

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



MARCH 8, 2021

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AGENDA
MEETING OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
March 8, 2021
Approve the Minutes of January 25, & February 8, & 22, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution confirming the appointment of I. Charles Mathews to the position of Director of the Department of Development Services.
- 2. MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution confirming the appointment of Deborah Davis to the Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB).
- 3. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**, Communication 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
- 4. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**, Communication concerning COVID-19 by the Director Liany Arroyo.

REPORTS

- 5. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution to appoint Leticia Marulanda to the Internal Audit Commission as Council's designated appointee.
- 6. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**, 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the city to accept \$590,000 for repairs to The City of Hartford's Traffic Signalization System from the State Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD).
- 9. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution with accompanying resolution regarding the \$2 million grant for the reconstruction of Bartholomew Avenue, which would change the source of the local match to reflect the latest planning.

10. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution to reappoint Ted See as Council's appointee to the Internal Audit Commission.

11. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, Communication concerning ordinance Amending Chapter 17, Article IVa, Section 102, et seq. of the Hartford Municipal Code. Tobacco Flavor.

12. 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.

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

14. 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.

FOR ACTION

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

16. Ordinance amending Chapter 17, Article IVa, Section 102, et seq. of the Hartford Municipal Code. Tobacco Flavor

RESOLUTIONS

17. (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).

18. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILMAN SÁNCHEZ) (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON) Resolution requesting that pursuant to C.G.S. §7-190, that within thirty (30) days following initiation of the charter revision process, this Council shall, by resolution, (1) appoint a commission consisting of not fewer than five (5) nor more than fifteen (15) electors, not more than one-third (1/3rd) of whom may hold public office in the Town and not more than a bare majority of whom shall be members of any one political party; and (2) Pursuant to C.G.S. §7-190(b), the Charter Revision Commission shall submit its draft report no later than September 1, 2022.

19. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (COUNCILMAN SÁNCHEZ) (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON) Resolution requesting that the elected officials who represent the City of Hartford in the state delegation support the following legislative initiatives to expand access to voting, which is referenced in the following pieces of legislation; H.J. No. 58, H.J. No. 59, S.B. No: 901, H.B. No. 6464 and that the Hartford Legislative Delegation and the Governor be advised of these priorities.

1. H.J. No. 58 Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to Allow No-Excuse Absentee Voting.
2. H.J. No. 59 Resolution Approving an Amendment to the State Constitution to Allow for Early Voting.
3. S.B. No. 901 An Act Extending to June 30, 2021, Changes Implemented for the 2020 State Election as a Result of COVID-19.
4. H.B. No. 6464 An Act Extending to May 31, 2021, Several Changes Implemented for the 2020 State Election as a Result of COVID-19

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



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

ITEM# 1 ON AGENDA

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 for Department of Development Services

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointment of I. Charles Mathews to the position of Director of the Department of Development Services.

As you know, I. Charles Mathews has served as Acting Director since July of last year. He and the team at DDS have continued to press forward on range of economic development priorities despite the challenges the pandemic has created, and I have a great deal of confidence in his leadership of the department. That's why I have decided to nominate him to serve as the permanent Director.

Mr. Mathews served as Deputy Mayor for the City of Hartford in the early 1990s. He has served in senior roles at Fortune 100 companies, including United Technologies and the Quaker Oats Company. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, a former President of the Board of the Wilson Gray YMCA, and a former Chairperson of the Hartford Stadium Authority. He received a bachelor's degree with honors from Wesleyan University and a law degree from Cornell University.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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BIO of I. Charles Mathews

Mr. Mathews grew up on the streets of Boston. A former high school dropout; a former member of the United States Marine Corp; and for many years worked as a sheet metal mechanic.

He received his GED from the State of North Carolina; his Associate in Arts degree with honors from Greater Hartford Community College; his Bachelor of Arts degree, with honors, from Wesleyan University; and his Doctor of Law degree from Cornell University School of Law.

Since graduating from Law school, Mr. Mathews has spent his time as Special Counsel to the House of Representatives Congressional Committee investigating the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and President John F. Kennedy. He served as a senior executive at a number of fortune 100 corporations; worked and served in City and State wide political systems and engaged in numerous efforts and activities with non-profits and other community organizations to support individuals and programs in underserved neighborhoods and communities.

He is passionate on issues of youth development, second chance educational opportunities and equal justice and opportunities for all.

Mr. Mathews is currently President of the Wilson Gray YMCA Youth and Family Center Board of Directors, Chairperson of the Hartford Stadium Authority and a Member of the Greater Hartford YMCA Board of Directors.

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

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

WHEREAS, Mayor Luke Bronin has nominated Mr. I. Charles Mathews for the position of Director of the Department of Development Services, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointment of Mr. I. Charles Mathews for the position of Director of the Department of Development Services, effective upon the date of confirmation.



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

ITEM# 2 ON AGENDA

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,

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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 "1st 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



CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

MARCH 3, 2021

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Mayor Bronin,

I write today on behalf of the Democratic majority of the Court of Common Council to advocate for the appointment of Deborah Davis to the Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB). The CPRB is composed of nine members and two alternates and was established to hear public complaints against members of the Hartford Police Department. Last year, in partnership with your office, the City of Hartford took action to expand the authoritative powers of the board so it might better support and serve the community.

As we continue to make every effort to strengthen our Civilian Police Review Board I, along with my Council colleagues, are committed to seeing representation from Hartford residents with lived experiences that will help guide and inform the board's actions. It is for this reason that I urge you to appoint Deborah Davis, a representative of Mothers United Against Violence, to the Civilian Police Review Board for the City of Hartford.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maly D. Rosado, Court of Common Council President

Court of Common Council

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ON AGENDA



CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

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

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

Health & Human Services Committee

Monday March 1st, 2021

6:00pm, Council Chambers

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

Report

March 8, 2021

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

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford met virtually on March 1st, 2021 at 6pm (Streamed Live via [www.https://HPATV.org/channel96](https://HPATV.org/channel96) Comcast/Frontier Customers and Facebook Live). Meeting adjourned at 07:09pm.

Present were Chair Nick Lebron, Committee Member Thomas J. Clarke II, Committee Member Marilyn Rosetti, Committee Member John Gale, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez, Corporate Counsel Demar Osbourne and Health and Human Services, Director Liany Arroyo

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

Chari Councilman Lebron motions to postpone
Committee Member Councilman Gale Second

Vote

Rossetti - Yes

Lebron - Yes

Gale - Yes

Clarke - Absent

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilman Nick Lebron
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

Report

February 8, 2021

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

RE: Advisory Commission on Food Policy Report

Dear Council President Rosado,

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

Please direct any questions about this report to the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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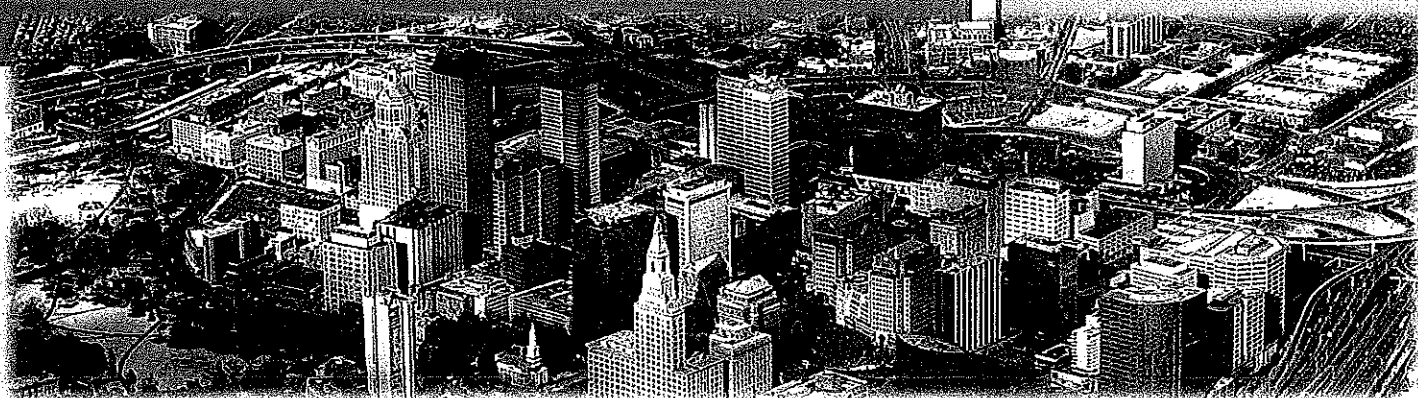
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city of
HARTFORD
ADVISORY
COMMISSION
on **FOOD POLICY**

annual report and
policy recommendations

2020





CITY OF HARTFORD

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON FOOD POLICY

c/o Hartford Food System, 190 Wethersfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06114

Phone: 860.296.9325 Fax: 860.296.8326 Email: hartfordfood@hartfordfood.org

2020 Food Policy Commissioners

Valerie Bryan
Hartford Resident

Mary Cockram
Frog Hollow
Consulting

**Angela G.
Colantonio**
Urban Alliance

Valentine Doyle
Hartford Resident

Benjamin Dubow
Riverfront Family
Church

Yahaira Escribano
Foodshare

Brunella Ibarrola
Hartford Public
Schools Food and
Child Nutrition
Services

Andrew May
Hartford Resident

Martha Page
(Chair)
Hartford Food
System

Sofia Segura-Pérez
Hispanic Health
Council

Cary Wheaton
Forge City Works

January 27, 2021

The Honorable Luke Bronin
Mayor of the City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Mayor Bronin,

I am pleased to submit this report on behalf of the City of Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy. This Annual Report outlines the progress of the Commission over the past year and our next steps to advance these policies. We trust you will find that the Commission remains committed to our and the City's goal of ensuring that all Hartford residents have permanent access to a safe, affordable, and healthy diet.

The coronavirus pandemic has been described as unprecedented, and it has certainly presented many challenges. However, some of those challenges are the same challenges that many Hartford families have faced in the past: food insecurity, unemployment, low access to fresh food, and more. The pandemic has heightened inequality across the country: while many white, white-collar, and high income people have largely been able to stay home, pay for grocery delivery, and order takeout, many Black, working class, and low income people have had to continue working in-person, risking infection at work or waiting in line for emergency food. These are not new challenges: our food system was built on the labor of low income people and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) to benefit white, high income people. Our policy recommendations seek to address the immediate needs of Hartford residents, but we recognize the collective responsibility we have to build a more equitable society in the wake of the pandemic.

We thank you and your staff for your continued support and consideration as we strive for total food security in the City of Hartford. As always, we encourage you to call on any of us at any time to discuss the state of the City's food system.

Sincerely,

Martha Page

Martha Page
Chair



CITY OF HARTFORD
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON FOOD POLICY
2020 Annual Report

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Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy

2020 Annual Report

Introduction

The Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy was established by City ordinance in 1991 to implement recommendations from the Mayor's Task Force on Hunger. Continuously operational since then, its purpose is to integrate all City agencies in a common effort to improve the availability of safe and nutritious food at reasonable prices for all Hartford residents, particularly those in need.

The original goals of the Commission are:

1. To eliminate hunger as an obstacle to a happy, healthy and productive life in the City;
2. To ensure that a wide variety of safe and nutritious food is available for City residents;
3. To ensure that access to food is not limited by economic status, location or other factors beyond a resident's control; and
4. To ensure that the price of food in the City remains at a level approximating the level for the state.



Part of a mural at the Grow Hartford garden at the corner of Main and Park Street.

Photo Credit: Hartford Food System

Those goals continue to be relevant today. A recent study by the University of Connecticut found that 33.3% of Hartford residents were food insecure, the highest rate among all Connecticut municipalities based on 2015 survey data from DataHaven (Boehm et al., 2019). Food security is physical and economic access to adequate food at all times; food insecurity is any situation in which a person, family, or population cannot obtain adequate food for any amount of time for any reason. Significant socioeconomic and health disparities, including limited and inconsistent access to affordable, fresh, and healthy foods, persist in Hartford and the Greater Hartford area. Rates of food insecurity are much greater for Black and Latinx families. The median household income in Hartford is \$36,278 compared to the Hartford County median household income of \$75,148; this underscores a major disparity between the urban core and the surrounding towns, which benefit from the government and nonprofit services, as well as cultural and other entertainment experiences in Hartford (Census Bureau American Communities Survey 5-year estimate, 2019). As the ability to access healthy food is linked directly to socioeconomic status, food insecurity and diet-related diseases are entrenched problems for many Hartford residents.

History of the Commission

As one of the oldest food policy councils in the country, the Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy (HACFP) has a long history of advocacy to end hunger. The mission and goals have remained the same, but over the years, the Commission has taken on different structures and used different strategies to engage Commissioners, residents, and City officials to achieve its goals. Commission activities have included:

- Using a \$3,000 - \$5,000 annual budget from the City to complete program work such as surveys or community events; the Commission currently does not have an operating budget
- Grocery store price surveys and data collection about hunger and federal nutrition program participation to assess need in the City
- Advocacy to state and national legislators on issues such as welfare reform and child nutrition
- In the 1990's, development of a new bus line to provide direct access to a grocery store just north of the city line
- Advocating for the development of multiple grocery stores over the years, including the Stop & Shop on New Park Avenue, and current efforts to bring a grocery store to the North End
- Convened city leaders and grocery executives to demand that food was priced the same in Hartford as it was in surrounding towns
- Creation and dissolution of working groups as needed to address food policy issues
- Worked with the City Planning and Zoning Commission to permit urban agriculture throughout the city
- Lobbied the City to hire a local vendor to administer the Summer Food Service Program
- Celebrating the work of food activists and school food service programs through community events like the Feeding Hartford Awards (ongoing) and the Golden Muffin Awards (discontinued)
- Encouraging composting at food businesses through informational meetings and advocacy
- Working with a staffperson from the Mayor's office who would attend monthly meetings to report back to the Mayor
- Issuing periodic guides about pandemic policy recommendations and food pantry schedule changes starting in March 2020

The Commission's work has included legislative advocacy at the state and national level, negotiations with large companies, grassroots organizing, and education. Over the years, the Commission has shown adaptability and a willingness to try new strategies to achieve its goals. Many of these strategies are worth revisiting to tackle the complex problems Hartford faces today.

Food Policy Commissioners

There are currently 11 volunteers who serve the Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy. Some are individuals who reside in Hartford; others represent nonprofits or city agencies that address food issues in Hartford. They are:

Valerie Bryan, *Hartford resident.*

Mary Cockram, *Frog Hollow Consulting, Hartford resident.*

Angela G. Colantonio, *Urban Alliance.*

Valentine Doyle, *Hartford resident.*

Benjamin Dubow, *Riverfront Family Church, Hartford resident.*

Yahaira Escibano, *Foodshare, Hartford resident.*

Brunella Ibarrola, *Hartford Public Schools Food and Child Nutrition Services.*

Andrew May, *Hartford resident.*

Martha Page (Chair), *Hartford Food System, Hartford resident.*

Sofia Segura-Pérez, *Hispanic Health Council.*

Cary Wheaton, *Forge City Works, Hartford resident.*

Grace Yi of the Office of Sustainability is the commission's liaison in the City. Shana Brierley currently serves as a liaison to the Commission from the City of Hartford Department of Health and Human Services. Meg Hourigan of Hartford Food System serves as the staffperson for the Commission. In addition to their service on the Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy, many commissioners contribute to the food system of Hartford in other ways, such as Andrew May's volunteer work with food pantries; Val Bryan, Andrew, and Mary Cockram's work encouraging residential composting; and Val's volunteer work on school gardens. Commissioners also work at organizations such as Hartford Food System (Martha Page), which operates the North End Farmers' Market and Hartford Mobile Market to expand options for fresh produce throughout the city, among other programs; Foodshare (Yahaira Escibano), which is the regional food bank; and Hartford Public Schools (Brunella Ibarrola), which strives to increase local produce in school meals and maintain school gardens throughout the city.

There are currently 4 vacant seats on the Commission.***

**** The Commission is currently working on revising the membership from 15 to 21 commissioners, but until those changes are finalized, 4 seats are currently vacant. The Commission consists of Hartford residents, city officials, and representatives of food, farm, and health-related organizations such as the Hispanic Health Council and Hartford Food System. The Commission has prioritized increasing the number of Hartford residents and people of color on the Commission. We value diversity in race, economic status, and gender; people who have experienced food insecurity themselves are especially welcome to participate. If you are interested in joining the Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy, contact Meg@HartfordFood.org.*

Overview of 2019-2020 HACFP Work

This year, the Commission has continued to work towards greater food security for Hartford residents by bringing together diverse stakeholders including Hartford residents and representatives from various organizations working on food and public health in the City. The group conducts monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of every month from 3:30 to 5:15 pm; since April, the Commission has met virtually using Zoom.

To reach community members, the Commission uses Facebook, Twitter, and a newsletter, all of which grew in audience this year.



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Follows
(+77%)

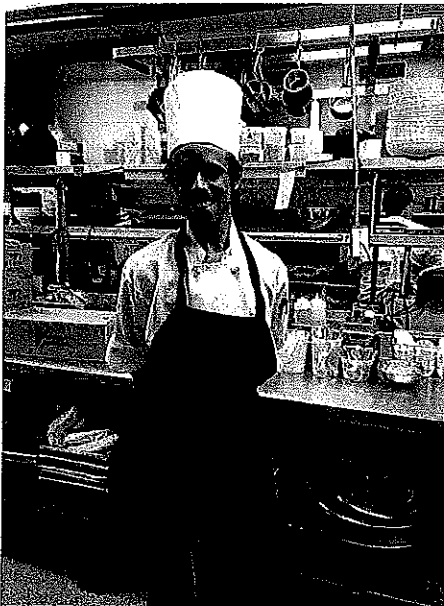


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Followers
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249
Subscribers
(+13%)

Feeding Hartford Awards



Nate Rivera is the individual youth winner of the 2020 Feeding Hartford Awards.

The Commission's annual awards ceremony was rescheduled to a virtual event in September this year. 21 nominees in the categories of adult individual, youth individual, secular non-profit, faith-based organization, business, and government agency were recognized. Winners in each category were presented with a citation from the mayor and an original Hartford-made painting by local artists Julie Bergeron and Christina Solem.

This year's awardees include:

- In the **youth individual** category, Forge City Works alum **Nate Rivera** won this year. As a junior sous chef at Firebox, he was serving more than 2,000 meals per week. He hopes to run his own food truck someday.
- In the **adult individual** category, **Joan Dauber** was this year's winner. Joan founded the first hospital food pantry at Saint Francis hospital over forty years ago. The Joan C. Dauber Food Bank distributed more than 144 tons of food to almost 1,800 households last year.
- In the **secular non-profit** category, **Community Health Services** was this year's winner. Partnering with Foodshare, they offer bi-weekly food bag distributions, amounting to more than 150 bags of food for clients every other Friday.
- In the **business** category, **Banh Meee** was this year's winner. As a local restaurant, Banh Meee trains many youth for their first culinary jobs in Hartford, ensuring employment and quality culinary experiences in Hartford for years to come.

- In the **faith-based** category, **Bible Way Temple Nation** was the winner. Bible Way Temple Nation is a Mobile Foodshare partner in addition to operating CT Transition House, which ensures clients get not only food but also referrals to needed community resources. Their basic needs program serves 400 people per month.
- In the **government agency** category, **Jana Engle of the Connecticut Department of Social Services** was the winner. Jana manages the SNAP Employment and Training Program for the whole state. Working with Foodshare and Connecticut Food Bank, she has distributed over 120,000 packages of food through the programming.

The Commission chose these awardees from an incredible group of nominees this year, including **Sebastian Kolodziej of House of Bread**, who was recognized posthumously by the Commission. Other nominees included **Connie Bird**, an urban farmer; **Shonta Browdy** of the **Mount Moriah Community Garden**; **Dr. Susan Masino**, a community gardener; **Mary Lee Morrison**, an urban farm volunteer;

Sarah Rose Nunes, an urban farmer; **Rodger Phillips** of **Sub Edge Farm**; **Tenaya Taylor**, a community advocate with **Summer of Solutions Hartford**; **Pastor Donald Padgett** of the **Promise Zone Board**; **Gillian Walcott** of **Saint Francis Hospital**; **Sister Helen Feagin** of the **Christ Church of Deliverance**; **Father Steve Klots** at **South Kent School**, the **Erdkinder Program** at **Annie Fisher Montessori Magnet School**; and **Blue State Coffee**.

The Commission collected messages of gratitude from the community for people who supported one another during the pandemic. Community members offered gratitude to **Alyssa Jones** of the **Little City Sprouts Program**; **John Randell Martin**; **Emmanuel Rivera**; **Shana Smith** and **Nikki Knowles** of the **Hartford Mobile Market** and **North End Farmers' Market**; **C-Town** on **Wethersfield Ave.**; **Chef Jendayi Scott Miller**; **Shanelle Morris** of **Grow Hartford**; **Mutual Aid Hartford**; **Laverne Frazier**; Commissioner **Andrew May**; the food and nutrition staff of **Hartford Public Schools**; and volunteers at the **Foodshare Rentschler Field** food distribution. These volunteers and staff worked quickly and tirelessly to get food to people who needed it during this pandemic.



Julie Bergeron painted this portrait of and for Joan Dauber, who won the Feeding Hartford Award in the adult individual category.

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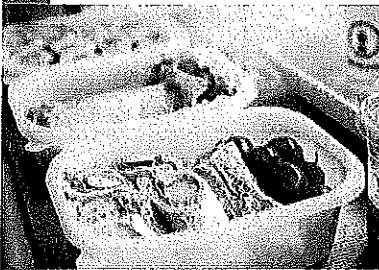
Escuelas Públicas de Hartford Sirven Comidas

Los niños pueden recibir comidas mientras que las escuelas estén cerradas.

Todas las escuelas en Hartford están cerradas hasta nuevo aviso. Línea Directa de los Servicios de Salud de las escuelas: (860) 895-8780

Cualquier niño, de 18 años o menos, se puede buscar comida en cualquier sitio listado a la derecha. Los padres y los tutores pueden recoger comida para sus niños. Practique el distanciamiento social durante la recogida para la seguridad de todos.

Las comidas se distribuyen los lunes, miércoles y viernes de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m. Los lunes y miércoles, se proporcionarán dos días de comida. Los viernes, se proporcionarán tres días de comida.



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Achievement First (305 Greenfield St.)
Classical Magnet School (85 Woodland St.)
Rawson School (260 Holcomb St.)
Weaver High School (415 Granby St.)
Global Communications Academy (85 Edwards St.)
SAND School (1750 Main St.)
Wish Museum School (350 Barbour St.)
Hartford Public High School (55 Forest St.)
Kennelly School (180 White St.)
Moylan School - ELAMS (101 Catherine St.)
Parkville Community School (47 New Park Ave.)
Sanchez School (175 Babcock St.)
Bellizzi School (215 South St.)
Betances Early Reading School (42 Charter Oak Ave.)
Burr School (400 Wethersfield Ave.)
Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy (53 Vernon St.)
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Foodshare Mobile Stops

Foodshare is distributing food in Hartford.

To get updates about the mobile Foodshare schedule on your cell phone, text FOODSHARE to 85511. Check foodshare.org for updates.

NOTE: This list may be inaccurate. The best way to check on a stop is on Foodshare's webpage or call 860-556-4331.

MONDAYS: 12/7, 12/21 (every other Monday)

- 9 AM - 9:45 AM: Charter Oak Community Health Center, Salvation Army parking lot 225 Washington St.
- 12:35 PM - 1:00 PM: UMC of Hartford, 571 Farmington Ave.
- 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Grace Worship Center Church, 750 Wethersfield Ave.

MONDAYS: 12/14, 12/28 (every other Monday)

- 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM: Family Life Education, George Day Park, 46 Orange St.

WEDNESDAYS: 12/16, 12/30 (every other Wednesday)

- 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM: Pope Park, 30 Pope Park Dr. across from Arroyo Rec Center
- 11:30 AM - 12:35 PM: Cathedral of St. Joseph, back parking lot, 809 Asylum Ave.

THURSDAYS: 12/10, 12/24 (every other Thursday)

- 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM: North End Senior Center, 85 Coventry St.
- 10:30 AM - 11:35 AM: Grace Church of God, 235 Wethersfield Ave.
- 1:35 PM - 2:00 PM: SANA Apartments, 1650 Main St.

THURSDAYS: 12/17, 12/31 (every other Thursday)

- 10:35 AM - 11:00 AM: New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 222 Barbour St.
- 1:35 PM - 2:00 PM: Church of the Good Shepherd, 155 Wyllys St.

FRIDAYS: 12/11 (every other Friday except Christmas)

- 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM: Church of the Most High God, 692 Garden St.

FRIDAYS: 12/18 (every other Friday)

- 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM: Salvation Army, 100 Nelson St. corner of Nelson & Barbour, Pre-register 1 day in advance: 860-543-8419
- 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM: St. Augustine Church at Webster Theater, 31 Webster St.
- 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM: Catholic Charities - Asylum Hill Family Center, 60 Cillett St.
- 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM: Bible Way Temple Nation, 3053 Main St.

Starting in March, the Commission has been producing regular guides with information about food pantry schedule changes, school meal locations, changes in SNAP and unemployment policies, recommendations for grocery shopping and meeting other needs during the pandemic, and policy recommendations to mitigate the damage of the pandemic. The guide is available in English and Spanish.

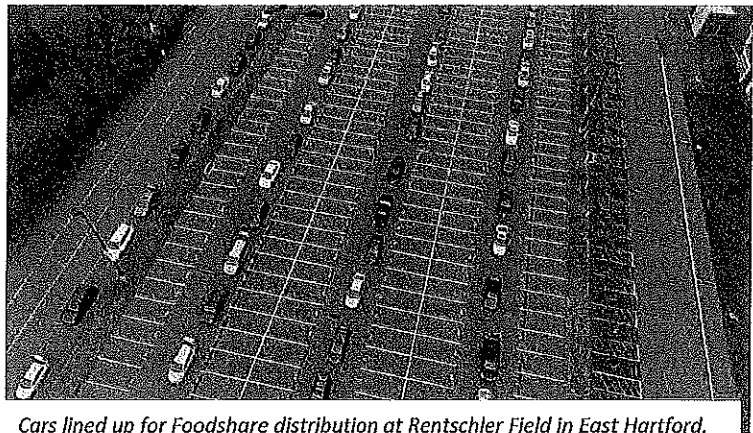
Monthly Commission and working group meetings have served as vital sources of information. Upholding its original charge of uniting city agencies for a common cause of food security, the Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy streamlined communication as commissioners and guests shared important program updates, interruptions, and changes with each other and the public.

COVID-19's Impact on Food in Hartford: What We Know So Far

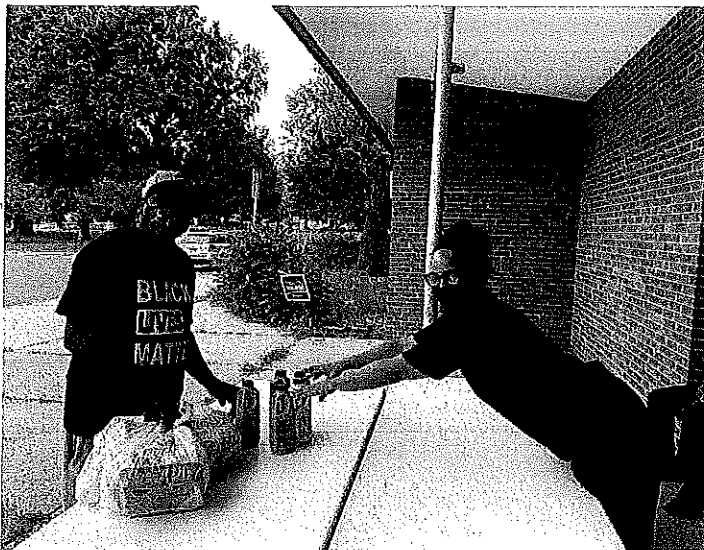
Since March, more than 12,000 (about 10%) Hartford residents have contracted the novel coronavirus; it has taken nearly 250 lives (Connecticut Department of Public Health and CT Data, as of 22 January 2021). These lives, among more than 2 million globally, can never be recovered, nor can their value be calculated (World Health Organization Coronavirus Disease [COVID-19] Dashboard, as of 22 January 2021). They leave behind family and friends who will be collectively processing the grief and trauma of this period for years to come.

Impacts on the economy, education, food supply chain, healthcare system, and other areas of life are easier to calculate, but we won't know the full extent of this ongoing crisis's impact for years. Businesses, particularly restaurants, have shuttered in Hartford and throughout Connecticut. This includes Firebox Restaurant, the farm to table restaurant operated by Forge City Works with a job training mission. Restaurants are a hub of culture and social life in any town. Nationwide, accommodation and food services decreased by 88% (Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce). Closures and reduction in hours and services have led to soaring unemployment rates; 161 per 1,000 Hartford residents filed for unemployment between March 15 and August 2 (CT Data Collaborative). In November, Hartford's unemployment rate was 13.7%, the highest in the state (CT Department of Labor). Throughout Connecticut, more than 500,000 people have applied for unemployment during the pandemic (CT Data Collaborative). Unemployment has not affected everyone equally: in June, the national unemployment rate was 9% compared to 15% for Black workers, 15% for Latino workers, 14% for Asian/Pacific Islander workers, 12% for Native American workers, and 14% for workers of two or more races (US Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics). The federal government estimates Connecticut's economy shrunk by nearly one-third in the first two quarters of 2020 (Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce).

Predictably, enrollment in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) increased in Hartford, and first time visits to food pantries rose. Hartford SNAP participants received nearly \$8 million in benefits in November, up about 25% from February (CT Department of Social Services, data on request). At the same time, food distributors worked with food banks and food pantries to redirect surplus food (from restaurants, office cafeterias, and other sources shut down or slowed down by the pandemic). Foodshare reports distributing nearly 750,000 pounds of food through their mobile sites; their partner pantries distributed more than three million pounds of food; and at the Rentschler Field distribution, they have served more than 218,000 families – many of them were first time clients (Foodshare, data on request). Food pantry programs such as the MANNA Community Pantry managed by Hands on Hartford received hundreds of pounds of locally grown produce from Knox and school gardens maintained by Val Bryan and others while schools remained closed. Hartford Public Schools has distributed more than two million meals, quickly adapting to offer takeaway meals at 32 different sites (Hartford Public Schools, data on request).



Cars lined up for Foodshare distribution at Rentschler Field in East Hartford.
Photo: WFSB. https://www.wfsb.com/news/foodshare-to-continue-handing-out-food-at-rentschler-field-through-august/article_a8358180-d0b8-11ea-a49d-fb42608e70dc.html



Renicha Roman with Hartford Public Schools Food and Child Nutrition Services distributes milk and other products to Hartford families at Wish School.

Furthermore, Hartford Public Schools purchased over 16 tons of fresh, local produce to give to families alongside meal distribution: the local food included milk from Connecticut dairy farms and produce from Knox Incubator Farmers and the Keney Park Sustainability Project (Hartford Public Schools, data on request).

In addition to the less surprising impacts on employment and food security, the pandemic has had unexpected effects on the local food system. At home and in community gardens, more people are growing their own food: Knox worked with more than 300 community gardeners this year. Community gardens offered safe outdoor space for socializing as neighbors grew food to eat at home and share

with others. Consumer habits showed that people took up new interests in cooking and growing food: many shoppers encountered shortages of flour and yeast as more people baked bread at home; gardeners similarly encountered seed and garden supply shortages as more people tried out gardening for the first time. Farmers' markets across the state saw more customers than in previous years, according to a forthcoming survey from the Connecticut Food System Alliance. This may be because farmers' markets offer open air spaces where it is easier to social distance. Farmers and farmer advocates also worked to increase the visibility of farmers' markets and farmstands in order to sell off product that had been destined for restaurants. Farmers' markets help make communities more resilient against the supply chain disruptions that occurred nationwide.

Lessons Emerging from COVID-19

In all areas of policy, we owe it to more than 400,000 and counting Americans who have died in this pandemic to learn what we can and make the world a better place. The food supply chain in particular exposed its weak points, and longstanding racial and wealth inequality became impossible to ignore as their symptoms exacerbated. The following lessons should inform policy to recover from the pandemic and prevent/prepare for future similar disruptions, whether they are public health crises, disasters related to climate change and extreme weather, or social and political unrest.

- **Adaptability:** While some entities were able to move quickly in response to challenges brought on by the pandemic, others stalled. Regardless, the pandemic has underscored the need for adaptability in government programs, farms, restaurants, grocery stores, and other parts of the food system. For example, at advocates' behest, the USDA offered waivers for various nutrition programs to relax restrictions, reaching more clients. Food distributors scrambled to repackage products for individual and family consumption, some more smoothly than others. Farmers' markets and even individual farms developed online ordering systems. Restaurants created weekly grocery boxes to sell uncooked food, and lobbied the state to be able to include alcohol in food delivery. Governments tested new

approaches such as direct cash relief with minimal means testing. Being able to innovate (and quickly implement those innovations) is vital.

- **Community Power:** Developing mutual aid networks to redistribute money and food, organizing massive (yet socially distant) protests for racial justice, and turning out record voting numbers are just a few of the ways that communities demonstrated power this year. Policy should be driven by residents' concerns and ideas.
- **Equity:** COVID-19, like any crisis, has impacted people of color and low income people more than white people and high income people. Community demand for change was great in spite of and because of the pandemic. Policy should address the roots of racism and wealth inequality; poor areas, rural areas, and more Black, Indigenous, and Latino areas will all need greater resources to recover from the pandemic. Equality has never been an appropriate standard for systems change.
- **Resilience:** The pandemic exposed and exacerbated many issues with our existing systems, laws, and policies. "Rebuilding" after COVID-19 should seek to build back better systems instead of reinstating inadequate, unsustainable, and unjust ones. Whatever the next disruption is, we cannot repeat the devastating impact of COVID-19 due to lack of preparedness or lack of political will.
- **Communication:** Communication between government agencies, different levels of government, community agencies, and communication with the public have been vital during the pandemic. Community agencies have kept one another informed about closures and changes; state agencies sought clear guidance from federal counterparts; the public needs to stay informed about health and safety recommendations. New networks were created in response to the pandemic to de-silo different sectors and agencies to coordinate responses.
- **Diversification:** Businesses, particularly farms, that already had different streams of income or were quickly able to offer different products or services fared better. Diversified farms can be more economically sound as well as environmentally sound.
- **Decentralization:** Groups distributing food aid and grocery stores restocking quickly emptying shelves both faced major bottlenecks. If there were more small-scale distributors and processors throughout Connecticut, local supply chains would flow with less disruption.
- **Aid:** The federal government, intentionally or not, has experimented with public assistance programs during the pandemic; the results of these experiments should inform permanent policy change. These changes included relaxing requirements, reducing paperwork, increasing benefit amounts, and even disbursing direct cash relief with minimal eligibility requirements and means testing. Changes to these programs that increase food security should become permanent. Typically, programs with minimal eligibility requirements and little to no means testing have lower administrative costs than more restrictive counterparts. This country's experience with stimulus checks should inform public assistance programs.

Food Policy Recommendations

The Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy presents three policy areas informed by these lessons:

- **Invest in restoring and assisting food businesses, and create new, higher paying jobs.**
- **Address immediate food insecurity through nutrition programs and community programs.**
- **Develop a plan to increase food grown and processed in Hartford.**

The responsibility for these recommendations lies with everyone: City government, state government, federal government, community agencies, private foundations, businesses, consumers, and volunteers all have a role to play. Most of the recommendations have a major fiscal impact; they require shifts in city, state, and federal budgets. Budgets and tax structures must reflect a commitment to community and individual well-being. Unprecedented damage and disruption caused by the pandemic and by climate change must be answered by bold, innovative policy and action by governments, businesses, nonprofits, and individual people.

Policy Recommendation: Invest in restoring and assisting food businesses, and create new, higher paying jobs.

WHAT? Numerous food businesses have been lost to or significantly damaged by the pandemic. Many Hartford residents, primarily people of color, lost their jobs due to the pandemic. The City must invest in restoring and assisting food businesses while creating new, higher paying jobs.

WHY? Food businesses are an integral part of Hartford's economic, social, and cultural recovery. As they are revived, they can create living wage jobs. Better paying jobs will reduce the high turnover and onboarding time in food service; it will also reduce the need for social assistance and accurately reflects the costs of living while doing vital work. Many of the "essential workers" who cannot work from home and instead risk infection by growing and selling food are paid minimum or below-living wage; living wage should be a policy priority.

HOW? Fund small business loans especially for food businesses – prioritize businesses that hire above minimum wage, support opportunities for new food entrepreneurs – particularly women and people of color, create educational opportunities in farming and the culinary arts that end in employment opportunities, implement a living wage, pass equal pay legislation, revitalize the Hartford Regional Market.

The Commission will work with Hartford's delegation at the Connecticut General Assembly to advocate for these programs and policy changes. The City of Hartford can contribute to this rebuilding by offering outreach about relief programs and in its advocacy at the state legislature and in Congress, but this priority should also be reflected in the City budget.

Living wage legislation must be prioritized both to help people recover from the pandemic and to correct long-term structural failures of the market to fully support workers. In the metro Hartford area (Hartford, West Hartford, and East Hartford), the living wage is estimated at \$28.54 per hour for one full time working parent with one child or \$15.64 for a household of two full time working adults and one child (MIT Living Wage Calculator). Any wage increases implemented during the pandemic must continue after the pandemic.

The **Hartford Regional Market** is the largest food distribution center between New York and Boston; it has the potential to be a community and commerce hub similar to the Central New York Regional Market in Syracuse, NY and Reading Terminal Market in Philadelphia, PA. The Commission applauds the efforts thus far of the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) to improve the market. Even changes to the farmers' market schedule

(Saturdays from 6 am to 9 am), could be made to increase visitors to the market. CRDA should continue to implement the recommendations of the 2018 market study; opportunities for value-added processing, community gardens and community gatherings, and a winter market should be prioritized (Goman + York Advisory Services, 2018).

Small business loans such as the Paycheck Protection Program, Bridge Loans, Debt Relief, and Economic Injury Disaster Loans offered by the US Small Business Administration are a vital part of economic recovery. The City and state government can offer additional support by offering application assistance and raising awareness about the programs, particularly in immigrant communities. The City can also help Hartford food businesses connect with private relief efforts.

Policy Recommendation: Address immediate food insecurity through nutrition programs and community programs.

WHAT? Food pantries, food banks, soup kitchens, school meal programs, mutual aid and community feeding efforts, and federal nutrition programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) create a broad patchwork of direct and indirect food aid from private and public sources. Organizations like Foodshare deployed massive new programs, like their distribution at Rentschler Field several days a week for the past several months. Although the goal should be to eliminate the need for emergency feeding programs, continued support for and coordination of nutrition and community programs is necessary.

WHY? Food is a basic human right. Food insecurity has long-term physical and mental health effects. SNAP benefits are calculated based on a draconian “adequate” diet amounting to about \$1.40 per meal (before the pandemic) which relies on often time-consuming scratch cooking that is not always feasible for working families (Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, 7 November 2019).

HOW? Increase maximum benefits in programs like SNAP; implement SNAP and WIC matching programs at farmers’ markets; increase local food purchasing in schools; coordinate distribution of food donations to food banks and food pantries; reduce barriers to nutrition programs.

The Commission applauds Congress for **increasing SNAP benefits** by 15% as part of a recent COVID-19 relief package, amounting to roughly an additional \$30 per month for an average family (Marketplace, 5 January 2021). These temporary increases should continue after the pandemic, because benefits were inadequate prior to the pandemic. SNAP recipients are more likely to participate in the local food economy when farmers’ markets accept, and especially double or increase, SNAP benefits. The City of Hartford should join the Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy and other advocates across the state to advocate for a **state-funded fruit and vegetable incentive program**, such as the Massachusetts Healthy Incentive Program (MA HIP) which is funded by state, federal, and private funding. Since it was created in 2017, MA HIP has connected 85,000 families to more than 200 farms, exchanging \$19.5 million in healthy, fresh fruits and vegetables (Massachusetts Food System Collaborative). Programs like this have health benefits for SNAP recipients, and economic benefits for local farmers.

“Local food” was once the majority of our diets, for the majority of history. In recent decades, it has developed a reputation as an expensive luxury, and in Connecticut it is a small portion of our diet – to the detriment of consumers and producers alike. This reputation, as well as the reality is changing, since local food has even made its way into food pantries and onto school lunch trays. The City and Hartford Public Schools should work to reach the Connecticut **Farm to School** Collaborative’s goal of 25% of school food being locally produced by

2032 (Connecticut Farm to School, 2019). The Commission will work with the Collaborative on the development of its Farm to School Action Plan.

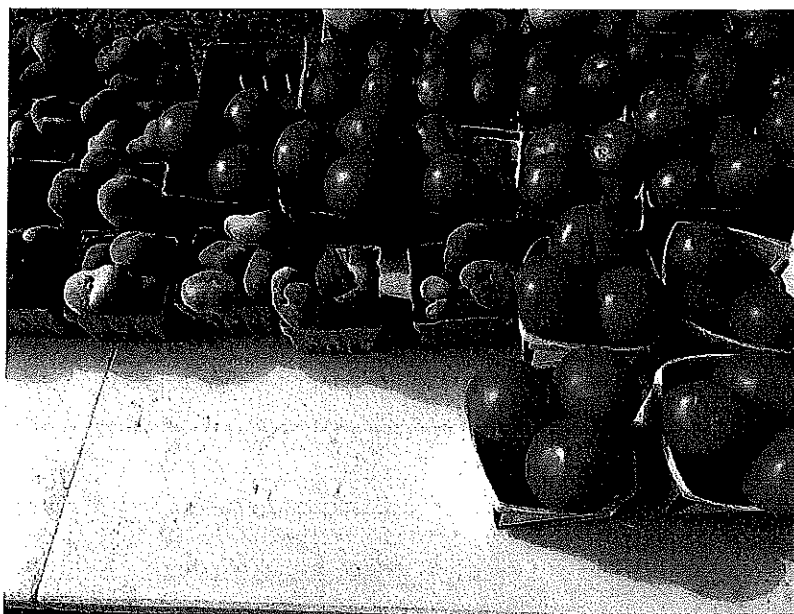
Food banks and pantries have made great strides to streamline and coordinate varying schedules across the state. Food pantries should require minimal paperwork, which can be a deterrent, especially if someone is undocumented. State and city government, as well as community agencies, can work with and encourage new partnerships between food pantries/banks and new sources of food from individual farmers to wholesalers.

Policy Recommendation: Develop a plan to increase food grown and processed in Hartford.

WHAT? Urban farms, community gardens, school gardens, hydroponics and aquaponics, and “edible landscapes” enrich cities with fresh food, jobs, education, youth engagement, volunteer opportunities, increased green space, and more. Value-added food processing similarly enhances the economy and literal and figurative “flavor” of a city.

WHY? Increasing the amount of food grown and produced in Hartford will increase access to fresh, local food and offer and increase the aforementioned opportunities. Having short, local food supply chains will make Hartford less susceptible to national and global supply chain disruptions.

HOW? Work with community gardeners; urban farmers; school garden teachers, volunteers, and students; value-added food processors; consumers; and relevant city agencies to develop targets for food production and processing; identify sites throughout the city for growing and processing food; and identify best practices for encouraging food production and processing.



Connecticut grown tomatoes and peaches at a Hartford farmers' market.

The City of Bridgeport created an **Urban Agriculture Master Plan**, a “community-driven, collective vision” for growing food in the city based on an assessment of the city’s food environment (Green Village Initiative). Hartford took a revolutionary step in support of urban agriculture by permitting it in most city zones in 2015; we can build off this progress by developing recommendations and production targets for food production in the city.

The **Swift Factory** in Hartford’s North End is now home to several value-added food companies, many of which are owned by women and/or people of color. The City can encourage more development that centers Hartford residents and their entrepreneurial skills to produce sauces, snacks, preserves, and other foods for sale throughout the state.

Proposed Structural Changes to the Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy

The Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy is one of the oldest food policy councils in the country, and carries a legacy of inter-agency, cross-sector collaboration to end food insecurity. The Commission is submitting proposed changes to the founding ordinance in order to update its mission and goals, as well as expand the Commission from 15 to up to 21 commissioners, introduce term limits, and require that 2/3rds of commissioners are Hartford residents. An excerpt about the Commission's new goals is below:

Access to nutritious, culturally relevant, sustainably produced food is a significant factor in health, happiness, cultural celebration, and economic opportunities. Food justice and climate resilience inform the goals of the food policy advisory commission, which are as follows:

- (1) To provide a platform for Hartford residents to have voice and control over the food system of Hartford;
- (2) To advocate for food security for all residents;
- (3) To advocate for access to nutritious and culturally relevant food regardless of economic status, location or other factors beyond a resident's control;
- (4) To advocate for more local production of food including farming, community and school gardens, and food businesses; and
- (5) To advocate for sustainable practices in food retail and distribution, agriculture, and waste management.

These changes reflect the Commission's more expansive approach to food policy, acknowledging the importance of sustainability and of growing food in Hartford. The Commission will work with the Mayor and City Council to update the ordinance.

Advancing Food Policy During the 2021 Connecticut Legislative Session

The Commission is dedicated to advocating for healthy, sustainable food policy at the city and state level, and will work to promote food policy during the 2021 Connecticut Legislative Session. This strategy will include:

- Working with other city commissions and local partners to host trainings about legislative advocacy
- Tracking bills introduced that are related to food and farms
- Working with the Mayor's office to create shared policy agendas
- Advising the City on policy positions at the state and federal level
- Encouraging constituents to testify on bills and write to their legislators
- Coordinating with other city agencies to advocate at the state and federal level
- Supporting bills using public testimony, letters to Hartford legislators, and media if appropriate
- Coordinating with other food policy councils in the state to identify shared policy goals
- Identifying a policy sub-committee of the Commission to work on the items described above

Conclusions



Hartford-grown corn from Keney Park Sustainability Project.

The Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy uses a combination of public awareness, advising city officials, convening local stakeholders, and monitoring state and federal policy change in order to ensure greater food access in Hartford. This year, more than ever, coordination among government and community agencies is vital. The policy recommendations outlined above are the result of this year's collaborations with numerous residents and community organizations. The Commission continues to advocate as it always has for a Hartford with bountiful, affordable, fresh food for all residents; food and farming education for all Hartford residents; and reduced food waste and more sustainable food and farming practices. The pandemic has further emphasized the need for a just, equitable, sustainable food system. Moderate policy change cannot fully address the drastic effects of the pandemic or climate change.

Hartford is a small 17-square mile city of 122,000 people; we must work with others throughout the state for higher impact. To that end, the Hartford Advisory Commission on Food Policy is working closely with efforts to develop a

statewide food action plan facilitated by the Connecticut Food System Alliance. This plan will include a statewide vision for food access and food grown in Connecticut and represents a public-private partnership to reduce hunger and enhance sustainability in our state. This plan will center food justice, meaning that the people most likely to be harmed by our current food and farm system (particularly people of color) are empowered to shape how we grow, buy, and eat food in Connecticut. It will also emphasize climate resilience, to ensure that Connecticut's food system can withstand changes and disruptions in the national and global food supply chains.

If you would like to be involved with the Commission's efforts to reduce hunger and promote sustainability, please contact Meg@HartfordFood.org.

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We honor the memory of Sebastian Kolodziej, chef at House of Bread, for his many years directly fighting hunger.

We honor the memory of Joanne Bauer, a fierce advocate of social justice and sustainability.

We honor the victims of the coronavirus pandemic through advocacy.



City of Hartford
Advisory Commission on Food Policy
Annual Report and Recommendations
2020

Prepared for the City of Hartford by:

HARTFORD 
FOOD SYSTEM

Hartford Food System
190 Wethersfield Ave.
Hartford, CT 06114



Court of Common Council

ITEM#

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ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Maly D. Rosado, Council President
Nick Lebron, Councilman
James Sanchez, Councilman
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Noel F. McGregor, Jr, Town and City Clerk

Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader
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Joshua Michtom, Councilman

Health & Human Services Committee

Monday March 1st, 2021

6:00pm, Council Chambers

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

Report

March 8 2021

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

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford met virtually on March 1st, 2021 at 6pm (Streamed Live via [www.https://HPATV.org/channel96](https://HPATV.org/channel96) Comcast/Frontier Customers and Facebook Live). Meeting adjourned at 07:09pm.

Present were Chair Nick Lebron, Committee Member Thomas J. Clarke II, Committee Member Marilyn Rosetti, Committee Member John Gale, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez, Corporate Counsel Demar Osbourne and Health and Human Services, Director Liany Arroyo

6. Other Business -

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR LIANY ARROYO

There were delays getting the appointment for the second vaccinations because of the new system. All issues have been addressed. Perception of vaccination is always an issue and we continue to promote educational materials. The whole process of vaccination is only half an hour per person,

which is great. There were multiple out of town residents coming to get vaccinated because of translations services, but we are prioritizing Hartford residents. COVID numbers have come down.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilman Nick Lebron
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee



Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD
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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

ITEM# 5 ON AGENDA

Maly D. Rosado, Council President
Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader
Nick Lebron, Councilman
Marilyn Rossetti, Councilwoman
James Sánchez, Councilman
Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman

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

Noel Mc Gregor Town and City Clerk

Report

March 8, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held a Special Committee meeting on February 16, 2020 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) (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 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 Wildaliz Bermudez, Howard Rifkin from Corporation Counsel and Randal Davis, Deputy Director of Development Services. Non-committee member Councilman Nick Lebron and Councilman James Sanchez. Also joined by Frank Delarappa our City Engineer and Petrel Maylor, acting Deputy Director of DPW.

A motion was made by Council President Maly Rosado to postpone this item to the next OMBGA Committee meeting and seconded by Councilman John Gale to postpone said item.

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

OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items #3 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 6:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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

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

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

Leticia Marulanda

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

Professional Experience

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.



Court of Common Council

ITEM#

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ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD
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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Maly D. Rosado, Council President
Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader
Nick Lebron, Councilman
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James Sánchez, Councilman
Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman

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

Noel Mc Gregor Town and City Clerk

Report

March 8, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held a Special Committee meeting on February 16, 2020 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 # 1

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. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ) (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) (ITEM 14 ON 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 Wildaliz Bermudez, Howard Rifkin from Corporation Counsel and Randal Davis, Deputy Director of Development Services. Non-committee member Councilman Nick Lebron and Councilman James Sanchez. Also joined by Frank Delarappa our City Engineer and Petrel Maylor, acting Deputy Director of DPW.

A motion was made by Council President Maly Rosado to postpone this item to the next OMBGA Committee meeting and seconded by Councilman John Gale to postpone said item.

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

OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items #1 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 6:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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

ITEM #

2 ON AGENDA



CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Maly D. Rosado, Council President
Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader
Nick Lebron, Councilman
Marilyn Rossetti, Councilwoman
James Sánchez, Councilman
Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman

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

Noel Mc Gregor Town and City Clerk

Report

March 8, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held a Special Committee meeting on February 16, 2020 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

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. (COUNCILMAN GALE) (COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ) (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) (COUNCILMAN MICHOTM) (ITEM 19 ON 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 Wildaliz Bermudez, Howard Rifkin from Corporation Counsel and Randal Davis, Deputy Director of Development Services. Non-committee member Councilman Nick Lebron and Councilman James Sanchez. Also joined by Frank Delarappa our City Engineer and Petrel Maylor, acting Deputy Director of DPW.

A motion was made by Councilman John Gale to postpone this item to the next OMBGA Committee meeting and seconded by Council President Maly Rosado to postpone said item.

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

OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items #2 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 6:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, Council President
Julio A. Concepción, Majority Leader
John Q. Gale, Assistant Majority Leader
Wildaliz Bermúdez, Minority Leader

John V. Bazzano, Town and City Clerk

Thomas J. Clarke II Councilman
Larry Deutsch, Councilman
Cynthia R. Jennings, Councilwoman
James Sánchez, Councilman
Jo Winch, Councilwoman

Report

February 26, 2018

Honorable Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, Council President
City of Hartford
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Special Operations, Management, Budget, and Government Accountability Committee (OMBGA) held a meeting on February 20, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #3

Communication from Mayor Bronin, with accompanying resolution concerning authorization to enter into a ten-year lease agreement with Mac-State Square, LLC and FBE-State Square, LLC for the operation and maintenance of the plaza at State House Square.

The following were present: Committee Co-Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, Co-Chairman Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader Julio A. Concepción, Councilman James Sánchez, non-committee council members, Councilman Larry Deutsch and Assistant Majority Leader John Gale.

Also present were, Lisa Silvestri, Corporation Counsel, Carmen Sierra, Assistant City Treasurer, Nicholas Trigila, Pension Commissioner, Thomas Baptist, Superintendent of Parks for the Department of Public Works, Michael Looney, Interim Deputy Director, Department of Public

Works, Kiley Gosselin, Acting Director Development Services, Elisa Hobbs, Program Manager for Development Services, David Jakubowski, General Manager of State House Square, Jesse McIntyre, Director of Security for State House Square, Albert Gary, Abraham Ford, and Ralph Knighton Principals of Toraal Development LLC, John Hettinger, Vice President of Crescent Street at Trinity College, LLC., John Heslin, Chairman of the Hartford Golf Course Oversight Commission, Kevin Murray, Executive Assistant and other concerned citizens.

Elisa Hobbs, Program Manager for Development Services and David Jakubowski, General Manager of State House Square explained the resolution concerning the authorization to enter into a ten-year lease agreement with Mac-State Square, LLC and FBE-State Square, LLC (MMS/FBE, LLC) for the operation and maintenance of the plaza at 10 and 50 State Street which consist of two fourteen story office towers, comprising approximately 844,000 SF, north of the Old State House.

Ms. Hobbs shared with the OMBGA committee that when the lease expired in December 2016. MSS/FBE, LLC has continued the operation and maintenance of the Plaza under a licensing agreement with the City that expired June 30, 2017.

A discussion ensued amongst the OMBGA committee members, Ms. Hobbs and Mr. Jakubowski regarding cost, maintenance and tenants.

A motion was made by Majority Leader Julio Concepción and seconded by Councilman James Sánchez to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation as written and with an anticipated amendment by Assistant Majority Leader John Gale. See attached Substitute Resolution.

Vote Taken: (3-1-0 Abstain- 2 Absent- Pass)

Council President Glendowlyn L. H. Thames: Yes

Councilman Thomas J. Clarke II: No

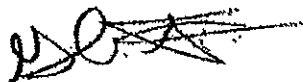
Majority Leader Julio Concepción: Yes

Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez: Absent

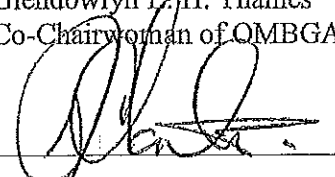
Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings: Absent

Councilman James Sánchez: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Glendowlyn L. H. Thames
Co-Chairwoman of OMBGA



Thomas J. Clarke II
Co-Chairman of OMBGA



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/FEB, 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

ITEM 8 ON AGENDA



CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Maly D. Rosado, Council President
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Joshua Michtom, Councilman

Noel Mc Gregor Town and City Clerk

Report

March 8, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held a Special Committee meeting on February 16, 2020 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. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the city to accept \$590,000 for repairs to The City of Hartford's Traffic Signalization System from the State Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). (Item #2 on 1/25/21 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 Wildaliz Bermudez, Howard Rifkin from Corporation Counsel and Randal Davis, Deputy Director of Development Services. Non-committee member Councilman Nick Lebron and Councilman James Sanchez. Also joined by Frank Delarappa our City Engineer and Petrel Maylor, acting Deputy Director of DPW.

We heard a presentation from Frank Delareppa where he clearly suggested using these funds to add approximately 22 cameras to our intersections which total about 220 intersections with traffic

lights. We experienced minor technical difficulties but quickly got resolved where everyone was comfortable with hearing our traffic engineer presentation. Council members proceeded with questions as to how we could improve bottle necking in the city and how improving the boxes with newer technology with some of this \$590K grant to ensure efficiency of our traffic signalization system.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Surgeon to approve the receive this grant of \$590,000 from The State DECD for the City's traffic signalization system with a favorable recommendation and seconded by Councilman John Gale.

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 6:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

January 25, 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: Traffic Signalization System Repairs

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept \$590,000 for repairs to the City of Hartford's Traffic Signalization System from the State Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD).

The funds would go towards architectural, engineering, and construction costs, subject to compliance with environmental, construction, administration and reporting requirements. Overall, the project will replace obsolete traffic infrastructure, resulting in more efficient traffic flow and reducing motor vehicle emissions.

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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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, January 25, 2021

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut acting through the Department of Economic and Community Development has made grant funding available through its Urban Act Grant, and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has a need to replace obsolete traffic infrastructure, including traffic controllers and detection equipment, as part of the City's larger traffic signalization improvement project and

WHEREAS, The Urban Act Grant will provide \$590,000 for Architectural, Engineering and Construction costs, subject to compliance with environmental, construction, administration and reporting requirements, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to apply for and accept funds for the Traffic Signalization System Repairs proposal to the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, and be it further

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

RESOLVED, That 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 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.

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Report

March 8, 2021

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held a Special Committee meeting on February 16, 2020 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

MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution regarding the \$2 million grant for the reconstruction of Bartholomew Avenue, which would change the source of the local match to reflect the latest planning. (Item # 3 on 1/25/21 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 Wildaliz Bermudez, Howard Rifkin from Corporation Counsel and Randal Davis, Deputy Director of Development Services. Non-committee member Councilman Nick Lebron and Councilman James Sanchez. Also joined by Frank Delarappa our City Engineer and Petrel Maylor, acting Deputy Director of DPW.

We heard a presentation from Randall Davis concerning this resolution which captures the change from the original project on Bartholomew Avenue with MDC who backed out of the project Nov/Dec of last year. This project would add some street easement to surrounding areas.

A motion was made by Council President Rosado to accept this resolution with a favorable recommendation back to Council with a favorable recommendation, and seconded by Councilman John Gale.

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

OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items #5 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 6:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

January 25, 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: Bartholomew Avenue Streetscape Project

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution regarding the \$2 million grant for the reconstruction of Bartholomew Avenue, which would change the source of the local match to reflect the latest planning. In December of 2016 the Council approved receipt of this grant, which is managed by the Department of Economic and Community Development. That resolution also authorized the Mayor to sign all documents related to the grant and it laid out the mechanism for the local match for the project. Part of the local match was to be made by the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) for the construction of a sewer redirect project on Bartholomew Avenue.

Recently, the MDC determined that the sewer redirect work was not urgent and they prefer to wait to undertake it. In the meantime, through its capital budgeting process, the City has already allocated more funding to the streetscape project, so that the project could be extended the entire length of Bartholomew Avenue. This additional funding enables the City to match the state grant without MDC participation. The purpose of this resolution is to correctly identify the source of matching funds for the project and to authorize the Director of Development Services to sign-off on grant reimbursement requests which will be submitted to DECD.

The Department of Development Services and its Planning Division are 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, January 25, 2021

WHEREAS, The Court of Common Council on December 12, 2016 adopted a resolution regarding the Bartholomew Avenue streetscape project; and

WHEREAS, That resolution authorized the Mayor to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development Grant Program for construction of the Bartholomew Avenue streetscape; and

WHEREAS, That resolution established that the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) would design certain sewer improvements thereby providing the local match for the project; and

WHEREAS, The MDC has reassessed upcoming projects and determined that the sewer work on Bartholomew Avenue is not urgent; and

WHEREAS, The City has committed to supplementing the construction grant with capital funds, enabling the streetscape to be extended south of Hamilton Street; and

WHEREAS, The total estimated cost for the streetscape project is \$3,317,925.50, which includes \$675,403.10 for design and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the City has committed to fund the entirety of the design and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the City will supplement the \$2,000,000 construction grant with \$642,512.40 for construction; and

WHEREAS, The City's investment in the project can serve as local match for the grant, in place of the MDC funds

WHEREAS, the grant is a program of the Office of Policy and Management, and is managed by the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD); and

WHEREAS, DECD has requested that the City designate the official who will sign off on any reimbursement requests for the grant; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council is cognizant of the change in local match for the Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development Grant Program as set forth in this resolution; and

RESOLVED, That the Director of Development Services is authorized to sign requests for reimbursement from the grant; and

RESOLVED, That all of the December 12, 2016 Resolution except those mentioned above, continue to be in effect.

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Report

March 8, 2021

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The Operations, Management, Budget and Government accountability held a Special Committee meeting on February 16, 2020 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 # 6

- 1. Resolution to reappoint Ted See as Council's appointee to The Internal Audit Commission. (COUNCILMAN LEBRON) (ITEM # 20 ON 1/11/21 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 Wildaliz Bermudez, Howard Rifkin from Corporation Counsel and Randal Davis, Deputy Director of Development Services. Non-committee member Councilman Nick Lebron and Councilman James Sanchez. Also joined by Frank Delarappa our City Engineer and Petrel Maylor, acting Deputy Director of DPW.

The votes proceeded as follows and the item was postponed.

OMBGA Committee Votes Taken on items #621 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 6:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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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March 8, 2021

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

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford met virtually on March 1st, 2021 at 6pm (Streamed Live via [www.https://HPATV.org/channel96](https://HPATV.org/channel96) Comcast/Frontier Customers and Facebook Live). Meeting adjourned at 07:09pm.

Present were Chair Nick Lebron, Committee Member Thomas J. Clarke II, Committee Member Marilyn Rosetti, Committee Member John Gale, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez, Corporate Counsel Demar Osbourne and Health and Human Services, Director Liany Arroyo

1. **Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, Article IVa, Section 102, et seq. of the Hartford Municipal Code. (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILMAN GALE) (Agenda Item #12, Feb 8th)**

Committee Member Councilman Gale spoke about how many people are for and in favor of this ordinance. Public comment about this ordinance did not hear from parties in favor of this bill. If

adopted it would not go into effect until 2022. Gale is only in favor if the State adopts this legislation as well, would not want to disadvantage Hartford retailers.

Committee Member Councilwoman Rossetti suggested, now is probably not the wisest time to pass this ordinance given COVID's effect on businesses.

Chair Councilman Lebron stated that all believe in the premise of this ordinance and on the other-hand there has been much concern from local businesses about how crippling this would be to Hartford businesses. The lobbyist who are proponents of this resolution are not in favor of passing this bill at a municipal level because it would thwart the state effort.

Lebron motions to send back to committee without a favorable recommendation.

Rossetti seconds

Bermudez discusses confusion as to why it is unfavorable, Councilwoman Bermudez missed first half of discussion. Lebron reiterates point that the bill is a statewide effort and the municipal effort could thwart the state effort.

Vote

Rossetti - Yes

Lebron - Yes

Gale - No

Clarke - Absent

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilman Nick Lebron
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee

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

Chair Councilman Lebron called for postponement
Committee Member Councilman Gale moved for postponement

Committee Member Councilwoman Rossetti Second

Vote

Rossetti - Yes

Lebron - Yes

Gale - Yes

Clarke - Absent

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilman Nick Lebron
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee

REPLACEMENT ITEM #13

INTRODUCED BY:

Maly D. Rosado, Council President
Councilman James Sanchez
Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti
Councilman Nick Lebron
Councilman John Gale

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has made tremendous strides to be inclusive with respect to non-English speakers, including launching a city website which can easily be translated into multiple languages; and

WHEREAS, Though the administration, in collaboration with community partners, has increased the number of Spanish translated resident communications, the Court of Common Council recognizes there is still incredible need for increased translation services particularly among the city's Puerto Rican, Latin, and Hispanic communities; and

WHEREAS, According to Data USA, there are approximately 55,000 residents in the City of Hartford who self-identify as Hispanic which equates to roughly 44.5% of the total population; and

WHEREAS, Hartford's diverse Hispanic community is often not engaged in city government due to language barriers and are therefore unfamiliar with resources or services the city provides, this was made more apparent during the 2020 Census process; and

WHEREAS, Based on data from the State of Connecticut the City of Hartford represents one of the largest concentrations of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) communities in the state, with more than 5% of the total population lacking English proficiency while also being Spanish speakers; and

WHEREAS, The need to have documents translated into Spanish is explicitly stated in the Hartford municipal code under Article VI, Section 17-163, but does not exist in other prevalent locations where the need for Spanish translation is more apparent; and

WHEREAS, Funds for translation services and equipment were appropriated to the Hartford Public Library as part of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year budget adoption process, with no investment in translation infrastructure within City Hall; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council calls on the Mayor's office to provide more consistent administrative support dedicated to translation services for Hartford's Puerto Rican, Latin, and Hispanic communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the city pledges to begin investing in translation infrastructure as part of the upcoming budget process, so more residents are engaged, informed, and educated about city services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford recommit to translating vital documents to the public in both English and Spanish whenever possible.

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ITEM# 13 ON AGENDA



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

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

Vote

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilman Nick Lebron
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee

REPLACEMENT ITEM #15

INTRODUCED BY:

Maly D. Rosado, Council President
Councilman James Sanchez
Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti
Councilman Nick Lebron
Councilman John Gale
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, According to the Pew Research Center, the United States has more immigrants than any other country in the world with more than forty million people living in the U.S. being born in another country; and

WHEREAS, Based on research done by the city's Commission on Refugee and Immigrant Affairs it is estimated that approximately 38,000 Hartford residents ancestry can be traced to Mexico and/or Central America, while 11,000 residents migrated from the Caribbean, 23,000 residents from South America, 12,000 residents from Europe/Canada/Oceania, 15,000 residents from Asia, and 4,000 residents from Africa; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has been and is a city of immigrants with a legacy of strong mayoral support for making Hartford a "welcoming city"; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Article XXI, Section 2-927 of the municipal code "Any service provided by a City of Hartford department shall be made available to residents, regardless of immigration status."; and

WHEREAS, Hartford's diverse community is often not engaged by city government due to language barriers and are therefore unfamiliar with resources or services the city provides; this was made apparent during the 2020 Census process; and

WHEREAS, Information distributed by the city to residents should be made available in languages other than English when requested, this includes, but is not limited to Swahili, Spanish, Somali, Farsi, Arabic, Burmese Karen, Portuguese, Bosnian, Albanian, Russian, Turkish, Urdu, Hindi, Creole, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Polish, and Nepalese; and

WHEREAS, When adopting the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year budget the Court of Common Council set aside funds for translation equipment and/or services to be administered through the Hartford Public Library to be made accessible to all City of Hartford departments, but more aggressive actions should be taken by the City of Hartford to support our diverse population; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council calls on representatives from the Hartford Public Library, and the administration, to provide an update on the progress of the funds allocated in FY 2020-2021 for translation equipment and/or services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council calls on the administration to provide an annual report on its efforts to engage, inform, and/or educate Hartford's refugee and immigrant families; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission on Refugee and Immigrant Affairs provide a report to the Court of Common Council, in 2021, on the “current state of affairs” for Hartford’s refugee and immigrant communities.

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ITEM# 14 ON AGENDA



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Honorable Maly Rosado, Council President
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- 5. RESOLUTION, requesting that the Mayor of Hartford, the Hartford Health Department, Local Government Officials, State Legislators, and the Capital Region Council Of Government (CRCOG) take the lead and collectively dig out the root causes of homelessness and work systematically to put in place a process for all 169 cities and towns to actively contribute and participate in an issue that affects us all. (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILMAN GALE) (COUNCILMAN MIGHTOM)**

(COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON) (COUNCILMAN LEBRÓN) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMÚDEZ) (COUNCILMAN SÁNCHEZ) (Agenda Item #8, Feb 22nd)

Resolution was Introduced by Councilwoman Rossetti and approved by the entire council.

Committee Member Councilwoman Rossetti states, many homeless people are not from Hartford, and Hartford houses the homeless and this is why Hartford requires more funding. If all towns in CT took ownership than this issue can be solved systematically.

Committee Member Councilman Clarke arrives and is in favor.

Committee Member Councilman Gale, suggest that the committee keep this item in HHSC agenda for next meeting and asking "CRWAG" to come to the next meeting.

Chair Councilman Lebron moves for postponement

Committee Member Councilman Clarke seconds

Vote

Unánimous - Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilman Nick Lebrón
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee

INTRODUCED BY:**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

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

City of Hartford, February 22, 2021

WHEREAS, There have been significant advancements made in addressing the population experiencing homelessness. However, the difficulty of finding and keeping affordable permanent housing persists, particularly when individuals and families are facing unemployment, underemployment, other challenges such as substance abuse disorder, mental health issues, domestic violence, debilitating illness and COVID, and

WHEREAS, Although the homeless population has decreased in Connecticut, every day more than 3,000 people still don't have a home of their own. In Hartford nearly 800 people experience homelessness including about 70 children, and

WHEREAS, One in four individuals experiencing homelessness in Connecticut is sheltered in Hartford and approximately 40% are from outside the City, including the suburbs, other regions, states and countries, and

WHEREAS, Our Capitol City Hartford and the State's other municipal centers has a disproportionately higher concentration of individuals experiencing homelessness and has absorbed the associated costs and responsibilities of supporting service organizations, public safety and quality of life, and

WHEREAS, In light of the current economic and pandemic crisis, the opportunity arises to take action to create a fair and equitable regional strategy to share the

burden of providing a range of coordinated services to the individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our 169 Connecticut cities and towns, and

WHEREAS, There are already some scattered pockets of regional solutions addressing the issues surrounding people experiencing homelessness however: a statewide effort is vital for stakeholders to come to the table and participate in a meaningful and thoughtful plan of action; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, 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.



ITEM# 15 ON AGENDA

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.

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Respectfully submitted,

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

Luke A. Bronin
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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.

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ITEM# 16 ON AGENDA

Introduced by: Majority Leader Thomas J. Clarke, II
Councilman John Q. Gale

HEADING AND PURPOSE

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,
CITY OF HARTFORD

February 18, 2021

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

SECTION I. FINDINGS

The Hartford Court of Common Council finds that:

- (1) Documents obtained during litigation against the tobacco industry reveal that tobacco companies have used fruit, candy, and alcohol flavors as a way to target youth. Tobacco industry documents stated that "sweetness can impart a different delivery taste dimension which younger adults may be receptive to," that "[i]t's a well-known [sic] fact that teenagers like sweet products," and that flavored products would have appeal "in the under 35 age group, especially in the 14-24 group."
- (2) Marketing and public health research shows that flavors such as fruit, candy, and alcohol hold an intense appeal to minors and young adults. The presence of flavors such as menthol in tobacco products can make it more difficult for adult tobacco users to quit. Moreover, menthol cigarettes in particular have a disproportionate health impact on youth, as well as members of racial and ethnic populations, the LGBT community, and people of low socio-economic status.
- (3) Forty-one state attorneys general sued a tobacco company selling flavored cigarettes, arguing that it was violating the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement by targeting youth. The settlement of that litigation included an agreement that the tobacco company stop marketing flavored cigarettes.
- (4) The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act of 2009 prohibits the manufacture and sale of flavored cigarettes, except menthol cigarettes. No federal prohibition exists for flavored non-cigarette tobacco products.
- (5) Jurisdictions such as the States of New Jersey and Massachusetts; New York City; Providence, Rhode Island; and Chicago, Illinois have passed restrictions on the sale of flavored tobacco products. The authority of state and local governments to restrict the sale of these products has been upheld by federal courts.

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(6) Accordingly, the City Council finds and declares that the purpose of this ordinance is to protect public health and welfare by reducing the appeal of tobacco to minors and reduce the likelihood that minors will become tobacco users later in life.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

As used in this ordinance:

(a) "*Electronic smoking device*" means any device that may be used to deliver any aerosolized or vaporized substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen, or e-hookah. Electronic smoking device includes any component, part, or accessory of such a device, whether or not sold separately and also includes any substance that may be aerosolized or vaporized by such device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine. Electronic smoking device does not include drugs, devices, or combination products approved for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

(b) "*Flavored tobacco product*" means any tobacco product that imparts a taste or smell, other than the taste or smell of tobacco either prior to, or during the consumption of, a tobacco product, including, but not limited to, any taste or smell relating to menthol, mint, wintergreen, chocolate, cocoa, vanilla, honey, or any candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or spice.

(c) *Retailer* means any person or business that owns, operates, or manages any place at which tobacco products are sold. Retailer also includes any person or business that is required to purchase a dealer's license under G.S. § 12-287.

(d) "*Tobacco product*" means any product containing, made of, or derived from tobacco or nicotine, that is intended for human consumption, or is likely to be consumed, whether inhaled, absorbed, or ingested by any other means, including but not limited to, a cigarette, a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus; any electronic smoking device as defined in this section and any substances that may be aerosolized or vaporized by such device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine; and the term "tobacco product" includes any component, part or accessory used in the consumption of a tobacco product including but not limited to filters, rolling papers, blunt or hemp wraps, hookahs, flavor enhancers or liquids used in electronic smoking devices or pipes. The term "tobacco product" does not include drugs, devices or combination products approved for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

SECTION III. PROHIBITION ON SALE

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No retailer shall sell or offer for sale any flavored tobacco product or display, market or advertise for sale in the City of Hartford any flavored tobacco product.

There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a tobacco product is a flavored tobacco product if a tobacco retailer, manufacturer, or any employee or agent of a tobacco retailer or manufacturer has:

1. Made a public statement or claim that the tobacco product imparts a taste or smell other than the taste or smell of tobacco;
2. Used text or images, or both, on the tobacco product's labeling or packaging to explicitly or implicitly indicate that the tobacco product imparts a taste or smell other than tobacco; or
3. Taken action directed to consumers that would be reasonably expected to cause consumers to believe the tobacco product imparts a taste or smell other than tobacco.

SECTION IV. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

It is a violation for any retailer to fail to comply with the requirements of this ordinance. If a retailer is found to have violated this ordinance, the retailer shall be charged an administrative penalty as follows:

1. First violation. The Hartford Department of Health and Human Services shall impose a civil fine of at least five hundred dollars (\$500).
2. Second violation within thirty-six (36) months of a first violation. The Department shall impose a civil fine of at least seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750).
3. Third violation within twenty-four (24) months of any preceding violation. The Department shall impose a civil fine of at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense. Failure to comply with any provision of this ordinance shall constitute grounds for the denial of, refusal to renew, suspension of, or revocation of any food, liquor, tobacco, or other business license issued by the city. Any fines collected under this ordinance shall be used for implementation and enforcement of the ordinance.

SECTION V. ENFORCEMENT

The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Developmental Services, through its licenses and inspections function, shall enforce the provisions of this ordinance. All tobacco retailers shall be subject to such compliance checks as shall be determined by said departments to be reasonable and necessary to obtain compliance with this ordinance.

SECTION VI. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this ordinance, or its application to any circumstances, is held invalid, the remaining portions shall be considered severable, and shall be given effect to the maximum extent possible.

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SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

2021 - 01

This ordinance shall take effect ninety (90) days after its publication.

2021 - 01 - 15

RECEIVED/Hartford Town Clerk

FEB 18 2021 - 12:30 PM

Noel McGregor Jr. *Noel McGregor Jr.*

ITEM# 17 ON AGENDA

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).

INTRODUCED BY:

Maly D. Rosado, Council President
Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader
Councilman James Sanchez

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

WHEREAS, The Charter of the City of Hartford was adopted in 1947 and last amended on November 5, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Chapter XIII of the Charter requires the Court of Common Council to appoint a Charter Revision Commission in "...April of 2011, and every ten (10) years thereafter;"; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, Pursuant to the provisions of C.G.S. §7-186 through 7-194, specifically §7-188(b) and Section 5 of Chapter XIII of the Charter, the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford hereby establishes a Charter Revision Commission, acting by a two-thirds affirmative vote of its entire membership; and be it further

RESOLVED, That said Commission shall be empaneled for the purpose of undertaking a thorough review of the current Charter and all aspects of the structure of City Government and make recommendations for amendments to the Charter to the Court of Common Council within the timeframe established; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to C.G.S. §7-190, that within thirty (30) days following initiation of the charter revision process, this Council shall, by resolution, (1) appoint a commission consisting of not fewer than five (5) nor more than fifteen (15) electors, not more than one-third ($1/3^{\text{rd}}$) of whom may hold public office in the Town and not more than a bare majority of whom shall be members of any one political party, which Commission shall designate a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary and proceed forthwith to draft any such charter amendments; and (2) Pursuant to C.G.S. §7-190(b), the Charter Revision Commission shall submit its draft report no later than September 1, 2022 in order to assure that the final report, proposed charter and questions will be submitted in order to be considered at referendum in the general election of 2022.

REPLACEMENT

INTRODUCED BY:

Maly D. Rosado, Council President
Councilman James Sanchez
Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, March 8, 2021

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WHEREAS, The legislature of the State of Connecticut is presently in session; and

WHEREAS, There are actions which can be taken by the legislature which can be of a direct benefit to the residents of the City of Hartford; and

WHEREAS, According to the Secretary of State's Office, Hartford being a city with a total population of approximately 121,000 has only 63,014 registered voters as of 2020; and

WHEREAS, Expanding access to voting is important for the residents of Hartford to increase voter participation; and

WHEREAS, As the duly elected legislative body of the City of Hartford, the Court of Common Council has a responsibility to the residents of Hartford to promote such legislative changes at the state level as the Council deems a priority; now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the elected officials who represent the City of Hartford in the state delegation support the following legislative initiatives to expand access to voting, which is referenced in the following pieces of legislation:

1. H.J. No. 58 Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to Allow No-Excuse Absentee Voting.
2. H.J. No. 59 Resolution Approving an Amendment to the State Constitution to Allow for Early Voting.
3. S.B. No. 901 An Act Extending to June 30, 2021, Changes Implemented for the 2020 State Election as a Result of COVID-19.
4. H.B. No. 6464 An Act Extending to May 31, 2021, Several Changes Implemented for the 2020 State Election as a Result of COVID-19

;and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Legislative Delegation consisting of Representatives Matt Ritter, Minnie Gonzalez, Julio Concepcion, Brandon McGee, Edwin Vargas and Joshua Hall, and State Senators John Fonfara and Doug McCrory, be advised of these legislative priorities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor and legislature of the State of Connecticut be advised of these priorities.