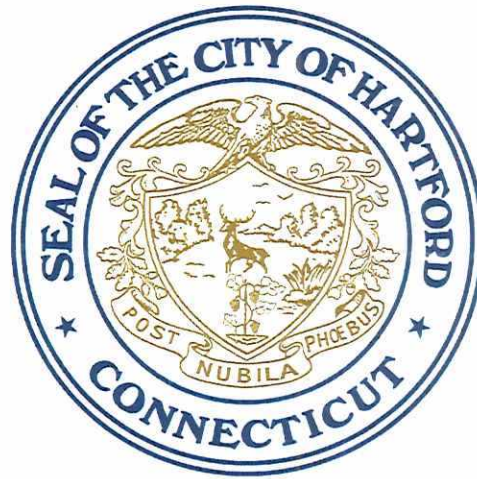


# **CITY OF HARTFORD COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA**

## **VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING**



**MONDAY AUGUST 9, 2021**

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7:00 PM

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



# Court of Common Council

## AGENDA

### MEETING OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

AUGUST 9, 2021

## ACTION TAKEN

### COMMUNICATIONS

1. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution transferring \$87,908 from Sundry: Non-Operating Department Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2022 to the Registrars of Voters (ROV) Office. These funds will be used for expenses associated with the Board of Education Primary being held in September 2021.
2. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution that would support restaurants in Hartford seeking to buy or lease space or to make the necessary capital improvements to run a safe and successful food service business by utilizing an existing State tax abatement program.
3. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to enter into a 15-year Tax Abatement Agreement with Omni America LLC (Omni) to support the portfolio of 150 units of affordable rental housing disbursed over 32 parcels located in the Clay Arsenal Neighborhood of the City of Hartford known as Clay Arsenal Renaissance Apartments.
4. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to apply for and accept a grant of \$271,600 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to start a Neighborhood Ambassadors program.
5. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution confirming the appointments of Mr. Luis Rivera to the Commission on Human Relations.
6. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the FY 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$168,875 from the United States Department of Justice.
7. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution confirming the appointment of Interim Chief Rodney Barco to the position of Chief of the Hartford Fire Department.
8. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to enter into a long-term lease for part of the Quirk West Building with the Police Athletic and Activities League of Hartford, Incorporated (PAL).
9. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, Communication concerning the current status of COVID-19 in Hartford including the new Delta Variant and mask policy and requirements.
10. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, Communication to postponed until next committee meeting ordinance amending Chapter VI, Section 2-350 of the Municipal Code.



11. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Communication concerning the request 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, to postponed until next committee meeting.
12. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Communication concerning a presentation from Interim Chief Barco or HFD Representative.
13. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Communication concerning a Presentation from Chief Thody or HPD Representative.
14. COLUMBUS AD-HOC TASK FORCE, Final report with accompanying resolutions.

## REPORTS

15. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution authorizing the transfer to the Suspense Book of \$1,094,913.44 in outstanding delinquent personal property taxes for tax bills that the Tax Collector has certified as unlikely to be collected.
16. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution requesting that June 19<sup>th</sup> shall be recognized each year as "Juneteenth/Freedom/Independence/Emancipation Day" in the City of Hartford and through its Office of Equity and Opportunity, continue to explore multiple ways in which Hartford can advance justice and equity for all its residents.
17. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution requesting that pursuant to City Charter Chap. X, Sec. 7, the Court of Common Council hereby authorize the Mayor to expend Uncommitted FY'21 Budget Surplus, after transfers to Fund Balance and CIP/Pre-funding of school construction projects, for purposes of allocations approved in the ARP.
18. PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, with accompanying substitute resolution confirming the re-appointments of Carl Williams and Craig Mergins as at-large representatives and appointment of Jose Camacho as the representative of Heaven Skatepark for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC).
19. PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution requesting to approve superimposing the name Dr. Craig J. Yennie, PH. D Way on Vernon Street (at the intersection of Vernon/Summit) to be displayed henceforth as Dr. Craig J. Yennie, PH. D Way.
20. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution requesting that the Director of the Department of Emergency Services & Telecommunications along with Hartford's Chief Operating Officer provide an updated report at the next scheduled Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee Meeting on the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG).
21. PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND HOUSING COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution that the Court of Common Council urges the closure and decommissioning of Brainard Airport, and that the City of Hartford reclaim the 201 acers of land for more beneficial and environmentally friendly economic development for all residences.

**FOR ACTION**

- 22. Ordinance Amending Chapter 28, Article IX, OF THE Municipal Code of Hartford to Align Standing Building Committee for School Building Projects With State Law – Special Act 01-7.**
- 23. Ordinance amending Chapter VI, Section 2-350 of the Municipal Code.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 24. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON) (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCILMAN LEBRÓN) (COUNCILMAN SÁNCHEZ) Resolution to congratulate the Hartford Lions Soccer Academy for their positive work in our community.**
- 25. (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON) (COUNCILMAN LEBRÓN) (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCILMAN SÁNCHEZ) Resolution authorizing the Sportsman's Athletic Club, to utilize their outdoor sound systems during West Indian Celebration Week subject to the noise ordinance without exceptions.**
- 26. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) Resolution appointing members 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.**  
**City Clerk**





**AGENDA ITEM #1**

**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

August 9, 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: Transfer of Funds to ROV**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution transferring \$87,908 from Sundry: Non-Operating Department Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2022 to the Registrars of Voters (ROV) Office. These funds will be used for expenses associated with the Board of Education Primary being held in September 2021.

As you know, during the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, funds for election expenses were appropriated in the Sundry Elections Expense account with the intention that funds would be transferred to the ROV Office as needed.

The Registrar of Voters Office or 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, August 9, 2021

**WHEREAS**, During the adoption of the FY 2022 Budget, the Council and the Mayor agreed to place funding in the Sundry Election Expenses Account with the understanding that such funds would be transferred to the Registrars of Voters Office, at their request, for expenditures related to election activities, and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Hartford will conduct a Board of Education Primary in September 2021;

**WHEREAS**, The Registrars of Voter's Office has quantified the expenses required for the Primary at \$87,908;

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to transfer \$87,908 from the Sundry: Non-Operating Department to the Registrars of Voters Office for the Primaries in September 2021.

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

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





## AGENDA ITEM #2

**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

August 9, 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: Restaurant Tax Agreements**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution that would support restaurants in Hartford seeking to buy or lease space or to make the necessary capital improvements to run a safe and successful food service business by utilizing an existing State tax abatement program.

The resolution empowers the City to enter into tax fixing agreements on real property taxes to offset a restaurant's personal property taxes. This would lower a restaurant's expenses and allow investment in ovens, refrigerators, and other equipment when opening a new restaurant in a vacant space.

We all know how devastating COVID-19 has been for the restaurant industry in Hartford and across the country. A vibrant restaurant industry creates jobs, activates commercial corridors, and attracts people to our city. Giving restauranters a little bit of breathing room by allowing the City to enter into tax fixing agreements will go a long way to bringing this vital industry back in our community.

The Office of Corporation Counsel or the Department of Development Services are happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin  
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**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, August 9, 2021

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Pandemic has had a serious impact on restaurants in the City of Hartford; and

**WHEREAS**, the existence of a healthy and robust restaurant industry is an essential component of creating vibrant centers of activity, job opportunities for our residents, and economic growth throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, many restaurant owners, particularly those who have suffered economically during the Pandemic, are reluctant to invest funds to convert vacant spaces into new restaurants and to bear the costs of building out a space, lease payments and personal property taxes at the same time; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of the City to deploy the tools at its disposal to support the development of a robust and vibrant restaurant sector in Hartford, including various tax abatement provisions allowed under State Statute; and

**WHEREAS**, targeted relief from personal property taxes would create a significant economic incentive for those seeking to open up a new restaurant or expand an existing restaurant in Hartford; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to CGS Sec. 12- 65b, the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a tax fixing agreement for a period of not more than ten years with any party owning or proposing to acquire an interest in real property in which a portion thereof is intended to be used as a restaurant; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the value of a tax fixing agreement authorized pursuant to this Resolution shall be limited to the assessed personal property taxes for the Grand List following the improvements made and personal property purchased subject to the personal property tax by such restaurant in the form of either an equivalent reduction in the lease agreement for the period of the tax fixing agreement or an equivalent reduction in the pass through of real property taxes where there is a net lease with such restaurant owner; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as they and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to effectuate a tax fixing agreement authorized pursuant to this resolution; and be it further

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

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





## AGENDA ITEM #3

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

August 9, 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: Omni America LLC Tax Abatement**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to enter into a 15-year Tax Abatement Agreement with Omni America LLC (Omni) to support the portfolio of 150 units of affordable rental housing disbursed over 32 parcels located in the Clay Arsenal Neighborhood of the City of Hartford known as Clay Arsenal Renaissance Apartments.

Omni has entered into a Purchase and Sales Agreement with the current owner to acquire the property with a targeted closing date of October 2021. Omni is also seeking Low Income Housing Tax Credits, and it aims to invest \$10 million to make improvements and repairs.

If successful in its acquisition, Omni will assume a 20-year Use Agreement and a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The HUD Use Agreement and HAP requires that all units be rented to applicants who earn less than 80% of the Area Median Income at the time of move-in, and also regulates the tenant proportion of rent.

In order to maintain these units as affordable housing, Omni has agreed to the following terms for a tax abatement, which the Tax Abatement Committee approved on June 8, 2021:

- A 15-year abatement of taxes.
- Annual tax payment as follows:
  - Year 1 & 2 : \$1,000.00 per unit per year for a total of \$150,000.00 per year
  - Years 3 - 5 : \$1,400.00 per unit per year for a total of \$210,000.00 per year
  - Years 6-10 : \$1,500.00 per unit per year for a total of \$225,000.00 per year
  - Year 11 : \$1,800.00 per unit per year for a total of \$270,000.00 per year
  - Years 12-13 : \$2,000.00 per unit per year for a total of \$300,000.00 per year
  - Years 14-15 : \$2,300.00 per unit per year for a total of \$345,000.00 per year

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Omni shall also make an additional tax payment equal to the Net Operating Income (NOI) in excess of the 1.20 DSCR (the "Additional Tax Payment"). The sum of the Payment in Lieu (PILOT Payment) and Additional Tax Payment, if any, for any particular tax year shall be capped at the fully assessed real property taxes due for said year.

If this abatement is approved by Council, the property will be held in escrow until it is transferred to Omni and Omni assumes the HUD Use Agreement.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor



**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, August 9, 2021

**WHEREAS,** Clay Arsenal Renaissance Apartments is a 150-unit rental housing development disbursed amongst 32 parcels, 24 improved lots, 4 vacant and 4 auxiliary lots (see Exhibit I), in the Clay Arsenal neighborhood, just north of The City of Hartford's Downtown neighborhood (the "Property"). The Property which is affordable to and occupied by very low, low and moderate-income persons and families, owned by TMG CARA Holdings LLC, (the "Owner") a Connecticut Limited Liability Company; and where Omni America, LLC (Omni) has entered into a Purchase and Sales Agreement with TMG CARA Holdings, LLC to acquire the property; and,

**WHEREAS,** Omni intends to continue to operate the property as affordable housing for low-income persons and families; and it has applied for a new tax abatement which documents the need for tax relief, and where the Tax Abatement Committee has recommended such an agreement, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Mayor is authorized to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with Omni for the Property, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The term of the Agreement shall not exceed Fifteen (15) years.
2. The Agreement shall be effective the earlier of July 1st of Omni's second full year of ownership or first year of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Compliance period to June 30th of its 15th year of its initial effective date;
3. The Agreement shall require the Omni to pay as follows:
  - Years 1 and 2: Owner shall pay \$1,000.00 per unit/year for a total of \$150,000.00 per year (150x\$1,000.00); collectively \$300,000;
  - Years 3 through 5: Owner shall pay \$1,400.00 per unit per year for a total of \$210,000.00 per year (150x\$1,400.00), collectively \$630,000.00;
  - Years 6 through 10: Owner shall pay \$1,500.00 per unit per year for a total of \$225,000.00 per year (150x\$1,500.00), collectively \$1,125,000.00;
  - Year 11: Owner shall pay \$1,800.00 per unit per year for a total of \$270,000.00 per year (150x\$1,800.00);
  - Years 12 through 13: Owner shall pay \$2,000.00 per unit per year for a total of \$300,000.00 per year (150x\$2,000.00), collectively \$600,000.00;
  - Years 14 through 15: Owner shall pay \$2,300.00 per unit per year for a total of \$345,000.00 per year (150x\$2,300.00), collectively \$690,000.00.
  - Omni shall pay full assessed taxes for any year(s) prior to the effective date of the Tax Abatement Agreement; (Additional Tax Payment: If the Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) exceeds 1.20 for any given prior year as revealed by audit, OMNI shall make an additional tax payment equal to the Net Operating Income (NOI) in excess of the 1.20 DSCR (the "Additional Tax Payment"). The sum of the Payment in Lieu (PILOT Payment) and Additional Tax Payment, if any, for any particular tax year shall be capped at the fully assessed real property taxes due for said year.)
4. Omni shall expend no less than \$10,000,000.00 toward capital improvements and/or repairs which shall include, but not be limited to: make ready repairs and improvements to units not currently occupied, and to the construction of a new community center. Repairs and improvements to the said units must be completed within twenty-four (24) months of the execution date of the Agreement, and the construction of the community building shall begin within 3 years of the execution date of the Agreement and completed within a reasonable construction schedule commensurate with industry standards for like structures in New England;
5. During any construction, capital repairs and/or improvements, Omni will comply with Article XII, Section 2-680 of the Hartford Municipal Code, Hartford Affirmative Action Plan / Equal Employment Opportunity which requires the developer to set aside 15% of the total construction project cost for certified Minority & Women Business Enterprises, assure no less than 15% of total project work hours by trade will be performed by minority and or women trade workers, and no less than 30% of total project work hours shall performed by Hartford Residents;
6. Omni shall comply with all Federal, State and Local laws and Codes governing the conditions and operations of the property;

7. During the term of the abatement, all 150 units are to remain affordable as prescribed by the HUD Use Agreement and or applicable regulations of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. In the absence of such an Agreement the City reserves the right to modify and/or cancel the Agreement without contest from Omni;
8. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the City agrees that this Agreement shall automatically transfer and inure to the benefit of any party succeeding to the interest of Omni under this Agreement as a result of a foreclosure;
9. Upon any future sale or refinance during the term of the abatement, payment shall be made to the City of 10% of the net sales proceeds, or equity recapture, not to exceed the total of abated taxes;
10. Any funds raised by Omni to meet the City's requirements to complete improvements and/or capital repairs are exempt from the 10% recapture clause;
11. The Agreement will be held in escrow by the City until the property is transferred to Omni and the HUD Use Agreement is assumed.
12. If Omni fails to execute the Tax Abatement Agreement forwarded to it by the City of Hartford, as and for the Final version of the document for execution within 90 days of its receipt, the proposed Agreement shall be immediately and automatically withdrawn and no longer available.
13. OMNI shall comply with all Federal, State and Local laws and Codes governing the conditions and operations of the property.
14. The Tax Abatement Agreement shall be non-assignable, non-transferable without the written consent by the Committee on the Abatement of Taxes and Assessment, The Court of Common Council and signed by the Mayor of the City of Hartford;

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

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

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



**Exhibit I**

*Omni America LLC Property List*

62 Albany Av.,  
176-184 Albany Av.,  
152-158 Albany Av.,  
10 Belden St.,  
16 Belden St.,  
17-19 Belden St.,  
43 Belden St.,  
45 Belden St.,  
49-51 Belden St.,  
57-59 Belden St.  
10-12 Center Street  
24-26 Center Street  
34-38 Center Street  
37-39 Center Street  
40-42 Center Street  
44-46 Center Street  
14-16 Center Street  
57-63 Center Street,  
55-55 1/2, East St,  
84-86 East St,  
18 Fairmont St  
5 Florence St  
1545 Main St.,  
1713 Main St.,  
22, Seyms St  
26 Seyms St  
29 Seyms St  
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## **ABATEMENT COMMITTEE – NOTICE OF DECISION**

At the scheduled meeting of the Committee of Abatement of Taxes and Assessment held on June 8, 2021, the Committee reviewed the application for an abatement of taxes for Omni America LLC (OMNI) regarding the portfolio of 150 units disbursed amongst 32 parcels as noted in Exhibit A., known as Clay Arsenal Renaissance Apartments.

The Committee has approved a new Abatement Agreement with the terms and conditions as follows:

- Fifteen (15) year tax abatement effective the earlier of July 1<sup>st</sup> of its second full year of ownership or first year of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Compliance period to June 30<sup>th</sup> of its 15<sup>th</sup> year of its initial effective date;
- OMNI Shall pay as follows:
  - (i) Years 1 and 2 \$1,000/unit;
  - (ii) Years 3-5 \$1,400/unit;
  - (iii) Years 6 -10 \$1,500/unit;
  - (iv) Years 11 \$1,800/unit;
  - (v) Years 12-13 \$2,000/unit;
  - (vi) Years 14-15 \$2,300/unit.

In the event the Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) exceeds 1.20 for any given prior year as revealed by audit, OMNI shall make an additional tax payment equal to the Net Operating Income (NOI) in excess of the 1.20 DSCR (the "Additional Tax Payment"). The sum of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT Payment) and Additional Tax Payment, if any, for any particular tax year shall be capped at the fully assessed real property taxes due for said year.

For the avoidance of doubt, OMNI shall never be required to pay real estate taxes that would exceed the fully assessed real estate taxes for the property in a given year.

Example: in Year 7, fully assessed real property taxes for the property equal \$350,000. OMNI pays its Year 7 PILOT Payment of \$225,000 and its audit reveals a DSCR of 1.26. OMNI shall pay the City the difference between the 1.26 and 1.20 DSCR but in no event more than \$125,000.

- OMNI shall pay full assessed taxes for any year(s) prior to the effective date of the Tax Abatement Agreement;
- OMNI shall expend no less than \$10,000,000.00 toward capital improvements and/or repairs as detailed in the hereby attached budget, which shall include, but not limited to, make ready repairs and improvements to those units not currently occupied and the construction of a new community center. Repairs and improvements to the said units must be completed within twenty-four (24) months of the execution date of the Agreement, and the construction of the community building shall begin by the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the execution date of the Agreement and completed within a reasonable construction schedule commensurate with industry standards for like structures in New England;
- During any construction, capital repairs and/or improvements, OMNI will comply with Article XII, Section 2-680 of the Hartford Municipal Code, Hartford Affirmative Action Plan / Equal Employment Opportunity which requires the developer to set aside 15% of the total construction project cost for certified Minority & Women Business Enterprises, assure no less than 15% of total project work hours by trade will be performed by minority and or women trade workers, and no less than 30% of total project work hours shall performed by Hartford Residents;
- OMNI shall comply with all Federal, State and Local laws and Codes governing the conditions and operations of the property;
- During the term of the abatement, all 150 units are to remain affordable as prescribed by the HUD Use Agreement. In the absence of a such Agreement the City reserves the right to modify and/or cancel the Agreement without contest from Omni America LLC;
- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the City agrees that this Agreement shall automatically transfer and inure to the benefit of any party succeeding to the interest of the OMNI under this Agreement as a result of a foreclosure;
- Upon any future sale or refinance during the term of the abatement, payment shall be made to the City of 10% of the net sales proceeds, or equity recapture, not to exceed the total of abated taxes;
- Any funds raised by OMNI to meet the City's requirements to complete improvements and/ or capital repairs be exempt from the 10% recapture clause;
- The Agreement, if approved, will be held in escrow by the City until the property is transferred to Omni and the HUD Use Agreement assumed.
- If Omni fails to execute the Tax Abatement Agreement forwarded to it by the City of Hartford, as and for the Final version of the document for execution within 90 days of its receipt, the proposed Agreement shall be immediately and automatically withdrawn and no longer available.
- OMNI shall comply with all Federal, State and Local laws and Codes governing the conditions and operations of the property.



- In the absences of a deed or mortgage instrument defining affordability, the City of Hartford will determine affordability utilizing and established transparent methodology;
- The Tax Abatement Agreement shall be non-assignable, non-transferable without the written consent by the Committee on the Abatement of Taxes and Assessment, The Court of Common Council and signed by the Mayor of the City of Hartford;

The Committee finding a significant community benefit in the proposal, unanimously approved the application. Any approved Agreement is subject to subsequent approval by the Court of Common Council.

Attest:



Treasurer Adam M. Cloud  
Committee Chair

Attachments:

Exhibit A

Omni Capital Improvement Budget

cc: Leigh Ann Ralls, Commissioner  
Howard Rifikin, Commissioner  
Tonja Nelson, Staff  
Kimberly Taylor, Staff  
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**AGENDA ITEM #4**

**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

August 9, 2021

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

**RE: Love Hartford Initiative Grant – Employment Component**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to apply for and accept a grant of \$271,600 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to start a Neighborhood Ambassadors program.

The Neighborhood Ambassadors program will be modeled after the Block by Block ambassador program operated by the Hartford Business Improvement District. It will partner with the Reentry Welcome Center to place formerly incarcerated individuals into those positions doing beautification work along neighborhood commercial corridors.

The Neighborhood Ambassadors program will run through the Love Hartford initiative, which as you may know is our resident engagement, employment and community resilience program designed to celebrate civic pride and reconnect our neighborhoods.

The funding from the Foundation will support the wages of program participants, staffing and administrative costs, as well as uniforms, equipment and supplies, and communications technology.

The Office of Community Engagement is happy to answer any questions. 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, August 9, 2021

**WHEREAS,** The City of Hartford ("the City") recently partnered with the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving on the development of and investment in a new citywide resiliency and civic pride program called Love Hartford. Love Hartford is a resident engagement and employment program that reconnects our neighborhoods as part of our post-pandemic recovery and;

**WHEREAS,** The City will contract with a local community partner to connect Hartford residents who were formerly incarcerated and come through the Reentry Welcome Center to job readiness training, soft/hard skills attainment, and wrap-around supports that will prepare them for transitional jobs as Neighborhood Ambassadors under an agreement by and between the City and Block by Block; and

**WHEREAS,** That the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has awarded to the City of Hartford, a grant of \$271,600 for the employment component of the Love Hartford Initiative.

**RESOLVED,** That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to apply for and accept a grant of \$271,600 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, which includes the employment component 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 including, but not limited to, an agreement with Block by Block as described above, 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.





**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

**AGENDA ITEM #5**

August 9, 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: Appointment to the Commission on Human Relations**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointments of Mr. Luis Rivera to the Commission on Human Relations.

The Commission works to foster mutual understanding and respect for people of all races, religions, and sexual preferences with the City of Hartford.

Mr. Rivera currently works at Connecticut's Children Medical Center as their Community Relations Manager and is a lifelong resident of Hartford.

His resume is attached for your review. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

550 Main Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103  
Telephone (860) 757-9500  
Facsimile (860) 722-6606

**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, August 9, 2021

**WHEREAS,** The Commission works to foster mutual understanding and respect for people of all races, religions, and sexual preferences with the City of Hartford; and

**WHEREAS,** The Commission is composed of twelve members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Court of Common Council, for a term of three years; and

**WHEREAS,** The Mayor has appointed Luis Rivera to the Commission on Human Relations; now, therefore, be it

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

Luis Rivera (U), 185 Bond Street, Hartford 06114  
For a term expiring 2024



**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

**AGENDA ITEM #6**

August 9, 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: FY 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the FY 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$168,875 from the United States Department of Justice.

This is an annual formula grant that the City has accepted for many years now. The Hartford Police Department will use these funds to cover the costs of overtime associated with investigations and other routine police activities. There is no local match required for this grant.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

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**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, August 9, 2021

**WHEREAS**, The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has established a grant program to assist the efforts of law enforcement agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hartford Police Department qualifies for a formula allocation grant from the FY 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and has accepted this award annually for a number of years; and

**WHEREAS**, The police department will use these funds to cover the costs of overtime associated with investigations and other routine police activities; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$168,875 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and to enter into a contract for said program; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is authorized to accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same program, for the same authorized contract period 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 FY 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program award according to the terms of the City's original grant application; and be it further

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

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



**AGENDA ITEM #7**

**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

August 9, 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: Appointment of Hartford Fire Chief**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointment of Interim Chief Rodney Barco to the position of Chief of the Hartford Fire Department.

As you know, Chief Barco has served as Acting Director since Chief Freeman became Chief of the fire department in Oakland, California in April. Chief Barco is a lifelong Hartford resident who graduated from A.I. Prince Technical High School before serving in the United States Marine Corps. He joined the Hartford Fire Department in 1995 before being promoted to Lieutenant in 2010 and Captain in 2016. He was appointed Assistant Chief in 2018.

In his twenty-five years as a Hartford firefighter, he's earned the trust and respect of the department, especially as a leader in the department over the last decade. I am confident that under his leadership, the Hartford Fire Department will continue to be one of the very best in the nation.

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, August 9, 2021

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Luke Bronin has nominated Interim Chief Rodney Barco for the position of Chief of the Hartford Fire Department, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointment of Interim Chief Rodney Barco for the position of Chief of the Hartford Fire Department, effective upon the date of confirmation.



**AGENDA ITEM #8**

**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

August 9, 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: Lease for Police Athletic and Activities League**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to enter into a long-term lease for part of the Quirk West Building with the Police Athletic and Activities League of Hartford, Incorporated (PAL).

PAL is a nonprofit organization that provides free recreational and educational programs and mentoring to Hartford children. PAL volunteers include police officers who work with children to promote positive relationships and impart values and life skills.

For approximately ten years, both the Hartford Police Department's Police Academy and PAL have occupied portions of the Quirk West Building. This lease will authorize PAL to make renovations to the facility while PAL and the Police Academy continue to share its use. The State of Connecticut has allocated approximately \$7,500,000 through the Capital Region Development Authority for renovations.

The proposed lease term is fifteen years with three five-year renewals, which is appropriate for the scale of the State's investment in the building. Rent is proposed at \$1 per year.

The Office of Corporation Counsel 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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Facsimile (860) 722-6606**

**INTRODUCED BY**  
Luke A. Bronin

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, August 9, 2021

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hartford (the "City") owns a building located at Williams Street known as the Quirk West Building that is currently shared by the Hartford Police Academy and the Hartford Police Athletic and Activities League, Incorporated ("PAL"); and

**WHEREAS**, PAL is a nonprofit organization in existence since 1957, whose mission is to provide free athletic, recreational and educational programs to children who live in or go to school in Hartford; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Connecticut has allocated approximately \$7,500,000, through the Connecticut Region Development Authority, for an initial phase of the renovation of the Quirk West Building, to be used for certain abatement and demolition and certain new mechanical systems to be installed; and

**WHEREAS**, a long-term lease to PAL of a portion of the Quirk West Building is in the best interests of the City; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the City is authorized and empowered to enter into a lease with PAL for approximately 66.67% of the Quirk West Building on such terms and conditions that are deemed appropriate and in the best interests of the City by the Mayor and the Office of the Corporation Counsel, and with major terms and conditions that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The City and PAL will cooperate with each other so that the aforementioned \$7,500,000 will be spent on renovating the Quirk West Building as described in this resolution,
- The lease term shall be fifteen years with three five-year renewals,
- The rent shall be one dollar per year,
- The Police Academy and PAL will continue to share occupancy of the Quirk West Building,
- PAL will maintain insurance to the satisfaction of the City's Risk Manager,
- PAL will continue to use the Quirk West Building for its nonprofit programs benefitting children who reside in or attend school in Hartford;
- PAL will enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Hartford Board of Education, acting by and through Global Communications Academy ("Global"), regarding the use of the Quirk West Building solely by Global; and
- PAL may enter into a memorandum of understanding with other providers with the City's approval regarding its use of the Quirk West Building in connection with PAL for programming, subject to review and insurance requirements by the City; now therefore be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the City is authorized and empowered to execute such leases, contracts, easements, affidavits, amendments and other documents, and to take such actions, as may be required to provide for funding, renovation, and use of the Quirk West Building and to further and/or effectuate the lease with PAL; and be it further



**RESOLVED**, that no person shall be entitled to rely on or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute any documents mentioned herein or connected with the matters described herein, or fail to take any of the other herein described actions; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon and only shall be effective upon and by means of the Mayor's execution of such operative documents and taking such actions, all of which shall be acceptable in form and substance to the Mayor and the Office of the Corporation Counsel.

# Court of Common Council AGENDA ITEM #9



CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
HARTFORD CONNECTICUT 06103

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

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

Noel F. McGregor, Jr, Town and City Clerk

## COMMUNICATION

August 9, 2021

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

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:


The Health & Human Services Committee of the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford met virtually on June 7th, 2021 at 6pm (Streamed Live via [www.https://HPATV.org/channel96](https://HPATV.org/channel96) Comcast/Frontier Customers and Facebook Live). Meeting adjourned at 06:31pm.

Present were Chair Nick Lebron, Committee Member Thomas J. Clarke II, Committee Member Marilyn Rosetti, Corporate Counsel Demar Osbourne and Health and Human Services, Director Liany Arroyo

**Director Liany Arroyo** discussed the current status of COVID-19 in Hartford including the new Delta Variant and mask policy and requirements.

Councilwoman Rossetti motioned to adjourn, Councilman Clarke Seconded

Meeting was adjourned

  
Respectfully Submitted,

Councilman Nick Lebron  
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee



# Court of Common Council

AGENDA ITEM #10

CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

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

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

Noel F. McGregor, Jr, Town and City Clerk

## COMMUNICATION

August 9, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held its regular monthly Committee meeting on July 19, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Hartford Public Accesses TV which was live streamed for public viewing via Hartford Public Access (HPA). The committee meeting started at 5:31 pm and was held to discuss the following referred items as reflected on the committee agenda.

**(MAYOR BRONIN) ORDINANCE amending Chapter VI, Section 2-350 of the Municipal Code. (ITEM 22 ON 6/28/21 AGENDA) Hearing Date Monday July 19, 2021**

The following were present at the scheduled OMBG&A Committee Meeting: Majority Leader and Committee Co-Chair Thomas T.J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Bermudez further joined us along with non-committee member Councilman Nick Lebron, also present was our Corporation Council attorney Howard Rifkin, our Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Hockenhull, our director of finance Leigh Ann Ralls and our tax collector Nancy Raich.

Majority Leader Clarke II introduced the item and

A motion was entertained by Majority Leader Clarke II, a motion was made by Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon to postpone this item until our next committee meeting due to the fact there is a public hearing date set for tonight on this said matter, the motion was then properly seconded by Councilman John Gale.

The votes proceeded as follows:

**OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items # 2 on agenda (4-0. 1 Absent. 0 Recused) (Pass)**



Majority Leader and Co-Chair Thomas T.J Clarke II: YES  
Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: YES  
Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: ABSENT  
Councilman John Q. Gale: YES  
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez: YES

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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



# Court of Common Council

AGENDA ITEM #11

CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

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

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

Noel F. McGregor, Jr, Town and City Clerk

## Communication

August 9th, 2021

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

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee held a Virtual Meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 pm on Hartford Public Access TV to discuss the following item as reflected on the committee agenda.

**(COUNCILWOMAN BERMÚDEZ) (COUNCILMAN MICHTOM) 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. (Item #16 on 4/12/21 Agenda)**

The following were present: Committee Co-Chairman Thomas J. Clarke II, Co-Chairman Sanchez, Councilman Gale, Councilman Lebron. Also present were Interim Chief Barco HFD, Nathalie Feola-Guerrieri Corporation Counsel, Chief Thody HPD, Assistant Chief Medina HPD, Sue Webster ES&T,

A motion was made by Councilman Sanchez to postpone this item till next month; Second by Councilman Gale.

Vote Taken (3-0. 2Absent. Pass)  
Councilman Thomas J. Clarke II: Yes

Councilman James Sánchez: Yes  
Councilwoman Maly Rosado: Absent  
Councilman John Gale: Yes  
Councilman Joshua Michtom: Absent

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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James Sánchez  
Co-Chairman of QL&PS





# Court of Common Council

AGENDA ITEM #12

CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

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

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

Noel F. McGregor, Jr, Town and City Clerk

## Communication

August 9th, 2021

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

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee held a Virtual Meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 pm on Hartford Public Access TV to discuss the following item as reflected on the committee agenda.

### PRESENTATION FROM INTERIM CHIEF BARCO OR HFD REPRESENTATIVE

The following were present: Committee Co-Chairman Thomas J. Clarke II, Co-Chairman Sanchez, Councilman Gale, Councilman Lebron. Also present were Interim Chief Barco HFD, Nathalie Feola-Guerrieri Corporation Counsel, Chief Thody HPD, Assistant Chief Medina HPD, Sue Webster ES&T

Interim Chief Barco gave a slideshow presentation. Going over General Updates (Covid 19, PPE & Quarantine, ERS, Recent Community Partners), Fire Response Scorecard (city-wide), EMS Response Scorecard (city-wide), EMS calls by neighborhoods (June 2021), Rescue calls by neighborhoods (June 2021), All fires (June 2021), Location of structure fires in relations to Fire Station (June 2021) & HFD Demographics. Interim Chief answered any questions Council members may have asked.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

James Sánchez  
Co-Chairman of QL&PS



# Court of Common Council

AGENDA ITEM #13

CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

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

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

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## Communication

August 9th, 2021

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

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee held a Virtual Meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 pm on Hartford Public Access TV to discuss the following item as reflected on the committee agenda.

### **Presentation from Chief Thody or HPD Representative**

The following were present: Committee Co-Chairman Thomas J. Clarke II, Co-Chairman Sanchez, Councilman Gale, Councilman Lebron. Also present were Interim Chief Barco HFD, Nathalie Feola-Guerrieri Corporation Counsel, Chief Thody HPD, Assistant Chief Medina HPD, Sue Webster ES&T

A/C Medina went over a slideshow presentation. Going over Hartford's crime stats (Weekly report & city-wide), Homicide Investigation (27 Irving street), Recent Homicide Arrests, Recent Shooting Arrest (166 Kensington Street & 175 Nelson Street), Firearm Arrests (Seized between 6/16/21-7/20/21). A/C Medina & Chief Thody answered any questions Council members may have had.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

James Sánchez  
Co-Chairman of QL&PS



# Court of Common Council

AGENDA ITEM #14

CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

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

Nick Lebrón, Councilman  
Joshua Michtom, Councilman  
Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilwoman  
James Sánchez, Councilman  
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## Columbus Ad-hoc Task Force

August 9, 2021

Members of the Court of Common Council  
City of Hartford  
550 Main St.  
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Mayor and Members of the Court of Common Council:

For your consideration, the Columbus Ad-hoc Task Force respectfully submits the final Columbus Task Force report along with the accompanying resolutions.

The included documents define all the hard work of the Task Force over the last year. The Task Force was charged with conducting outreach and developing an inventory of all Columbus Memorials. The attached report includes recommendations for recognizing local and national heroes that Hartford residents will be proud to honor. A full update can be discussed at the next City Council meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti and  
Councilman Nick Lebron





# Court of Common Council

AGENDA ITEM #15

CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

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

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

Noel F. McGregor, Jr, Town and City Clerk

## Report

August 9, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held its regular monthly Committee meeting on July 19, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Hartford Public Accesses TV which was live streamed for public viewing via Hartford Public Access (HPA). The committee meeting started at 5:31 pm and was held to discuss the following referred items as reflected on the committee agenda.

**MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the transfer to the Suspense Book of \$1,094,913.44 in outstanding delinquent personal property taxes for tax bills that the Tax Collector has certified as unlikely to be collected. (ITEM 1 ON 6/28/21 AGENDA)**

The following were present at the scheduled OMBG&A Committee Meeting: Majority Leader and Committee Co-Chair Thomas T.J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Bermudez further joined us along with non-committee member Councilman Nick Lebron, also present was our Corporation Council attorney Howard Rifkin, our Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Hockenhull, our director of finance Leigh Ann Ralls and our tax collector Nancy Raich.

Majority Leader Clarke II introduced the item and Miss Ralls began testimony as to the city's statutory obligations to address these delinquent taxes owed to the city. Majority Leader further asked the finance department to educate us and the viewing public as to how we arrive to this point in coordination with the tax department.

Miss Ralls further testified as to the three types of taxes the city primarily collects being real estate taxes, personal property taxes and motor vehicle taxes. It will primarily be motor vehicle taxes and personal property taxes as real estate taxes are subject to liens and would not make that collection list. She further explained how the list gets generated and the specifications into the list for this year. Some factors include, entities that are no longer in business and last year list had more a focus on people deceased.

Nancy further added that these taxes are still collectable and are further referred to our third party vendor Rossi Law for further actions. Some are also bankruptcy along with any other scrutiny by the assessor.

Miss Ralls further added that this past years list looks much cleaner for a grand list when compared to other years. We could also pursue further enforcement by marshals and other suits, however the atmosphere of our community would be affected coming out of our most recent pandemic and could pose as a political issue from constituents coupled by our high mill rate added Nancy.

A motion was entertained by Majority Leader Clarke II, a motion was made by Councilman John Gale to send this item back to Council with a favorable recommendation and properly seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon.

The votes proceeded as follows:

**OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items # 1 on agenda (4-0. 1 Absent. 0 Recused) (Pass)**

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

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: YES

Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: ABSENT

Councilman John Q. Gale: YES

Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez: YES

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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



Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

June 28, 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: Tax Suspense List**

Dear Council President Rosado,

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

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the transfer to the Suspense Book of \$1,094,913.44 in outstanding delinquent personal property taxes for tax bills that the Tax Collector has certified as unlikely to be collected. In most instances, the businesses associated with the tax have closed and the owner cannot be located, or the owner is deceased.

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

Attached is the Tax Suspense List for your review. The Office of the Tax Collector is happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Mayor

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**INTRODUCED**

By Mayor Luke A. Bronin

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

City of Hartford, June 28, 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

Property Type	Grand List(s)	Taxes Owed
Personal Property	2006 - 2015	\$1,094,913.44

Total amount to be moved to the Suspense Book \$1,094,913.44

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

**RESOLVED**, that the aggregate sum of \$1,094,913.44 in outstanding personal property taxes, and the same hereby is, transferred to the Municipal Suspense Tax Book effective as of June 30, 2021, in accordance with Section 12-165 of the State of Connecticut General Statutes.



# Court of Common Council

AGENDA ITEM #16

CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

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Noel F. McGregor, Jr, Town and City Clerk

## Report

August 9, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held its regular monthly Committee meeting on July 19, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Hartford Public Accesses TV which was live streamed for public viewing via Hartford Public Access (HPA). The committee meeting started at 5:31 pm and was held to discuss the following referred items as reflected on the committee agenda.

**(COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON) (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCILMAN SÁNCHEZ) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMÚDEZ) Resolution requesting that June 19<sup>th</sup> shall be recognized each year as "Juneteenth/Freedom/Independence/Emancipation Day" in the City of Hartford and through its Office of Equity and Opportunity, continue to explore multiple ways in which Hartford can advance justice and equity for all its residents. (ITEM 25 ON 6/28/21 AGENDA)**

The following were present at the scheduled OMBG&A Committee Meeting: Majority Leader and Committee Co-Chair Thomas T.J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Bermudez further joined us along with non-committee member Councilman Nick Lebron, also present was our Corporation Council attorney Howard Rifkin, our Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Hockenhull, our director of finance Leigh Ann Ralls and our tax collector Nancy Raich.

Majority Leader Clarke II introduced the item and a motion was entertained by Majority Leader Clarke II a motion was made by Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon to postpone this item until our next committee meeting, the motion was then properly seconded by Councilman John Gale.

The votes proceeded as follows:

**OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items # 3 on agenda (3-1. 1 Absent. 1 Abstain) (Pass)**

Majority Leader and Co-Chair Thomas T.J Clarke II: YES  
Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: YES  
Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: ABSENT  
Councilman John Q. Gale: ABSTAIN  
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez: YES

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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





# Court of Common Council

AGENDA ITEM #17

CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
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Maly D. Rosado, Council President  
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John Q. Gale, Councilman

Nick Lebrón, Councilman  
Joshua Michtom, Councilman  
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## Report

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**MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution requesting that pursuant to City Charter Chap. X, Sec. 7, the Court of Common Council hereby authorize the Mayor to expend Uncommitted FY'21 Budget Surplus, after transfers to Fund Balance and CIP/Pre-funding of school construction projects, for purposes of allocations approved in the ARP. Replacement (ITEM 1 7/12/21 ON AGENDA)**

The following were present at the scheduled OMBG&A Committee Meeting: Majority Leader and Committee Co-Chair Thomas T.J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Bermudez further joined us along with non-committee member Councilman Nick Lebron, also present was our Corporation Council attorney Howard Rifkin, our Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Hockenhull, our director of finance Leigh Ann Ralls and our tax collector Nancy Raich.

Majority Leader Clarke II introduced the item and our Chief Financial Officer made a brief presentation as to the necessity of accomplishing this flexibility of spending these funds.

Councilwoman Surgeon further questioned the guidelines that restrict us using those funds as we need and how these funds could be switched out for using simpler terms.

Miss Hockenhull further clarified as to the finalization of the rules and added that we have received the first half of those funds and will receive the second half next year and we will have until December of 2024 to commit to using all the funds for the respected projects.

Miss Ralls further added that there are two types of reports that have to be filed with the Federal Government, the first being an interim report which provides an overview of the status and use of the funds which is only required once by us to report and the second one we do quarterly and that is a project expenditure report which is a bit more detailed as to the up to date use of the funds. Miss Ralls further added that all municipalities suffered a reduction and Leigh Ann further added that our first report is due August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and that has minimal activity to date.

A motion was entertained by Majority Leader Clarke II, a motion was made by Councilman John Gale to send this item back to Council with a favorable recommendation, the motion was then properly seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon.

The votes proceeded as follows:

**OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items # 4 on agenda (4-0. 1 Absent. 0 Recused) (Pass)**

Majority Leader and Co-Chair Thomas T.J Clarke II: YES  
Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: YES  
Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: ABSENT  
Councilman John Q. Gale: YES  
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez: YES

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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



**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

July 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: American Rescue Plan Projects**

Dear Council President Rosado,

As you know, the City Council approved the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) spending plan on May 19, 2021 and authorized my office to sign documents and enter into agreements to effectuate the terms of the spending plan.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has issued an Interim Final Rule that creates some ambiguity and uncertainty about the eligible uses of ARP dollars by municipalities and is, in some respects, more restrictive than the language of the ARP suggests. In addition, the amount of ARP funds allocated to the City of Hartford has been reduced from the initial estimate by approximately \$4,000,000.

In order to ensure that the City can fully execute the plan presented and approved by the Council, I am seeking authority, as specified in the attached resolution, to allocate from the anticipated uncommitted FY'21 budget surplus funds that may be necessary to pursue projects within the specific ARP spending categories in the event that the Final Rule issued by the Treasury Department does not provide sufficient clarity about the eligibility of our planned expenditures.

It is our view that the allocation plan approved by Council meets the criteria set forth in the ARP legislation. However, with the adoption of this Resolution, the City will have some insurance against having to forego some of our proposed efforts.

Our team is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

550 Main Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103  
Telephone (860) 757-9500  
Facsimile (860) 722-6606



**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, July 12, 2021

**WHEREAS**, On May 19, 2021, the Court of Common Council unanimously adopted a Resolution authorizing a multi-year \$116, 698,000 spending plan under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP); and

**WHEREAS**, said spending plan approved allocations among several spending categories consistent with ARP, and that among those categories are: Youth Services and Support; Community Safety and Wellness; Business Support and Activation; Housing-focused Non-profits; Arts and Culture; Economic and Community Development; and Revenue Replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the US Department of the Treasury is responsible for issuing more detailed guidelines for the expenditure of ARP funding and has, in its Interim Final Rule, more narrowly interpreted some the ARP provisions, which could impact the allocation of some funds under the approved City Allocation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, while the City of Hartford and numerous cities around the country, as well as the U.S. Conference of Mayors, are seeking greater flexibility and greater clarity in the forthcoming Final Rule from the Department of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the City of Hartford's final allocation was reduced by approximately \$4,000,000 following revised calculations by the Department of the Treasury; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, pursuant to City Charter Chap. X, Sec. 7, the Court of Common Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to expend Uncommitted FY'21 Budget Surplus for purposes of allocations already approved by the Court of Common Council in the ARP Allocation Plan, to ensure that the City retains the ability to implement the ARP Allocation Plan as fully as possible; 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 interest of the City, in order to expend the above referenced uncommitted surplus; 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.

# Court of Common Council

AGENDA ITEM #18



CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET

HARTFORD CONNECTICUT 06103

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

Nick Lebrón, Councilman  
Joshua Michtom, Councilman  
Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilwoman  
James Sánchez, Councilman  
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Noel F. McGregor, Jr, Town and City Clerk

## Report

August 9, 2021

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

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Public Works, Parks, Recreation & Environment (PWPR&E) Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom platform, HPATV.org/Channel 96 on Comcast & Frontier to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item # 1

MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution confirming the re-appointments of Carl Williams and Craig Mergins as at-large representatives and appointment of Jose Camacho as the representative of Heaven Skatepark for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC). (Item #2 on agenda June 28, 2021)

The following were present: Committee Chair Marilyn E. Rossetti, Committee members Nick Lebron and John Gale. Also present were: Councilwoman Surgeon, Department of Public Works - Director Acting Director Petrel Maylor, Corporation Counsel – Jim DelVisco, Craig Mergins, Jose Camacho, Hyacinth Yennie and Melissa Yennie St'Juste.

Reappointed as an at-large member, Mr. Mergins has served for many years as PRAC commissioner and past chair. He shared his continued desire to serve. Mr. Camacho is a new Commissioner representing Heaven Skatepark. He spoke of his commitment to the City of Hartford. Carl Williams was not present at the meeting - reappointed as an at-large member.

Discussion followed by Q&A.

There is a substitute resolution to correct typos.

Committee Member Lebron made motion for a favorable recommendation to the full Council. Second by Committee Member John Gale.

**Vote Taken: (3. Absent: Pass:)**

Committee Chair Marilyn E. Rossetti: Yes

Committee Member Nick Lebron: Yes

Committee Member John Gale: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marilyn E. Rossetti



Chair - Public Works, Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee





**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

June 28, 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: Appointments to Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the re-appointments of Carl Williams and Craig Mergins as at-large representatives and appointment of Jose Camacho as the representative of Heaven Skatepark for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC).

The Commission serves as an advisory body to the Department of Public Works, the City Council, The Department of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation and to the Mayor on matters pertaining to the use and development of our parks.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Mergins are both active PRAC members who have agreed to continue serving the commission. Mr. Camacho is a lifelong resident of Hartford who is active in the local arts scene and who has a passion for our parks.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

## **SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**

**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, August 9, 2021

**WHEREAS**, The Commission shall be an advisory body to the Department of Public Works, The City Council, The Department of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation and to the Mayor, in matters pertaining to the use and development of our parks, and

**WHEREAS**, The Commission is composed of twenty-one members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed as members by the Court of Common Council, for a term of three years, and

**WHEREAS**, The Mayor has re-appointed Carl Williams and Craig Mergins and appointed Jose Camacho to the Commission; now, therefore, be it

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

- Carl Williams (D), 101 Cromwell St, Hartford, CT 06114  
For a term expiring 2024
- Craig Mergins (R), 114 Adelaide Street, Hartford, CT 06114  
For a term expiring 2024
- Jose Camacho (U) 105 Sherbrooke Ave, Apt 48, Hartford CT 06106  
For a term expiring 2024

## ***Craig D. Mergins***

114 Adelaide Street

Hartford, CT 06114

(860) 296-8670 (H)

(860) 883-3204 (C)

[cortomergins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cortomergins@sbcglobal.net)

### ***PROFESSIONAL PROFILE***

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An innovative specialist with a comprehensive background in park management and developing, coordinating and marketing community, sports, and youth recreational programs. A collaborator adept in the area of promotion and sponsorship, public relations, community relations and volunteer coordination. Strengths include:

\*Interpersonal communication

\* Operations management

\* Teambuilding

\*Managerial leadership

\* Strategic planning

\* Networking

### ***PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE***

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**1/4/2020- Present-Knox**

#### **Field Operations Manager**

Responsible for the coordination of a five person crew in city wide green initiatives such as fee-for-service landscaping, city wide community garden, farming, and tree planting program. Responsible for purchasing and maintenance of all equipment and budgets related to all operations. Created a Green Apprentice Program hiring urban youth to train in job skills related to all of Knox green initiatives.

**9/15/17 to 12/21/2019- Our Piece of the Pie**

#### **Youth Business Instructor**

Teaching youth in the River Wrights Boat Shop all aspects of the building and design including developing a business plan and the skills using the tools and machinery to build and repair a variety of boats and wood projects. Consultant to OPP on the Mayor's initiative of the Hartford Youth Service Corps. Develop strategies by creating collaborative projects and programs for youth workers within the City of Hartford Parks Departments and Office of Sustainability along with professional training sessions from representatives throughout the community.

**5/1/17 to 11/1/17 - Hartford Marathon Foundation**

**Volunteer** - Assist Hartford Marathon staff with a variety of operations and race logistics for events throughout the year.

**1/88 to 4/28/17 Riverfront Recapture, Inc**

#### **Director of Community Events and Engagement**

Guided a diverse staff of people related to planning, programming and management of public parks and recreational facilities within a waterfront development project on the banks of the Connecticut River in Greater Hartford. Developed programs and special events for all ages cultivating opportunities for environmental awareness, cultural arts, recreation and sporting events such as:

- Maintain an extensive network of contacts including key community leaders, city and state organizations, neighborhood, local businesses and all forms of media.
- Developed marketing and public relations strategies and secure sponsorships to ensure media exposure and event success.
- Established strategies for fund-raising and grant writing in both private and public sectors raising over \$400,000 for programming.
- Generated exposure for RRI via appearances on local news services as well as ESPN, Good Morning America along with articles in USA Today and Reader's Digest.
- Created a High School and Community Rowing Program resulting in the construction of a \$3.5 million dollar Boathouse and a \$35,000 revenue source each year.



- Designed and implement Adventure Ropes Course for corporations and youth organizations generating an average of \$10,000 of net revenue each year.
- Created the Riverfront Park Ranger Program to provide a security presence throughout the Riverfront Park system in partnership with Hartford and East Hartford Police Departments.
- Managed a summer youth employment program which received national exposure featuring a boat building program partnering with Mystic Seaport and science program partnering with National Geographic.
- Designed Dragon Boating Program and Dragon Boat Festival developing corporate involvement and team building programming within our Adventure Ropes Course.
- Served as lead liaison with the Metropolitan District Commission overseeing all park operations of 125 acres of the Riverfront park system.
- Coordinated Community Service Projects involving over 2,000 individual volunteers in 2015, from corporate, non-profit and community organizations in beautification projects resulting in over \$20,000 worth of in-kind investment.

Contracted and/or coordinate the following major events with a cumulative of 4 million dollars of economic development into the local economy through Riverfront Recapture showcasing multiple recreation land and water uses.

- B.A.S.S. Pro-Am Top 100, 1994, ESPN
- Bud-Light Triathlon, 1991 & 1992, ESPN
- Site Coordinator & Media Liaison, Presidential Debate, 1996
- U.S. Rowing Association Convention, 1997
- FLW Million Dollar Bass Tournament, 1998, ESPN
- CycloCross Mountain Bike Championships, 2016, ESPN
- Merrell Adventure Race, 2013, 2014, 2015
- Dragon Boat Races, 2000-2015
- Kick It 3v3 Regional Soccer Tournament, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
- Riverfest, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival, 1993-1996, Fox 61
- B.A.S.S. Eastern Regional, 1990, 1991, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2015

## **EDUCATION**

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois  
Bachelor of Science, Education-Commercial Recreation

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Current Co-Chair, Hartford Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission  
Current Member, Hartford Tree Advisory Commission  
Current Member, Hartford Golf Oversight Commission

### **Awards**

2019 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission-Recognition of 25 Years of Service to Commission  
2009 CT. Outdoor Environmental Education Association-Educator of the Year  
2002 Greater Hartford Convention and Visitor Bureau-Thomas J. Shortell Award

**Jose Camacho**

**Director/Event Specialist/Founder**

**Heaven Skatepark/UnderGround Coalition**

My goal is to unite and teach our youth and adults through Hip Hop Culture, Music and Arts that Peace, Love, Unity and Respect can bring our community together through these elements.

**Events:**

Hartford Hip Hop Festival Riverfront Recapture 2000-2004

Mighty4 Hartford (Bboy/Breakdance Battle) Heaven Skatepark 2007-2014

International Trinity Hip Hop Festival Trinity College 2009-2017

**Community:**

Institute for Community Research 2000-2002 Xctasy Club Project

Billing Forge Artist in Residence 2010-2012

Kinsella Magnet School Graffiti Breakdancing Classes 2006-2014

One of the founders of Heaven Skatepark other founders Erik Munday & Jaime Frog

Legalized Graffiti at Heaven Skatepark

**Personal**

Jose has been a Fulltime Single parent for 10 yrs one of the best decisions of his life

Contact

860-595-4713

Undergroundcoalition@gmail.com

# Court of Common Council

AGENDA ITEM #19



CITY OF HARTFORD  
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August 9, 2021

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

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Public Works, Parks, Recreation & Environment (PWPR&E) Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom platform, HPATV.org/Channel 96 on Comcast & Frontier to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

## Item # 2

**(Councilwoman Rossetti) (Council President Rosado) (Majority Leader Clarke II) (Councilman Sanchez) (Councilwoman Surgeon) (Councilman Lebron) (Councilman Gale) (Councilwoman Bermudez) (Councilman Michtom) Resolution requesting to approve superimposing the name Dr. Craig J. Yennie, PH. D Way on Vernon Street (at the intersection of Vernon/Summit) to be displayed henceforth as Dr. Craig J. Yennie, PH. D Way. (Item #24 on agenda June 28, 2021)**

The following were present: Committee Chair Marilyn E. Rossetti, Committee members Nick Lebron and John Gale. Also present were: Councilwoman Surgeon, Department of Public Works - Director Acting Director Petrel Maylor, Corporation Counsel – Jim DelVisco, Craig Mergins, Jose Camacho, Hyacinth Yennie and Melissa Yennie St'Juste.

Hyacinth Yennie and her daughter Melissa spoke with eloquence and emotion about their outstanding son, brother, role model and Hartford native, Dr Craig J. Yennie. Committee members also commented on his achievements with pride.



A substitute resolution was created to add Councilwoman Bermudez and Councilman Michtom indicating the support of all 9 Councilmembers.

Committee Member Gale made motion for a favorable recommendation to the full Council. Second by Committee Lebron.

**Vote Taken: (3. Absent: Pass:)**

Committee Chair Marilyn E. Rossetti: Yes

Committee Member Nick Lebron: Yes

Committee Member John Gale: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marilyn E. Rossetti



Chair - Public Works, Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee

## SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION

### INTRODUCED BY:

### COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

Councilwoman Marilyn E. Rossetti  
Council President Maly Rosado  
Majority Leader T.J. Clarke II  
Councilman James Sanchez  
Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon  
Councilman Nick Lebron  
Councilman John Q. Gale  
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez  
Councilman Josh Michtom

City of Hartford, August 9, 2021

**WHEREAS**, Hartford born and bred Dr. “Craig “Joseph Yennie, PH. D is an outstanding role model and hometown hero: an Extraordinary Son, Brother, Scientist, Scholar and Mentor, whose academic excellence, compassionate leadership, commitment to his community and his strong family roots has earned for him a significant place in our City’s history; and

**WHEREAS**, Craig J. Yennie attended M.D. Fox Elementary and Classical Magnet at Quirk Middle and during this time gang wars in the 1990’s were rampant in the City of Hartford, Craig became active and involved in community/neighborhood organizing and co-founded the South End Knight Riders Youth Center, now known as Compass Youth Collaborative supported by the Hartford Areas Rally Together (HART) umbrella with guidance and tutelage of his mother Hyacinth Yennie also a Harford icon and activist; and

**WHEREAS**, Upon graduating from high school at the Sports Science Academy with various illustrious internships including renowned forensic scientist Dr. Henry Lee, Craig attended Trinity College earning a B.S in Chemistry and minor in Legal Studies in 2006; as well as continuing his community engagement, tutoring, mentoring Trinity, local elementary and high school students. In addition, began his scientific research in order to make the complex intricacies of organic chemistry more student friendly; and

**WHEREAS**, as an outstanding chemistry student and research assistant at Brown University Craig delved deep into the science of DNA, managed collaborations with other research groups and co-authored numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2012 Dr. Craig J. Yennie obtained his Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry (Organic/Bioorganic) from Brown University in Rhode Island, again achieving academic excellence and the Elaine Chase Service and Leadership Award; and

**WHEREAS**, After he received his PH. D, Dr. Yennie was a teacher at Barrington High School, Rhode Island where he planned lessons, lectured and designed classroom demonstrations for chemistry, algebra, and pre-calculus; and

**WHEREAS**, Professor Craig J. Yennie, VP-Board of Governors, Brown University was hired by his alma mater as a Laboratory Instructor of Chemistry responsible for lectures of organic chemistry, and supervising 200 undergraduate students and 12 graduate teaching assistants, while continuing his research and publications with an esteemed group of scientists; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Craig Joseph Yennie, born March 24<sup>th</sup> 1983 in Hartford passed away unexpectedly at the age of 33 on November 8th, 2016, gone too soon; and

**WHEREAS**, Craig was super-intelligent, humble, patient, kind and generous, making an impact through his unassuming nature, dedication to excellence and love of family; he will be remembered not only for his academic achievements but also for his devotion to people, his contagious “belly” laugh, his angelic smile and his calming and pleasant spirit;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Yennie’s spirit remains at Brown University through a memorial wall and a garden. It lives through the SCRIBE Institute a local nonprofit that awards scholarships to seniors interested in STEM careers. His path leads back to Trinity College under the cherry tree honoring him, near the Chemistry lab and rests on the memorial bench in the school foyer at the Sports Medical Science Academy; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, To further honor, recognize and memorialize Professor Craig’s scientific accomplishments and contributions to the field of Chemistry and DNA genetic research as well as the acknowledgement of this Hartford native’s impact on our City of Hartford; be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby approve superimposing the name of Dr. Craig J. Yennie, PH. D Way on Vernon Street (at the intersection of Vernon/Summit) to be displayed henceforth as Dr. Craig J. Yennie, PH.D Way.





# Court of Common Council

AGENDA ITEM # #20

CITY OF HARTFORD  
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Noel F. McGregor, Jr, Town and City Clerk

## Report

August 9th, 2021

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

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee held a Virtual Meeting on July 20th, 2021 at 5:30 pm on Hartford Public Access TV to discuss the following item as reflected on the committee agenda.

**(COUNCILMAN SÁNCHEZ) (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) Resolution requesting that the Director of the Department of Emergency Services & Telecommunications along with Hartford's Chief Operating Officer provide an updated report at the next scheduled Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee Meeting on the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG). (Item #17 on 3/8/21 Agenda)**

The following were present: Committee Co-Chairman Clarke, Co-Chairman Sanchez, Councilman Gale, Councilman Lebron. Also present were Nathalie Feola-Guerrieri Corporation Counsel, Chief Thody HPD, Assistant Chief Medina HPD, Sue Webster ES&T, Interim Chief Barco HFD.

Director Webster informed Council that the cut over for the Motorola radio system was completed April 27<sup>th</sup>. Susan Webster answered any questions Council members may have had regarding the radio system.

A motion was made by Councilman Sanchez to send this item back to Council; accepting the report.; Second by Councilman Gale.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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James Sánchez  
Co-Chairman of QL&PS

**INTRODUCED**

**James Sanchez, Councilman**

**Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader**

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

**City of Hartford March 8, 2021**

**RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Department of Emergency Services & Telecommunications along with Hartford's Chief Operating Officer provide an updated report at the next scheduled Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee Meeting on the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG).





# Court of Common Council

AGENDA ITEM #21

CITY OF HARTFORD

550 MAIN STREET  
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James Sánchez, Councilman  
Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman

Noel F. McGregor, Jr, Town and City Clerk

## Report

August 9, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Planning, Economic Development, and Housing Committee held a special meeting on July 28, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

**(COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ)**, Resolution that the Court of Common Council urges the closure and decommissioning of Brainard Airport, and, that the City of Hartford reclaim the 201 acres of land for more beneficial and environmentally friendly economic development for all residence (Item number 10 on the May 24, 2021 Agenda).

The following were present: PEDH Committee Chairwoman Shirley Surgeon, Council President Maly Rosado, Councilman James Sánchez, Councilman John Gale, , Haylee Green-Ortiz Executive Assistant for Councilman James Sánchez, Jack Hale the chair of the Hartford Tree Advisory Commission, Kevin Dillon from Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA), State Senator John Fonfara, Lindsey Rutka representing Brainard Airport and resident of Glastonbury, Emil Thomen resident of Lebanon, Rebecca Wheeler resident of Glastonbury, Thomas P Jeffery III resident of Newington, Matthew J. Macaluso resident of Tolland, Cynthia Greenblatt resident of Wethersfield, Pat Hayes resident of Wethersfield, Sara Hinman resident of Wethersfield, Chris Hayes resident of Hartford, Kelly Bilodeau resident of Hartford, Jackie San resident of Hartford, Hyacinth Yennie resident of Hartford, Chris Hayes a resident of Hartford, Jackie Nadal a resident of Hartford, Raquel Calderon a resident of Hartford, and other concerned citizens.

Committee Chairwoman Surgeon introduced the singular item on the agenda before handing the meeting over to Councilman Sánchez, who was the author of the resolution. Councilman Sánchez's Executive Assistant, Haylee Green-Ortiz, prepared a presentation for members of the committee and meeting attendees. The presentation started with a general outline of Brainard's location and history. Information was presented about the land's value, the tax revenue the city receives, and the amount in aircraft registration fees.

Ms. Green-Ortiz stated operating Brainard costs \$1 million per year, taxpayers subsidize flights, and there is a remaining balance of \$2 million dollars in federal grants that will be reimbursed by the state of Connecticut. Ms. Green-Ortiz stated, in her presentation, that those who fly into the airport are not spending money when they come to Hartford, and the city does not receive tax benefits from Brainard Airport. Ms. Green-Ortiz stated the goal is to expand the flight school and not to shut it down.

Ms. Green-Ortiz went into detail about the detrimental effects of removing 30 acres of trees from the airport grounds. She stated tree removals worsen issues like asthma and developmental disabilities in the city.

Ms. Green-Ortiz stated there were the following concerns relating to the airport:

- 1) Pollution and environmental justice issues
- 2) No benefit for surrounding towns
- 3) Increase of asthma and developmental disabilities
- 4) Nominal tax benefits
- 5) Preserving the Connecticut ecosystem and riverfront
- 6) Contamination of the Connecticut River

Ms. Green-Ortiz then went on to name the benefits of re-development of the land, which Brainard constitutes, including: Environmentally friendly economic development, getting the land back on the grand list, preserving the ecosystem, and tax revenue, and the possibility of lowering the mill rate for homeowners and businesses in the city.

Ms. Green-Ortiz stated listed the following amenities that could help with redevelopment:

- 1) Create a marina
- 2) Housing
- 3) Riverfront extension
- 4) Boardwalk
- 5) Retail
- 6) Restaurants
- 7) Local light rail
- 8) Expanding the Aero-School

Ms. Green-Ortiz went on to give information about various riverfronts, which were re-developed, in and outside of Connecticut. She stated the riverfront's re-development will be beneficial for the city.

Councilman Sánchez, after the presentation, recognized State Senator John Fonfara who joined the meeting. Senator Fonfara yielded his time to speak until later on in the evening. Councilman Sánchez then introduced Kevin Dillon, from the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA). Mr. Dillon stated that the CAA is the owner of the airport, and that the airport serves as a pilot training center, a hub for public safety, and there are aviation assets at the airport. Mr. Dillon stated there was a study conducted that shows the airport currently supports over 300 jobs and provides over \$20 million in salaries. Mr. Dillon stated that generally airports operate at a deficit. He stated that taxpayers do not fund airports and they recover most of their deficits through airport user fees and through the aviation fuel tax. Mr. Dillon gave the example of Tweed Airport, in New Haven, which operates at a \$2 million deficit. He stated the city



contributes \$359,000 and the rest of the deficit is covered by the aviation fuel tax. Mr. Dillion stated that the CAA does not have the resources to close Brainard Airport and that closing an airport is a very expensive operation. Mr. Dillion stated there are \$2 million in outstanding grants to be paid back to the FAA and there would be expenses incurred from action taken due to long-term leases at the airport. Mr. Dillion stated the biggest issue is the airport operator would have to receive market value for the property and the funds which they receive have to be reinvested into aviation in the state. He stated that someone would have to come up with \$30 million. Mr. Dillion stated for any airport to be successful they have to work with the cities they operate in. Mr. Dillion stated he believes there is a lot of potential for Brainard Airport that has not been realized because of the lack of cooperation.

Committee Chairwoman Surgeon asked Mr. Dillion to expand upon his comments of lack of cooperation. Mr. Dillion stated when he first came to the CAA, in 2012, they approached the city to try and work hand and hand to promote the airport. Mr. Dillion stated that unfortunately, the offer was not taken by the city, and they were not given the cooperation to market the airport. Mr. Dillion stated items such as clearing obstructions along with tree clearing and tree trimming for the safety of the airport, were items where there was no cooperation. Mr. Dillion stated the CAA would need the cooperation of the city to extend the runway to help the airport reach its full potential. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon asked why there was a long-standing issue with tree removal. Mr. Dillion stated there is the need to clear or trim nearly 40 acres of trees and due to that, there is a level of controversy. Mr. Dillion stated the city, due to an easement, is required to do the trimming and clearing of trees at Brainard Airport. Mr. Dillion stated that the CAA has offered to do the trimming and clearing to expedite the process. Mr. Dillion stated there are issues with getting permits and there are issues with getting access to the area where the trees need to be trimmed.

Mr. Dillion went on to say, whoever owns the property would have the responsibility to satisfy the airport tenants. He stated the CAA does not have the resources to close the airport. Mr. Dillion stated unless the property is somehow condemned, then the State of Connecticut would be responsible for these costs. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon asked when the CAA took over the airport, if the CAA did an environmental study, and how long would it take to receive approval to decommission the airport. Mr. Dillion stated there is an agreement with the state that before 2013, the state is responsible for any environmental issues. After 2013 any issues which arise are the responsibility of the CAA. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon asked for a copy of the environmental study. Mr. Dillion stated he would be able to send a copy. Mr. Dillion then went on to explain how it is not a given the FAA would give permission to close the airport. He stated there would have to be a rationale for the closure of the airport and that the FAA would require a study to show they can move the traffic from Brainard Airport to another airport along with determining the best use for the airport. Mr. Dillion stated that the steps listed would be the first steps to closing the airport along with making sure any grants were taken care of along with receiving market value for the property.

Councilman Sánchez stated that, according to his research, the CAA is not in the position to put any funding into Brainard Airport that is sustainable. He stated there have been expansions of other airports that are only 12 nautical miles away from Brainard Airport. Councilman Sánchez expressed that he was making this point to show the closure of Brainard Airport would not negatively affect any of the pilots. Councilman Sánchez stated that in 1959, the City Council decided the airport was no longer viable for the City and they wanted to develop the land.



Councilman Sánchez stated there was a unanimous vote to decommission the airport. Only after the vote, did the State step in and tie the city's hands. Councilman Sánchez said he believes the state is responsible because the CAA is a ward of the state of Connecticut. Councilman Sánchez stated that when the CAA reached out to the council, from his conversations, the council did not believe it was beneficial to the city at that time. Councilman Sánchez also stated it is his understanding Mayor Luke Bronin does not feel the airport is beneficial to the city. Councilman Sánchez expressed his support of the aviation field. Councilman Sánchez stated that this resolution is not anti-aviation, but has everything to do with the taxpayers of Hartford, the businesses of Hartford, and how to encourage development in the city of Hartford.

Councilman Sánchez stated that Aetna, Travels, and the insurances companies use Bradley as an airport and the hospitals mostly rely on Bradley for organ donations. Councilman Sánchez stated, we have a prestigious section of the riverfront that, we as a city, can also benefit from. Councilman Sánchez asked Mr. Dillion, from the CAA, for demographics information on the usage of Brainard Airport. Mr. Dillion stated that he could not answer that question. He stated the CAA does not track demographics. Mr. Dillon stated there is a fair number of businesses that use the airport and refuted Councilman Sánchez's statements that businesses do not use the airport. Councilman Sánchez stated that the Town Clerk, in 2019, only received \$8,700 in aircraft registration fees. Councilman Sánchez stated he reached out to the City Assessor's Office, and they receive \$387,000 in pilot payment from the state when the city should be receiving \$1.6 million. Councilman Sánchez also stated, over the last two years in personal taxes the city only received \$13,500. Councilman Sánchez stated the revenue, which the city receives, is nominal when looking at what development would bring to the city. Mr. Dillion stated that the operation of a transportation system is governmental and lots of transportation and governmental functions operate at a deficit. He stated that taxation issues are something that should be taken up with the Sate.

Councilman Gale stated Brainard Airport is really a regional asset and not just a city asset. He asked to what extent Mr. Dillon previously had conversations with the Capital Region Council of Governments (CROG) when it comes to Brainard Airport and when it comes to having a small private airfield in Central Connecticut, due to their involvement in transportation systems. Mr. Dillion stated there is not a particular position they have pertaining to Brainard. Mr. Dillion stated they are in support of the state's transportation systems. Councilman Gale asked if CROG and the CAA had conversations regarding alternative locations for the airport and relocating the airport. Mr. Dillion stated they have not had conversations about the relocation of the airport. Mr. Dillion stated he does not see the relocation of the airport as a feasible option. Mr. Dillion also stated they have not undertaken relocating the traffic from Brainard Airport to other airports as a study. Councilman Gale asked when Pratt and Whitney abandoned their airfield and if they had conversations with relocating Brainard to East Hartford. Mr. Dillion stated no, they did not have any conversations pertaining to that.

Committee Chairwoman Surgeon asked about the environmental study. She stated that she recalled something about underneath the airport there being remnants of industrial coal usage. Mr. Dillon stated he does not recall seeing that information in the study and would have to go back and re-read the study to see if that was the case. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon asked why the environmental report was done in 2013, how in depth it was, and did it suggest any sort of best use for the site. Mr. Dillion stated the study was done to establish a baseline for any environmental issues. The State acknowledged that they had to be responsible for anything pre



2013 and post 2013 the CAA would be responsible. Mr. Dillion stated studies were done at all of the airports including Bradley. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon stated, due to the easement with the city, if the CAA has any intention to force the City to remove the trees. Mr. Dillion stated that they are going to have to come to some sort of agreement because at some point the trees become a safety issue and they will have to act. Mr. Dillion stated the trees were cleared originally and began to grow back.

Councilman Sánchez turned the meeting over to Jack Hale, the Chair of the Tree Advisory Commission. Mr. Hale stated the commission believes that trees are important; they sequester carbon, capture storm water, and have many other valuable attributes. Mr. Hale stated that as a commission their job is to expand the tree canopy in the City of Hartford. Mr. Hale stated what the commission has learned is the best bang for the buck comes from preserving existing trees. Mr. Hale stated the commission's immediate reaction to finding out there would be removal of trees to comply with FAA requirements was generally negative. Mr. Hale stated they were able to reduce the amount of clearing which needed to happen to meet the requirements for the FAA. Mr. Hale stated one of the things they have done to try and preserve the urban forest of the city is put into place an ordinance which requires the replacement of a tree by the number of inches the tree is. Mr. Hale stated it is not a tree-by-tree replacement but on an inch by inch-by-inch basis. He stated so far, they have not heard any plan of action as what would happen if the trees were removed, and they were unable to replace the trees on an inch-by-inch basis. Mr. Hale stated if the trees cannot be replaced, they can pay 500 dollars per tree. Mr. Hale stated that the commission is interested and committed to ensuring the protection of mature trees. Mr. Hale stated there needs to be a plan to replace the tree canopy if the airport is going to follow through with the removal of any trees. Mr. Hale stated that the trees, which need to be cut at the airport, are mostly silver maples and cotton woods and if they are cut off from the stump they will grow back and grow from the stump. He stated someone has to figure out that issue.

Councilman Sánchez stated going down the list of individuals who signed up to speak at the committee meeting and give their testimony on the resolution.

- 1) Lindsey Rutka, resident of Glastonbury, spoke against the resolution. He stated he is the owner of Hartford Jet Center which operates the large hangers and concierge services of the subtenants of the facilities and manages the Hartford jet Center itself. He spoke to the business the airport brings in along with educational opportunities and how he hopes to work with the city to come up with a resolution instead shutting down the airport.
- 2) Emil Tomen, a resident of Lebanon, spoke in opposition of the resolution as an aviation student. He spoke to how aviation is changing and how the airport provides a great opportunity to take advantage of new environmentally friendly changes.
- 3) Rebecca Wheeler, a resident of Glastonbury, spoke in opposition to the resolution. She stated only 6% of pilots in the U.S. are female and there are opportunities to work with the community to develop an aviation museum, further STEM development, and marketing attractions in Hartford. She stated only 2-3% of pilots are Black and less are Black and female. She stated Latinos represent 4-5%. She stated aviation has 11.3 million jobs and good jobs. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon asked if there was another airport she could fly out of. Ms. Wheeler stated Bradley isn't realistic for small airplane to fly into or out of. The big international airports charge landing fees. Ms. Wheeler stated another airport, Roberts, takes more time and isn't near anything near it in terms of restaurants like Brainard.



Councilman Sánchez introduced State Senator John Fonfara, who represents the area of the city where Brainard is located. State senator Fonfara stated he is a life- long resident of the city and he is in support of the resolution. State Senator Fonfara stated the timing could not be more significant. He stated the trash energy plant is going to close and that Brainard and the trash energy plant, which are alongside the Connecticut River, sit on property of far greater value than Brainard and the trash energy plant. He stated that the city only receives \$18,00 in registration fees and Brainard losses money every year. State Senator Fonfara stated that the trash plant and Brainard Airport total 320 acers and Baltimore's Inner Harbor totals 192 acers. State Senator Fonfara stated these parcels are underutilized and take up valuable land on the Connecticut River. State Senator Fonfara stated this is an opportunity to create something which people can only experience out of state. State Senator Fonfara stated the Inner Harbor in Baltimore has over \$2.3 Billion in economic activity, over 21,000 jobs, and a large amount of tax revenue. He stated the value of Brainard Airport is not equivalent to the land's potential. State Senator Fonfara commended the council for bringing up this issue. State Senator Fonfara stated the reason the decommissioning the airport is a current topic of conversation is because there was a meeting with himself, the mayor, and Mr. Dillion. The meeting was to discuss tree cutting. They were given the option of cutting the trees or decommissioning the airport. State Senator Fonfara stated the CAA and FAA are not in the businesses of closing airports. That this is the time to think regionally and to look at everyone together. That the airport is far less valuable than the potential which can be realized in that area.

Committee Chairwoman Surgeon thanked Senator Fonfara for joining the conversation. She asked how the State can help the city determine the highest and best use for the 201 acers and how can the state help supply different reports to see what the best usage of the land would be. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon asked if the State is willing to cover the costs of decommissioning the airport. State Senator Fonfara stated that the Inner Harbor in Baltimore is the best example of the possibility for the land. State Senator Fonfara stated there are before and after photos of the Inner Harbor and that some of the photos are reminiscent of where the trash energy plant stands. He stated the trash energy plant and Brainard are underutilized, and developers would see the same. State Senator Fonfara stated creating an inlet and a marina, given the size of their parcels, is a great possibility and there are other examples they can learn from. He said he is confident his colleagues, at the State, would make this opportunity a reality.

Councilman Sánchez continued down the list of speakers for the evening.

- 4) Chris Hayes, a resident of Hartford, a commissioner on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, and the Tree Advisory Commission, spoke in favor of the resolution. He stated that it would be the best to decommission the airport and to preserve the environmental systems which are already in place.
- 5) Kelly Bilodeau, a resident of Hartford, who lives in the Southwest section of the Hartford, spoke in favor of the resolution. She stated the closure of the airport plays a vital role in the development of the city. She stated it will provide economic opportunities as well as additions to the grand list.
- 6) Jackie Nadal, a Hartford resident, spoke in favor of the resolution. She stated it will attract visitors to the city and it will be a way to offset the businesses and residents who are taxed at a high rate. She stated she hopes council embraces the opportunity in front of them and votes in favor of this resolution.



- 7) Hayacnith Yennie, a resident of Hartford, stated she is appalled that they want to cut 40 acers of trees. She stated she sees this as an opportunity to make a lot of money from the riverfront. Mrs. Yennie stated she is in total support of the resolution. She stated as she talked to people from Wethersfield the airport is very disruptive to them. She wants economic development the city everyone can benefit from.
- 8) Cynthia Grenblat, a resident of Wethersfield, and a member of the Hartford Brainard Noise Advisory Commission spoke in favor of the resolution. She stated what benefits Hartford benefits the region and they have a stark choice. She said Mr. Dillion stated that they either decommission the airport or they will have to destroy trees. She stated that they should bring some environmental justice to people of Hartford who have been living with environmental injustice for too long.
- 9) Thomas Jeffery, a resident of Newington, spoke in opposition of the resolution. He stated he is concerned there is a disconnect between the city and Brainard Airport. He stated that what Mr. Dillion was talking about the lack of cooperation. He stated it is obvious the City is not cooperating with the development or advancement of that property.
- 10) Matthew Macaluso, a Resident of Tolland CT, spoke in opposition of the resolution. He stated that federal funds are used for the airport until 2035. He stated that under the agreement with the FAA, there may be perpetual use of the land as an airport and that the land cannot be taken away for the purposes of economic development. He stated it was unfair to leverage children to garner support for this resolution.
- 11) Raquel Calderon, a resident of Hartford spoke in support of the resolution. She stated she is excited about the resolution and that it will bring lots of people from out of state to Hartford. She stated the Connecticut River should be a big asset for Hartford, Connecticut. She stated she worked in the Hartford Public Schools for many years and many children have respiratory problems and it is time to start thinking about change. She stated that they need to recover property and say goodbye to Brainard Airport. She stated she is happy the idea of decommissioning the airport was being revisited.
- 12) Pat Hayes, a resident of Wethersfield, and a longtime member of the Brainard Noise Advisory Commission spoke in favor of the resolution. He stated he has been a witness to many years of trying to get pilots to fly over the river and not over downtown Old Wethersfield. He stated this is a very exciting opportunity. He stated that he did not realize the tree issue had become a showstopper and it could be a good opportunity to go for more healthy development.
- 13) Sara Hinman, a resident of Wethersfield, spoke in support of the resolution. She stated the region has approximately 240,00 residents and very few of these working-class families use Brainard Airport. She stated that Brainard is a horrible neighbor, and she has had oil or gas leaked on her property. She stated there will be a better use of the space which will not cause asthma and deforestation. She stated she is an occupational therapist and there is a correlation between lack of green space autism and mental health issues. She stated they should include a greenspace in any future plans.
- 14) Jay Vaugh, a Hartford resident spoke in opposition of the resolution. He stated the cost for the closure of the airport should be used to invest money in other places. He stated that we, in the city, need to show individuals there are opportunities to fly because there is a disconnect between the city of Hartford and the airport. He stated that his flight school services primarily students of color. He stated that if we, the city, invest in Brainard and help expand the flight school we will be able to help people in Hartford. He stated we should put a park space by the airport and reinvest in Brainard and not leave it by the wayside.



- 15) Kris A, a Branford a private pilot, spoke in opposition to the resolution. He stated that if the city has a wetlands proposal would block development.

Councilman Gale stated he is happy to put a motion on the floor. Councilman Gale stated he received a replacement before the meeting tonight. Councilman Gale proposed that the committee sends back the resolution back to full council with a favorable recommendation with the changes made in the replacement. The motion was seconded by Council President Maly Rosado.

Committee Chairwoman Surgeon asked if there was a discussion for replacement number one. Councilman Gale stated that they have received substantial comment before the meeting and they are sure they will receive more afterwards. Councilman Gale stated that what they have been talking about, during this meeting, is a regional matter. Councilman Gale stated regional problems take regional solutions and encourages everyone to participate in the discussion and think about what is best for our community and not only in the interest of the individual. Councilman Gale stated Hartford has many important needs. We, as a city, have an educational system, which needs a ton of improvement, and we need more employment opportunities. Councilman Gale stated that he would welcome the opportunity to sit down and have a conversation about the future of the region with neighboring towns. Councilman Gale said what is best for Central Connecticut is a strong Hartford. Council President Rosado stated that she just wants to add onto the comments, which were made previously, and thanked everyone who participated in the meeting that was over 2 hours long. Councilman Sánchez stated what benefits Hartford benefits the greater Hartford community and this resolution is for all of us.

Committee Chairwoman Surgeon thanked everyone that participated in the meeting. She stated the members of the committee, along with herself, took into consideration the different perspectives which were shared. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon stated she has been inundated with people calling the about pros and cons of this resolution therefore, she decided to hold a special meeting to discuss this resolution. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon stated when the resolution was made in May, it was unknown what the best use of the Brainard Airport's land would be. She stated she would like to see a report on how to best utilize the land which Brainard Airport occupies. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon asked that the State and CAA to do an environmental study so they will know and so the community will have more information. Councilwoman Surgeon stated she wants the community to participate and see what the best use for the 201 acers will be. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon said when this study is done more information will be around for residents.

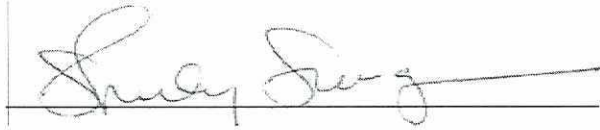
A motion was made by Councilman Gale to send this item back to full council with the changes made in the replacement with a favorable recommendation. The motion was seconded by Council President Maly Rosado.

**PEDH Committee Vote Taken (4-0. 3 Absent. 0 Recused Pass)**

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

Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez: Absent  
Councilman Joshua Michtom: Absent

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shirley Surgeon", is written over a horizontal line.

Shirley Surgeon  
Chairwoman of  
Planning, Economic Development  
& Housing



INTRODUCED BY:

James Sanchez, Councilman

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, August 9, 2021

**SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Brainard Airport is a publicly owned airport situated on 201 acres of developable land, and

**WHEREAS**, Brainard airport is located 3 miles away from downtown Hartford bordering the west bank of the Connecticut River, creating environmental justice concerns, and

**WHEREAS**, Brainard airport is tax exempt, so there is no tax revenue from the real estate, and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Hartford Assessor's Office get about \$10,600 in personal property taxes from a handful of businesses, and

**WHEREAS**, Hartford's Town and City Clerks Office, only receives Aircraft Registration fees, about \$8,340.00, and

**WHEREAS**, the Brainard Airport does not bring both economic and environment benefits to the City of Hartford and its residents, and

**WHEREAS**, According to Air Transport Action Group (ATAC), aviation is responsible for 12% of CO2 emissions from all transport sources, and { <https://www.atag.org/facts-figures.html> }

**WHEREAS**, the State's Act Concerning Enhancements to The State's Environmental Justice Law, identifies, "Affecting facility" means any major source of air pollution, as defined by the federal Clean Air Act, and { <https://cga.ct.gov/2020/ACT/PA/PDF/2020PA-00006-R00HB-07008SS3-PA.PDF> }

**WHEREAS**, Section 112 of the Clean Air Act addresses emissions of hazardous air pollutants, and

**WHEREAS**, The United States Environmental Protection Agency released a Regulatory Announcement in November 2005 stating aircrafts engines contribute about 1 percent of the U.S mobile source NOx emission, yet, in some U.S. airport areas, aircraft currently can contribute up to 4 percent of mobile source NOx emissions, and { <https://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyPDF.cgi/P1001YUC.PDF?Dockey=P1001YUC.PDF> }

**WHEREAS**, The Regulatory Announcement identified NOx emissions as a precursor to the formation of ground-level ozone, also called smog, and

**WHEREAS**, Ozone affects can lead to respiratory effects, and

**WHEREAS**, In 2018 the CDC released the most recent Asthma State or Territory Data, Connecticut has 290,278 number of Current Asthma among children and adults, and { [https://www.cdc.gov/asthma/most\\_recent\\_data\\_states.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/asthma/most_recent_data_states.htm) }

**WHEREAS**, According to CT.gov, residents from the five largest cities (Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, Stamford, and Waterbury) account for 18% of Connecticut's total population, yet they account for nearly half (44% or \$43 million) of the \$102 million asthma acute care charges in 2018; now, therefore be it { <https://portal.ct.gov/dph/Health-Education-Management--Surveillance/Asthma/Asthma-Program> }

**WHEREAS**, the intent of this resolution is to spur the best and highest economic use of the Barnard Airport parcel; and

**WHEREAS**, any development on this recapture airport land should be economically feasible; and

**WHEREAS**, an environmental impact study for any future development should be performed, and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Hartford request that the environmentally study be commissioned by the State of Ct and or CAA; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Court of Common Council urges the closure and decommissioning of Brainard Airport, and

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Hartford reclaim the 201 acres of land for more beneficial and environmentally friendly economic redevelopment, and

**RESOLVED**, after the study is complete it will be used for additional discussion for the highest and best use for the site as it relates to future commercial and residential development of the 201 acres of land, and

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Hartford and its residence benefit from the natural resources of the Connecticut River.



Introduced  
by:

Councilman Nick Lebron  
Councilman John Q. Gale

HEADING  
AND  
PURPOSE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE IX, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF HARTFORD TO ALIGN STANDING BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS WITH STATE LAW – Special Act 01-7.

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,  
CITY OF HARTFORD

July 12, 2021

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

ARTICLE IX. - STANDING BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS

Sec. 28-189. - Creation of committee; general purpose.

A standing committee (hereinafter referred to in this article as the "committee") is hereby established to serve as the building committee for all school building projects which are, or which are in the process of being, undertaken on or after October 13, 1997, other than those specific projects which constitute special school building projects as herein defined. For purposes of this article, a special school building project shall be any regional or cooperative school building project undertaken pursuant to article VIII above or any other school building project which the court of common council exempts from the provisions of this article, after a public hearing.

(Ord. No. 21-97, 10-14-97)

Sec. 28-190. - Composition of committee; terms; vacancies.

(a) The committee shall consist of [the following] seven (7) members: three (3) members of which shall be appointed by the Hartford Board of Education, three (3) [public officials as one or more of the same may be replaced pursuant to the provisions of this article: the mayor , the city manager, the Superintendent of the Hartford Public Schools, two (2)] members of which shall be appointed by the court of common council (the "council"), and one (1)[two (2)] member of which shall be chosen by a vote of the other members[s of the Hartford Board of Trustees (or any successor authority)]. The initial



members appointed by [of] the council and the board of education[trustees] who are to serve on the committee shall be selected by their respective bodies within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this article.

(b) The term of office for each member shall be coincident with his or her term of by reason of which he or she has been appointed to serve on the committee. Any member of the committee whose term thereon expires by virtue of the expiration of his or her term as a member of the council or board of trustees shall be replaced by the respective body of which he or she was a member within thirty (30) days of the expiration of his or her term of office. Otherwise, any vacancy in the membership of the committee shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the departing member's term by the city manager. Any such alternate members shall, when seated, have all the powers and duties of a member of the committee.

(c) The members of the committee shall receive no compensation for their services as such but shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

(Ord. No. 21-97, 10-14-97)

Sec. 28-191. - Chair person.

(a) The [city manager] chief operating officer shall serve as the chairperson of the committee.

(b) The chairperson of the committee shall have full responsibility for determining the time, place and agenda of the committee's meetings and , subject to such procedures as are adopted pursuant to section 28-192 below, the conduct thereof ; providing, however, that the committee shall meet at least once every year; and providing further, that all of such meetings shall be held in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (G.S. § 1-21) and other applicable laws and regulations. The chairperson may designate another member of the committee to act as the chairperson in his or her absence.

(Ord. No. 21-97, 10-14-97)

Sec. 28-192. - Organization; bylaws.

Except as otherwise provided in this article, the committee may draft and adopt bylaws, elect officers and do such other things as it deems necessary in the organization and implementation of its affairs.

(Ord. No. 21-97, 10-14-97)

Sec. 28-193. - Staff support.

The city may provide staff and other indirect support to assist the committee as deemed necessary or appropriate by the city for that purpose from time to time.

(Ord. No. 21-97, 10-14-97)

Sec. 28-194. - Powers and duties of committee.

The committee shall have all of the power and responsibilities granted to, or which of necessity must be exercised by, school building committees pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes and any regulations adopted thereunder. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the committee also shall have the responsibilities and authority to:

- (1) Provide oversight during all phases of design development for each school building project (including, without limitation, the development of final plans and specification and contract documents for each such project) and to make recommendations to the board of trustees regarding all of the same;
- (2) Review all change orders which are proposed to be entered into in respect of any project and provide its recommendation to the chief operating officer [city manager] in respect thereof;
- (3) Establish uniform standards for recurring capital expenditure items;
- (4) Review and evaluate performance standards of all contractors (including but not limited to, all design and construction professionals) and subcontractors on each project;
- (5) Review all deficiencies and delays which may occur in respect of any project; and
- (6) Inspect all school facilities, along with appropriate staff, to determine that they have completed in accordance with the plans approved by the committee.

(Ord. No. 21-97, 10-14-97)

Sec. 28-195. - Cooperation by other city agencies and departments.

Each officer, board, commission and department of the city government shall cooperate with the committee in the performance of its duties. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the director of public works shall provide periodic oral and written reports to the committee relative to the progress of each school building project as and when requested by the committee. Further, no change order shall be executed by or otherwise approved on behalf of the city in respect of any school building project unless and until the committee has been given sufficient opportunity to review the same.

(Ord. NO. 21-97, 10-14-97)





**AGENDA ITEM #23**

**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

June 28, 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:     Aligning Non-Union and Unclassified Wages to Union Wages**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance that would align wages for non-union and unclassified employees with the collective bargaining agreements the City has reached with our bargaining units over the last several years. The ordinance would statutorily enable modest wage increases for non-union and unclassified employees beginning in Fiscal Year 2021-2022, which were already approved by the City Council during the budget process.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

550 Main Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103  
Telephone (860) 757-9500  
Facsimile (860) 722-6606

Introduced by: **Mayor Luke A. Bronin**

**HEADING  
AND  
PURPOSE**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VI, SECTION 2-350 OF THE  
HARTFORD MUNICIPAL CODE**

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,  
CITY OF HARTFORD

June 28, 2021

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

That Chapter VI, Section 2-350, of the Municipal Code of the City of Hartford, the pay plan fixing the salary ranges for those existing non-union and unclassified positions of the City of Hartford, adopted, as amended, by the Court of Common Council on January 23, 1961, is hereby further amended per Section 2-350 (D), as follows:

The maximum salary of each of the existing non-union and unclassified positions of the City of Hartford will be increased by one and one-half percent (1.5%) effective the first pay period in July 2021.

All active, full-time employees occupying non-union classified or unclassified positions will receive a one and one-half percent (1.5%) general wage increase effective the first pay period in July 2021.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

INTRODUCED BY:

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

Maly Rosado, Council President  
Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman  
Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilwoman  
Nick Lebron, Councilman  
James Sánchez, Councilman

City of Hartford August 9, 2021

**WHEREAS**, sports promote a healthy lifestyle and discipline which are key for the developmental outcomes of our youth; and

**WHEREAS**, activities such as soccer help youth develop social skills, learn how to positively deal with challenges, teaches youth confidence, and teaches youth the importance of sportsmanship; and

**WHEREAS**, sports are a positive outlet for youth, which allows for self- expression; and

**WHEREAS**, underserved communities of color often lack accesses to quality sports programing which are beneficial in the development of youth of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hartford Lions Soccer Academy are a local organization, which serves to help youth in underserved communities build important lifelong skills through soccer; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hartford Lions Soccer Academy has completed several initiatives that include the “Let’s Talk Taxes with Nyandah Robinson” and “Let’s Talk Mental Health with Dr. Barnes” which take a holistic approach to promoting physical, emotional, mental, and financial well-being in communities around the Greater Hartford area; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hartford Lions Soccer Academy aims to continue various initiatives in our community, which may look different every year, that will contribute to the success and well-being of our youth; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hartford Lions Soccer Academy were recently highlighted by Visa, due to their exceptional soccer program, which aims to serve underprivileged youth and help them engage in a fun and positive activity which helps youth to hone their athletic capabilities, sportsmanship, motor skills, self-expression, and social skills; and now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Hartford Court of Common Council congratulate the Hartford Lions Soccer Academy for their positive work in our community. We hope that they can continue to help our youth reach a bright and positive future.



INTRODUCED BY:

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman

City of Hartford August 9, 2021

Nick Lebron, Councilman

Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilwoman

James Sánchez, Councilman

**WHEREAS**, The Sportsman's Athletic Club, located at 2976 Main Street, was created in 1963 by a group of cricket enthusiasts and have a long standing history of promoting cultural activities, positive community events, and bringing together neighbors in our city; and

**WHEREAS**, This year is the 59<sup>th</sup> West Indian Celebration Week in the City of Hartford; and

**WHEREAS**, The West Indian Celebration Week will start on August 6, 2021 and end on August 14, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, During West Indian Celebration Week the Sportsman's Athletic Club, will host part of their events outdoors on their property; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sportsman's Athletic Club, makes an annual request to continue the tradition of hosting events outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**; Outdoor events enhance the celebratory spirit of recognizing the West Indian community in our city; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council authorizes the Sportsman's Athletic Club, to utilize their outdoor sound systems during West Indian Celebration Week during the following dates and times:

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 from 9:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

Friday August 13, from 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

Saturday August 14, 2021 from 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the speakers to the outdoor sound system shall be pointed towards the east as outlined in the City's noise ordinance, which is subject to permit from the Hartford Police Department; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That this resolution applies only to the Sportsman's Athletic Club located at 2976 Main Street in Hartford, Connecticut, on the dates indicated above. All other business, homes, residential units, and vendors are subject to the noise ordinance without exceptions.

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Maly D. Rosado, Council President

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

City of Hartford, August 9, 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, housing, transportation, medical care, education, and more; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The membership of this task force would be appointed by the Council President and would include community partners, economists, researchers, and neighborhood residents; 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 22<sup>nd</sup> by this Council, the following 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.

Christine Caruso (U) – to replace Eric Brunner  
University of Saint Joseph  
1678 Asylum Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06117

Stephan Palmer (D) – New Appointment  
272 Garden Street  
Hartford, CT 06112

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# STEPHAN PALMER

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Over ten years' experience as an expert Youth Engagement Specialist. Passionate about positively impacting the life of today's youth through mentoring, tutoring and faith based training. Provider of services and programs to promote youth to engage in life, social and entrepreneurial experiences that will catapult the youth to a successful career, academic completion and self-awareness. Well-organized, resourceful, and possess a detail-oriented and conscientious approach to youth and programs.

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## SKILLS

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- Legislative and Family Consulting
- Business Planning and Administration
- Founder and Manager of Youth Programs
- Music Producer
- Duties of a CEO
- Problem solver
- Activity Planner
- Crisis Management
- Behavior Management
- Community Organizer
- Fund Developer

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## WORK HISTORY

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**CEO/Founder, 03/2018 to Current**  
**Youth on Fire Inc. – Hartford, CT**

- Interview, supervise and motivate 8 staff members to achieve optimal productivity
- Develop campaigns and used results to communicate organizational value and generate promotional web content
- Support and supervise team of 4 Professional Mentors
- Oversee business-wide changes to modernize procedures and organization
- Develop and implement new strategies and policies in collaboration with executive partners to establish and achieve long-term business objectives, provide company with strong and sustainable organizational leadership
- Develop program to promote new managers from within, building and maintaining cohesive leadership structure

**Parent Consultant, 11/2014 to Current**

**Commission of Women, Children and Elderly, State CT – Hartford, CT**

- Provide updates to all stakeholders on key milestones for projects
- Develop and implement policies, procedures, training and development for network resource administration, appropriate use and disaster recovery
- Advise design, planning and implementation of The Two-Gen projects for the State of CT
- Broadened improvement initiatives, troubleshooting problems for corrective action.
- Made current family information public, incorporating latest determinations and policy updates.
- Articulated opinions and binding decisions through public presentations and written documentation

**Juvenile Justice Policy Oversight Committee, 2019 - Current**

**AFCAMP – Hartford, CT**

- Recommended updates to current legislation, regulations and policies
- Facilitated communication and relationship development between different stakeholders
- Researched existing policies and procedures to gain firm understanding of current conditions
- Identified, evaluated and developed solutions to remove roadblocks to change
- Developed economic standards and provided points of view used in forecasting trends and formulating economic policy
- Gathered and analyzed data for studies and reports and made recommendations based on findings

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## EDUCATION

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**Certification: Human Service Assistant, 09/2018**  
**Capitol College - Hartford CT**



## Christine C. Caruso, PhD, MPH, MA

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### RESEARCH AREAS

Sustainable Food Systems, Institutional Food, Social Determinants of Health, Environmental Justice, Urban Studies and Structural Violence, Gender and Labor, Social-ecology of Care, Participatory Democracy and Community-Engaged Research

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### CURRENT POSITION

Director and Assistant Professor of Undergraduate Public Health  
University of Saint Joseph  
School of Interdisciplinary Health and Science  
Department of Nutrition and Public Health  
Lourdes Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 5T  
1678 Asylum Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06117

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### DEGREES EARNED

**PhD City University of New York Graduate Center, Environmental Psychology**  
Concentration: Urban Food Studies  
Advisor: Gary Winkel, PhD  
Committee: Barbara Katz-Rothman, PhD, Michael Menser, PhD  
Outside Readers: Jonathan Deutch, PhD, Janet Poppendiek, PhD  
Dissertation: "Searching for Food (Justice): A qualitative case study of the food environment in a low-income micro-neighborhood in Long Island City, NY."

**MPH Boston University, Social and Behavioral Science**  
Concentration: Community Mental Health  
Advisor: Alisa Lincoln, PhD, MPH  
Capstone: Qualitative Evaluation of the Dudley Street House, *Housing First Program*

**MA Columbia University, Psychology in Education**  
Concentration: Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Elizabeth Midlarsky, PhD  
Thesis: Analysis of Cross-cultural and Social Factors Influencing the Development of Eating Disorders among Young Women in East Asian Countries

**BA Fordham University, Psychology**  
Minor in Philosophy  
Advisor: Margot Nadien, PhD

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**University of Saint Joseph**, Director of Undergraduate Program in Public Health, January 2019 - Present

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Public Health, Department of Nutrition and Public Health, 2020 – Present

Visiting Assistant Professor of Public Health, Department of Nutrition and Public Health, 2018 – 2020

**Eastern Connecticut State University**, Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Public Health, Department of Health Sciences, 2015- 2017

**Touro College of Pharmacy**, Assistant Professor of Public Health Education (Doctoral Faculty), 2013- 2015

**LaGuardia Community College**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Social Sciences, 2013 – 2014

-Adjunct Lecturer, 2011-2013

-CUNY Writing Fellow, 2010 – 2011

**The New School University**, Adjunct Lecturer, Food Studies, fall 2011

**Hunter College**, Graduate Teaching Fellow, Psychology and Women's Studies, 2008 –2010

**Mercy College**, Adjunct Lecturer, Physician's Assistant Program, 2008

**Boston University School of Public Health and School of Medicine**, Teaching Assistant/Course Administrator, 2004-2005

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

*Community Dialogue Project Team Member*, the Initiative on Campus Dialogue at the University of Connecticut (remote/Connecticut) May 2020- May 2021

Provide expertise on Participatory Budgeting for program development and evaluation across institutional stake-holders at the UCONN Hartford and Storrs campuses.

*Independent Consultant*, Cornstein Consulting Collaborative, (remote/Connecticut) July 2020  
Develop and facilitate focus group examining Covid-19 related consumer behavior.

*Research Fellow*, School Food FOCUS/ FoodCorps, (remote/Connecticut) 2016-2018

Co-investigator on multi-site study examining school food purchasing and menu changes aimed at improving health and sustainability in six school districts across the US.

*PBNYC Evaluation Research Board Member*, Urban Justice Center, New York, NY, October 2014-2015

Contributed to the evaluation of cycle three for Participatory Budgeting in the City of New York, examining issues of implementation, equity and participation.

*Food Studies and Public Health Curriculum and Course Development Consultant*, Hostos Community College, New York, NY, 2014 Developed course curriculum and syllabus as a subject matter expert in the area of food and environmental health for the first of its kind associates degree program in applied food studies.

*Retail Audit Study Data Collector*, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York, NY, 2011  
Implement study protocol for sugar-sweetened beverage investigation in retail locations across the five boroughs. Trained data collection assistants and provided feedback for reporting.

*Expert Witness Housing and Health Research Consultant*, Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY, 2008  
Provide subject matter expertise in the area of housing impacts on health and well-being

*Research Associate*, Center for Human Environments, City University of New York, New York, NY, 2007- 2009

*Research Coordinator*, HealthCorps in partnership with Touro College and Columbia University, New York, NY, 2006- 2007  
Supervise program evaluation of a health intervention delivered in an urban high school setting aimed at addressing knowledge and behaviors related to diet and obesity.

*Qualitative Program Evaluator and Research Coordinator*, Department of Geriatric and Palliative Care, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY, 2005- 2006  
*Qualitative Program Evaluator* for SAMHSA funded Housing First transitional housing intervention at Boston Medical Center/Dudley Street Inn Transitional Shelter, Boston, MA, 2004

*Research Coordinator*, Health Outcomes Technologies at Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA, 2003-2004

*Clinical Research Assistant*, Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. New Haven, CT, 1998-2000

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## PUBLICATIONS

*Peer Reviewed Journal Articles*



**Caruso, CC & Rosenthal, AK** (June 2020). Meeting Students Where They Eat: A Qualitative Study Exploring K-12 Student Experiences of the School Cafeteria. *Children, Youth and Environments*, 30(1).

Myers, J S & **Caruso, CC**. (2016) *Towards a Public Food Infrastructure: Closing the Food Gap through State-Run Grocery Stores*; *Geoforum*; vol 72, pp30-33.

**Caruso, CC**. (2014) Searching for Food (Justice): Understanding Access in an Under-Served Food Environment in New York City, *Journal of Critical Thought and Praxis*: Vol. 3: Iss. 1, Article 8. Available at: <http://lib.dr.iastate.edu/jctp/vol3/iss1/8>

Lincoln, Alisa; Paasche-Orlow, Michael K.; Cheng, Debbie M.; Lloyd-Travaglini, Christine; **Caruso, Christine C**; Saitz, Richard; Samet, Jeffrey H. Impact of Health Literacy on Depressive Symptoms and Mental Health-related: Quality of Life Among Adults with Addiction. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, vol. 21 (8), August 2006; 881-822 (5).

#### *Research Reports and Policy Briefs*

Rosenthal A & **Caruso CC** (2018). The PreK-12 School Food: Making it Healthier, Making it Regional Project: Executive Report. FoodCorp.org.

Rosenthal A & **Caruso CC** (2018). The Production Kitchen: A Case Study of Prince William County Public Schools from the PreK-12 School Food: Making it Healthier, Making it Regional Project. FoodCorp.org.

Rosenthal A & **Caruso CC** (2018). The Skills-Based Kitchen: A Case Study of Orange County Public Schools from the PreK-12 School Food: Making it Healthier, Making it Regional Project. FoodCorp.org.

Rosenthal A & **Caruso CC** (2018). The Centralized Kitchen: A Case Study of Jefferson County Public Schools from the PreK-12 School Food: Making it Healthier, Making it Regional Project. FoodCorp.org.

Rosenthal A & **Caruso CC** (2018). The Peer-to-Peer Kitchen: A Case Study of Gwinnett County Public Schools from the PreK-12 School Food: Making it Healthier, Making it Regional Project. FoodCorp.org.

Rosenthal A & **Caruso CC** (2018). The Professionally Trained Kitchen: A Case Study of District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties from the PreK-12 School Food: Making it Healthier, Making it Regional Project. FoodCorp.org.

Rosenthal A & Caruso CC (2018). The Culturally-Responsive Cafeteria: A Case Study of Des Moines Public Schools from the PreK-12 School Food: Making it Healthier, Making it Regional Project. FoodCorp.org.

Community Development Project at the Urban Justice Center with the PBNYC Research Team (2015). A People's Budget: A Research and Evaluation Report on Participatory Budgeting in New York City. The Urban Justice Center.

Caruso CC (2013). Searching for (Just) Food: A qualitative case study of the food environment in a low-income micro-neighborhood in Long Island City, NY. Food Policy Briefs, New York City Food Policy Center, available at: <http://nycfoodpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Caruso-Food-Research-Brief.pdf>.

### *Book Reviews*

*The Labor of Lunch: Why We Need Real Food and Real Jobs in American Public Schools*, by Jennifer E Gaddis, Oakland, CA, University of California Press, 2019.  
Reviewed by Christine C Caruso, PhD, MPH: Food, Culture and Society (2021)

*Creole Italian: Sicilian Immigrants and the Shaping of New Orleans Food Culture*, by Justin A. Nystrom. University of Georgia Press, Athens. 2018  
Reviewed by Christine C. Caruso, PhD, MPH (2019). *Ethnic Studies Review*, 42 (1), pp. 117-120.

*Psychoanalytic Geographies*, edited by Paul Kingsbury and Steve Pile. Ashgate, United Kingdom, 2014.  
Reviewed by Christine C. Caruso, PhD, MPH; *Emotion, Space and Society* (2016).

*Beyond the Kale: Urban Agriculture and Social Justice Activism in New York City* by Kristin Reynolds and Nevin Cohen.  
Reviewed by Caruso, CC., McClintock, N., Meyers, G., Weissman, E., Herrera, H., Block, D., Reynolds, K., and Cohen, N. (2016). Invited book review forum, *American Association of Geographers Review of Books*.

*Trust in Food: A Comparative and Institutional Analysis*, by U Kjaernes, M Harvey, and A Ward. Hampshire, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.  
Reviewed by Caruso, CC (2015), Invited book review, *Contemporary Sociology*, vol. 44, no. 2.

### *Books Chapters, Encyclopedia Entries and Essays*

Rosenthal A & Caruso CC (2018). Bringing School Foodservice Staff Back in: Accounting for Changes in Workloads and Mindsets in K-12 Values-Based Procurement; book chapter in:



Institutions as Conscious Food Consumers: Leveraging Purchasing Power to Drive Systems Change, Sapna E. Thottathil and Annelies M. Goger, eds; Elsevier Inc.

**Caruso CC**, (2015); Food Co-ops; in *Savoring Gotham: A Food Lover's Companion to New York City*, Andrew F. Smith editor. Oxford University Press.

**Caruso CC**, (2015); Buffets/All You Can Eat; in *Food Issues*, Ken Albala editor. Sage Reference.

**Caruso CC**, (2015); Home Fermentation; in *Food Issues*, Ken Albala editor. Sage Reference.

**Caruso CC** (2014); Food, Psychology and the Environment; invited contributor in: Gieseeking, J., W. Mangold, with C. Katz, S. Low, and S. Saegert (eds). 2014. *People, Place, and Space: Key Readings across the Disciplines*. New York: Routledge.

**Caruso CC**; (2013) Emergency Food System: Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries; in *Encyclopedia of Food and Agricultural Ethics*, PB Thompson and DM Kaplan editors. Springer Reference.

**Caruso CC**; (2012) Ethanol and Food, in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink*, 2nd edition, Oxford University Press, New York, NY

Ornstein M, **Caruso CC**; (2012) The First Principles of Food Waste, in the *Encyclopedia of Consumption and Waste*, Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks.

**Caruso CC**; (2012). Balut; in *They Eat That? A Cultural Encyclopedia of Weird and Exotic Food from around the World*, ABC-CLIO, Inc., Santa Barbara.

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**Caruso CC**; (2012). Kokeretsi and Mayeritsa; in *They Eat That? A Cultural Encyclopedia of Weird and Exotic Food from around the World*, ABC-CLIO, Inc., Santa Barbara.

#### *Abstracts and Posters*

Rainier P. Soriano, MD; Rosanne M. Leipzig, MD, PhD; Matthew Goldberg; **CC**

**Caruso**, MPH; Judith Quintana BS and Valerie Parkas, MD. How Can We Stop The Rot? Declining Attitudes and Patient-Centeredness in Medical Education. Abstract presented at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Second Annual Educational Research Day, October 12, 2006.

M. Gugliucci, L. Kazis, A. Spiro III, D. Miller, A. Hamed, A. Selim, U. Iqbal, J. Newsom, **C.C.**

**Caruso**, J. Ward, C. Kase, and K. Greenlund, Validating Patient-based Measures of Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQoL) for Community-Wide Stroke Surveillance, Poster submitted and



accepted to the Second National CDC Prevention Conference on Heart Disease and Stroke, 2004.

M. Gugliucci, L. Kazis, A. Spiro III, D. Miller, A. Hamed, A. Selim, U. Iqbal, J. Newsom, **C.C. Caruso**, J. Ward, C. Kase, and K. Greenlund, Validating Disease Specific Health-Related Quality of Life Measures (HRQoL): Community Surveillance of Coronary Heart Disease, Poster submitted and accepted to the Second National CDC Prevention Conference on Heart Disease and Stroke, 2004.

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## PRESENTATIONS

### *National and International Refereed Conferences*

Caruso CC & Ornstein MT. "The Social Ecology of Caregiving: A conversation engaging public health stakeholders in research and practice." American Public Health Association 2020 Annual Meeting and Expo, Virtual. October 24-28, 2020.

Caruso CC & Rosenthal AK. "It's all Happening in the Cafeteria: Utilizing Graphic Elicitation in Group Interviews to Investigate Meal Program Experiences with K-12 Students." 2020 conference of the Society for Qualitative Research in Psychology (SQIP) (Conference Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic)

Myers JS & Caruso CC. Participatory Budgeting and the Food Movement: Making the Case for People-Centered Governance for Building Just and Sustainable Food Systems. The Pacific Sociological Association's 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, Eugene, OR, March 26, 2020. (Conference Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic)

Rosenthal A & Caruso CC. Bringing School Foodservice Staff Back in: Accounting for Changes in Workloads and Mindsets in K-12 Values-Based Procurement. Presented at the annual international meeting of the Royal Geographic Society, London, UK, August 30, 2019.

Caruso, CC. & A Rosenthal. "Meeting Students Where They Eat: a qualitative investigation of students' perceptions and experiences of their school cafeteria" presented at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington, DC, April 4, 2019.

Caruso, CC. "No Rest for the Weary; Integrating Local Foods into K-12 Food Service;" presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society, Madison, WI, June 16, 2018.

Caruso, CC. "No Rest for the Weary; Impacts of Values-based Purchasing on School Food Labor;" presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Yale Food Systems Symposium, New Haven, CT, February 23, 2018.

Caruso, CC. "Leveraging Participatory Budgeting to address Social Determinants of Health," presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, GA, November 8, 2017.

Caruso, CC. "Food Justice and Participatory Budgeting: Making the Case for People-Centered Planning for Food Systems Change," presented at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA, April 6, 2017.

Caruso, CC. "Structural Violence in the US Food System," presented at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA, March 31, 2016.

Myers, Justin Sean & Caruso, CC. "Closing the Grocery Gap," presented at the Annual joint meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society and Agriculture and Human Values, Pittsburgh, PA, June 26, 2015.

Caruso CC. "Beyond Food Deserts: Towards the Actually Existing Food Environment of Queensbridge," presented at Collaboration and Innovation Across the Food System; Annual joint meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society and Agriculture and Human Values, Burlington, VT, June 21, 2014.

Caruso CC. "Hands to Head Roundtable: Doing Food Work to Teach Food Studies," presented at Collaboration and Innovation Across the Food System; Annual joint meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society and Agriculture and Human Values, Burlington, VT, June 20, 2014.

Caruso CC. "Why can't I get that off a shelf in my neighborhood?" Listening for the Food Voice in a Low-Income Community in Queens, NY. Presented at the Yale Food Systems Symposium, October 2013.

Caruso CC. "The Meaning(s) of Sharing: a qualitative study of CSA in a low-income community in Queens, NY" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA, April 2013.

Caruso CC. "Food Deserts? A qualitative study of food access and practices in a low-income community in Queens, NY." Presented at Annual joint meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society and Agriculture and Human Values, New York City, NY; June 2012.

Caruso CC. "Food Deserts? A qualitative study of food access and practices in a low-income community in Queens, NY." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York City, NY; February 2012.

Caruso CC. "Community Supported Agriculture and the Sunnyside CSA: A Case Study of Meaning, Values and Practice in Food." Presented at Annual joint meeting of the Association for



the Study of Food and Society and Agriculture and Human Values; Bloomington, Indiana; June 2010.

Caruso CC. & Ornstein-Sloan M. "Care Theory and Alternative Food Networks in New York City; Community Supported Agriculture and Green Markets." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington DC; April 2010.

Caruso CC. "The Politics and Practice of Eating in the Sunnyside CSA." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM; March 2009.

#### *INVITED LECTURES and PANELS*

Caruso CC. "This is Public Health Psychology," guest lecturer in Health Psychology, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY/Remote; February 3, 2021.

Caruso CC. "Bringing School Food Service Back In: Exploring the Impacts of Values-based Procurement in K-12" guest lecturer INTD 405 Honors Capstone, University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford, CT, /Remote; October 21, 2020.

Caruso CC. "Meeting Students Where They Eat: Using Environmental Psychology to Explore K-12 School Cafeterias," guest lecturer in Environmental Psychology, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY/Remote; September 25, 2020.

Caruso CC. "It's all Happening in the Cafeteria," guest lecturer in Public Health Psychology, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY; November 6, 2019.

Caruso CC. "Training and Careers in the Social and Behavioral Sciences," guest lecturer in Careers in Public Health, University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford, CT, September 12, 2019.

Caruso CC. "Meeting Students Where They Eat," guest lecturer in Environmental Psychology, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY; March 6, 2019.

Civic Health: A Conversation with Hartford Decides; Sponsored by Everyday Democracy and Connecticut Civic Ambassadors. Hartford, CT; September 27, 2018.

Featured speaker for community lecture in Sustainable Food Systems; Green Mountain College, Poughkeepsie, VT; March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Urban Food Policy Forum: New Opportunities for Improving Food within New York City Housing Authority Communities. CUNY Food Policy Institute; February 23, 2017.

Caruso CC. "Critical Perspectives in Food Systems Research," invited discussant at annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA, March 30, 2016.



Caruso CC. "Seeing Structural Violence through the Lens of the Food Environment," guest lecturer in Environmental Psychology, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY; March 10, 2016.

Caruso CC. "Understanding Structural Violence through the Lens of Food Access," invited guest speaker for the Association of American University Women, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT; March 2, 2016.

Caruso CC. "Structural Violence in the American Food System," featured speaker at Nazareth College Fall Lecture: "Conceptualizing Health in the Modern Age." Rochester, NY, October 22, 2015.

Caruso CC. "Fat Studies: Bodies, Culture and Health," Featured speaker at the New School for Public Engagement annual panel sponsored by the Southern Food and Beverage Museum; New York, NY, June 16, 2014.

Caruso CC. "About a Meal; reflections on sustainable community food." Invited speaker at the tenth annual Nature, Ecology and Society Conference; New York, NY; March 2011

#### *Paper Presentations*

Tamara Malm, Maria Summa, Carrie Walker, Gina Rosich, & Christine Caruso, *Impact of a Poverty Simulation Experience on Pharmacy and Physician Assistant Student Attitudes Towards Poverty*. Agora Sessions convened by the University of Saint Joseph Center for Student Research and Creative Activity, February 19, 2020.

#### *CONFERENCE SESSIONS ORGANIZED/CHAIR*

Rosenthal A. & CC Caruso (co-organizer and discussant). "Experiencing Institutional Food" a session organized for the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington, DC, April 4, 2019.

Caruso CC. "Authors Meet Critics: Beyond the Kale," panel chair at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA, April 2, 2016.

Caruso CC. "Critical Reflections on Food Deserts and Food Access," panel organizer at Collaboration and Innovation Across the Food System; Annual joint meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society and Agriculture and Human Values, Burlington, VT, June, 2014.

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#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Public Health Association

-Peer reviewer for organizational journal: The American Journal of Public Health  
-Peer reviewer for annual meeting  
Section Member: Food and Nutrition  
Section Member: Environment  
Working Group Member: Food and Environment  
Connecticut Public Health Association  
American Association of Geographers  
American Psychological Association:  
-APA Division 34: Population and Environmental Psychology  
-APA Division 35: Psychology of Women  
Association for the Study of Food and Society  
-Peer reviewer for organizational journal: Food, Culture & Society  
Campus- Community Partnerships for Health

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#### FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

School Food Focus Research Fellow; affiliated with Rutgers University, 2016-2018; funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation. [\$30,000]

Hostos Community College Faculty Travel Award, 2015; PSC-CUNY Union and Office of Academic Affairs. [\$300]

National Science Foundation fellowship in Science Education, 2012-2013  
CUNY Science Now GK-12 Teaching Fellowship. [\$45,000]

Dean K Harrison Award, 2011-2013; Educational Opportunity and Diversity Program, Graduate Center, CUNY [\$3,300]

Environmental Justice Award, March 2011; presented by the PSC-CUNY Union for research and work that strives to involve community action

CUNY Writing Fellowship, 2010-2011; LaGuardia Community College, CUNY [\$28,000]

Hunter College, CUNY, Department of Psychology Graduate Teaching Fellowship, 2008-2010 [\$54,000]

Graduate Center, CUNY University Fellowship, 2008 [\$9,000]

Boston University School of Public Health Mental Health Fellowship, 2002 [\$2,300]

Fordham University Dean's Scholarship, 1993-1997 [\$40,000]

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#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of Saint Joseph, Symposium Day Committee Co-Chair; AY 2020-2021  
 University of Saint Joseph, World AIDS Day (event planning) Committee; Fall 2020  
 University of Saint Joseph, Ad hoc P&T Committee; September 2020- Present  
 University of Saint Joseph, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee; August 2020- Present  
 University of Saint Joseph, Reopening Task Force Member; June 2020 - Present  
 Testing and Contact Tracing Committee  
 Communications and Enforcement Committee  
 Journal of Agriculture and Human Values, Peer Reviewer, 2020-Present  
 University of Saint Joseph, Public Health Club Faculty Advisor, Fall 2019- Present  
 University of Saint Joseph, Steering Committee Member, Women's Leadership Center, Fall 2019-Present  
 University of Saint Joseph, Health Sciences Faculty Search Committee Member, Department of Nutrition and Public Health, Fall 2019  
 University of Saint Joseph, Master of Public Health Faculty Search Committee Chair, Department of Nutrition and Public Health, Spring 2019  
 University of Saint Joseph, Poverty Simulation planning and evaluation; December 2018-June 2019  
 Journal of Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems, Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer, 2016-present  
 American Journal of Public Health, Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer, 2016- Present  
 Food, Culture and Society (The Journal of the Association for the Study of Food in Society), Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer, 2012- Present  
 Editorial Board Member: Journal for Agriculture, Food Systems and Community Development, 2009- Present  
 KPE Department Branding Committee, ECSU, 2015- 2017  
 ECSU Garden Committee, ECSU, 2015- 2017  
 University Student Academic Advising Committee, ECSU, 2015- 2017  
 Food Studies Committee, Hostos Community College, 2015  
 PBNYC Research Board, Urban Justice Center, 2014-2015  
 Assessment Committee, Touro College of Pharmacy, 2013- 2015 [Chair- AY 2013]  
 Academic Standing Committee, Touro College of Pharmacy, 2014- 2015  
 By-laws and Governance Committee, Touro College of Pharmacy, 2014- 2015  
 Founding Faculty Advisor for Pharmacy Students for Public Health Association, Touro College of Pharmacy, 2013- 2015  
 Curriculum Committee, Touro College of Pharmacy, 2013- 2014  
 CUNY Graduate Center Food Studies Collective, Founding member and co-chair, 2010-2013  
 Symposium Co-Organizer, Nature, Ecology and Society; Symposium, 2008 & 2011  
 Sustainable Food Committee chair, 2011  
 Curriculum Committee, Graduate Center Environmental Psychology Program, 2007, 2010  
 Admissions Committee, Graduate Center Environmental Psychology Program, 2008, 2009

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE



Hartford Food Systems: Board Member, May 2019 - Present  
Farm to School Action Team: FTS Resources & Funding, February 2020- Present  
Connecticut Farm to School Collaborative: Member, 2018- 2020  
Hartford Decide\$ (participatory budgeting): Board Member, 2017 – Present  
-Cycle 4 Action Team Member: Youth, Education and Support Services, 2020  
Hartford Commission on Food Policy: Nutrition Education Working Group Member, 2017- 2018  
Hartford Public Schools: School Wellness Policy Committee Member, 2017 - 2018  
Windham Community Food Network: Member, 2016 - 2017  
CLiCK Willimantic: Board Member, 2016- 2017  
District 26 Participatory Budgeting Initiative: District Committee Member, 2014- 2015  
Queens Harvest Food Cooperative: Founding member and core-group volunteer, Queens, NY, 2008- 2014  
Just Food: Community Food Educator, New York, NY, 2006- 2012  
Sunnyside CSA: Site Coordinator/Core Group Volunteer, Sunnyside, NY, 2007-2009

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## COMPUTER SKILLS

Analytic Software: SPSS, SAS, R Studio/RQDA, Atlas.ti, NVivo  
Web-based Learning Management Systems: Blackboard, Droople, Moodle  
Web-based Publishing Platforms: Blogger, Wordpress

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## COURSES TAUGHT

### *Public Health/Health Sciences:*

Introduction to Public Health  
Introduction to the US Healthcare System  
Epidemiology for the Liberal Arts  
Social and Behavioral Health  
Public Health Research Methods  
Qualitative Research Methods for Health Sciences  
Food Environments, Health and Social Justice (on-line)  
Nutrition and Public Health: Social Determinants of Nutrition  
Environmental Justice and Public Health (Senior Seminar)  
Public Health Experiential Learning  
Public Health Internship Seminar  
Women's Health  
Social Determinants of Health (Graduate Level)  
Public Health Practice Experience Seminar (Graduate Level)  
Health-Outcomes Research Methods (Graduate Level)

### *Food Studies:*

The Geography of Globalization and Food Systems  
Food Environments, Health and Social Justice  
Social Determinants of Nutrition

*Psychology:*

Introduction to Psychology

Environmental Psychology

Human Sexuality and Gender

Human Development across the Lifespan

Psychology of Women

Abnormal Psychology

Social Psychology

Personality Psychology

*Gender and Women's Studies:*

Women's Health

Psychology of Women

Human Sexuality and Gender

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