

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

## **VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA**



**MARCH 22, 2021**

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**7:00 PM**



**AGENDA**  
**MEETING OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
**March 22, 2021**

**Approved the Minutes of March 8, 2021**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution authorizing a budget transfer of \$200,000 from the Office of Corporation Counsel to the Office of the Chief Operating Officer, which will be used for the hiring of the Civilian Police Review Board's Inspector General and associated costs.
2. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution confirming the re-appointment of Brian Gallagher and appointment of Nyesha McCauley as the representative of Friends of Bushnell Park to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC).
3. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to enter into a 10-year Tax Abatement Agreement with Hartford Assisted Living LP (HALLP) to support affordable rental housing located at 90 Retreat Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106, known as The Retreat Assisted Living Facility ("The Retreat").
4. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant award under the 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods grant program from the Office of the United States Attorney (USAO), District of Connecticut, in the amount of \$55,705.00.
5. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution confirming the appointments of Ms. Yvette Bello, Mr. Jim Shmerling, and Pastor AJ Johnson to the Hartford Board of Education.
6. **PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE**, Communication concerning the annual report submitted on behalf of the Planning & Zoning Commission for the City of Hartford mandated by City Ordinance and recounts the activities of the Commission for 2020.
7. **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).
8. **PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**, Communication concerning a Presentation/Update regarding the planning and implementation of corrective procedures to improve the MyRec Field Reservation system.

**REPORTS**

9. **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.

10. **QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution confirming the appointment of Deborah Davis to the Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB).
11. **OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution to reappoint Ted See as Council's appointee to the Internal Audit Commission.
12. **OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution to appoint Leticia Marulanda to the Internal Audit Commission as Council's designated appointee.
13. **OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution with accompanying resolution requesting that the Court of Common Council create a task force to evaluate the prospects of implementing a UBI pilot program in the City of Hartford.
14. **OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution requesting that Mac-State Square, LLC and FBE-State Square LLC provide a report on or before March 1, 2021 consistent with its obligation under the tax relief.
15. **OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept funding provided by an Urban Act Grant and administered by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP"). This award of \$1,000,000 is for the planning, design, permitting, and construction of improvements at Colt Park and Pope Park, specifically playing fields and related facilities.
16. **LABOR, EDUCATION, WORKFORCE AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution requesting that the Court of Common Council review the existing holiday schedule as is described in Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 7, section 392 of the Hartford City Code with City labor contracts and other practices to determine whether and how to include Juneteenth as a City holiday.
17. **PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution confirming the re-appointment of Donna Swarr as the representative of Friends of Colt Park and appointment of Miriam Roane as the representative of Friends of Keney Park to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC).

#### **FOR ACTION**

18. **ORDINANCE** amending Chapter 2, Appointments of Departments Heads Requirements, Section 850 Residency requirements of the Municipal Code.
19. **Communication** from the Health & Human Services Committee, concerning 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.

20. REPORT from the Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee with accompanying resolution with accompanying resolution requesting that the Court of Common Council create a task force to evaluate the prospects of implementing a UBI pilot program in the City of Hartford.
21. REPORT from the Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee with accompanying resolution requesting that Mac-State Square, LLC and FBE-State Square LLC provide a report on or before March 1, 2021 consistent with its obligation under the tax relief.
22. REPORT from the Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee with accompanying resolution to reappoint Ted See as Council's appointee to the Internal Audit Commission.
23. REPORT from the 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.
24. REPORT from the 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
25. REPORT from the Health & Human Services Committee, with accompanying resolution requesting that the Mayor of Hartford, the Hartford Health Department, Local Government Officials, State Legislators, and the Capital Region Council Of Government (CRCOG) take the lead and collectively dig out the root causes of homelessness and work systematically to put in place a process for all 169 cities and towns to actively contribute and participate in an issue that affects us all.

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

26. Ordinance Amending Chapter 27—Itinerant Vendors, Street Vendors, and Food Trucks of the Hartford Municipal Code.  
Hearing Date Monday April 19, 2021

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



**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

March 22, 2021

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

RE: Budget Transfer for CPRB Inspector General

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing a budget transfer of \$200,000 from the Office of Corporation Counsel to the Office of the Chief Operating Officer, which will be used for the hiring of the Civilian Police Review Board's Inspector General and associated costs related to their duties.

Given that the Office of Equity and Opportunity is within the COO's office and it facilitates the work of the Civilian Police Review Board, placing the Inspector General's position there is appropriate. As you know, the amended CPRB ordinance will take effect on March 31, 2021, and we are in the process of interviewing candidates for the position.

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

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, March 22, 2021

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Chapter X Section 7(a) of the City of Hartford Charter, the Mayor has recommended the transfer of \$200,000 to the Office of Chief Operating Officer from the Office of Corporation Counsel, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to make that transfer for, and be it further,

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



**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

March 22, 2021

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
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**RE: Appointments to Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Brian Gallagher and appointment of Nyesha McCauley as the representative of Friends of Bushnell Park to 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. Gallagher has served as PRAC Chairperson since 2014, and as a leader in youth recreation in Hartford, as well as lifeguard, he understands the importance of our recreational programs and the strength of our parks.

Ms. McCauley is an active board member of the Bushnell Park Foundation and her appointment comes at the recommendation of the Foundation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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# NYESHA MCCAULEY

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## STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSIONAL

WEB DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT | MARKETING STRATEGY | DESIGN & PUBLICATION PRODUCTION

- Experienced communicator with over 10 years of experience employing diverse channels to reach differentiated corporate, non-profit and community stakeholders.
- An intentional strategist with proficiency in planning, development, and execution of awareness campaigns and educational training materials that advance the achievement of organizational goals and priorities.
- Consultative partner to stakeholders across all functions and levels. Proven ability to guide platform determination, position messages, and lead audience identification and drive projects from conception to execution.
- Promoted to Communications Lead and expanded responsibilities to include strategy development and tactics. Deeply knowledgeable about creating, editing, and publishing content to quantifiably grow program initiatives.
- Capable social media manager comfortable with translating site analytics into meaningful report-outs and viable actions

### Business Critical Skills & Technical Knowledge

Awareness Campaigns	Talking Points Development/Remarks	Multi-Media Campaigns
Advocacy Communications	Promotional/Collateral Material	Social Media Analytics
Brand Positioning	Internal & External Communications	Communications Strategy

### Everyday Democracy

Senior Director of Communications | Hartford, CT | Feb 2020 -- Present

Responsible for crafting and implementing communications strategies that raise awareness for Everyday Democracy's initiatives and inspire stakeholders, partners, and other target audiences to take action in support of the organization.

Shaping narratives and messaging for complex issues such as racial equity, racism, education and health care disparities or adjacent topics. Supporting executive writing, elevating thought leadership, and leveraging partners' communications to achieve growth and impact goals.

### Select Career Progression

ACHIEVE HARTFORD | HARTFORD, CT | 2012- OCTOBER 2019

*Accountable for active contributions to generating, developing, and communicating ideas for Mission-driven 501(c)3 organization that is committed to bringing the Hartford community together to help kids succeed at school, college, career, and life.*

LEAD, STORYTELLER & COMMUNICATIONS | 2015- 2019

- **IMPLEMENTATION:** Promoted to Lead and own implementation of communication strategies and harnessing the power of a story. Responsible for a portfolio of communication projects: All In! Coalition, Weaver High School Redesign, AH Redirection.
- **COLLATERAL DEVELOPMENT:** Managed and contracted 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors to create publications, reports, and digital media. Partnered with a team of to execute weekly pieces of content, including videos, blog & social media posts. Authored and published bi-weekly e-newsletter with the average open rate of 20%.
- **VIRAL VIDEO:** Produced 1<sup>st</sup> viral video and received 1000 views, 60 shares and 200 post engagements, which resulted in new six-figure sponsor and 15% increase in attendance at the annual meeting.
- **STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS:** Launched website and newsletter to communicate monthly progress-reports about city high school re-design to 300 stakeholders.

MANAGER, COMMUNICATIONS | 2014-2015

- **DIRECT SOLICITATION:** Initiated direct engagement with 2,000 potential individual donors. Designed new appeal campaign with tri-fold mailer brochure and video. Increased individual donations from \$0 to \$3000 in 3 months.



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### MANAGER, COMMUNICATIONS | 2014-2015

- **WEBSITE REDESIGN:** Oversaw and launched the redesign of [AchieveHartford.org](http://AchieveHartford.org) and managed messaging & press outreach for education rally.
- **STRATEGY EXECUTION:** Managed 3-month outreach/promotion strategy for new [SmarterHartford.org](http://SmarterHartford.org) website. Created content for email & social media outreach and coordinated media interviews. Produced video PSAs, digital and print collaterals, organized State of Schools event, partnerships with HPL, HPS.

### ASSOCIATE, COMMUNICATIONS | 2012-2014

- **SOCIAL STRATEGY:** Increased online community to 1,000 followers. Championed engagement across all channels, increased likes 200% as a result of building out comprehensive strategy including Facebook, Twitter, and launch of YouTube channel.
- **ARTICLE DEVELOPMENT:** Repurposed newsletter articles for publishing in 3 community newspapers

### HARTFORD PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION

#### SR. COORDINATOR, PROGRAMS | 2001-2012

- **CROSS TEAM MANAGEMENT:** Oversaw technical production of public access television facility for the City of Hartford. Responsible for a team of 3, including 5 interns, after-school program participants, and part-time staff.
- **TRAINING & OUTREACH:** Established program to attract new users to the facility as part of the mission to increase development of resident-led TV programs and content. Deployed user-friendly training for 100 new residents/yr., increased live studio productions by 15% and generated 30% more field productions within 12 months.

### ACCESSTV.ORG

#### HOST/EXECUTIVE PRODUCER | 2014 - PRESENT

- **ON AIR TALENT/PRODUCER:** Produce and create compelling content for webcasts, interviews guests, converses with callers, and hosts live events.
- **EXECUTIVE PRODUCER:** Provides best practices consulting and project management to business partners and CEO. Oversee external resources and project budgets.

### Education & Professional Associations

B.S. DIGITAL MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT, Bay Path University, Longmeadow, MA

A.S. PARALEGAL, Manchester Community College, Manchester, CT

BOARD MEMBER, Communication Media Advisory, Capital Community College, Hartford, CT

2012 – Present

Board Chair, Community First School, Hartford, CT

2018 - Present

### Fellowships

Education Pioneers (2016)

# BRIAN GALLAGHER

237 Oxford St Hartford CT 06105 · 860-212-9722

Briangallagher82@gmail.com

My objective is to make the world a better place through sports.

## EXPERIENCE

01/2007 – PRESENT

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER, CLASSICAL MAGNET**

- PE Teacher for grades 6-12
- Varsity Coach (Soccer, Swim, Golf) 08/05-06/18
- Athletic Director (FM) 08/18-06/19

08/98 – PRESENT (SUMMERS)

**LIFEGUARD, CITY OF HARTFORD**

Head Lifeguard, Swim Instructor, Swim Team Coach, Schedules and oversees pool and pool staff

08/98 – 12/06

**LIFEGUARD/ PROGRAM DIRECTOR, GREATER HARTFORD YMCA**

- PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF URBAN INITIATIVES (04/03-12/06)
- HEAD LIFEGUARD DOWN TOWN YMCA AND LERNING CORRIDOR (05/02-04/03)
- LIFEGUARD (08/98-05/02)

## EDUCATION

12/14

**GRADUATE DEGREE IN RECREATION AND LEISURE, SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY**

Final Project- Research and develop a proposal for supporting youth sports in Hartford and using sports as a motivator for students to come to school every day, improve academically, and graduate

12/06

**UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PHYSICAL EDUCATION, CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY**

2001

**HIGH SCHOOL DEPLOMA, HARTFORD PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Honors Program, Senior Class President, Team Captain (Soccer, Swim, Golf) Athlete of the Year

## **CREDENTIALS**

- Ct Teacher Certification in Physical Education
- Certified High School Coach
- CPR, First Aid, O2, AED
- Water Safety Instructor
- 20 Years of Coaching in Hartford

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- 2014-Present Youth Sports representative and Chair of PRAC (Hartford Parks Recreation Advisory Commission)
- Co-Founder and Director of Active City a youth sports non-profit Run, Building, and Advocating for youth sports in Hartford.
- 2007-Present Co-Founder and Head Coach Saturday Hoopsters teaching Hartford youth to play basketball.
- 1998-Present Hartford Soccer Club President coaching and overseeing youth soccer in Hartford

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

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, March, 22 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 Brian Gallagher and appointed Nyesha McCauley to the Commission; now, therefore, be it

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

Brian Gallagher (D)  
237 Oxford St, Hartford CT 06105

Nyesha McCauley (R)  
77 Wadsworth Street, Hartford CT 06106



Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

March 22, 2021

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

**RE: 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 Hartford Assisted Living LP (HALLP) to support affordable rental housing located at 90 Retreat Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106, known as The Retreat Assisted Living Facility ("The Retreat").

HALLP (the Owner) in partnership with the Community Renewal Team of Greater Hartford (CRT), the Developer and General Partner, maintain and operate 100 units of affordable elderly housing and ancillary space. To create and maintain affordability, HALLP utilized Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) equity along with government and private funding to construct the property in 2003. CRT also entered into an Extended Low-Income Housing Commitment (ELIHC) in April 2003 with Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA).

The Extended Low-Income Housing Commitment (ELIHC) mandates that the partnership maintains a rent schedule affordable to seniors earning less than or equal to 50% and 60% of the area median income until the year 2085. Current restrictions require the property owner rent/reserve 95 units to households that earn less than or equal to 50% AMI and the remaining five (5) be limited to those households that earn less than or equal to 60% AMI. They have determined that the project is unable to maintain and operate as a low-income Assisted Living Facility without tax relief.

Assessed taxes on the property are \$312,408.00 per year, or \$3,124.00 per unit based on the 2019 Grand List. The Tax Abatement Committee approved an abatement of taxes during its meeting held March 9, 2021 and the Owners agreed to the following terms for the 100 affordable units:

- A ten (10) year abatement of taxes;
- Annual tax payment of \$650.00 per unit or \$65,000.00 per year for the first five (5) years of the abatement;
- Annual tax payment of \$800.00 per unit or \$80,000.00 per year from years six (6) through ten (10).

When executed, an Abatement Agreement will support the property's financial stability as it continues to provide affordable housing for our seniors.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, March 22, 2021

**WHEREAS,** Retreat Assisted Living Facility (The Retreat) is a 100-unit rental housing development located at 90 Retreat Avenue, (the "Property") which is affordable to and occupied by low income seniors, owned by Hartford Assisted Living Limited Partnership (the "Owner") and where the Community Renewal Team of Greater Hartford (CRT) is the General Partner of such limited partnership; and

**WHEREAS, Hartford Assisted Living Limited Partnership (HALLP)** continues to provide affordable housing for low-income seniors; and has submitted an application for a new tax abatement which documents the need for tax relief and 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 Hartford Assisted Living Limited Partnership 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, 2021 (2020 GL) through January 1, 2031 (2029 GL).
3. The Agreement shall require the owner to pay as follows:
  - Annual tax payment of \$650.00 per unit or \$65,000.00 per year for the first five (5) years of the abatement;
  - Annual tax payment of \$800.00 per unit or \$80,000.00 per year from years six (6) through ten (10).
4. All 100 units shall remain affordable as prescribed by the Extended Low-Income Housing Commitment for the term of the Tax Abatement Agreement.
5. The Owner will invest \$544,379.00, or e.g. \$5,443.79 per unit, toward improvements and capital repairs over the next three (3) years – 2021 through 2024.
6. During the construction or work performed in association of the capital improvements or repairs, 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 Hartford 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. With the exception of the aforementioned, upon any future sale or refinance, payment shall be made to the City of 10% of the net sales proceeds, not to exceed the total of abated taxes.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. If HALLP 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

March 22, 2021

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

**RE: 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant award under the 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods grant program from the Office of the United States Attorney (USAO), District of Connecticut, in the amount of \$55,705.00.

The Hartford Police Department applied for funding to help prevent and solve violent crime in Hartford. The grant's Steering Committee has awarded funding for three purposes:

1. Fifteen 2-year commercial licenses for existing license plate readers (LPR) installed throughout the city. These LPRs help identify suspect vehicles in shooting incidents within the City.
2. GrayKey Phone Extraction Software, for use when search warrants are granted. The current phone extraction software used by our Capital City Command Center (C4) can no longer extract evidence from certain phone platforms, due to advances in cell phone technology. GrayKey is now the industry standard in cell phone extraction and will enhance our ability to solve violent crime through the successful service of search warrants on phones.
3. Overtime funding for stolen vehicle operations. Like other Connecticut cities, we have seen an overlap between stolen vehicle incidents and shooting incidents, and this funding will help fund personnel costs for targeted operations.

The Hartford Police Department is happy to answer any questions 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, March 22, 2021

**WHEREAS**, one of the main goals of the City of Hartford Police Department is to prevent and solve violent crime in the city, and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the United States Attorney (USAO), District of Connecticut, has approved the application by the City of Hartford for an award under their grant solicitation entitled "Project Safe Neighborhoods 2020 Grant Solicitation;" and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been awarded \$55,705.00, which does not require cost sharing or match; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned funding is approved by USAO, District of CT, to be used for the following initiatives to reduce gun and gang-related violence:

1. Fifteen 2-year Rekor Scout Commercial licenses for existing License Plate Readers installed in the city;
2. GrayKey phone extraction software; and
3. Overtime funding for proactive auto theft operations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to accept the grant award of \$55,705.00 from the Office of the United States Attorney (USAO), District of Connecticut, for the purpose of the above listed initiatives to reduce gun and gang-related violence.



Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

March 22, 2020

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

**RE: Appointments to the Board of Education**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointments of Ms. Yvette Bello, Mr. Jim Shmerling, and Pastor AJ Johnson to the Hartford Board of Education. Ms. Bello would be replacing David Jimenez, who will be stepping down from the Board as of March 31<sup>st</sup> due to a change in residency, filling his term through March 2024; Mr. Jim Shmerling would be filling the vacancy left by Leslie Paguada, filling her term through May 2023; and Pastor Johnson would be replacing Karen Taylor, whose term expired in February 2020, and who has expressed her desire to step down from the board after five years of service.

Ms. Bello is a lifelong resident of Hartford who has served in numerous roles in the Hartford community, including as a past Executive Director of Latino Community Services, as well as at the State Department of Public Health. She is a veteran of the Connecticut Army National Guard. She currently serves as a Community Impact Officer at the Hartford Foundation.

Mr. Shmerling has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Connecticut Children's Medical Center for more than five years, and he is a nationally recognized leader on issues concerning children's health and wellness. He has spent his career in leadership positions at children's hospitals around the country, and his experience will be particularly valuable as we work to help our children reconnect and reengage after the deep challenges of the past year.

Pastor Johnson, who leads The Urban Hope Refuge Church, is a dedicated, effective community activist who is deeply involved in many areas of life in our city. He is an organizer at the Center for Leadership and Justice, which was integral to the overhaul of our housing code, and for years he has led Small Business Night Out, which connects and promotes minority-owned businesses and entrepreneurs.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, March 22, 2020

**WHEREAS,** The purpose of the Hartford Board of Education is responsible for top-level, district-wide decisions that affect the direction and progress of our schools, and

**WHEREAS,** The Board of Education is composed of nine members, four of which are elected, and five of which are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Court of Common Council that serve a term of four years, and

**WHEREAS,** The Mayor has appointed Yvette Bello, Jim Shmerling, and AJ Johnson as members of the Hartford Board of Education, now therefore be it,

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

Yvette Bello (D) – to replace David Jimenez  
21 Giddings Street  
Hartford 06106

Jim Shmerling (U) – to fill a vacancy left by Leslie Paguada  
221 Trumbull Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

AJ Johnson (D) – to replace Karen Taylor  
253 Lyme Street  
Hartford CT, 06112

## **Reverend AJ Johnson Biography**

Rev. AJ Johnson is a faith-influenced voice for urban resurgence and revival and a pace-setting champion for justice and community-wide uplift. As a trailblazer, Johnson leads The Urban Hope Refuge Church, an influential church where passionate worship and community activism meet in Hartford, Connecticut. Johnson works at the Center For Leadership and Justice as a Community Organizer. He spearheads Small Business Night Out, a network of minority-owned businesses and entrepreneurs; Calling all Brothers, a widely hailed male mentor-ship and leadership organization and Brothers Johnson 1929 Hat Company, a clothing brand reflecting strength, loyalty, and distinction.

Rev. Johnson has been a recipient of Connecticut Bar Association 2019 Citizen Of The Law, Hartford Business Journal '40 under 40' honor and The Merrilee Milstein Award for Organizing, Activism & Leadership and an honoree of the 100 Men of Color Award for Leadership, Entrepreneurial Success and Community Activism. His community organizing efforts have been celebrated in notable online news platforms including TVONE, The Huffington Post and Yahoo News; several print media standard-bearers including The Hartford Courant, The Christian Science Monitor and The San Diego Union-Tribune as well as several radio and television outlets.

A bridge-builder at heart, Rev. Johnson is frequently in the company of notable men and women and unsung heroes. Johnson every opportunity as a featured speaker on social justice issues on community-action panels, workshops and national conferences to connect people to each other and inspire stronger communities. Johnson, a well-known advocate in the 'Fight for 15', 'Moral Monday', 'Ban the Box' and No More Slumlord movements and contributor to other causes, campaigns, and organizations.

Rev. Johnson is married to Melinda Johnson, the father of a three-year-old son Ashton William Johnson and one year old son Addison King Johnson. He is also President of The Delta Pi Sigma chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and appointed by the Connecticut Speaker of the House as Deputy Chaplain of the Connecticut General Assembly. Elder AJ Johnson holds a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies and Education from W.L. Bonner College and is currently pursuing a Masters of Arts degree from Liberty University in Organizational Management and Leadership



James E. Shmerling, DHA, FACHE  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

James E. Shmerling was named President and Chief Executive Officer at Connecticut Children's Medical Center on October 1, 2015. For over four decades, Dr. Shmerling has served in management roles in children's hospitals and is nationally recognized as a leader in issues concerning children's health and wellness.

Prior to joining Connecticut Children's, Dr. Shmerling spent the last eight years as the Chief Executive Officer of Children's Hospital Colorado, one of the top ranked children's hospitals in the nation. Before that, he was the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt from 2002 to 2007. He was the Senior Vice President of Methodist Healthcare and President of Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center from 1995 to 2002, and was Le Bonheur's Chief Operating Officer from 1991 to 1995. He served as the Associate Director of Hospitals at Indiana University Hospitals and Administrator of the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children from 1987 to 1991. Dr. Shmerling's career in children's hospitals began in the Children's Hospital of Alabama where he progressed in administrative responsibilities from 1979 to 1987, the last of which was as its Associate Administrator.

He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Education from the University of Tennessee in 1976. In 1980, he was awarded a Master of Science Degree in Hospital and Health Administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He earned a Master of Business Administration from Samford University in 1984 and his Doctorate of Health Administration from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1999.

Dr. Shmerling is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE). He is an adjunct faculty member in the Hospital Administration programs, University of Alabama at Birmingham. Additionally, Dr. Shmerling is active in several national healthcare organizations.

*Currently he serves as:*

- Board Member of Pediatric Home Services, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Board Member of Biostage, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts
- Board Member of Abe's Garden, Nashville, Tennessee

Dr. Shmerling is a native of Nashville, Tennessee and is married to his wife of 43 years, Debbie Shmerling. He and Debbie have four children and eight grandchildren.

## Yvette Bello Bio

Yvette Bello is first generation Mexican American, was born and raised in Hartford and currently lives in the Behind the Rocks neighborhood with her wife and inlaws. Yvette and her wife are both Realtors and own a small business that identifies and acquires properties in decline. Once acquired, her team rehabs, restores and manages the properties to serve the needs of residents.

In addition to managing her businesses, Yvette currently works at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving as a Senior Community Impact Officer. Her areas of focus include civic engagement, immigration and small agency capacity supports.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Yvette served as the executive director of Latino Community Services in Hartford for seven years and has also served in various positions with the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Connecticut Army National Guard. Yvette has been involved in numerous equity focused community service activities throughout her career including serving as a co-facilitator for the Yale School of Management-Interpersonal Dynamics course, as a Health Leadership Senior Fellow with the Connecticut Health Foundation, the State Health Improvement Plan's Steering Committee, the State Innovation Model's Consumer Advisory Board, and the Hartford Commission on HIV/AIDS.

In 2013, Yvette was listed as one of the 50 Most Influential Latinos in Connecticut by Latinos United for Professional Advancement (LUPA) and also recognized by the Hartford Business Journal as one of Five Newsmakers to Watch in 2011. Yvette holds master's degrees in business administration and business management and a bachelor's degree in business management from Albertus Magnus College.

**What quote best represents Yvette's personal philosophy?**

"Good is the enemy of great" -Jim Collins

# Court of Common Council



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## Report

March 22, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Planning, Economic Development, and Housing Committee held a meeting on March 3, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

### Item #1

- 1) **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying 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 (Item 3 on the February 8, 2021 agenda).

The following were present: PEDH Committee Chairwoman Shirley Surgeon, Council President Maly Rosado, Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti, Councilman James Sánchez, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilman John Gale, Councilman Nick Lebron, Amiee Chambers from the Department of Development Services, Randal Davis from the Department of Development Services, Josye Utick the Planning and Zoning Commission Chair, Sandy Fry the City Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, and other concerned citizens.

Joyse Utick, the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, started by introducing herself. She stated when the pandemic hit, the commission was the first to conduct virtual meetings. The commission allowed for flexible seating for outdoor eating and is looking to allow zoning changes to allow that to continue moving forward. Ms. Utick stated the Planning and Zoning Commission said goodbye to the former chair, Sara Bronin, and added new members and that it has been a harmonious transition. Over the last year, the Planning and Zoning Commission

reviewed a total of 34 zoning applications which included special permits, site review plans, municipal improvements and 3 wetlands applications.

Ms. Utick stated the City Action Plan was conducted and adopted last year. Due to COVID, the energy for that was put on hold. Ms. Utick stated the commission is looking to create a strategic plan for adopting the recommendations outlined by the City Action Plan. Ms. Utick wanted to note that there have been large amounts of outreach the commission has done, and their efforts have been something which has been noticed internationally.

Amiee Chambers, the City of Hartford's Director of Planning and Zoning, said the Planning and Zoning Commission, with the Division, went about setting up a uniform standard for accepting applications. They have formalized the expectation, and they are sending a formal notice to the NRZs and placing information online for the applications. Finally, they are making sure the staff are attending NRZ meetings on a monthly basis.

Committee Chair Surgeon congratulated Ms. Utick for her new position as the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission and has congratulated the new members of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilman John Gale thanked everyone who is a part of planning and zoning in the city:

Councilman John Gale said he has not recalled receiving the annual report in previous years and asked when this was implemented and added it was a great idea. Councilman Gale also stated he just received an inquiry today from someone is concerned about something which is included in the City Action Plan which they believed should not be included, and wanted to know if the plan can be amended and how to go about doing that.

The Planning and Zoning Chair, Ms. Utick stated that it is standard for the reports to be sent to Council and has the reports from previous years. She stated what confuses the public, at large, is that there is Hartford 400 and Hartford 2035. Hartford 2035 involves the municipality, everything within city lines. Hartford 400 is the plan which is a guideline for the region. In terms of the City Action Plan, it is a living entity and a working document. As they go forward, in the future, things might adjust and meld. Ms. Utick went on to explain that the document is a serious of recommendations based on many different entities, and does not want to over complicated the processes by continuously adjusting things, however there is room for adjustments. As the City Action Plan stands now, it is a set of recommendations. To summarize her explanation, Planning and Zoning Commission Chair, Ms. Utick stated there is an opportunity to make an amendment or supplement and the Commission is very welcoming and open to making changes.

Councilman Sánchez asked for some clarification in regards to implementing the City Action Plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission Chair, Ms. Utick, stated that it was simply things which have occurred already and that it was a presentation to the committee of events which happened over the year.

Committee Chair Surgeon asked about the Bowtie Development, which was mentioned in the Planning and Zoning Commission's Year-End Report. Ms. Utick stated that Bowtie Cinema, on New Park Ave., has an excessive amount of parking, so it was re-divided so that some of the



parking at that site can be transformed into mixed use development. Ms. Utick stated it is a great example of targeting one of the main elements of the action plan, to create more development in the city, and create more places where more people can live. Committee Chair Surgeon also asked about the GoRail project which was also mentioned in the Planning and Zoning Commission's Report. Ms. Utick stated it was an endorsement of more use of rail and rail development in the Northeast corridor. It is not something which specifically affects Hartford, however it does have importance when it comes to development for the region.

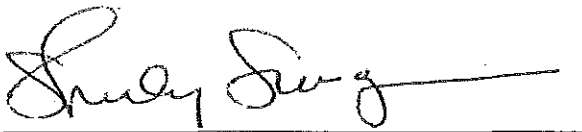
Committee Chair Surgeon ended by thanking Amiee Chambers and Joyse Utick for all of their hard work.

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

**PEDH Committee Vote Taken (6-0. 1 Absent. 0 Recused Pass)**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Shirley Surgeon  
Chairwoman of  
Planning, Economic Development  
& Housing

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## Communication

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 pm on Hartford Public Access TV to discuss the following item as reflected on the committee agenda.

### Item #2

**(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 Thomas J. Clarke II, Co-Chairman Sanchez, Council President Rosado, Councilman Gale, Councilman Michtom, Councilman Lebron, and Councilwoman Surgeon. Also present were Chief Freeman HFD, Nathalie Feola-Guerrieri Corporation Counsel, Chief Thody HPD, Assistant Chief Howell HPD, Sue Webster ES&T, Jason Lee HPD, Thea Montanez COO, Deborah Davis, Jason Diaz HFD, Pauly Motta and Arturo Rosa

Susan Webster, Director of ES&T went over the Radio Projects within the Police Department, Fire Department and City Wide Infrastructure and answered any questions Council may had.

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

Vote Taken (5-0. 0Absent. Pass)  
Councilman Thomas J. Clarke II: Yes  
Councilman James Sánchez: Yes  
Councilwoman Maly Rosado: Yes  
Councilman John Gale: Yes  
Councilman Joshua Michtom: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

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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).

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## Communication

March 22, 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 March 10, 2021 at 5:30 pm via WebEx, HPATV.org/Channel 96 on Comcast & Frontier to discuss the following items as reflected on the committee agenda.

### Item #1

Presentation/Update regarding the planning and implementation of corrective procedures to improve the MyRec Field Reservation system:

The following were present: Committee Chair Marilyn Rossetti, Committee Member John Gale, Committee member Nick Lebron and Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon. Also present were: Department of Public Works – Director Mike Looney; Acting Deputy Director Petrel Maylor; GIS Project Leader Jessica Mercier. Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation – Assistant Director Troy Stewart; Head Lifeguard J. Anthony Maldonado; John DosSantos. Corporation Counsel – Jim DeVisco. Donna Swarr, Miriam Roane and other concerned citizens.

Mike Looney and Jessica Mercier from DPW gave an overview of the implementation of corrective procedures that has created significant improvements the MyRec Field Reservation system. Troy Stewart and Anthony Maldonado also indicated that system is better managed and more user friendly. A discussion followed between City staff committee members, councilmember and others. It is beneficial and cost effective to have the MyRec System continue to be managed by the City.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Marilyn E. Rossetti  
Chair, PWPR&E Committee

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## Report

March 22, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Planning, Economic Development and Housing Committee held a meeting on March 3, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

### Item #2

- 2) **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, Council President Maly Rosado, Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti, Councilman James Sánchez, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilman John Gale, Councilman Nick Lebron, Amiee Chambers from the Department of Development Services, Randal Davis from the Department of Development Services, Josye Utick the Planning and Zoning Commission Chair, Sandy Fry the City Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, and other concerned citizens.

Committee Chair Surgeon introduced Sandy Fry, who was the lead on the Complete Streets Task Force. Ms. Fry gave a presentation to the members of the Committee. She stated the idea for this plan is to develop policy which was adopted in 2016, and to make sure to serve all of the roadway users to improve quality of life within the city. Ms. Fry stated the development of the plan was overseen by the Complete Streets Task Force, which was first developed in 2013. She originally created a simply document outlining what they hoped to accomplish and the task force and its members really dove in. Ms. Fry went on to mention various entities and organizations which were involved in the task force and developing this plan.

Ms. Fry stated that the task force is looking to follow the hierarchy of: pedestrians, bicyclists, and then motor vehicles. Ms. Fry stated the task force's goal is to ensure that the city is accommodating all roadway users. The task force seeks to improve safety and convince for all road users. Ms. Fry stated a key element to realizing this goal is to complete the bicycle and pedestrian networks around the city.

Ms. Fry stated that from 1995-2019, 7% of accidents involved pedestrians. From 1995-2019, of those pedestrian accidents 23% were pedestrian fatalities. Ms. Fry stated with increased speeding people have a decreased rate of surviving injuries which they sustain when hit by a car. Ms. Fry stated one of the areas the task force is working on is traffic signal policies and they are currently working on to ensure pedestrian safety when crossing any street. The task force is looking to improve safety at un-signalized crossings. Ms. Fry stated the task force has come up with standards, which DPW has endorsed, such as pedestrians getting a head start when crossing the street as they cross with parallel traffic. The task force has also recommended standardized street markings, such as large wide crossing with the white lines. According to Ms. Fry, the state legislature is looking at creating legislation which gives cities more power to change speed limits to make roadways safer for all users, especially pedestrians.

The task force is recommending consistent transit amenity placement and want to make sure there is full ADA accessibility. The task force is seeking to increase education for road users so they are familiar with their rights and responsibilities. The task force wants to make the educational component is a Hartford specific plan.

The task force is also looking to complete the bike and pedestrian networks. The task force has increased their outreach efforts in neighborhoods and have created a prioritized list of actions and plans to implementation them within the next 10 years. Ms. Fry stated there needs to be a completion of the design and they need to make sure there is construction and maintenance of these changes, along with making sure staff are up to date on making places accessible for everyone.

The task force is looking to encourage all forms of travel. They are looking at why parents don't feel safe letting children walk to school. In collaboration with Health and Human Services, they would like to have signs to encourage people to walk more. They would also like to work to promote different means, other than personal vehicle usage, to get to work. Either biking, walking, or transit are modes of transportation the task force would like to promote. Finally, the task force believes a bike share plan is something which is important to encouraging people to use modes of



transportation which are not motor vehicles. Ms. Fry stated that there is clearly a demand for a bike share program, as they saw through the Lime Bike program a few years ago.

Ms. Fry stated the task force would like to implement green infrastructure, since streets take up a large amount of the city. Ms. Fry stated there are many uncovered areas on the streets around the city.

Ms. Fry stated that for the next steps of implementation, they would like to utilize an on call consultant until there is a sufficiently built staff. The task force knows they will need sufficient funding for implementation. The task force estimates it will take an initial investment of 2 million and 500k-600k per year for maintenance. The Complete Streets Task Force worked with a comprehensive list of different entities. The task force believes that Hartford is good for complete streets planning because the city has a wonderful park system and public transport, and there is a lot of good basics to build upon.

Ms. Fry stated the task force is committed to implementing these next steps because so much of the downtown area was given over to highways. The task force wants to change the current structure, which strictly focuses on the motor vehicle. Ms. Fry stated that every time there is an analysis of what forms of transportation people use, driving increasingly represents a large chunk of how people get around. The task force wants to change that and to make the city more interactive.

Ms. Fry stated that the task force is looking into changing traffic signals for pedestrians where individuals have to press a button in order to cross the street. The task force is also looking at placing advanced yield lines before a pedestrian crossing. The signs will be placed 30 to 50 feet in advance of the crosswalk and they lead the motorists to expect and watch for pedestrians. In street pedestrian crossing signs are also in use around the city to remind cars to yield to pedestrians. These signs are up before snow season. The task force is looking for stewards who take the signs in before it snows and return them to the crosswalk once streets are plowed.

In certain areas the task force will use curb extensions, where it makes the pedestrian crossing distance shorter and forces cars to slow down. Also, the rapid rectangular flashing beacon is there to aide people going from parking to their work place. The task force is interested in the usage of the continental crosswalk, which will be standard, because of its safety and effectiveness. It will include reflective white continental bars to insure visibility. Research has proven that this type of crosswalk is more visible from a distance than crosswalks which only have the sides marked. The task force wants crosswalks marked in all locations where there are intersections. The task force also wants stop bars placed in the street before a crosswalk.

The task force is looking to lower the speed from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour around school zones. Ms. Fry noted Stamford has received permission for lowering driving speeds by schools to 20 mph. According to speed monitoring data collection, there is a large amount of speeding which occurs on roadways through the city where there were speed reaching up to 60 mph.

There was a question asked about the recent hit and run which occurred on Albany Avenue. Ms. Fry stated the task force is trying to come up with ways to be proactive by looking at safety issues and they also want to be reactive when they get a report. The task force wants to understand what issues there might be with a roadway and look at changes which can be made. The task force is looking for a way to share information in an anonymous way with law enforcement when an accident occurs involving a pedestrian. When there is an investigation, law enforcement does not usually release the information right away.

There was a second question about equity in the development of the task force's recommendations. Ms. Fry stated that equity is interwoven into the plan. On the businesses side, they did not have a lot of small businesses represented, but that the task force is open to anyone who wants to attend and be a part of the process.

Amiee Chambers, the Planning and Zoning Director for the Department of Development Services, added they looking to do more community outreach and have more community involvement. In addition, they are working on increasing the amount of time to educate and talk to the public, along with making documents more digestible and utilizing the library to make information more accessible. Ms. Chambers stated the Complete Streets Task Force does meet during the day, and for residents who can't attend, meeting minutes have been added to Meetinginfo.org so that the information is available. This was a change implemented in 2021. Ms. Chambers stated there is still the opportunity to do more work and continue to make information more accessible

Councilman Sánchez asked if there was a roster to see all of the small businesses and individuals involved in the task force. Councilman Sánchez wanted to know if there were city residents and small businesses owners who were involved in the task force. Ms. Fry stated that she does not know all of the people who participate in the meetings and said transport Hartford has a lot of information about the people who attend. Councilman Sánchez asked if Transport Hartford has information regarding small businesses and individuals involved in the task force. Amiee Chambers, from the Department of Development Services, said they can share and email the lists. Mrs. Fry said there are over 100 people she communicates with consistently who comprise the Complete Streets Task Force. The January meeting was shown with the various participants. Ms. Fry stated the task force is an open membership kind of organization without appointed members.

Councilman Sánchez stated he was in communication with some members of the businesses community who stated that bike lanes are interfering with parking in front of their businesses. Ms. Chambers stated that in the past they have not done a great job of communicating with businesses and property owners and some of these smaller projects have not had the level of outreach they should have. Whether they are projects by DDS in collaboration with DPW, they can engage with property owners who are directly impacted in a better fashion. DDS is currently working on standardized outreach practices to property owners. They want to make sure that in in NRZ meetings and other community meetings there is input from the community and proper notification of any projects.

Councilman Sánchez said that he would like to see more input from small business owners and members of the community. Councilman Sánchez stated he loves that there are bringing up all of these issues which the community is facing and how everyone can work to fix current issues which

are being addressed. Councilman Sánchez asked about bike lanes on Park St. Ms. Fry stated that the plan will involve context and that that parts of Park Street are not recommended for bike lanes. Councilman Sánchez asked if there were other studies that were done in other cities the size of Hartford. Ms. Fry stated that there is an abundance of research done in that regard.

Councilwoman Rossetti stated that there should be a list of people in attendance of task force meetings, and that meetings should not be held during business hours. Councilwoman Rossetti stated that holding meetings during the day is not neighborhood friendly, and there is a need to have a diverse group of people included in the conversation. Ms. Fry asked what would be the best time for the meetings to take place. Councilwoman Rossetti suggested times not during businesses hours.

Ms. Chambers, the City of Hartford's Director of Planning and Zoning, stated the function of the Complete Streets Task Force has changed over time. The task force has included people from from different economic standpoints and she stated that DDS appreciated any feedback from Council and the community when it comes to implementing changes, which increasingly involves the community.

Councilwoman Bermúdez said that she appreciates the extensive work the task force has done. Councilwoman Bermúdez stated that this is something the city has been working on for 30 years and added a personal anecdote about the dangers her husband faces biking across the city. Councilwoman Bermúdez said they can't afford to see more death, and referred to an incident on Franklin Avenue, where there was an accident involving someone who was hit by a motor vehicle and sadly passed away. Councilwoman Bermúdez summarized her point by stating that members of the committee should not vote for this measure in an unfavorable manner and reiterated that is about time that the city has a plan like this plan in place.

Councilman Sánchez said that it is still important to speak to the businesses and members of the community, to make sure they are included in this conversation. Councilman Sánchez said that he believes that everyone who is a stakeholders and lives in the city of Hartford, and people who have businesses need to have their input and concerns properly addressed.

Councilman Gale complimented the Complete Streets Task Force for all of their hard work. Councilman Gale stated that this project that has been 8 years in the making and that a lot of people's input has been put into the Complete Streets Plan. Councilman Gale stated a lot of residents have participated in these meetings and that adopting a plan does not prevent people from addressing concerns that Councilman Sánchez has brought up. Councilman Gale stated that what was before the committee was a set of plans for the different departments to follow. Councilman Gale stated that it is very important to move the plan forward and to let the residents of Hartford know that council has heard them. Councilman Gale stated that he has heard the input of many residents over the years and that this is the time to think about what kind of city we want to develop. Councilman Gale stated that this is a plan which can change, and that the purpose of this plan is asking that when planners for the city are coming up with designs and changes they are taking everyone into consideration. Councilman Gale stated this plan is how we expand how our streets can work for everyone, including small businesses. Councilman Gale stated that if there are places where people can walk around and feel comfortable doing so, that we can create a more livable

environment for all of the residents in Hartford. Councilman Gale said that the committee should move this plan forward with a favorable recommendation. Councilman Gale also added that there are a lot of our staff who are hired to look at all of these things and put together plans which work for the city of Hartford.

Committee Chair Surgeon complimented Ms. Fry for her diligence and the in-depth plan. Committee Chair Surgeon said that she wants to see presentations given to organizations and members of the community. Committee Chair Surgeon stated she loves many aspects of the plan including the signage and parts of the plan which encourage students to walk to school and the task force's efforts for creating safer conditions for children to walk to school. Committee Chair Surgeon stated she would like to see more community buy in and more ground up than top down approaches.

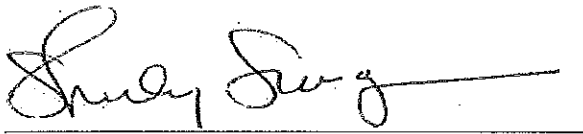
Council President Rosado thanked everyone for their hard work. Council President Rosado stated there have been complaints from people in the community saying they didn't get proper notification of various projects around the city and believes the community has not fully been involved when developing this plan.

A motion was made by Council President Rosado to postpone this item until there was further community discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sánchez.

**PEDH Committee Vote Taken (4-2. 1 Absent. 0 Recused Passed)**

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: Yes  
Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: Yes  
Councilman John Q. Gale: No  
Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti: Yes  
Councilman James Sánchez: Yes  
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez: No  
Councilman Joshua Michtom: Absent

Respectfully Submitted,



Shirley Surgeon  
Chairwoman of  
Planning, Economic Development  
& Housing

# Court of Common Council



CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
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Noel McGregor, Town and City Clerk

## REPORT

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 March 16, 2021 at 5:30 pm on Hartford Public Access TV to discuss the following item as reflected on the committee agenda.

### Item #1

**MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution confirming the appointment of Deborah Davis to the Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB). (Item #2 on 3/8/21 Agenda)**

The following were present: Committee Co-Chairman Sanchez, Council President Rosado, Councilman Gale, Councilman Michtom, Councilman Lebron, and Councilwoman Surgeon. Also present were Chief Freeman HFD, Nathalie Feola-Guerrieri Corporation Counsel, Chief Thody HPD, Assistant Chief Howell HPD, Sue Webster ES&T, Jason Lee HPD, Thea Montanez COO, Deborah Davis, Jason Diaz HFD, Pauly Motta and Arturo Rosa

Deborah Davis gave some background information on herself and explained why she is interested on becoming a member of the Review Board. Davis answered any questions Council may had.

A motion was made by Council President to send this item back to full Council with a favorable recommendation; Second by Councilman Gale

Vote Taken (4-0. 1 Absent. Pass)  
Councilman Thomas J. Clarke II: Absent  
Councilman James Sánchez: Yes  
Councilwoman Maly Rosado: Yes  
Councilman John Gale: Yes  
Councilman Joshua Michtom: Yes

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



**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

March 8, 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 Civilian Police Review Board**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointment of Deborah Davis to the Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB). I am submitting Ms. Davis' nomination based on her background, as well as the recommendation of a majority of City Council members.

Ms. Davis has dedicated the last decade of her life to reducing gun violence in Hartford as a member and Program Manager for Mothers United Against Violence. Her knowledge of the Hartford Police Department and her deep understanding of the importance of transparency and accountability in building a strong relationship between the police and our community make her uniquely suited to serve on the CPRB.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark 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

## Deborah C. Davis

### Manager Objective

To lead, direct and manage an organization which provides quality services through setting and accomplishing goals in a cost effective and efficient manner using innovative and creative approaches to getting well above average results for an organization.

### Experience

**2010 – Member and 2017 - Present Project & Program Director Mothers Unite Against Violence, Program Manager, Hartford, Ct**

Provide support and direction to navigate and administer programmatic goals and objectives for the organization while insuring that participants and the population which we serve have the highest and best possible services. Provide the assistance in helping to identify resources for our under served population who have been impacted by violence. In addition, MUAV provides victim advocate services for families who have been traumatized by violence and more specifically gun violence. MUAV has been in existence for over 20 years. Document, administer and disburse any funding required to provide to a specific service for our clients. Our group help our families navigate through the Criminal Justice System. Serve as the development and fundraising arm for the organization.

**2016 - Present CPZ & Associates** - Provide business development consulting services and support for small businesses and individual clients to help them navigate through the process of initiating a small business. Help to process SBA and small business packages and other

**2010- 2016 City of Hartford, 250 Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT**

#### **Project Manager- Façade Program**

Administers, coordinates and directs the Façade Program for the City of Hartford, a 120,000 population. This includes the selection of business owners, coordination of the architectural services, planning, construction and overseeing the entire development. In addition, I provide the business development support required by the division and support in the Enterprise Zone designated areas for businesses and other special projects. I oversee approximately \$6 million dollars in grant and loan funds.

**2002—2009 Town of Bloomfield, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT**

#### **Director, Economic Development**

Directed the economic development program under the guidance of the Town Council and the Manager for strategic input and execution plans;

Created and implemented successful small business programs by deploying technical and financial resources to enhance business perpetuation and growth;

Developed and delivered a well structured series of small business seminars focusing on business development, proper financial management and growth opportunities;

Led the initiative to bring improved marketing focus on strategies and action plans targeted to produce better than average new business



growth by aggressively managing existing businesses through the introduction of state-of-the-art business learning tools and training programs;

Engineered and executed the Project Plan for the establishment of public/private partnerships by developing collaborative team oriented efforts between the various economic development groups;

Created and implemented a new Marketing Plan designed to use innovative and inspirational "brand promises" to position The Town of Bloomfield as "1<sup>st</sup> among equals".

Crafted, discussed, and ushered support for implementation of the short and long range goals for the Economic Development Commission with outstanding results to date;

Developed website tool and created marketing plans and implemented marketing strategies for the Town of Bloomfield;

Boston College, Chestnut hill, MA. Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Speech Communications 1979

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Master of Public Administration 1980-82

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts -Economics 1979

#### **Interests**

**Gun Violence Prevention Efforts, Creating strategies to focus on neighborhood development, empowerment of children resources, music, art and golf.**

#### **References**

Available upon request.

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

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, March 8, 2021

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

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

**WHEREAS,** The Mayor has appointed Deborah C. Davis as a member, now, therefore be it

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

Deborah C. Davis (D), 421 Blue Hills Avenue, Hartford, CT 06112  
For a term expiring in 2025  
Filling a vacancy



# Court of Common Council

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## REPORT

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

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Deborah Davis gave some background information on herself and explained why she is interested on becoming a member of the Review Board. Davis answered any questions Council may had.

A motion was made by Council President to send this item back to full Council with a favorable recommendation; Second by Councilman Gale

Vote Taken (4-0. 1 Absent. Pass)  
Councilman Thomas J. Clarke II: Absent  
Councilman James Sánchez: Yes  
Councilwoman Maly Rosado: Yes  
Councilman John Gale: Yes  
Councilman Joshua Michtom: Yes

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

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Noel Mc Gregor Town and City Clerk

## Report

March 22, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held its regular monthly Committee meeting on March 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Hartford Public Accesses TV. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred items as reflected on the committee agenda.

### Item # 5

**(COUNCILMAN LEBRON)**, Resolution to reappoint Ted See as Council's appointee to The Internal Audit Commission.(Item # 20. On 1.11.2021 Agenda)

The following were present at the scheduled OMBG&A Committee Meeting: Council President Maly Rosado, Majority Leader and Committee Co-Chair Thomas T.J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Bermudez, non-committee members Sanchez and Lebron were present. Also joined by Frank Delarappa our City Engineer and Mike Looney, Director of DPW. Mr. Ted See also joined the meeting for his reappointment.

Councilman Lebron introduced Mr. See as a devoted resident of our city and his reappointment would continue to serve us well as he has since 2013. Mr. See further added his experience to this task force warrants his passion to continue to serve on this position.

A motion was made by Council President to postpone this item and seconded by Councilwoman Surgeon.

The votes proceeded as follows and the item was postponed to the next committee meeting.

**OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items #4 on agenda (5-0. 0 Absent. 0 Recused) (Pass)**

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

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: Yes

Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: Yes

Councilman John Q. Gale: Yes

Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez: Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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

**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Councilman Nick Lebron

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, January 11, 2021

**WHEREAS,** The Internal Audit Commission is tasked with conducting independent examinations and evaluations of the city financial activities to assure the integrity, efficiency, and efficacy of the city and the board of education; and

**WHEREAS,** The commission consists of three (3) members, no more than two (2) of whom are members of the same political party; and

**WHEREAS,** Each member of the commission shall have professional or equivalent experience in at least one (1) of the following fields; accounting, management, or financial analysis; and

**WHEREAS,** Of the three members appointed to the commission, one shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Council, one shall be appointed by the city treasurer, and one shall be appointed by majority vote of the Council from the two (2) individuals nominated by the owners of taxable property who are the ten (10) highest-paying taxpayers in the city, as determined by the most recent grand list, as certified by the city assessor; and

**WHEREAS,** Members appointed to the commission shall serve a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS,** The residency requirements of Chapter VII, section 1(e) of the Charter do not apply to members of this commission; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** The Court of Common Council reappoints Ted See as their appointee by a majority vote of the Council.

Ted See (D) – Reappointment  
134 Westerly Terr., Hartford CT, 06105  
For a term expiring December 31, 2024

# Court of Common Council



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John Q. Gale, Councilman  
Joshua Michtom, Councilman

Noel Mc Gregor Town and City Clerk

## Report

March 22, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held its regular monthly Committee meeting on March 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Hartford Public Accesses TV. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred items as reflected on the committee agenda.

**Item # 5(COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ)**  
**(COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON)**  
**(COUNCILMAN GALE), Resolution to appoint Leticia Marulanda to the Internal Audit**  
**Commission as Council's designated appointee. (Item #21 on 12.14.2020 AGENDA)**

The following were present at the scheduled OMBG&A Committee Meeting: Council President Maly Rosado, Majority Leader and Committee Co-Chair Thomas T.J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Bermudez, non-committee members Sanchez and Lebron were present. Also joined by Frank Delarappa our City Engineer and Mike Looney, Director of DPW. Mr. Ted See also joined the meeting for his reappointment.

A motion was made by Council President to postpone this item and seconded by Councilwoman Surgeon.



The votes proceeded as follows and the item was postponed to the next committee meeting.

**OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items #4 on agenda (5-0. 0 Absent. 0 Recused) (Pass)**

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

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: Yes

Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: Yes

Councilman John Q. Gale: Yes

Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez: Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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

# Leticia Marulanda

48 Murielle Drive ♦ South Windsor, CT 06074 ♦ (860) 289-5987 ♦ lmarulanda@gmail.com

## Professional Experience

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HISPANIC HEALTH COUNCIL, INC. – HARTFORD, CT  
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, APRIL, 2019 – PRESENT

Operations executive with solid experience managing all levels of multiple projects including budgeting and administration. Mission driven individual committed to cost-effective management of resources and quality performance. Hands-on leader who is passionate about empowering individuals to thrive and achieve excellence.

- Oversee the delivery of programs of the Agency and its activities.
- Develop and manage annual budgets and operating plans to support the programs.
- Develop and implement program evaluation framework to assess the strengths of the programs and to identify areas for improvement.
- Develop funding proposals for the programs to ensure the continuous delivery of services.
- Oversee the collection and maintenance of records on the clients of the programs for statistical purposes according to the federal, state and local confidentiality/privacy policies.
- Implement a performance management process for staff.
- Assist in the development and implementation of Agency's strategic planning and restructuring.

DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS, MAY, 2011 – APRIL, 2019

Manage Agency's Units of services which comprise of the five Units, 20+ programs. The Risk Reduction Unit (Early Cancer Detection Services, HIV/AIDS Prevention, Latino Violence Prevention, Immunization Outreach Program, Supported Employment Services, Chronic Disease Management); Behavioral Health Outpatient Services, the Community Nutrition Unit (SNAP Education); the Women and Children's Health Unit (Healthy Start, Nurturing Families Network, Positive Parenting Services, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, Case Management Services for Pregnant Women) and Youth Services (Afterschool programs, Family Resource Centers, Afterschool Summer Camp).

CITY OF HARTFORD, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT – HARTFORD, CT  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, 2007 – 2010

Led the daily operations and personnel management of a 300+ employee organization that delivers 900,000+ units of services to residents of the Greater Hartford Region.

- Supervised team of 7 division managers to directly provide Public Health services in the Greater Hartford area.
- Oversaw all financial functions including reviewing budgets for existing programs, preparing budget proposals for new grants and analyzing periodic spending and revenue trends to implement fiscally responsible procedures for the Department.
- Managed \$22+ million a year budget which included 24+ Federal and State grants and City of Hartford General Fund budget.
- Assisted in the strategic planning and tactical implementation of all the Department's initiatives such as, extending the "Healthy Hartford Campaign" initiative to encompass all demographic and geographical groups to create a better Healthy Hartford for Residents.
- Direct Union relations with 3 different bargaining units which cover 300+ employees.
- Acted as Department's Head during Director's absences.

# Leticia Marulanda

CITY OF HARTFORD, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT – HARTFORD, CT  
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH DIVISION MANAGER, 1995 – 2007

Managed the Hartford Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Division which comprises of 6 Public Health programs for women and children.

- Managed 4 State grants, 2 Federal grants and 2 Non-Governmental grants by monitoring daily operations, executing program deliverables, performing program assessments and providing technical assistance to sub-contractors.
- Structured the Immunization Outreach Program which increased Hartford's immunization rates from 59% to 81% in children 0-3 years old within a 2-year period.
- Collaborated with nationwide MCH leaders in the design and implementation of strategies to address key urban MCH matters.
- One of three representatives selected nationwide to participate in 2006 CDC funded National *Pilot Urban Practice Collaborative on Preconception Health*.

CLINICA CLUB DE LEONES – CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA  
STAFF PHYSICIAN, 1987 – 1995

- Administered routine and emergency medical care to patients.
- Supervised ten (10) paramedical personnel.
- Made physical diagnoses, prescribed medication and prepared medical records.
- Triaged patients and made referrals to regional hospitals as necessary.

## Education and Training

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UNIVERSITY OF CARTAGENA – Cartagena, Colombia  
MD-Degree awarded in General Practice, 1987

STANFORD UNIVERSITY – Palo Alto, CA  
Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, 2005  
Certificate of Achievement

LEADERSHIP OF GREATER HARTFORD – Hartford, CT  
Quest Class 2004

SAINT JOSEPH COLLEGE – Hartford, CT  
IDA Infant-Toddler Development Assessment, 1993  
IDA Certification

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Maly D. Rosado, Council President  
Councilman James Sanchez  
Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti  
Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon  
Councilman John Gale

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

City of Hartford, December 14, 2020

**WHEREAS,** The Internal Audit Commission is tasked with conducting independent examinations and evaluations of the city financial activities to assure the integrity, efficiency, and efficacy of the city and the board of education; and

**WHEREAS,** The commission consists of three (3) members, no more than two (2) of whom are members of the same political party; and

**WHEREAS,** Each member of the commission shall have professional or equivalent experience in at least one (1) of the following fields; accounting, management, or financial analysis; and

**WHEREAS,** Of the three members appointed to the commission, one shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Council, one shall be appointed by the city treasurer, and one shall be appointed by majority vote of the Council from the two (2) individuals nominated by the owners of taxable property who are the ten (10) highest-paying taxpayers in the city, as determined by the most recent grand list, as certified by the city assessor; and

**WHEREAS,** Members appointed to the Internal Audit Commission shall serve a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS,** The residency requirements of Chapter VII, section 1(e) of the Charter do not apply to members of this commission; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** The Court of Common Council appoints Leticia Marulanda to the Internal Audit Commission as their designated appointee.

Leticia Marulanda (D) – to replace Edmund See  
48 Murielle Drive, South Windsor, CT 06074  
For a term expiring December 31, 2024

# Court of Common Council



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Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman  
John Q. Gale, Councilman  
Joshua Michtom, Councilman

Noel Mc Gregor Town and City Clerk

## Report

March 22, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held its regular monthly Committee meeting on March 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Hartford Public Accesses TV. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred items as reflected on the committee agenda.

### Item # 3

**(COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI)  
(COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ), Resolution**  
requesting that the Court of Common Council create a task force to evaluate the prospects of implementing a UBI pilot program in the City of Hartford. **(Item #14 on 02.08.2021 AGENDA)**

The following were present at the scheduled OMBG&A Committee Meeting: Council President Maly Rosado, Majority Leader and Committee Co-Chair Thomas T.J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Bermudez, non-committee members Sanchez and Lebron were present. Also joined by Frank Delarappa our City Engineer and Mike Looney, Director of DPW.

David Grant provided a brief presentation on behalf of Council President Maly Rosado on the background and make up of the proposed task force for the UBI program. (Universal Basic Income) which was very informative and knowledge based. Majority Leader questioned how would this program be financed. Councilwoman Bermudez questioned current cannabis proposals that could be intertwined with this program. Councilwoman Surgeon questioned our city's structure and other mineral driven UBI ongoing programs across the country. Councilman Gale further highlighted Hartford being far more of a struggling economy when compared to median income which half of our population makes less than \$22,000 annually. A motion was made by Councilwoman Surgeon and seconded by Councilman Gale to send this item back to full Council with a favorable recommendation to approve this item for a creation of the task force for the UBI program.

The votes proceeded as follows and the item was sent back to Council with a favorable recommendation.

**OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items #4 on agenda (5-0. 0 Absent. 0 Recused) (Pass)**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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

## REPLACEMENT ITEM #14

### INTRODUCED BY:

Maly D. Rosado, Council President  
Councilman James Sanchez  
Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti  
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez

### COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, February 8, 2021

**WHEREAS,** The Urban Institute has reported that 13 million Americans live below the poverty line yet receive no support from the government, furthermore, reports indicate that 40% of Americans cannot afford an unexpected \$400 bill, and 78% are living paycheck-to-paycheck; and

**WHEREAS,** The global COVID-19 crisis has only exacerbated the income inequality that persists in America and thus has sparked renewed interest in Universal Basic Income (UBI) as a solution to address this problem by providing residents with a guaranteed income payment; and

**WHEREAS,** UBI is a cash payment that residents receive every month from the government, with no strings attached, that would be used for very specific expenses such as food and shelter; and

**WHEREAS,** The Roosevelt Institute found that UBI would create 4.6 million jobs by enabling new lines of work, including those undervalued by the market, such as volunteerism, music, the arts, caretaking, and more; and

**WHEREAS,** Over 1,000 economists, 461 research papers, and 30 cash transfer programs around the world prove UBI causes a variety of social and economic improvements and disproves fears around inflation and work motivation; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1967, Martin Luther King Jr. proposed a guaranteed income for American citizens, stating that it could reduce income inequality and abolish poverty; and

**WHEREAS,** A basic income can help stabilize the economy during recession and it would cost less to administer than many existing welfare programs that perpetuate structural inequalities by setting income and background restrictions; and

**WHEREAS,** Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D, HI-02) introduced H.R. 897 which sought to provide a Universal Basic Payment of \$1,000/month to help Americans weather the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS,** Bipartisan demand for a basic income have been made by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D, NY-14), Senator Tom Cotton (R – AR), Rep. Katie Porter (D, CA-45), Senator Mitt Romney (R – UT), Rep. Tim Ryan (D, OH-13), Rep. Ro Khanna (D, CA-17); and

**WHEREAS,** The state of Alaska has had an active UBI program since 1982; and

**WHEREAS,** Stockton Mayor Michael D. Tubbs started the Stockton Economic Empowerment Demonstration (SEED), a pilot program that gave a \$500 a month payment to 125 local families in Stockton, California; and

**WHEREAS,** SEED has found that providing a cash payment to residents has increased economic security for working-class families who spent the money on basic necessities like groceries, utilities, transportation costs, and rent; and

**WHEREAS,** In May 2020, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved a plan to provide 72 young adults ages 21-24, who were former foster youth, with a \$1,000 a month payment for a one-year pilot program; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Court of Common Council create a task force to develop a UBI pilot program that would target working, single mothers and fathers without needing taxpayer funds for the monthly payments; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That membership of this task force would be appointed by the Council President and would include city leaders, community partners, and neighborhood residents; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** A report of the task forces' findings will be made available to the full City Council by the end of April 2021.



# Court of Common Council



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Joshua Michtom, Councilman

Noel Mc Gregor Town and City Clerk

## Report

March 22, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held its regular monthly Committee meeting on March 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Hartford Public Accesses TV. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred items as reflected on the committee agenda.

### Item # 4

1. **(COUNCILMAN GALE) (COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ) (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) (COUNCILMAN MIGHTOM)**, Resolution requesting that Mac-State Square, LLC and FBE-State Square LLC provide a report on or before March 1, 2021 consistent with its obligation under the tax relief.  
**(Item #19 on 02.08.2021 AGENDA)**

The following were present at the scheduled OMBG&A Committee Meeting: Council President Maly Rosado, Majority Leader and Committee Co-Chair Thomas T.J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Bermudez, non-committee members Sanchez and Lebron were present. Also joined by Frank Delarappa our City Engineer and Mike Looney, Director of DPW.

No one was present for a presentation from State House Square. Councilman Gale highlighted the tax relief of \$150,000 per year and we simply ask for them to show up once a year and tell us how they are making downtown better. Council President found it rather disrespectful that no one from State House Square appeared.

Council President made a motion to postpone this item in committee until we have further relevant dialogue with development services and seconded by Councilwoman Bermudez.

The votes proceeded as follows and the item was postponed in committee.

**OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items #4 on agenda (5-0. 0 Absent. 0 Recused) (Pass)**

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

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: Yes

Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: Yes

Councilman John Q. Gale: Yes

Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez: Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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



Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

November 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

**RE: State House Square Plaza Lease**

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford ("City") to enter into a ten-year lease agreement with Mac-State Square, LLC and FBE-State Square, LLC ("MSS/FBE, LLC") for the operation and maintenance of the plaza at State House Square.

MSS/FBE, LLC owns the Properties at 10 and 50 State Street which consist primarily of two fourteen story office towers, comprising approximately 844,000 SF, north of the Old State House (the "Property"). The adjacent plaza is owned by the City and had been leased to State House Square Retail Limited Partnership (the "Partnership") since 1986 under a 30-year agreement. The plaza operates as a pedestrian mall and gathering place, providing off-street access to food trucks and vendors.

Under the terms of the lease, the plaza is to be used in conjunction with the operation of the Property, with the Partnership being responsible for maintaining and insuring the plaza as well as performing repairs. No rent was required under this lease. The lease expired in December 2016 and since that time MSS/FBE, LLC, the successor in interest to the Partnership, has continued the operation of the Plaza under a license agreement with the City which expired on June 30, 2017.

MSS/FBE, LLC spends approximately \$150,000 annually for the upkeep of the plaza, which includes expenditures for security, insurance, lighting, landscaping, paver repairs, snow removal, trash pickup and cleaning. Throughout the years, MSS/FBE, LLC and its predecessors in interest have done a commendable job of maintaining the plaza under its agreements with the City.

The City and MSS/FBE, LLC would like to enter into a new ten (10) year lease agreement which would allow MSS/FBE, LLC to continue the operation and maintenance of the plaza. The fee payment under the lease would be One Dollar (\$1.00) annually. MSS/FBE, LLC would continue to be responsible for insuring and maintaining the plaza and performing repairs. The plaza provides a welcoming open space next to the Old State House. The continued maintenance and repair of the plaza is essential in preserving its aesthetic appearance and in ensuring the safety of the public in a heavily traversed public right of way. The lease agreement proposed will help ensure the continued vitality and safety of the plaza.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

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

Substitute Resolution for Item #6

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

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, February 26, 2018

**WHEREAS**, Mac-State Square, LLC and FBE-State Square LLC (MSS/FBE, LLC) own the Properties at 10 and 50 State Street which consist primarily of two fourteen story office towers, comprising approximately 844,000 SF, north of the Old State House (the "Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, The plaza adjacent to the Property is owned by the City and has been leased to State House Square Retail Limited Partnership (the "Partnership") since 1986 under a 30-year lease agreement to be used in conjunction with the operation of the Property, with the Partnership being responsible for maintaining and insuring the plaza as well as performing repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, The lease expired in December 2016 and since that time MSS/FBE, LLC, the successor in interest to the Partnership, has continued the operation of the Plaza under a license agreement with the City which expired on June 30, 2017, and

**WHEREAS**, The City and MSS/FBE, LLC desire to execute a new ten (10) year lease agreement, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a license agreement with MSS/FBE, LLC which will allow MSS/FBE, LLC to continue the operation and maintenance of the plaza, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) annually, and MSS/FBE, LLC will continue to be responsible for insuring and maintaining the plaza and performing repairs; and be it further

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

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

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

**RESOLVED**, That MSS/FBE, LLC will make reasonable efforts to attract vendors and food service providers to the plaza on a seasonal, or if possible, year-round basis, including but not limited to outdoor restaurant seating, and report back annually to City Council on or before March 1 of each year in which there is a license agreement.

**INTRODUCED BY**

Councilman John Q. Gale  
Councilman James Sanchez  
Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado  
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez  
Councilman Joshua Michtom

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL  
City of Hartford, February 8, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2018, the Court of Common Council authorized the City of Hartford to enter into a ten year lease pursuant to which State house Square Retail Limited Partnership leased from the City for One Dollar annually the plaza known as State House Square; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2018, the Court of Common Council also provided the owners of the premises adjacent to State House Square with annual tax relief for ten (10) years of up to \$150,000; and

**WHEREAS**, said authorizations included a requirement that the owners of said premises “make reasonable efforts to attract vendors and food service provides to the plaza on a seasonal, or if possible, year-round basis, including but not limited to outdoor restaurant seating, and report back annually to City Council on or before March 1 of each year”, see Certified Resolutions attached; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court of Common Council has yet to receive any such reports; now, therefore be it,

**RESOLVED**, that Mac-State Square, LLC and FBE-State Square LLC provide a report to Council on or before March 1, 2021 consistent with its obligation under the above described tax relief, and

**RESOLVED**, that said owners show cause why the tax relief granted should not be withdrawn, modified or suspended as a result of the failure of said owners to comply with the terms and conditions of said tax relief as provided by the Court of Common Council.

# Court of Common Council



CITY OF HARTFORD  
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Noel Mc Gregor Town and City Clerk

## Report

March 22, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held its regular monthly Committee meeting on March 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Hartford Public Accesses TV. The committee meeting was held to discuss the following referred items as reflected on the committee agenda.

### Item # 2

1. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept funding provided by an Urban Act Grant and administered by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP"). This award of \$1,000,000 is for the planning, design, permitting, and construction of improvements at Colt Park and Pope Park, specifically playing fields and related facilities. **(Item #4 on 02.22.2021 AGENDA)**

The following were present at the scheduled OMBG&A Committee Meeting: Council President Maly Rosado, Majority Leader and Committee Co-Chair Thomas T.J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilman John Gale, non-committee members Sanchez and Lebron were present. Also joined by Frank Delarappa our City Engineer and Mike Looney, Director of DPW.

We heard a presentation from Frank Delareppa and Mike Looney as to the nature of this \$1,000,000 grant from DEEP which originated from a grant application geared at urban centers

within the state and/or economically distressed areas and we were fortunate enough to receive an award of 1 million dollars and now the Director formally seeks Council's permission to receive the funds. The City Engineer further elaborated how the million dollars will be used. At this point Colt Park has some well needed continued repairs to the well used baseball fields which needs bleachers and shade and also the northern part of the park with some structures for family facilities on the Kensington street side of the Park. Also some T-Ball regulated and batting cages for the kids to warm up. The proximity of the full extent of the park was deliberated by Councilman Gale, Sanchez and Lebron.

A motion was made by Councilman Gale to send this item back to full Council with a favorable recommendation to approve and receive this grant of \$1,000,000 from The State DEEP to be used for the continued work in COLT Park. The motion was then seconded by Councilwoman Surgeon.

The votes proceeded as follows and the item was sent back to Council with a favorable recommendation.

**OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items #4 on agenda (5-0. 0 Absent. 0 Recused) (Pass)**

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

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: Yes

Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: Yes

Councilman John Q. Gale: Yes

Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez: Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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



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

February 22, 2021

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

**RE: Colt Park and Pope Park Funding**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept funding provided by an Urban Act Grant and administered by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP"). This award of \$1,000,000 is for the planning, design, permitting, and construction of improvements at Colt Park and Pope Park, specifically playing fields and related facilities.

We respectfully request action by the Court of Common Council at your meeting of February 22, 2021. The Department of Public Works is happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, February 22, 2020

**WHEREAS,** The State of Connecticut acting through its Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), has made grant funding available to the City of Hartford through its Urban Act Grant, and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Hartford is committed to ensuring there are high quality, safe recreation spaces and outdoor green spaces for Hartford residents, and two of these spaces (Colt Park and Pope Park) are in need of renovation, and

**WHEREAS,** The Urban Act Grant will provide \$1,000,000 for the planning, design, permitting, and construction of improvements to Colt Park (primary address 106 Wethersfield Avenue), and Pope Park (primary address of 30 Pope Park Drive) including, but not limited to ball fields, walkways, and landscaping, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to accept a grant of \$1,000,000 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Urban Act Grant and to enter into a contract with DEEP to accept \$1,000,000 for the purposes outlined above and as described in the Appendices of the Contract 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 Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection 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



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## Labor, Education, Workforce & Youth Committee

Special Meeting Friday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

5:30pm, Council Chambers

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

## Report

March 17<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 Labor, Education, Workforce and Youth Committee of the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford met virtually on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00pm (Streamed Live via [www.https://HPATV.org/channel96](https://HPATV.org/channel96) Comcast/Frontier Customers and Facebook Live). Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Present were Nick Lebron Chair, Committee Member James Sanchez, Majority Leader Councilman TJ Clarke, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez, Attorney Alexandra Lombardi, Attorney Howard Rifkin, Human Resource Director Thulani LeGreier, Director of the Office of Equity and Opportunity Karen Taylor

1. Item #24. REFERRED ITEM #24 OF COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2021, Resolution requesting that the Court of Common Council review the existing holiday schedule as is described in Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 7, section 392 of the Hartford City Code with City

**labor contracts and other practices to determine whether and how to include Juneteenth as a City holiday. (Item # 24 on 2/8/21 Agenda)**

Discussion: Whether to eliminate a holiday and add Juneteenth or to just add on Juneteenth to an already existing holiday, which would not require a change in collective bargaining agreement - example of Lincoln's birthday and President's day - neither of which would require a change in bargaining agreement. But an addition of a holiday or change in holiday schedule would require a process that would take time. Continued discussion of additional holiday presided.

**Councilman Gale Motioned to Postpone Item to the next LEWYC meeting:**

**Seconded by Councilman Jim Sanchez**

**Lebron - Yes,**

**Sanchez - Yes**

**Rossetti - Absent**

Respectfully Submitted,

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

**INTRODUCED BY**  
**Councilman John Q. Gale**

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
**City of Hartford, February 8, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, there has been community support and interest for including Juneteenth as an official holiday by the City of Hartford; now, therefore be it,

**RESOLVED** that the Court of Common Council review the existing holiday schedule as is described in Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 7, section 392 of the Hartford City Code with City labor contracts and other practices to determine whether and how to include Juneteenth as a City holiday.



# Court of Common Council

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## Report

March 22, 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 March 10, 2021 at 5:30 pm via WebEx, HPATV.org/Channel 96 on Comcast & Frontier to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

### Item # 2

Mayor Bronin with accompanying resolution confirming the re-appointment of Donna Swarr as the representative of Friends of Colt Park and appointment of Miriam Roane as the representative of Friends of Keney Park to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC). (Agenda Item # 1 Council meeting February 8, 2021).

The following were present: Committee Chair Marilyn Rossetti, Committee Member John Gale, Committee member Nick Lebron and Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon. Also present were: Department of Public Works – Director Mike Looney; Acting Deputy Director Petrel Maylor; GIS Project Leader Jessica Mercier. Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation – Assistant Director Troy Stewart; Head Lifeguard J. Anthony Maldonado; John DosSantos. Corporation Counsel – Jim DelVisco. Donna Swarr, Miriam Roane and other concerned citizens.

Donna Swarr and Miriam Roane presented their reasons for wanting to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC). A discussion followed and Committee Member Lebron made motion for a favorable recommendation to the full Council regarding the reappointment of Donna Swarr and the appointment of Miriam Roane to PRAC. Second by Committee Member Gale.

### Vote Taken: (3-0. Absent. Pass)

Committee Chair Marilyn E. Rossetti: Yes

Committee Member Nick Lebron: Yes

Committee Member John Q. Gale: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

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Marilyn E. Rossetti  
Chair, PWPR&E Committee



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

February 8, 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-appointment of Donna Swarr as the representative of Friends of Colt Park and appointment of Miriam Roane as the representative of Friends of Keney Park to 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.

Ms. Swarr has served on PRAC since 2011 and has remained an active member of the Commission throughout her tenure. Ms. Roane is a lifelong resident of Hartford and remains active within local organizations and non-profits throughout the City.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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## EMPLOYMENT

1977 - 2009

Hartford Housing Authority, Hartford, CT  
Deputy Director, Director Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program  
Over 35 years of employment I held various management positions in Public Housing, i.e., directed social service programs; homeownership, skilled trades, extermination, etc. Over this period public housing moved from project based to subsidized integrated housing within the larger community and in my position of Deputy Director I am grateful to have had a part to play in its evolution and transition.

1976 - 1977

"Our Roots" Ethnic History Project, Project Coordinator  
This was a two year, federally funded program under HEW's Ethnic Heritage Studies Program. 61 ethnic groups via the Mayor's All Americans Council were invited to record their histories. Also leading the project was the Hartford Public Schools Curriculum Development Department. Groups worked with area colleges, universities and to produce written, oral and pictorial histories of their experience in the City of Hartford. The product was to be integrated into Hartford Public Schools curriculum.

1974-1976

City of Hartford, Property Officer  
Property officer duties assigned through the Purchasing Officer of the City of Hartford. Duties related to disposition of the City's real and personal property, including review of leases, sale of surplus property, inventory, appreciation/depreciation forecasting for insurance purposes, etc. The Old Weaver & Bulkeley High Schools and McCook Hospital were repurposed during my tenure.

1972 - 1974

NAACP Civil Rights Project, Binghamton, NY Executive Director

The NAACP Civil Rights Project (CRP) was a legal defense fund geared towards the defense of victims of all types of discrimination, from sex and age, to housing and education. As Executive Director, I had responsibility for overall administration of the Project. This was the only project funded by the National NAACP Office in the country.



1971 - 1972      Interracial Council for Business Opportunity, New York, NY  
 Administrative Assistant to National Executive Director & Editor  
 Working for the Markets Development Program, I assisted in program  
 design and served as editor for the first edition of the  
ICBO Minority Business Directory, New York.

#### VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2009-Present      Board of Directors Housing Education and Research Center

2000                TRUSTEE BOARD Boys and Girls Clubs of Hartford  
 Chairperson, Dashaway Luncheon for Smart Girls Program (five years)

2000                National Award for Excellence: NAHRO

2001-2004        Board Operation Safe Home/Stowe Village

2015-present     Board of Directors The Artists Collective, Inc.  
 2019 –present, President of the Board

2017-present     Board of Directors Friends of Keney Park  
 2020 Co-chair

2018-present     Board of Directors Keney Sustainability Project

#### EDUCATION

1977-2010        Professional Development Certifications Nan McKay, NAHRO

1996-1997        Trinity College

1994 - 1995       Hartford Graduate Center/Rensselaer Institute

1971               University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT  
 B.S. Political Science/Minor in History

1969 - 1970       JYA: American University of Beirut & Beirut College for Women  
 Beirut, Lebanon; Political Science and History

#### INTERNSHIPS

1970                Inner City Exchange, Hartford, CT  
 Counselor

1969                Inner City Exchange, Hartford, CT  
 Researcher/Writer Non-College Sources of Student Aid

1968                Gary Neighborhood House, Gary, Indiana  
 Youth Counselor

## Donna S. Swarr

**Education** 2002-2004 Southern Connecticut State University New Haven, CT  
**6<sup>th</sup> Year Diploma – Information Science**

1997-1999 Rensselaer Hartford, CT  
**MBA – Masters of Business Administration**

1991-1993 University of Rhode Island Kingston, RI  
**MLIS – Masters of Library and Information Science**

1973-1977 University of Connecticut Storrs, CT  
**BS – Design and Resource Management**

**Professional experience** August 2009- 2015 – Glastonbury Public Schools Glastonbury, CT  
**Library Media Specialist**  
Design and deliver 6<sup>th</sup> Information Literacy, Research Skills and Literature Literacy instruction

- Develop Information Literacy curriculum content
- Deliver Information Literacy instruction
- Manage and maintain print and online resources
- Maintain interactive portal pages
- Provide afterschool programming; research support, book club and debate club

August 2007 to June 2009 - Noah Webster MicroSociety Hartford, CT  
**Library Media Specialist**

- Designed integrated library media instruction with science and social studies curriculum
- Instruct Pre-Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes
- Manage and maintain the print and online library resources
- Created and maintain library web pages and wiki
- Provide after school programming; Pajamarama Night, Chinese New Year, Battle of the Books, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade book clubs

August 2006 to August 2007 - Hartford Public Schools Hartford, CT  
**Library Media Coach**

- Designed and delivered professional development for library media specialists
- Analysis of district collection
- Weeded and selection of Hartford Public High School collection for NEASC preparation

March 1991 to August 2006 - United Technologies Corp. East Hartford, CT  
**Business Analyst**

- Researched business and technical research
- Created and delivered IT instruction
- Designed information research literacy and intellectual property processes
- Selection and maintenance of information research tools

**Professional memberships** ALA, AASL and CASL

**Community activities** Docent at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art 2002- 2011  
Regional Board Member at the Connecticut Audubon at Glastonbury 2006-2009  
City of Hartford's Park and Recreation Advisory Commission 2011- present

2011-2012

Board Member of the Friends of Colt Park 2011- present

2013-2014

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

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, February 8, 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 Donna Swarr and appointed Miriam Roane to the Commission; now, therefore, be it

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

Donna Swarr (D), 8 Shultas Place Hartford, CT 06114  
For a term expiring 2024

Miriam Roane (D), 15 Baltic Street, Hartford CT, 06112  
For a term expiring 2024



MARCH 22, 2021  
AGENDA ITEM

# 18

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

March 9, 2020

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

**RE: Revision to Residency Requirement**

Dear Council President Rosado,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

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Introduced by: Mayor Luke A. Bronin

HEADING  
AND  
PURPOSE

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

COUNCIL,

COURT OF COMMON

CITY OF HARTFORD

March 9, 2020

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

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

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

Bona fide resident is defined as:

- (1) An employee who has a Hartford mailing address. A post office address does not qualify as a bona fide Hartford address;
  - (2) Be a registered Hartford voter; and
  - (3) If the employee owns a motor vehicle, said motor vehicle must be registered in the City of Hartford
- (B) The provisions of subsection (A) above shall not apply to individuals who were employees and appointees at the time of the effective date of this section.
- (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (A) above, the Mayor, after providing a written justification to the Council, may waive the requirement for bona fide residence in the City of Hartford, provided that (1) such requirement shall never be waived for the positions of Chief Operating Officer, Fire Chief, Chief of Police and Corporation Counsel, and (2) the maximum salary for any employee for whom the residency requirement is waived shall be reduced by ten percent (10%) from that set forth in the applicable pay scale.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.