, LLC (“Developer”) proposes to adaptively re-use and convert a historic property located at 55 Elm Street (“Project”) into residential apartments and commercial space; and

WHEREAS, The Property consists of two existing buildings including a 7-story, 135,000 square foot office building and a 4 story, 35,000 square foot office building which have been vacant since 2018 and were previously leased by the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, The Project resides within the Capital Region Development Authority District and therefore is defined as a “Capital City Project” under C.G.S. Sec. 32-666a, which authorizes the City to enter into a fifteen (15) year tax fixing agreement so long as the developer meets certain conditions, such as securing at least \$5 Million in Capital Region Development Authority financing; and

WHEREAS, The Developer proposes to substantially renovate the buildings at 55 Elm Street by investing approximately \$63 Million and constructing approximately 164 housing units and 15,700 square feet of commercial space, with the option of converting a block of the housing units into hotel rooms should future economic conditions become favorable for such a use; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development will bring a non-performing property back to productive re-use and will increase the City’s grand list by approximately \$26 million; and

WHEREAS, The proposed tax fixing agreement would fix the assessed value of the Property such that it yields a property tax of approximately \$287,046 during a two-year construction period, and upon completion of the Project will fix the assessments over a fifteen-year period based upon a percentage of gross revenues, with set minimum tax values as stated below:

Years	1- 5	6% gross revenues – minimum \$287,046
Years	6-10	7.5% gross revenues - minimum \$325,000
Years	11-15	9% gross revenues if residential – minimum \$475,000 or 10% gross revenues with hotel units – minimum \$475,000

and;

WHEREAS, The Developer has agreed to enter into a Community Benefits Agreement with the City, where the Developer must meet the requirements of the City of Hartford’s Affirmative Action Plan and Living Wage requirements, make good faith efforts to ensure that thirty percent (30%) of project hours worked are performed by residents of the City of Hartford and fifteen percent (15%) of project hours worked are performed by Minority/Women Business Enterprises (MWBE); and

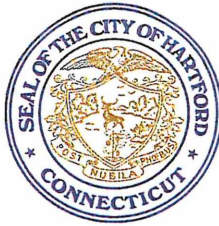
WHEREAS, The Developer has agreed to provide 20% of housing rental units as workforce housing with rents secured at rates between 80% to 120% Area Median Income; and now therefore be it;

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a tax assessment fixing agreement with Spinnaker Real Estate Partners, LLC; upon and subject to the above terms and conditions, an approved term sheet and such other terms and conditions that the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interest of the City, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby further 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 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 tax assessment fixing 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 Mayor executing such tax assessment fixing agreement and documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

AGENDA ITEM

#3

April 12, 2021

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

RE: Amendment of Agreement between the City of Hartford ("City") and Diligent Corporation ("Diligent").

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution that will authorize and empower the City to amend an agreement between the City and Diligent, at the request of the Clerk's office, to run for a term of three years instead of one year.

Under the agreement, which is fully funded by a grant, Diligent is providing the City computer software that creates a public-facing portal through which citizens can be further engaged and have greater access to City business. The amendment extends the time of performance of the agreement and increases the maximum compensation under the agreement.

The Clerk's office is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, April 12, 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford (the “City”) has engaged Diligent Corporation (the “Vendor”) to provide to the City computer software that will enable the City to have a public-facing portal through which citizens can be further engaged and have greater access to City business, under a one-year agreement with a maximum compensation of \$25,000 (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, to take advantage of current pricing that is being offered by the Vendor, and to be able to use a time sensitive grant to fund the Agreement, the City now wishes to amend the Agreement as follows (the “Amendment”): by extending its time of performance from one year to a total of three years; and by increasing the maximum compensation under the Agreement from \$25,000 to \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, entering into the Amendment makes both economic and civic sense and enhances the public’s ability to obtain information about the City’s public agencies.

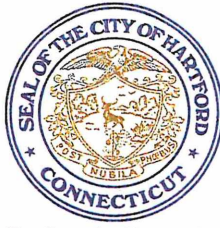
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City of Hartford’s Court of Common Council hereby empowers and authorizes the Mayor to execute and deliver the Amendment, upon and subject to such terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the City’s Procurement Unit and the Office of the Corporation Counsel, both 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 Amendment or the aforementioned 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 the Amendment and the other 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.



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

April 12, 2021

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
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RE: Hartford Foundation for Public Giving – COVID-19 Vaccine Education and Outreach Grant

Dear Council President Rosado;

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to accept a grant of \$300,000 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for COVID-19 vaccine education and outreach throughout the City of Hartford.

This funding, which was successfully applied for by the Department of Health and Human Services, will support ongoing efforts to educate residents who may be reluctant to get vaccinated, reach residents who do not speak English, operate no-barrier vaccine clinics for residents, support the homebound vaccination program, and more.

As our country continues to expand its vaccination effort, our Health Department is working aggressively and creatively to reach communities that have been hardest hit by COVID-19 – including using strategies that are not yet common among other partners.

We respectfully request that the Council accept this grant at its April 12, 2021 meeting given the urgency of the vaccination effort underway. The Department of Health and Human Services is happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, April 12, 2021

WHEREAS, The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving provides resources to organizations throughout the region that serve residents who are disproportionately impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences of the outbreak; and

WHEREAS, The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving's 2021 COVID-19 Respond Fund grant making is focused on proactive investments such as vaccine outreach and distribution, reducing inequities due to lost learning and more; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has been awarded a grant to support education and outreach on the COVID-19 vaccine to implement a multi-pronged strategy to reach BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) populations and those most at risk of acquiring COVID-19; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to accept a grant for \$300,000 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving; and be it further

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 or any immediate extension thereof, 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 or by the parties executing such documents, and taking such action, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Council.



AGENDA ITEM

#5

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

April 12, 2021

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

RE: Hartford Universal Representation Program

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to spend \$100,000 from the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2021 for the Hartford Universal Representation Program.

As you may know, in the adopted budget, use of these funds is contingent upon receipt of matching funds. We have not received matching funds, but we would like to move forward with using these funds to support the legal needs of our immigrant communities. The attached resolution authorizes the City to enter into an agreement with the New Haven Legal Assistance Association to provide free legal services to city residents facing deportation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, April 12, 2021

WHEREAS, The Hartford Universal Representation Program supports Hartford residents facing deportation with legal services, and

WHEREAS, The City has developed a partnership to do this work with the New Haven Legal Assistance Association, which provides high quality legal services to undocumented immigrants living in Connecticut by partnering with community-based organizations, and

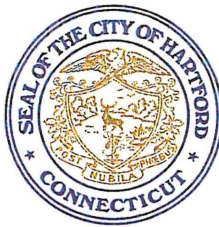
WHEREAS, the City of Hartford intends to allocate \$100,000 from the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 for a Universal Representation Program, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to spend \$100,000 on the Hartford Universal Representation program without any matching 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 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 or by the parties executing such documents, and taking such action, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Council.



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

AGENDA ITEM
#6

April 12, 2021

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

RE: Waiving Fees for Housing Authority Properties

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to waive buildings, permits, and related fees on a major public housing renovation being undertaken by the Housing Authority of the City of Hartford (HACH) at five locations: Mary Sheppard Place; 275-293 Bellevue St.; 7-21 Sanford St.; 123-125 Martin St., and 31-33 Capen St.

This request is consistent with the cooperation agreement waving such fees, which was approved by City Council on December 14, 2020.

The total cost of renovating these 163 units is estimated at \$46 million and hard construction costs are approximately \$17.4 million. Permits and fees for this project are approximately \$537,000. By waiving permits and fees, the HACH will be able to spend that amount on these important renovations.

It is important to note that, as part of the cooperation agreement, the City will receive \$82,500 in new yearly tax revenue that it does not currently receive upon completion of the renovations.

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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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, April 12, 2021

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Hartford (the “Authority”) owns and operates approximately 1,000 units of HUD subsidized low-income public housing in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is in the process of converting and rehabilitating 163 units of public housing located at five residential development sites in close proximity to one another in the North End of the City; and

WHEREAS, the largest of the five properties is commonly known as Mary Shepard Place and the four scattered sites units are located on Bellevue Street, Sanford Street, Martin Street and Capen Street in the City; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of financing the redevelopment of these 163 units is estimated at approximately \$46M, with an estimated tax credit equity of \$17.5M, permanent loan of \$13.3M, and remaining funds from deferred developer fees, a capitalized ground lease, and interim income from operation of the sites during rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is not seeking direct funding from the City or from the State Department of Housing to assist in financing the rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the rehabilitation, the City will begin to receive PILOT payments of approximately \$82,500 per year under the Authority-City Cooperation Agreement from the project where no income was generated in the past; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperation Agreement allows for the waiver of building and permit fees; and

WHEREAS, when completed the project will result in the addition of 28 residential units and the rehabilitation of 135 residential units in the North End all of which will remain affordable to residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, projected building and permit fees for the rehabilitation will total approximately \$537,000; and

WHEREAS, the addition of building and permit fees to the cost of the project will hamper the development of this particular project and will impact the ability of the Authority and its affiliated entities to engage in further rehabilitation of its current and potential portfolio of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, cost savings resulting from the waiver will directly help this project by freeing up resources to provide necessary financing guarantees; and

WHEREAS, those freed up resources will be reinvested directly into the City through further rehabilitation and development of high-quality affordable housing to include the potential

rehabilitation of Smith Tower on the edge of the Central Business District and the development of new units in the Southwest section of Hartford on vacant land currently owned by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, as the Authority and its affiliated entities continue to convert, rehabilitate and develop housing in the City the City stands to gain through new Cooperation Agreement revenues;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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 interest of the City in order to effectuate the waiver of all building and permit fees related to the rehabilitation of properties as described in 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 resolutions 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.



AGENDA ITEM

#7

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

April 12, 2021

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

RE: Love Hartford Grant

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$128,500 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving (HFPG) to fund a portion of Love Hartford, a new initiative that broadens our efforts to give residents and community groups the opportunity to beautify their neighborhoods.

As you may know, over the last two years the City has run a successful mini grant program called Love Your Block, which has funded resident-led neighborhood beautification projects. We would like to grow that initiative into a more comprehensive program called Love Hartford. Love Hartford combines the Love Your Block mini grant program with two new components, including a Neighborhood Arts Initiative, which will fund local artists to beautify bus shelters, electrical boxes, and potentially other common locations. Love Hartford will also include an Awards and Recognition program to recognize artists and other residents who beautify our community.

The City will partner with KNOX, Hartford NEXT, and Neighborhood Revitalization Zones on Love Hartford, and it will contract with SINA to distribute funding through another mini-grant program.

We respectfully request that Council act on the attached resolution at its April 12, 2021 meeting so that there is sufficient time to begin operationalizing Love Hartford. The Office of Community Engagement is happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, April 12, 2021

WHEREAS, Over the last two years, a successful mini grant program, Love Your Block, has funded resident-led neighborhood beautification projects and the City of Hartford would like to grow that initiative into a more comprehensive initiative called Love Hartford. This new initiative combines the Love Your Block Mini-Grant Program with two other components, a Neighborhood Arts Initiative and an Awards and Recognition program, and

WHEREAS, For this initiative, The City of Hartford will partner with KNOX, Inc (“Knox”), Hartford NEXT, and the local Neighborhood Revitalization Zones who will contribute their knowledge, expertise and in-kind support, and;

WHEREAS, The City will contract with SINA to distribute funding through a mini-grant program through which residents and groups will receive grants up to \$2,500 to carry out Love Your Block Projects, and;

WHEREAS, The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has awarded to the City of Hartford, a grant of \$128,500 to support parts of Love Hartford, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to apply for and accept a grant of \$128,500 from Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, which will include the resident engagement portion of the initiative; 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 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 Hartford Foundation for Public Giving 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.

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Labor Education Workforce and Youth Committee

Notice of Discharge of Item

April 7th, 2021

**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
members intend to favorably discharge the following item:**

**3. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to accept a
grant of \$30,000 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. (Agenda 2/22/21) Referred to
the Labor, Education, Workforce and Youth Development Committee**

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Councilman Nick Lebron
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee**

INTRODUCED BY:
Maly D. Rosado, Council President

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, April 12, 2021

WHEREAS, UBI (Universal Basic Income) is a cash payment that residents receive every month from the government that would be used for very specific expenses such as food and shelter; and

WHEREAS, On March 22nd, the Court of Common Council authorized the creation of a UBI task force which would develop a pilot program targeting working, single mothers and fathers without needing taxpayer funds for the monthly payments; and

WHEREAS, The membership of this task force would be appointed by the Council President and would include city leaders, community partners, and neighborhood residents; and

WHEREAS, An initial report of the task forces' findings will be made available to the full Council by the end of April 2021; and

WHEREAS, The UBI Task Force shall be dissolved once their final report is submitted at the end of 2021; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the resolution passed on March 22nd by this Council, the following initial members will be appointed to serve on the UBI Task Force and will work to develop a pilot program for the City of Hartford over the next several months.

Eric Brunner (D) – New Appointment
University of Connecticut
10 Prospect Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Stephen L. Ross (D) – New Appointment
University of Connecticut
341 Mansfield Road
Storrs, CT 06269

Gina R. Rosich (U) – New Appointment
University of Saint Joseph
1678 Asylum Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06117

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**Chari Councilman Gale motions to postpone
Committee Member Councilwoman Rossetti Second**

Vote

Rossetti - Yes

Lebron - Yes

Gale - Yes

Clarke - Absent

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilman Nick Lebron
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee

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Vote

**Rossetti - Yes
Lebron - Yes
Gale - Yes
Clarke - Absent**

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Chair of Health & Human Services Committee

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4.RESOLUTION, requesting that the Mayor of Hartford, the Hartford Health Department, Local Government Officials, State Legislators, and the Capital Region Council Of Government (CRCOG) take the lead and collectively dig out the root causes of homelessness and work systematically to put in place a process for all 169 cities and towns to actively contribute and participate in an issue that affects us all. (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILMAN GALE) (COUNCILMAN MIGHTOM) (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON) (COUNCILMAN LEBRÓN) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMÚDEZ) (COUNCILMAN SÁNCHEZ) (Agenda Item #8, Feb 22nd)

**Chair Councilman Lebron called for postponement
Committee Member Councilman Gale moved for postponement
Committee Member Councilwoman Rossetti Second**

Vote

Rossetti - Yes

Lebron - Yes

Gale - Yes

Clarke - Absent

Respectfully Submitted,

**Councilman Nick Lebron
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee**

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1. ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 27–Itinerant Vendors, Street Vendors, and Food Trucks of the Hartford Municipal Code. (Agenda Item #26, March 22nd)

Discussion – Director Aimee Chambers gave an overview of the ordinance modifications. A discussion commenced. Councilmembers requested additional time in order to provide suggestions for the re-written ordinance. Development Services agreed to this request. A special meeting will be held.

Chair Councilman Lebron called for postponement

Committee Member Councilman Gale moved for postponement and requested that all comments be with Development Services prior to the next Committee meeting.

Committee Member Councilwoman Rossetti Second

Vote

Rossetti - Yes

Lebron - Yes

Gale - Yes

Clarke - Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilman Nick Lebron
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee

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Member John Gale, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Corporate Counsel Demar Osbourne,
Director of Development Services I. Charles Matthew, Health and Human Services Director
Liany Arroyo, Director of Planning and Zoning Aimee Chambers

6.RESOLUTION, requesting that the Court of Common Council calls on representatives from the Hartford Public Library and the Mayor's Office to provide an update on progress of this taxpayer funded initiative and that the city's Office of Community Engagement provide a biannual report to the Court of Common Council on its efforts to engage/inform/educate Hartford's refugee and immigrant families. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ) (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCILMAN LEBRON) (COUNCILMAN GALE) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) (Agenda Item #15, Feb 8th) Replacement

**Chair Councilman Lebron called for postponement
Committee Member Councilman Gale moved for postponement
Committee Member Councilwoman Rossetti Second**

Vote

**Rossetti - Yes
Lebron - Yes
Gale - Yes
Clarke - Yes**

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilman Nick Lebron
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee



**AGENDA ITEM
#14**

**Luke A. Bronin
Mayor**

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

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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.

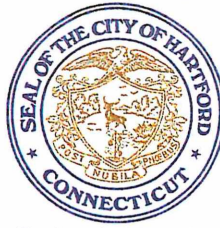
Bona fide resident is defined as:

- (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.



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

February 22, 2021

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

RE: Hartford Opportunity Youth Collaborative Grant from Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to accept a grant of \$30,000 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. The grant would allow the Department of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation to engage a consultant for the Hartford Opportunity Youth Collaborative (HOYC).

As you may know, the HOYC is chaired by the Mayor and made up of leaders in education, youth development, and workforce development, and its goal is to address the needs of Opportunity Youth. The HOYC works to serve Opportunity Youth by bringing together community partners and youth leaders and align services to help these young people obtain their high school diploma, continue their education, or find employment.

The consultant, The Trailblazer Network, LLC will add organizational capacity to the HOYC, which is particularly important now given the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on our young people. Given the HOYC's desire to engage the consultant as soon as possible, we respectfully request action by the Court of Common Council at its meeting on February 22, 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, February 22, 2021

WHEREAS, Hartford has a proportionally larger percentage of opportunity youth than other towns in Connecticut, whereby of the roughly 20,000 young people between 16 and 24 in Hartford, about 5,000 youth are Opportunity Youth; and

WHEREAS, The Hartford Opportunity Youth Collaborative (HOYC) is chaired by the Mayor of Hartford and made up of leaders in education, youth development, workforce development and youth leaders committed to addressing the needs of Opportunity Youth; and

WHEREAS, The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has invited the City of Hartford receive funding for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$30,000 to support engaging a consultant to work with the Hartford Opportunity Youth Collaborative (HOYC); and

WHEREAS, The consultant will help add capacity to the HOYC, with the goal to more fully support Opportunity Youth, particularly in light of the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation will administer the oversight and scope of work for the HOYC consultant, and The Trailblazer Network, LLC will be the designated consultant for the HOYC; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor, acting through the Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation (DFCYR), is hereby authorized to accept the Hartford Opportunity Youth Collaborative Consultant grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$30,000, 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 immediate extension thereof, 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 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.

INTRODUCED BY:

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

**Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez
Councilman Josh Michtom**

City of Hartford, April 12, 2021

POLICE CONTRACT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The labor contract between the Hartford Police Union (“Union”) and the City of Hartford expires on June 30, 2021, and is therefore currently up for renegotiation; and

WHEREAS, The Court of Common Council must ultimately vote to approve any new contract between the Union and the City; and

WHEREAS, The labor contract will cover matters that are of utmost importance to the people of the City of Hartford, such as compensation, training, oversight, discipline, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, Although the Court of Common Council is not responsible for negotiating labor contracts, the negotiators for the City of Hartford and the Hartford Police Union are more likely to reach an agreement that the Court of Common Council will approve if they receive public guidance concerning the priorities of the people of the City of Hartford from the Court of Common Council before negotiations are finalized; and

WHEREAS, The people of the City of Hartford should be afforded the opportunity to weigh in directly on those matters that are of greatest importance to them while the contract is being renegotiated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee of the Court of Common Council shall take up at its next meeting the question of what recommendations to make, if any, concerning the impending renegotiation of the police union contract, and deliver thereafter to the Court of Common Council a resolution containing such recommendations, if the Committee agrees on any such recommendations

INTRODUCED BY

**Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader
Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon
Councilman Nick Lebron**

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, April 12, 2021

WHEREAS, It is anticipated that the City of Hartford will receive approximately \$220,000,000.00 in aid and support from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Of the \$220,000,000.00 it is anticipated that approximately \$127,000,000.00 will be directed to educational costs and approximately \$92,000,000.00 will be directed to non-educational programs; and

WHERRAS, The guidelines for the expenditure of these funds have not been promulgated by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, In the months and years in the future the federal government may make additional monies available to the City of Hartford related to the educational, economic, cultural and budgetary damage done to the City as a result COVID-19 and the Health Emergency as declared by Governor Lamont; and

WHEREAS, The Court of Common Council seeks to ensure that all of the funds allocated to the City of Hartford under the American Rescue Plan of Act of 2021 and similar programs in the future recognize that the city's black and Hispanic-Latino communities have been severely socially and economically challenged and that these communities make up the majority of Hartford's population; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Hartford City Charter and related ordinances, the Court of Common Council has both the privilege and responsibility to act in an oversight capacity regarding the annual City budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor in preparation of the 2021 annual budget and all appropriate future budgets identify The American Rescue Plan of 2021 and similar legislation as the revenue source of any portion of the budget and identify with the specificity as required by Chapter X, Section 2 of the City Charter how these funds shall be expended; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any funds originating from the American Rescue Plan of 2021 or similar legislation received and proposed for use by the Mayor independent of the annual budget submission and approval process also be identified as such and contain the same level of specificity in their proposed expenditure.

AGENDA ITEM

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INTRODUCED BY:

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon
Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader
Councilman James Sánchez
Councilman John Gale

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, April 12, 2021

WHEREAS, The University of Hartford men's basketball team completed a historic season with its first ever appearance in the NCAA tournament; and

WHEREAS, The University of Hartford men's basketball team won the programs first ever championship in the America East Conference with University of Hartford's best winning percentage since transitioning to Division One in 1984; and

WHEREAS, This victory was even more meaningful following the abrupt cancelation of the American East's 2020 Champion Game, where the University of Hartford was competing in; and

WHEREAS, This season involved special effort and sacrifice including changing schedules, quarantining, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Fighting through adversity the University of Hartford men's basketball team inspired an entire City, Region and State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council sends its congratulations to coach John Gallagher and the entire University of Hartford men's basketball team for their stellar performance this year and its best wishes for next season; GO HAWKS!

INTRODUCED BY
Councilman John Q. Gale

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, April 12, 2021

WHEREAS, the construction of Interstates 91 and 84 effectively severed the connection between the City and its riverfront and severed the connections between multiple neighborhoods in the City; and

WHEREAS, these severed connections have been the subject of ongoing community conversations almost from the initial construction of the highways to today; and

WHEREAS, as the City has reconnected with its riverfront and as Interstate 84 has approaches the end of its useful life, the City and all stakeholders have taken a renewed interest in and brought new energy to the potential for the redevelopment of I-91 and I-84 and Hartford Riverfront; and

WHEREAS, The iQuilt Partnership is a unique consortium of public, private and nonprofit entities working together to enhance the public realm and the public; and

WHEREAS, The iQuilt Partnership and community stakeholders have been working to develop an innovative plan to address current issues with the existing infrastructure, and promote a redesign of the area; and

WHEREAS, this coalition of the region's major organizations has launched Hartford 400 to forge a comprehensive, river-centered vision and action plan for the City of Hartford and its environs; and

WHEREAS, the Hartford 400 Highway Improvement Project has recently been published and shared with the community with a 15-year timeline for completion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Court of Common Council invites The iQuilt Partnership and relevant representatives to present the Hartford 400 Highway Improvement Project to the Court of Common Council.

INTRODUCED BY:
Maly D. Rosado, Council President

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, April 12, 2021

WHEREAS, UBI (Universal Basic Income) is a cash payment that residents receive every month from the government that would be used for very specific expenses such as food and shelter; and

WHEREAS, On March 22nd, the Court of Common Council authorized the creation of a UBI task force which would develop a pilot program targeting working, single mothers and fathers without needing taxpayer funds for the monthly payments; and

WHEREAS, The membership of this task force would be appointed by the Council President and would include city leaders, community partners, and neighborhood residents; and

WHEREAS, An initial report of the task forces' findings will be made available to the full Council by the end of April 2021; and

WHEREAS, The UBI Task Force shall be dissolved once their final report is submitted at the end of 2021; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the resolution passed on March 22nd by this Council, the following initial members will be appointed to serve on the UBI Task Force and will work to develop a pilot program for the City of Hartford over the next several months.

Eric Brunner (D) – New Appointment
University of Connecticut
10 Prospect Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Stephen L. Ross (D) – New Appointment
University of Connecticut
341 Mansfield Road
Storrs, CT 06269

Gina R. Rosich (U) – New Appointment
University of Saint Joseph
1678 Asylum Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06117