

**CITY OF HARTFORD**  
**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
**VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AGENDA**



**MONDAY JUNE 14, 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

JUNE 14, 2021

## ACTION TAKEN

### COMMUNICATIONS

1. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to enter into a 10-year Tax Abatement Agreement with Zion Park MF II, LLC to support affordable rental housing located at 602 and 608 Zion Street, 833, 841, 851 and 863 Park Street, Hartford, CT 06106, known as Zion Park Apartments.
2. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution that would authorize the sale of a blighted property at 213-215 Lawrence Street to Mr. Aaron Gill of Wolverine Property, LLC. As you may know, Mr. Gill is a committed local resident and developer and Chair of the Frog Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Zone.
3. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution confirming the appointment of Phillip Wellman to the Hartford Stadium Authority.
4. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution requesting to enter into Executive Session during the Council meeting on June 14, 2021. A brief session is necessary in order to discuss the potential settlement of a workers' compensation matter, *Kory Ouellette v. City of Hartford*.
5. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution requesting to enter into Executive Session during the Council meeting on June 14, 2021. A brief session is necessary in order to discuss the potential settlement of a workers' compensation matter, *Roderick Waller v. City of Hartford*.
6. **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**, Communication concerning the annual report submitted on behalf of the Advisory Commission on Food Policy for the City of Hartford. This annual report is mandated by City Ordinance and recounts the activities of the commission for 2020

### FOR ACTION

7. **ORDINANCE AMENDING** Chapter 2, Appointments of Department Heads Requirements, Section 850 residency requirements of the Municipal Code.

### REPORTS

8. **PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND HOUSING COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution adopting the City of Hartford's Complete Streets Plan. This plan will complement the Bicycle Plan, and together these documents provide a guide for transforming our City streets. This plan reflects approximately a year of effort by members of the Complete Streets Task Force, led by City Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator Sandy Fry. This plan has been unanimously endorsed by the Planning and Zoning commission for the City of Hartford.



9. **PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND HOUSING COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the transfer of eleven (11) city-owned properties to the Hartford Land Bank (HLB) as part of their lot Next Door Program.
10. **PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND HOUSING COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$600,000 from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development (DECD) for construction of the North Main Streetscape. The funds are from the State Bond Commission and are being administered through an Urban Act Grant.
11. **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution requesting that the Court of Common Council calls on representatives from the Hartford Public Library and the Mayor's Office to provide an update on progress of this taxpayer funded initiative and that the city's Office of Community Engagement provide a biannual report to the Court of Common Council on its efforts to engage/inform/educate Hartford's refugee and immigrant families.
12. **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City of Hartford's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to receive \$1.9 million in funding and execute contracts and contract amendments with the State Department of Public Health through its VEPF program, which is funding vaccine outreach in cities across the state.
13. **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution requesting that the Mayor's office to provide more consistent administrative support dedicated to translation services for Hartford's Puerto Rican, Latin, and Hispanic communities.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

14. **(MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON) (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCILMAN GALE) (COUNCILMAN LEBRÓN)** Resolution requesting that in recognition of Caribbean Americans and their significant contributions to building and sustaining our community, observe June as National Caribbean-American Heritage Month.
15. **(COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON)** Resolution requesting that the City of Hartford declares that a climate emergency threatens our city, state, nation, and the world, commits to working to catalyze a just transition and climate mobilization effort at the local, state, national and global levels.
16. **(COUNCILMAN JOSH MIGHTOM)** Resolution requesting that the Food Truck Ordinance adopted on June 7, 2021, be rescinded to allow for a full debate, including his motion to amend, with the understanding that the ordinance can thereafter be brought forward again at the same meeting, under a motion for reconsideration under Council Rules, § VII, fully debated, and properly voted upon.

Attest:

Noel F. McGregor, Jr.  
City Clerk



Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

June 14, 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: Affordable Housing Tax Abatement**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to enter into a 10-year Tax Abatement Agreement with Zion Park MF II, LLC to support affordable rental housing located at 602 and 608 Zion Street, 833, 841, 851 and 863 Park Street, Hartford, CT 06106, known as Zion Park Apartments.

Zion Park MF II, LLC recently purchased the property with the intent of improving and maintaining 46 units of affordable housing across six (6) parcels located in the Frog Hollow neighborhood. The property is comprised of three (3) mixed use building, one (1) multi-family apartment building, and two (2) parking lots. As a result of a deed restriction imposed by the State of Connecticut in connection with a 2004 rehabilitation by a housing developer, all residential units are to remain affordable until 2034. The residential units are supported by a Housing Assistance Payment Contract with HUD, which provides a rental subsidy and restricts the property to those who meet Section 8 income guidelines.

The combined Assessed taxes on the properties are \$133,610.00 per year based on the 2019 Grand List. The Committee on Assessment and Abatement of Taxes has approved an abatement with the following terms:

- A ten (10) year abatement of taxes beginning July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2032.
- Annual tax payment during the Abatement are as follows:
  - (i) Years- 1 and 2, 40% of the assessed taxes;
  - (ii) Years- 3 through 10 owner(s) to pay 60% of assessed taxes.

The Abatement Agreement will provide the property financial stability while it operates and maintains the housing units for low-income residents in accordance with the applicable restrictions. During the 2021 Fiscal Year, the Owner(s) must pay full taxes.

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

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, June 14, 2021

**WHEREAS**, Zion Park Apartments is a 46-unit rental housing development located at 602 Zion Street, 833, 841, 851 and 863 Park Street, (the "Property") which is affordable to and occupied by low income persons and families, owned by Zion Park MF II, LLC ("ZMF II"); and

**WHEREAS**, Zion Park MF II, LLC is required to provide affordable housing for very low and low-income persons and or families; and has submitted an application for a new tax abatement which documents the need for tax relief and the Tax Abatement Committee approved the recommended abatement, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is authorized to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with Zion Park MF II, LLC for the Property, subject to the following conditions:

1. The term of the Agreement shall not exceed Ten (10) years.
2. The Agreement shall apply to tax payments due from July 1, 2022 (2020 GL) through January 1, 2032.
3. The Agreement shall require the owner to pay taxes as follows:
  - Annual tax payment of 40% of the assessed taxes per year for the first (1st) and second (2nd) year of the abatement;
  - Annual tax payment of 60% per year from the third year (3rd) to the tenth (10th) year of the abatement.
4. All 46 units shall remain affordable as required by the State's Restrictive Covenant for the term of the Tax Abatement Agreement.
5. The Owner will invest \$886,224.00, i.e. \$19,265.74 per unit, toward improvements and capital repairs over the next two (2) years – 2021 through 2023.
6. During the construction or work performed in association of the capital repairs or improvements, the Owner will comply with Article XII, Section 2-680 of the Hartford Municipal Code, Hartford Affirmative Action Plan / Equal Employment Opportunity, and shall set aside 15% of the total construction project cost for contracts with certified Minority & Women Business Enterprises, assure no less than 15% of total project work hours by trade will be worked by minority and/ or women trade workers, and no less than 30% of total project work hours to be worked by Hartford Residents.
7. Any funds raised by refinancing by the owner to meet the City's requirements to complete improvements and /or capital repairs shall be exempt from the 10% recapture requirement to the extent they are used for that purpose.
8. If the property is sold within the first five years of the Agreement, ZMF II shall pay the greater of all abated taxes or 10% of the net proceeds.
9. If the property is sold or refinanced after the fifth (5th) year of the Agreement, ZMF II shall pay ten percent (10%) of the net proceeds to the City, not to exceed the total of all abated taxes.
10. The Tax Abatement Agreement shall not be assignable nor transferable without written consent approved by the Committee on the Abatement of Taxes and Assessment and signed by the Mayor of the City of Hartford.

11. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, the Agreement shall automatically transfer and inure to the benefit of any party succeeding to the interest of the Owner under this Agreement as a result of a mortgage foreclosure.

12. In the case of default, the City of Hartford shall retain the right to cancel the agreement and its remedy shall include the payment of abated taxes.

13. If Zion Park MF II, LLC 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.

**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.





**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

June 14, 2021

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and  
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**RE: Sale of 213-215 Lawrence Street**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution that would authorize the sale of a blighted property at 213-215 Lawrence Street to Mr. Aaron Gill of Wolverine Property, LLC. As you may know, Mr. Gill is a committed local resident and developer and Chair of the Frog Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Zone.

This sale would represent the first test case of the receivership law, Public Act No. 19-92, that we advocated for to help accelerate the remediation of blighted property. In August 2020, Mr. Gill was appointed receiver of this property by the courts in accordance with Public Act No. 19-92. In an effort to expedite the full remediation of the property, the City of Hartford initiated a foreclosure action and obtained title of the property in April 2021.

Wolverine Property, LLC. has agreed to purchase the historic property in the amount of \$5,500.00 and invest approximately \$461,739.00 into a full renovation of the 3-family structure.

Following an analysis of the proposal received from Wolverine Property, LLC. and reviewing several letters of support from the community, we are recommending the sale of the subject property to Wolverine Property, LLC.

This transaction will be subject to an 8-24 Plan review and recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) in addition to complying with the Hartford Affirmative Action Plan.

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

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, June 14, 2021

- WHEREAS,** the City of Hartford through its Blight Remediation team is committed to addressing blight through the City of Hartford with the goal of bringing these blighted properties back to productive use; and
- WHEREAS,** the historic structure on 213-215 Lawrence Street located in the frog hollow neighborhood is a blighted property; and
- WHEREAS,** the property had \$107,400.00 worth of Bligh Liens and \$7,846.30 in Tax Liens
- WHEREAS,** the courts appointed Aaron Gill of Wolverine Property, LLC. as the receiver in August 2020 through Public Act No. 19-92; and
- WHEREAS,** in an effort to expedite the remediation of the property, the City of Hartford ("City") acquired 213-215 Lawrence Street through a foreclosure process in April 2021; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Hartford ("City") is now the owner of a certain parcel of real property and all appurtenances thereto and improvements thereon, known as 213-215 Lawrence Street, and located in the City (collectively, the "Property"); and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Hartford now wishes to transfer the Property to Aaron Gill of Wolverine, LLC and he will invest approximately \$461,739.00 into a full renovation of the 3-family structure with the intention of Mr. Gill occupying one of the units; and
- WHEREAS,** Wolverine Property, LLC., (the "Buyer") has agreed to purchase 213-215 Lawrence Street at \$5,500.00; and
- WHEREAS,** Wolverine Property, LLC. has agreed to perform the improvements in accordance with the Hartford Affirmative Action Plan, now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into and execute a purchase and Sale Agreement (the P&S Agreement) with Wolverine Property, LLC. or an affiliated entity established for such purpose, for a purchase price of \$5,500.00 and on an "AS IS" basis; or assign for the purposes set forth above, upon and subject to the above terms and conditions and such other terms and conditions that the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and is in the best interest of the City; and be it further;
- RESOLVED,** that the Mayor is hereby further authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate in the best interest of the City in order to effectuate the above transactions; and be it further;
- RESOLVED,** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a quit claim deed for the Property and to execute such other documents required by the Purchase and Sales agreement, and to take any other actions (including, but not limited to, executing such other documents and entering into such other agreements as are reasonably necessary to effectuate the sale of the property in accordance with the P&S Agreement, whenever appropriate); and be it further;
- RESOLVED,** that the Developer will comply with the 15% Minority & Women Business Enterprises requirement, Hartford Residents employment goals and all requirements listed in the Hartford Affirmative Action Plan Equal Employment Opportunity Agreement & Affidavit with such agreement incorporated into the Purchase and Sale Agreement.



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

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



**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

June 14, 2021

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
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**RE: Appointment to the Hartford Stadium Authority**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointment of Phillip Wellman to the Hartford Stadium Authority.

The Hartford Stadium Authority consists of five commissioners. This includes the City Treasurer and the Chief Operating Officer, with three remaining appointments made by the Court of Common Council.

Mr. Wellman currently serves as the Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer at MML Investment Advisers, LLC. and previously was the Vice President, Associate General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer at Institutional Funds.

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

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**WHEREAS,** The Hartford Stadium Authority's purpose is to supplement and implement certain provisions of Sections 7- 130a to 7-130w, inclusive, of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "Act") an ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Hartford (the "City"), adopted January 26, 2015 entitled "An Ordinance Establishing A Public Recreational Facilities Authority For the City of Hartford And Authorizing The Transfer Of Real Property To Said Authority" (the "Ordinance"), and

**WHEREAS,** The Commission is composed of five commissioners, each of whom shall have one vote. The City Treasurer and the Chief Operating Officer shall be members of the Commission, and the Mayor and Court of Common Council of the City shall appoint the remaining three; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Mayor has appointed Philip Wellman as a member, now, therefore be it

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

Philip Wellman (R), 150 North Beacon Street Hartford, CT 06105  
For a term expiring June 14, 2023  
Filling a vacancy



Luke A. Bronin  
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June 14, 2021

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**Re: Executive Session**

Dear Council President Rosado,

We are requesting that the Council enter into Executive Session during the Council meeting on June 14, 2021. A brief session is necessary in order to discuss the potential settlement of a workers' compensation matter, *Kory Ouellette v. City of Hartford*.

The Office of Corporation Counsel is happy to answer any questions that you may have.  
Thank you for your consideration.

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**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

City of Hartford, June 14, 2021

**RESOLVED**, pursuant to Chapter VIII, Section 3 of the City Charter, the Court of Common Council hereby approves settlement of *Kory Ouellette v. City of Hartford* in the amount of \$100,000.



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**Re: Executive Session**

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**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, June 14, 2021

**RESOLVED**, pursuant to Chapter VIII, Section 3 of the City Charter, the Court of Common Council hereby approves settlement of *Roderick Waller v. City of Hartford* in the amount of \$75,000.



# Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



Maly D. Rosado, Council President  
Nick Lebron, Councilman  
James Sanchez, Councilman  
Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilwoman  
John Q. Gale, Councilman  
Noel F. McGregor, Jr, Town and City Clerk

Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader  
Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilwoman  
Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman  
Joshua Michtom, Councilman

## Health & Human Services Committee

Monday June 7th, 2021

6:00pm, Council Chambers

Streamed Liv via [www.https://HPATV.org/channel96](https://HPATV.org/channel96) for Comcast/Frontier Customers and Facebook Live

## Report

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 06:46pm.

Present were Chair Nick Lebron, Committee Member Thomas J. Clarke II, Committee Member Marilyn Rosetti, Councilman James Sanchez, Letticia Cotto, Corporate Counsel Demar Osbourne and Health and Human Services, Director Liany Arroyo, Meg Hourigan, Communications Director Vas Srivastava,

1. **MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying annual report submitted on behalf of the Advisory Commission on Food Policy for the City of Hartford. This annual report is mandated by City Ordinance and recounts the activities of the commission for 2020., (Agenda Item #2, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>)**

Meg Hourigan discusses how Hartford Food Systems created the new Food Policy recommendations.

Councilman Lebron motioned to adjourn  
Councilman Clarke seconded

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Councilman Nick Lebron  
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee



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

## **Report**

February 8, 2021

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street  
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**RE: Planning & Zoning Commission Report**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your review is the annual report submitted on behalf of the Planning & Zoning Commission for the City of Hartford. This annual report is mandated by City Ordinance and recounts the activities of the commission for 2020.

Please direct any questions about this report to the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

### *Year-End Report*

December 31, 2020

In 2020, the Planning & Zoning Commission continued to engage several hundred more people in the City Plan (POCD) process, adopting the plan unanimously this spring. The pace of construction and permits pulled increased. During the pandemic, thanks to dedicated staff, the commission was the first zoning commission in the state to have web-based meetings up and running which ensured that business continued. Additionally, the commission was one of the first in the state to adapt flexible outdoor seating regulations for small businesses to create more outdoor seating, giving many the ability to survive through the summer. Public participation for the web-based meetings increased which suggests that this format may be a promising mode of conducting future business. Revisions were made to the zoning code, in part to address public health issues and small business viability affected by the pandemic, and many other Connecticut towns replicated our work.

Interesting projects are happening all over the city, as further described below. Close to half of the Commission's membership turned over this year, and we were pleased to welcome 3 attorneys, each exemplifying a strong commitment to public service and each more than satisfying the stringent professional requirements required by City charter. Staffing levels have stabilized, and we continue to see progress in the professionalism of the administration of the code. It remains our privilege and pleasure to serve the City of Hartford.

#### **A. COMMISSION GOVERNANCE**

- Said goodbye to Commission Chair Sara Bronin, regular Commission member Melvyn Colón, alternate member Kevin Henry and planner Elizabeth Sanderson
- Welcomed Commission members as new or in new roles: Jonathan Harding transitioned to regular member, Kel Thomas as a regular member, and Andrés Jiménez-Franck and Juliana Garcia-Urbe as alternate members
- Elected Josye Utick, Aaron Gill and Gary Bazzano to serve as Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary respectively
- Welcomed a new Commission Counsel, Rich Vasallo, new senior planners Paul Ashworth and Autumn Florek, and new staff member Paige Berschet

#### **B. SUBSTANTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Completed edits to the zoning regulations to advance innovation or flexibility in the areas of (among others):
  - Bike plan
  - Public health issues
  - Signage in DT districts
  - Small business viability affected by the pandemic
  - Outdoor dining

- Approved various public hearing (special permit) applications, including those related to:
  - Signage for Dunkin Donuts Stadium
  - Site plan review for improvements to Colt Park
  - Signage for Parkville Market
  - Site plan review for a new elementary school at Swift Factory
  - Signage for People's United at Goodwin Square Building
  - Site plan review for a new academic building at University of Hartford
  - New location for Grace Academy at Central Baptist Church of Hartford
  - Renovations for the Pump House at Bushnell Park
  - Re-division of land at Bow Tie Cinema on New Park Ave to allow for future mixed-use and commercial building development
  - Continuation of the Metropolitan District Commission's sewer project (in several locations)
  - Complete Streets Plan
- Reviewed a total of 34 zoning applications (special permits, site plan reviews, municipal improvements, subdivisions) and 3 wetlands applications
- Reviewed/endorsed the department's Community Input Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), a document which outlines a clear and transparent review process for members of the public to provide input for development applications.
- Wrote/endorsed letters for the following:
  - GoRail's project commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Staggers Act
  - Regional Plan Association's campaign the state's Congressional leaders to approve federal aid for transit operations (Emergency Campaign to Save Public Transit)
- Added 1 more award to the 10 awards already received since 2016 for planning, economic development, and sustainability: national Form-Based Codes Institute/Smart Growth America Driehaus Award for 2020.
- And most importantly, completed the process of creating a new City Plan:
  - In 2020 alone, 14 meetings conducted with a total of 288 people attending
  - Either, specific meetings were conducted with the following entities:
    - Complete Streets Working Group
    - City Arts Commission
    - CREC Leadership
    - University of Hartford Design Studio
    - Youth Service Corps
    - State DAS Leadership
    - Hartford Public Schools Leadership
    - Arts Organization Leadership
    - City Council Leadership
  - Or, the following City Plan topics were covered with the public at large meetings:
    - Green400
    - Play400
    - Live400
    - Move400
    - Grow400

### **C. CHAIR/VICE CHAIR OUTREACH**

- Liaised with various City departments, Commissions, and working groups
- Liaised with various third parties, including private property owners, real estate developers, community organizations, and nonprofit organizations
- Presented Hartford's zoning code or sustainability efforts at academic, professional and community forums, including for/at: New Haven Safe Streets Coalition, to the FBCI (Form-Based Code Institute), DesegregateCT, LiveGreenCT, and UCONN Department of Landscape Architecture.



Introduced by: Mayor Luke A. Bronin

HEADING  
AND  
PURPOSE

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

COUNCIL,

COURT OF COMMON

CITY OF HARTFORD

March 9, 2020

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

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

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

Bona fide resident is defined as:

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

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

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

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.



# Court of Common Council

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## REPORT

June 14, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Planning, Economic Development, and Housing Committee held a meeting on June 2, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

**MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF HARTFORD'S COMPLETE STREETS PLAN. THIS PLAN WILL COMPLEMENT THE BICYCLE PLAN, AND TOGETHER THESE DOCUMENTS PROVIDE A GUIDE FOR TRANSFORMING OUR CITY STREETS. THIS PLAN REFLECTS APPROXIMATELY A YEAR OF EFFORT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMPLETE STREETS TASK FORCE, LED BY CITY BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR SANDY FRY. THIS PLAN HAS BEEN UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF HARTFORD (ITEM 2 ON THE FEBRUARY 22, 2021 AGENDA).**

The following were present: PEDH Committee Chairwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman James Sánchez, Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti, Councilman John Gale, Councilman Nick Lebron, Aimee Chambers the Director of Planning and Zoning from the Department of Development Services, Randal Davis the Department of Development Service's Deputy Director, I. Charles Matthews, Department Head for the Department of Development Services, Erin Howard the Economic Development Director for the Department of Development Services, Richard Vassallo from Corporation Counsel, Sandy Fry the City Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, Carey Shea from the Planning and Zoning Commission, Melvyn Colon from the Planning and Zoning Commission, Judith Rothschild Director of Blight Remediation and Housing Code Enforcement for the City of Hartford for the City of Hartford, Pete Torres Jr. 6th District Town Committee member, Lindsey Rutka & Michael Reiner representing Brainard Airport, Kathleen Onufer and Ben Carlson representing Goody Clancy, and other concerned citizens.

Committee Chairwoman Surgeon introduced the item by talking about the issues the committee had with this item when it was first reviewed it in March of 2021. The committee had questions about bike lanes and community input, which lead them to postponing this item. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon stated there was a memo which was sent to the PEDH committee regarding all of the meetings Sandy



Fry, the City Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, and her team attended which entailed their efforts to get more community input on the Complete Streets Plan and bring this plan to the community.

Ms. Fry stated she took to heart the need for public outreach. Ms. Fry stated the first thing which was done, to increase community input for the Complete Streets Plan, was to set up a meeting for April 22nd. This meeting was set up to reach the public and was held in the evening and via Zoom. Ms. Fry stated there was a lot of work which went into promoting this meeting and letting the community know about it. Ms. Fry stated there was a flyer which included a survey link where people could let her team know if they were interested in serving on the committee. The link also asked members of the community for their input regarding a better meeting time. Ms. Fry stated that the results from the survey haven't fully been summarized to see if there is a stand out time for meetings.

Ms. Fry stated all of the NRZ meetings were attended and the NRZs were given a short presentation. The NRZs were informed about the meeting coming up regarding the Complete Streets Plan. The flyer was shared for the upcoming April 22nd Complete Streets Plan meeting and the NRZs were asked to distribute the flyer to all of their members. Ms. Fry attended a PRAC meeting to discuss a plan, and PRAC endorsed the plan. The Tree Commission also sent in their recommendations for the Complete Streets Plan.

Ms. Fry stated Facebook was used extensively. There was paid advertising which went out to 2,000 people. The end result was having 52 people in attendance at the public meeting. What was done, which Ms. Fry stated was helpful, was put together a comprehensive presentation to help people understand the context of the plan.

Ms. Fry and her team took all of the Tree Commission comments and incorporated them into the plan. There were some additional changes made in the traffic signal section. Ms. Fry stated now there is a practice whenever they go to install bike lanes, they will notify the adjacent property owners. There was also a recommendation that the city use more speed monitoring signs. Ms. Fry stated she is hopeful that they have met all of the committee's requirements for addressing any concerns. Ms. Fry also offered to speak to any small groups which would like to have a presentation however, was not taken up on the offer.

Committee Chairwoman Surgeon commended Ms. Fry for taking the PEDH Committee's recommendations to heart. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon stated the NRZs were happy with Ms. Fry and others coming to the NRZs with the Complete Streets Plan. Councilwoman Surgeon stated the NRZs were happy they were able to give recommendations because the outcomes of the plan will affect their community.

Councilman Sánchez stated that it is important to know where a bike lane will be. He asked if members of the community are aware that if there is a bike lane they cannot park there and they will be fined \$75. Ms. Fry said that if there are bike lane changes they will notify property owners when this will happen. Ms. Fry stated they will be using a state plan to mark the bike lanes in the city as well. Councilman Sánchez asked about what the procedure would be if a property owner protests a bike lane. Aimee Chambers, the City of Hartford's Director of Planning and Zoning, answered the question by saying that would depend on the scope and the timeline of the project. Ms. Chambers stated if there are individuals who have an objection to a bike lane, the DDS staff will have a conversation with the individual to find out their concerns. Ms. Chambers stated if DDS finds a great deal of pushback, they need to go back and have a discussion about how to modify the plans to be responsive to community needs. Ms. Chambers stated that the responsibility is on them so that people have the opportunity to



respond to any issues. Councilman Sánchez stated his concern is that for example, Hillside Avenue, if there is a bike lane and there are plans, they need to have room to modify and change any plans. Ms. Chambers stated what is important is that the Complete Streets Plan is not about implementation of bike lanes. The Complete Streets program is how we, as a city, look at anything in the public right of way. The plan provides more guidance to DPW, as the implementing party, as to the priorities when coming up with designs. Ms. Chambers stated that in any notifications there would be contact information and DDS should be able to address any concerns when they come to her office. Councilman Sánchez stated that \$75 is extreme for parking in a bike lane and wants avoid any negative impact on businesses and homeowners.

Councilman Gale stated that Director Chambers identified what the Complete Streets plan is by identifying its priorities. Councilman Gale stated that we have lived in a society which is designed around cars and much of that is to the detriment of Hartford and has not served us, as a city, well. Councilman Gale stated this plan is to change how we become individuals who utilize our city and interact with it in ways which are outside of an automobile. Councilman Gale stated the document before the committee is a conceptual ideal of rebalancing what happens when we look at a street. Councilman Gale stated that when we look at a street we need to have many different concerns and not just the concerns of an automobile. Councilman Gale stated he is certainly behind this idea and really applauds the Planning Department and Sandy Fry. Councilman Gale stated Ms. Fry will retire in July and that it is a big loss for the city of Hartford. Councilman Gale stated that we have a great advantage in the city for having bright people to work for the residents of Hartford.

Committee Chairwoman Surgeon thanked Ms. Fry and Ms. Chambers for doing an awesome job educating members of the community as to what the City Street Plan is. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon thanked Ms. Fry for all of her years of service to the city and echoed Councilman Gale's sentiments. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon thanked Ms. Fry for the education on the Complete Streets Plan and stated that she is in support of this plan.

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Shirley Surgeon  
Chairwoman of  
Planning, Economic Development & Housing



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**MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF ELEVEN (11) CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES TO THE HARTFORD LAND BANK (HLB) AS PART OF THEIR LOT NEXT DOOR PROGRAM (ITEM 5 ON THE MAY 24, 2021 AGENDA, HEARING DATE JUNE 21, 2021).**

The following were present: PEDH Committee Chairwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman James Sánchez, Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti, Councilman John Gale, Councilman Nick Lebron, Aimee Chambers the Director of Planning and Zoning from the Department of Development Services, Randal Davis the Department of Development Service's Deputy Director, I. Charles Matthews, Department Head for the Department of Development Services, Erin Howard the Economic Development Director for the Department of Development Services, Richard Vassallo from Corporation Counsel, Sandy Fry the City Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, Carey Shea from the Planning and Zoning Commission, Melvyn Colon from the Planning and Zoning Commission, Judith Rothschild Director of Blight Remediation and Housing Code Enforcement for the City of Hartford, for the City of Hartford, Pete Torres Jr. 6<sup>th</sup> District Town Committee member, Lindsey Rutka & Michael Reiner representing Brainard Airport, Kathleen Onufer and Ben Carlson representing Goody Clancy, and other concerned citizens.

Committee Chairwoman Surgeon introduced the item. After the item was introduced, Councilman Sánchez made a motion to postpone this item due to the hearing date taking place on June 21, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rossetti.



Erin Howard, the Economic Development Director for the Department of Development Services, stated that the item was not referred from council to Planning and Zoning for an 8-24 referral and asked to do that in committee now to get the planning and zoning processes going. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon, for clarification, asked what the 8-24 referral meant. Erin Howard said that anytime there is a sale or lease of city property they have to refer it to Planning and Zoning under state statute which requires it to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission to get it back to council for any of those transactions. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon asked if DDS wanted the committee to make a motion to send this item to the Planning and Zoning Commission as a referral. Erin Howard stated that is what she was hoping the committee would be able to aide in doing.

Councilman Sánchez withdrew his motion and made a new motion to postpone the item and refer the item to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rossetti.

Councilman Gale wanted to know why the committee needed to postpone the item. Councilman Sánchez said they can't vote on this at council because of the hearing date. Committee Chairwoman Surgeon said that she would like to hear from the residents and any concerns and issues, and that the committee has to refer the item to the Planning and Zoning Commission for them to review as well.

Committee Chairwoman Surgeon asked if there was a rush to get these properties to the Land Bank or if the item before the committee could wait. Carey Shea, the acting executive Director of the Land Bank, deferred to Melvyn Colon, the chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, due to the fact he and the new Executive Director would be involved in making future decisions for the Land Bank. Melvyn Colon stated the Land Bank is in the processes of hiring a new Executive Director so unless there was a reason for it to move the item along, he saw no reason not to postpone the item. Erin Howard stated that they can't vote on the item until it went to public hearing and the 8-24 referral.

Melvyn Colon and Committee Chairwoman Surgeon thanked Carey Shea for her services due to the fact she was stepping down from her position.

A motion was made by Councilman Sánchez and was seconded by Councilwoman Rossetti to postpone the item and send this item to the Planning and Zoning Commission as a referral.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Shirley Surgeon

Chairwoman of Planning, Economic Development & Housing Committee





**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

May 24, 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 Various City Owned Properties to the Hartford Land Bank**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution to authorize the transfer of eleven (11) City-owned properties to the Hartford Land Bank (HLB) as part of their Lot Next Door Program.

These vacant properties have sat in the City's inventory for a number of years and were acquired by the City through past tax deed sales or by foreclosure due to blight liens. The eleven identified parcels are: 49 Annawan Street, 53 Benton Street, 68 Bonner Street, 170 Clark Street, 60 East Street, 415 Garden Street, 437 Garden Street, 602 Garden Street, 36 Green Street, 138 Irving Street and 25 H Edgewood Street.

The primary goal of the HLB Lot Next Door Program is to provide adjacent owner-occupants the opportunity and the first right of refusal to purchase adjacent vacant lots. Attached you will find a description of the Lot Next Door Program.

As a condition of sale, the HLB has agreed that should they not be successful in obtaining interest from adjacent property owners, HLB will explore infill housing development opportunities either by working with a local partner organization and or building housing themselves. This transaction will be subject to an 8-24 Plan review and recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z).

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

**INTRODUCED BY:**

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

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Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

City of Hartford, May 24, 2021

**WHEREAS**, The City has a portfolio of City owned properties that have been acquired via several methods including tax deed sales and foreclosure due to blight liens; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Hartford now wishes to transfer certain individual parcels to the Hartford Land Bank, Inc., for the purposes of blight remediation and returning the properties to productive use consistent with neighborhood and community priorities and objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, The properties included in this resolution are vacant lots which are intended to be disbursed under the Hartford Land Bank's "Vacant Lot Next Door" program, and

**WHEREAS**, As a condition of sale, should the Land Bank not find a viable neighbor to purchase these lots, the Land Bank will explore infill housing development opportunities either by working with a local partner organization and or building housing themselves; now, therefore, be it

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council hereby approves the transfer of the following parcels to the Hartford Land Bank:

1. 49 Annawan Street
2. 53 Benton Street
3. 68 Bonner Street
4. 176 Clark Street
5. 60 East Street
6. 415 Garden Street
7. 437 Garden Street
8. 602 Garden Street
9. 36 Green Street
10. 138 Irving Street
11. 25 H Edgewood Street, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is authorized to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the Hartford Land Bank, Inc. or its successors or assigns for the purposes set forth above; including the condition that should the Land Bank not find a viable neighbor to purchase these lots, that the Land Bank will explore infill housing development opportunities either by working with a local partner organization and or building housing themselves; and be it further

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

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

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

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





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**MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$600,000 FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DECD) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH MAIN STREETScape. THE FUNDS ARE FROM THE STATE BOND COMMISSION AND ARE BEING ADMINISTERED THROUGH AN URBAN ACT GRANT (ITEM 7 ON THE APRIL 26, 2021 AGENDA).**

The following were present: PEDH Committee Chairwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman James Sánchez, Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti, Councilman John Gale, Councilman Nick Lebron, Aimee Chambers the Director of Planning and Zoning from the Department of Development Services, Randal Davis the Department of Development Service's Deputy Director, I. Charles Matthews, Department Head for the Department of Development Services, Erin Howard the Economic Development Director for the Department of Development Services, Richard Vassallo from Corporation Counsel, Sandy Fry the City Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, Carey Shea from the Planning and Zoning Commission, Melvyn Colon from the Planning and Zoning Commission, Judith Rothschild Director of Blight Remediation and Housing Code Enforcement for the City of Hartford, for the City of Hartford, Pete Torres Jr. 6<sup>th</sup> District Town Committee member, Lindsey Rutka & Michael Reiner representing Brainard Airport, Kathleen Onufer and Ben Carlson representing Goody Clancy, and other concerned citizens.

Committee Chairwoman Surgeon introduced the item and Aimee Chambers, the City of Hartford's Director of Planning and Zoning, spoke to this item. Ms. Chambers stated they are working on the

design of the North Main Streetscape and these items were identified through the Bond Commission process. While they still have a substantial gap in funding they continue to receive funds from DECD.

Councilman Sánchez had a question regarding the project, and asked if this was a continuation of the streetscape project from 5 years ago. Ms. Chambers, stated this is the continuation of that project and the project was stalled due to funding issues. Ms. Chambers stated the project restarted when they signed a contract in 2020 to restart the design. Ms. Chambers stated in April they did a public meeting where they reviewed the revised concept. Ms. Chambers stated the consultant is now working on reviewing the drawings and have provided a rough estimate for the cost of the project. Ms. Chambers stated the cost of the project will continue to be refined as the project moves along.

Councilman Sánchez asked Ms. Chambers how far this project would extend through the city and what streets it would encompass. Ms. Chambers said the limits have been extended a bit, due to community feedback. She stated that the project, relating to DECD funds, are from Earl St. to the Windsor town line including a little tail of Windsor Street to Boce Barlow Way back to Main. Ms. Chambers stated there has been feedback to extend the project, so the project will now start at Westland Street.

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,



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Shirley Surgeon  
Chairwoman of  
Planning, Economic Development  
& Housing





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

April 26, 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: North Main Streetscape Improvements - Construction**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$600,000 from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development (DECD) for construction of the North Main Streetscape. The funds are from the State Bond Commission and are being administered through an Urban Act grant.

In 2019, the Court of Common Council authorized the acceptance of Urban Act funds in the amount of \$400,000 for design. Contracts for design were signed in 2020 and the project design is currently underway. VHB is the consultant leading the design development with the Department of Development Services. A public meeting was held April 14 for the review of the concept design, which has been developed with residents and stakeholders over the last several months. The design is expected to be ready to bid for the Spring 2022 construction season.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin".

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

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

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, April 26, 2021

**WHEREAS**, The State Bond Commission has awarded the City of Hartford a grant of \$600,000 which is being administered by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development ("DECD") through its Urban Act program, to support the construction of streetscape improvements along Main Street from Earl Street to the Windsor Town line, including Boce Barlow Way to Main; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2019, the Court of Common Council authorized Mayor Bronin to accept funds from DECD in the amount of \$400,000 to revive the project and support the streetscape design; and

**WHEREAS**, Project design is underway; now, therefore, be it,

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept \$600,000 in funds from DECD, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That those funds will be utilized to support the construction of the North Main Streetscape Improvements; 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 purposes; and be it further

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

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

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

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## **Health & Human Services Committee**

**Monday June 7th, 2021  
6:00pm, Council Chambers**

**Streamed Liv via [www.https://HPATV.org/channel96](https://HPATV.org/channel96) for Comcast/Frontier Customers and  
Facebook Live**

## **Report**

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 06:46pm.

Present were Chair Nick Lebron, Committee Member Thomas J. Clarke II, Committee Member Marilyn Rosetti, Councilman James Sanchez, Letticia Cotto, Corporate Counsel Demar Osbourne and Health and Human Services, Director Liany Arroyo, Meg Hourigan, Communications Director Vas Srivastava,

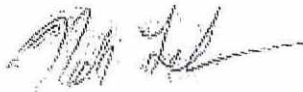
**RESOLUTION**, requesting that the Court of Common Council calls on representatives from the Hartford Public Library and the Mayor's Office to provide an update on progress of this taxpayer funded initiative and that the city's Office of Community Engagement provide a biannual report to the Court of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

Director Vas Srivastava discussed how the initiative was implemented during the Corona Virus epidemic. The large part of the mission was to conduct outreach in efforts to educate and allow access services.

Councilman Clarke motioned to favorably recommend this resolution as amended to Council  
Councilwoman Rossetti seconded

**Unanimously Approved**

Respectfully Submitted,



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Councilman Nick Lebron  
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee



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**MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City of Hartford's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to receive \$1.9 million in funding and execute contracts and contract amendments with the State Department of Public Health through its VEPF program, which is funding vaccine outreach in cities across the state. **Majority Leader Clarke** **II Recused** Referred to the Health & Human Services Committee (Agenda Item #6, May 24<sup>th</sup>)

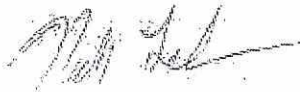
Director Liany Arroyo discussed the funding which will allow vaccine outreach.

Councilwoman Rossetti motioned to accept the grant  
Councilman Lebron Seconds

Majority Leader Clarke Recused himself

Unanimously approved

Respectfully Submitted,



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Councilman Nick Lebron  
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee



**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

May 24, 2021

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
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**RE: State Department of Public Health Vaccine Equity Partnership Funding (VEPF)**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to receive \$1.9 million in funding and execute contracts and contract amendments with the State Department of Public Health through its VEPF program, which is funding vaccine outreach in cities across the state.

HHS will use this grant funding to expand existing efforts to increase access to the COVID-19 vaccines, including education, and also allows the Department to support the efforts of many community partners, including Hartford Healthcare, Trinity Health of New England, United Way, Charter Oak Health Center and Intercommunity Health. Specifically, the VEPF funding will pay for more outreach in our community to address vaccine hesitancy and increase vaccination rates, particularly for younger residents.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

550 Main Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103  
Telephone (860) 757-9500  
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**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, May 24, 2021

**WHEREAS,** The Hartford Health and Human Services Department has applied for and received a Grant through Vaccine Equity Partnership Funding (VEPF) to be used by local health departments to expand access to COVID-19 vaccines, and

**WHEREAS,** The State has advised that the City of Hartford will receive funding up to \$1,937,725 in VEPF Grant funds for Fiscal Year 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** These funds will be allocated through contracts with Hartford Healthcare, Trinity Health of New England, United Way, Charter Oak Health Center and Intercommunity Health; and

**WHEREAS,** The Vaccine Equity Partnership Funding (VEPF) will be used by the Department of Health & Human Services to increase access and availability to COVID-19 vaccines to communities of color and those with limited English proficiency, and those living at the margins of our economy; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to apply for and accept up to \$1,937,725 in VEPF Grant funding from the Connecticut Department of Public Health for the Period of May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021, and be it further

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

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

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

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

# Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



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Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader  
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Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman  
Joshua Michtom, Councilman

## Health & Human Services Committee

Monday June 7th, 2021

6:00pm, Council Chambers

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## Report

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 06:46pm.

Present were Chair Nick Lebron, Committee Member Thomas J. Clarke II, Committee Member Marilyn Rosetti, Councilman James Sanchez, Letticia Cotto, Corporate Counsel Demar

Osbourne and Health and Human Services, Director Liany Arroyo, Meg Hourigan,  
Communications Director Vas Srivastava,

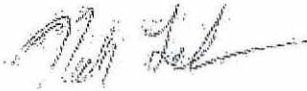
**RESOLUTION, requesting that the Mayor's office to provide more consistent administrative support dedicated to translation services for Hartford's Puerto Rican, Latin, and Hispanic communities. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ) (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON) (COUNCILMAN GALE) (COUNCILMAN LEBRON) (Agenda Item #13, Feb 8th)**  
**Replacement**

Letticia Cotto discussed translation services provided by the Hartford Public Library. \$10,000 dollars were allotted to this service and multiple city departments and city organizations have requested translations of HPL.

Councilman Clarke motioned to send a favorable report to Council  
Councilwoman Rossetti seconded

Unanimously approved

Respectfully Submitted,



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Councilman Nick Lebron  
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee



**INTRODUCED BY:**

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

**Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader**  
**Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman**  
**Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilwoman**  
**John Gale, Councilman**  
**Nick Lebron, Councilman**

City of Hartford June, 14 2021

**WHEREAS**, Diversity has always been one of Hartford's strengths and defining characteristics, which creates a culturally inclusive environment where people of Caribbean descent comprise the largest foreign-born population in Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS**, Caribbean Americans enrich our community through a variety of cultures, languages, traditions, and values that strengthen our city; and

**WHEREAS**, Caribbean Americans have enriched our city with invaluable contributions to the fabric of our city; including contributions to public institutions, the arts, and the city's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Caribbean Americans are an integral part of our community and have established many businesses, a multitude of social organizations, and cultivated community leaders and individuals who tirelessly work for the betterment of our city and our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Caribbean Americans, alongside other members of our community, have worked tirelessly as first responders and essential workers over the course of the last year, helping our community in an unprecedented time of need; and

**WHEREAS**, Caribbean Americans and their monumental contributions to the city of Hartford make us an exemplar of how immigrants and immigration create an environment which fosters innovation and a culture which makes our city unique; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council, in recognition of Caribbean Americans and their significant contributions to building and sustaining our community, observe June as National Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

**INTRODUCED BY:**

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

Councilwoman Marilyn E. Rossetti  
Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon

City of Hartford, June 14, 2021

**WHEREAS**, in the past decade, Hartford experienced increasingly frequent extreme weather, including severe storms, drought, and intense heat, which have resulted in damage to critical infrastructure and property, increased urban heat island effect, loss of power and basic utilities, high riverine floodwaters, localized neighborhood flooding, reduced urban tree canopy, combined sewer overflows, and subsequent risks to public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, last year, the destruction caused by Tropical Storm Isaias, which led to loss of utility service for over ten thousand Hartford customers and half a million Connecticut customers, signals future devastation from climate change and the urgent need for immediate action and mitigation; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2016 world leaders from 175 parties recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep warming “well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C”; and

**WHEREAS**, emissions reductions targets set by the governor’s executive orders (45% greenhouse gas reduction by 2030 and 80% greenhouse gas reduction by 2050), the Transportation Climate Initiative (transportation emissions reduction of 30% by 2032), and the Integrated Resources Plan (zero emissions from electrical generation by 2040) require dramatic expansion of renewable energy systems at a rapid pace; and

**WHEREAS**, a growing list of cities, districts and counties across the world have recently declared or officially acknowledged the existence of a climate emergency, including Berkeley, Hoboken, Los Angeles, Montgomery County, Oakland, Richmond, and Santa Cruz in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hartford has committed to meeting a series of climate targets supported by residents, implemented by the City’s Office of Sustainability, and outlined in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change’s Race to Zero initiative, the City Plan, the Climate Action Plan, the Energy Improvement District Board Comprehensive Plan, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hartford can act as a global leader by both converting to an ecologically, socially and economically regenerative economy at emergency speed, and by catalyzing a just transition and climate emergency mobilization effort; and



**WHEREAS**, environmental justice requires that frontline communities, which have historically borne the brunt of the extractive fossil-fuel economy, participate actively in the planning and implementation of this mobilization effort at all levels of government and that they benefit first from the transition to a renewable energy economy; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the City of Hartford declares that a climate emergency threatens our city, state, nation, and the world; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Hartford commits to working to catalyze a just transition and climate mobilization effort at the local, state, national and global levels to provide maximum protection for our residents as well as all the people and species of the world; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Hartford underscores the need for full community participation, inclusion, and support, and recognizes that the residents of Hartford, and community organizations, faith, youth, labor, business, academic institutions, and all allies are integral to fighting climate change; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Hartford commits to keeping the concerns of vulnerable communities central to all environmentally just transition and climate mobilization efforts; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Hartford joins a nationwide call for a regional just transition and climate emergency mobilization collaborative effort focused on transforming our region and rapidly catalyzing a mobilization at all levels of government to restore a safe climate; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Hartford joins other governments and peoples worldwide to support a just transition and climate emergency mobilization effort to reverse global warming by restoring near pre-industrial global average temperatures and greenhouse gas concentrations, that halts the development of new fossil fuel infrastructure, rapidly phases out all fossil fuels, reduces and ultimately eliminates greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible, initiates an effort to safely draw down carbon from the atmosphere, transitions to regenerative agriculture, and creates and guarantees high-quality, good-paying jobs with comprehensive benefits for those who will be impacted by this transition.



**MOVED BY:**  
Councilman Josh Michtom

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

**MOTION TO RESCIND FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE ADOPTED JUNE 7, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the Council Rules, 2020-2024, Section VI, as adopted by the Court of Common Council on January 13, 2020, allows for written motions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council Rules, 2020-2024, Section XIII, provides that Robert's Rules of Order shall be the governing authority for conducting Council meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, at the Special Meeting of the Court of Common Council held on June 7, 2021, the presiding officer granted a motion by Councilman Sanchez to close debate ("call the question") which motion received support from five of the eight Council Members present; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert's Rules of Order clearly indicates, in §16, that motions to close debate must be supported by two thirds of the entire Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the presiding officer granted the motion to close debate erroneously, inasmuch as it was supported by fewer than two thirds of the Council Members; and

**WHEREAS**, but for this error, the Council would have had to consider a motion to amend that was offered contemporaneously by Councilman Michtom, and as a result, the Council approved the ordinance without voting on a pending motion to amend; and

**WHEREAS**, this failure of the Court of Common Council to follow its own rules in adopting an ordinance could result in that ordinance being challenged in court should the City seek to enforce it, which event would expose the City to needless litigation and expense; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert's Rules of Order, § 35, grants any Member the right to make a motion to rescind a previously adopted order, and allows the Council to support the motion to rescind by a simple majority where the substance of the motion has been timely provided to all Members and published; and

**WHEREAS**, Council Rules, § VII, allows any member in the prevailing vote on any measure to move for reconsideration of that measure at the next meeting;

**THEREFORE**, Councilman Michtom hereby moves that the Food Truck Ordinance adopted on June 7, 2021, be rescinded to allow for a full debate, including his motion to amend, with the understanding that the ordinance can thereafter be brought forward again at the same meeting, under a motion for reconsideration under Council Rules, § VII, fully debated, and properly voted upon.