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Court of Common Council



CITY OF HARTFORD

550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

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June 8, 2009

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, June 8, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed Public Law 111-005, the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009, which created additional activities under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2; and

WHEREAS, The Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP 2) is administered by the Department of Housing and Development (HUD) and has issued Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) of \$2 billion in competitive applications; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Development Services, Division of Housing and Property Management has joined with numerous stakeholders including the State DECD, CHFA, the Cities of New Haven, Bridgeport and Stamford and other State-wide non-profit entities in the design and planned implementation of Connecticut's consortium application; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has been significantly impacted by foreclosed properties and continues to struggle with abandoned properties and declining property values; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to pursue and accept and participate in a consortium application for NSP 2 funds up to \$50 million and the corresponding proportional share for Hartford up to \$8 million in initial and any other subsequent allocations from the Consortium; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to direct staff to take all actions required in connection with said Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 Consortium and to enter into agreements with the State and consortium members should funds be awarded to Connecticut; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council designates the Mayor as the City's authorized representative and further authorizes him to take all steps necessary to implement the NAA Program; and be it further

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

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

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

Attest:

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, June 8, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

RESOLVED, That Gerald Pleasent (R) of 14 Essex Street, Unit 5E, Hartford, 06114 be appointed to the City of Hartford's Planning and Zoning Commission as an alternate member for a three year term expiring February, 2012.

Attest:

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, June 8, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Mayor presents a Tentative Agreement dated May 19, 2009 between the City of Hartford ("City") and the Hartford Fire Fighters Association, Local 760 covering the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Tentative Agreement, subject to approval by the Court of Common Council, provides for the deferral of a portion of previously negotiated and approved general wage increases, resulting in savings for the City for Fiscal Years 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012; and

WHEREAS, The Tentative Agreement provides for immediate modifications to the health insurance plan design and an increase to the employee premium cost share for health care coverage and the opportunity to negotiate future modifications and increases through the establishment of a Health Care Cost Containment Committee in January 2012, all of which may result in further savings for the City; and

WHEREAS, The Tentative Agreement also provides for reasonable general wage increases for Fiscal Years 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016, with the option to renegotiate general wage increases tentatively agreed to for Fiscal Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor recommends approval of the Tentative Agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Tentative Agreement dated May 19, 2009 between the City and the Hartford Fire Fighters Association, Local 760, covering the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2016 is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, to execute all necessary documents and agreements; and be it further

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

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

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

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, June 8, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management awards grants to municipalities for sports and mentoring programs; and

WHEREAS, The Hartford Police Department applied for a grant from the Office of Policy and Management to support its soccer program targeting at-risk school aged children; and

WHEREAS, The program provides mentoring to the youth and fosters communication between sworn Police Officers and the children; and

WHEREAS, Funds from this grant will be used for coaching, equipment and trophies to support the Police Department's sports and mentoring program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council authorizes the Mayor to accept grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 from the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management to support the Hartford Police Department's Sports and Mentoring Program.

Attest:

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, June 8, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-81 (21-C) provides municipal options to allow tax exemption for residence with respect to which veterans have received assistance for special needs housing for veterans with disabilities under Title 38 of the United States Code, whereupon any citizen and resident of the said municipality in the State of Connecticut, is a veteran (as defined in the section) of the dwelling requiring assistance for special housing shall be fully exempt from local property taxation; and

WHEREAS, C.G.S. Section 12-81g states that the State of Connecticut shall reimburse for municipalities for exemptions from property taxes for related tax loss for said purposes; and

WHEREAS, This C.G.S. Statute (s) requires local municipalities and their Legislative bodies to approved enacting said Statutes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford's Court of Common Council approves the enactment of Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-81 (21-C) to allow veterans (as defined in the Statute) total exemption for residence with respect to which veterans have received assistance for special housing under the provisions of Section 801, Title 38 of the United States Code.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, June 8, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford is experiencing substantial budget deficits; and

WHEREAS, The Court of Common Council is committed to reducing the tax burden on City residents and businesses while maintaining critical municipal services; and

WHEREAS, Hartford's budgetary fiscal structural challenges of balancing City expenditures against available revenue (factoring in uneven property tax revaluation) needs additional independent analysis and review relative to developing renewed strategies to lower the tax burden (as partly evidenced in past revaluation task force recommendations); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council shall establish an independent "Budget Fiscal Analysis Task Force" (the "Task Force") by July 1, 2009 with the goal of advising the Mayor and the Court of Common Council on ways to reduce expenditures and enhance revenues to reduce the tax burden on City residents and businesses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall prepare a final report and recommendations on ways to reduce expenditures, support real revenue improvements, and appropriately consider further tax revaluation readjustments to reduce the tax burden to the Mayor and the Court of Common Council by December 31, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of at least three (3) members but shall not consist of more than seven (7) members; who will be non-partisan (having not been previously an elected Hartford local official, or have run for office in the past 10 years); and be it further

RESOLVED, That said Task Force shall not be comprised of more than a bare majority of members of any political party; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and members of the Court of Common Council shall make recommendations to the Operations, Management and Budget Committee of possible members for said Task Force by June 15, 2009; and that the Operations, Management and Budget Committee shall make recommendations to the full Council for membership on the Task Force which shall be voted on at the June 22, 2009 regular meeting of the Court of Common Council.

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WHEREAS, In response to a request for proposals issued by the City of Hartford (the "Assignor"), Awarded Vendor ("Assignee") proposed to purchase certain municipal real property tax liens filed by the City's Tax Collector for the sum of approximately \$8,000,000. The criteria for selection is based on the following:

- A fair and reasonable price for purchase of the City's delinquent tax liens.
- The determination that the "Assignee" has the required experience to process tax liens and pursue resolution.
- A track record of effectively working within the parameters of Connecticut State Statutes.
- The requirement that the Assignee is required to collect all amounts secured by the delinquent tax liens at Assignee's cost, and to work with the City Tax Collector to process all amounts secured by the delinquent tax liens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to execute a Delinquent Tax Lien Agreement with Assignee for the purpose set forth above, upon and subject to the above terms and conditions, and such other terms and conditions that the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel shall deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City; and be it further

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

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

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

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, June 8, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants (FSCG) will provide financial assistance directly to fire departments on a competitive basis to build new or modify existing fire stations; and

WHEREAS, The authority for FSCG is derived from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (Public Law 111-5); and

WHEREAS, Congress appropriated a total of \$210 million for this Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Program; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford intends to apply for the SCG Competitive Grant to apply the grant funds toward the cost of the Hartford Fire Department's pro rata share of the planned Public Safety Complex; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to pursue and accept such funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to direct staff to take all actions required in connection with said Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants and to enter into agreements with FEMA should funds be awarded to the City of Hartford.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, June 8, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed, as amended.

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council selects the following individual for membership on the Board of Commissioners, Metropolitan District Commission, replacing an outgoing member, for the period beginning July 1, 2009 and terminating December 31, 2014:

Mr. Ronald Armstrong (WF), 107 Amherst Street, Hartford, 06106.

Attest:

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, June 8, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The West End Civic Association (WECA) is an organization representing citizens and businesses in the area of the City known as the "West End"; and

WHEREAS, WECA has identified an increase in burglaries and larcenies occurring within its neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The Hartford Police Department's West End Community Service Officer (CSO) has been working with WECA to identify solutions to these problems; and

WHEREAS, The Hartford Police Department's limited funding prevents the CSO from implementing all elements of a comprehensive crime prevention strategy; and

WHEREAS, WECA wishes to grant funds to the Hartford Police Department to supplement its current operating budget to promote the neighborhood Policing plan and reduce crime; and

WHEREAS, The funds awarded will be used to implement various crime fighting strategies in the West End neighborhood; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor or his designee, on behalf of the City of Hartford, is hereby authorized to accept grant funding up to \$1,000 from the West End Civic Association for this purpose; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford is grateful to the West End Civic Association for their generosity and commitment to working with the Hartford Police Department to prevent and reduce crime.

Attest:

Daniel M. Carey, City Clerk.