## AGENDA MEETING OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL JUNE 28, 2010

#### **MONDAY EVENING JUNE 28, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Her Honor Presiding Officer Pro-Tem rJo Winch, at 7:12 pm

*Present*: Councilpersons, Veronica Airey-Wilson, James M. Boucher, Luis E. Coto, Larry Deutsch, Kenneth H. Kennedy, Jr., Matthew D. Ritter, Calixto Torres and Rjo Winch.

Also present: Corporation Counsel

The meeting was opened with a Prayer by Reverend Peter Isaac from The Hartford Wesleyan Church.

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Items considered on the Consent Calendar: See Paragraphs\*

#### **REPORTS**

\*OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution de Request by certain individuals to close breaks in service.

Report was received from the Chairperson of the Operations, Management and Budget Committee, as follows:

Honorable Pedro E. Segarra, Council President, and Members of the Court of Common Council, Hartford, Conn.

June 28, 2010

Dear Council President Segarra:

The Operations and Management & Budget Committee held a Special Meeting on Wednesday June 23, 2010, at 5:30pm, in the Council Chambers.

Present at said meeting was OMB Chairperson, Councilman Pedro E. Segarra, committee members Councilman James Boucher, Councilman Larry Deutsch, Councilman Kenneth H. Kennedy Jr., David Panagore from Mayor's Office, Mark McGovern & Miguel Matos from Development Services, Santiago Malave & Richard Pokorski from Human Resources, Marc Nelson (Tax Collector) and other concern citizens. Sign in sheet attached to the original report flied at the Town Clerk's Office.

Item for discussion:

(MAYOR PEREZ) Breaks in service de Request of certain individuals to close.

Chairman Pedro E. Segarra introduced the item for discussion.

This is a resolution requesting to close their break in services for individuals that were absent from employment for one or more periods exceeding ninety consecutive days. These absences will be reclassified as approved leave of absences.

This period shall not be included in determining the amount of retirement allowance, in accordance with Article I, Division I, Section 2A-9 of the Municipal Code.

The committee voted 3 in favor, 0 abstains, 0 opposed of sending the item to full Council with a favorable recommendation for its approval.

Respectfully submitted, Pedro E. Segarra, Chairman

The resolution introduced May 9, 2010 was passed on the following roll-call vote:

Yeas: Councilpersons, Airey-Wilson, Boucher, Cotto, Deutsch, Kennedy, Ritter, Torres and Winch. 8

\*OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET COMMITYEE, with accompanying resolution de Authorization for submission of list and proposals eligible under the 2010 Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program to the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS).

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Chairman Pedro E. Segarra introduced the item for discussion.

This is a resolution that authorizes the Mayor to prepare and submit a list of programs eligible under the 2010 Neighborhood Assistance Act.

The Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) is a tax credit program of the Department of Revenue Services that provides a tax credit for businesses which sponsors approved community programs.

Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Program 2010 proposals list attached to this report.

The committee voted 2 in favor, 1 abstains, 0 opposed of sending the item to full Council with a favorable recommendation for its approval.

Respectfully submitted, Pedro E. Segarra, Chairman

The resolution introduced May 24, 2010 was passed on the following roll-call vote:

Yeas: Councilpersons, Airey-Wilson, Boucher, Cotto, Deutsch, Kennedy, Ritter, Torres and Winch. 8

\*OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE, with accompanying substitute resolution de Authorization for the transfer of the License Agreement for equipment and material storage with Baltazar Contractors, Inc. from I40-146 Homestead Avenue to 111 Homestead Avenue.

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Item for discussion:

MAYOR PEREZ. with accompanying resolution de Authorization for the transfer of the License Agreement for equipment and material storage with Baltazar Contractors, Inc. from 140-146 Homestead Avenue to 111 Homestead Avenue

Chairman Pedro E. Segarra introduced the item for discussion.

On March 11, 2010 The Hartford Redevelopment Agency approved a five month license agreement with Baltazar Contractors Incorporated at the premises located 140-146 Homestead Avenue with the intention of moving the licensee to a larger site located at 111 Homestead Avenue.

This is a resolution to approve a license agreement for access and use premises at 111 Homestead Ave. for temporary equipment and material storage. This license agreement will be for nine months beginning on September 1, 2010 and the licensee (Baltazar Contractors Incorporated) will provide a rent of \$450 per month.

A substitute resolution is included in this report.

The committee voted 2 in favor, 0 abstains, 0 opposed of sending the item to full Council with a favorable recommendation for its approval.

Respectfully submitted, Pedro E. Segarra, Chairman

The substitute resolution introduced June 14, 2010 was passed on the following roll-call vote:

Whereas, Baltazar Contractors Incorporated (Licensee) is a Metropolitan District Commission contractor performing sewer separation work on Burton Street; and

**Whereas,** The Licensee desires access to 111 Homestead Avenue (Premises) for temporary equipment and material storage; and

Whereas, On March 11, 2010, The Hartford Redevelopment Agency (Agency) approved a five-month license agreement with the Licensee at 140-146 Homestead Avenue with the intention of moving the Licensee to a larger site located at 111 Homestead Avenue for access to and use of the Premises for the above mentioned purpose with a license agreement beginning on September 1, 2010 and; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** The Court of Common Council hereby approves said license agreement for access to and use of the Premises on the following terms: (1) said license agreement shall provide for a rent of \$450.00 per month for storage and (2) the term of the license agreement will be for 9 months; and be it further

**Resolved,** Upon approval by the Court of Common Council, that the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Hartford Redevelopment Agency is hereby authorized to execute said license agreement with the Licensee for the Premises.

Yeas: Councilpersons, Airey-Wilson, Boucher, Cotto, Deutsch, Kennedy, Ritter, Torres and Winch. 8

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Item for discussion:

MAYOR PEREZ, with accompanying resolution de Authorization to transfer motor vehicle and supplemental motor vehicle taxes on the Grand Lists of 1994 through 2003 to the Suspense Book.

Chairman Pedro E. Segarra introduced the item for discussion.

This is a resolution requesting that the aggregated sum of \$219,615.98 in outstanding motor vehicle and supplemental motor vehicle taxes as of June 2010 be transferred to the Suspense Tax Book ha accordance with Section 12-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Despite collections efforts the Tax Collector has been unable to collect these taxes, which arise from the Grand List of 1994 through 2003. These accounts have been referred to a collection agency for further collection effort and the Tax Collector may pursue collections of these taxes in the future.

The committee voted 2 in favor, 0 abstains, 0 opposed of sending the item to full Council with a favorable recommendation for its approval.

Respectfully submitted, Pedro E. Segarra, Chairman

The resolution introduced June 14, 2010 was passed on the following roll-call vote:

Yeas: Councilpersons, Airey-Wilson, Boucher, Cotto, Deutsch, Kennedy, Ritter, Torres and Winch. 8

\*HOUSING COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution de Authorization to sell City-owned properties located at 427-435 Albany Avenue, 439-443 Albany Avenue and 55-57 Brook Street to Community Health Services.

Report was received from the Chairperson of the Housing Committee, as follows:

Honorable Pedro E. Segarra, Council President, and Members of the Court of Common Council, Hartford, Conn.

June 28, 2010

Dear Council President Segarra:

On Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 6:30 pm, the Housing Committee held a meeting to discuss the following referred item:

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR PEREZ, WITH ACCOMPANY1NG RESOLUTION DE AUTHORIZATION TO SELL CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 427-435 ALBANY AVENUE, 439-443 ALBANY AVENUE AND 55-57 BROOK STREET TO COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES.

Present at said meeting were Veronica Airey-Wilson, Housing Chair, Jim Boucher, Councilman, Yasha Escalera, Development Services, Elisa Hobbs, Finance, Kevin Morrison, Hartford Habitat for Humanity, Doug Colter, Community Health Services, Rohan Freeman, Freeman Engineering & Land Surveying and Yvette Mosely, City Council.

Chairwoman Airey-Wilson introduced the item. Elisa Hobbs, Finance Department, made a recommendation to authorize the sale of 3 adjoining city owned lots located at 427-435 Albany Avenue and 55-57 Brook Street to Community Health Services (CHS) to construct a 31 space CHS employee parking lot.

The Committee asked whether an appraisal was done and at what amount. Elisa Hobbs relayed that an appraisal was completed and property appraised at \$22,000.

Councilman Boucher inquired about the location of the entrance to the lot, landscaping design and whether Green compliancy was considered. Elisa Hobbs said that entrance to the lot would be on Brook Street. Earle Freeman of Freeman Engineering & Land Surveying added that the lot would include landscaping of shrubbery and trees. (see attached landscaping plans) He also stated that tire plan would first need to meet the approval of Planning and Zoning.

Councilman Boucher asked for assurance that what was said in the meeting relating to the lot is followed through. (see attached recommendations for lot per Councilman Boucher)

Council Chair Airey-Wilson added that the lot attractiveness was important and wanted assurance that the lot would be easily maintained. In addition, she requested a letter from the neighborhood NRZ in support of this initiative before the next Council meeting. (See attached).

After further discussion, the Committee made a motion to move the item to Council favorable 2.0 provided that the plan is followed and pending NRZ approval.

Respectfully submitted, Veronica Airey-Wilson, Chairperson

The resolution introduced May 24, 2010 was passed on the following roll-call vote:

Yeas: Councilpersons, Airey-Wilson, Boucher, Cotto, Deutsch, Kennedy, Ritter, Torres and Winch. 8

\*HOUSING COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution de Authorization to sell City-owned property located at 559-561 Garden Street to Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity.

Report was received from the Chairperson of the Housing Committee, as follows:

Honorable Pedro E. Segarra, Council President, and Members of the Court of Common Council, Hartford, Conn.

June 28, 2010

Dear Council President Segarra:

On Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 6:30 pm., the Housing Committee held a meeting to discuss the following referred item:

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR PEREZ, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION DE AUTHORIZATION TO SELL CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 559-561 GARDEN STREET TO HARTFORD HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

Present at said meeting were Veronica Airey-Wilson, Housing Chair, Jim Boucher, Councilman, Yasha Escalera, Development Services, Elisa Hobbs, Finance, Kevin Morrison, Hartford Habitat for Humanity, Doug Colter, Community Health Services, Rohan Freeman, Freeman Engineering & Land Surveying and Yvette Mosely, City Council.

Chairwoman Airey-Wilson introduced the item. Elisa Hobbs, Finance Department, made a recommendation to authorize the sale of vacant city owned property located at 559-561 Garden Street to Habitat for Humanity for \$7,500 to build a 3 family home.

The Committee asked how was \$7,500 arrived at for the price of the property and if an appraisal was done. Elisa Hobbs relayed that an appraisal was not prepared and that \$10,000 was standard for property in that area. The cost was discounted by \$3,000 due to the fact that Habitat for Humanity had already invested that amount in maintaining the property over a five year period, when they thought they had already owned the land.

After further discussion, the committee made a motion to move the item to Council favorable 2 to 0.

Respectfully submitted, Veronica Airey-Wilson, Chairperson

The resolution introduced May 24, 2010 was passed on the following roll-call vote:

Yeas: Councilpersons, Airey-Wilson, Boucher, Cotto, Deutsch, Kennedy, Ritter, Torres and Winch. 8

#### FOR ACTION

Report, with accompanying resolution de Forgiveness of all debt associated with special event fees for various City events.

Report from the Operations, Management and Budget Committee concerning forgiveness of all debt associated with special event fees for various City events, introduced June 14, 2010, and action postponed on that date until June 28, 2010, was again considered.

Action postponed until July 12, 2010

Report, with accompanying resolution de Request for information for review and approval of the recommended budget of the Board of Education.

Report from the Education Committee concerning request for information for review and approval of the recommended

budget of the Board of Education, introduced June 14, 2010, and action postponed on that date until June 28, 2010, was again considered.

Action postponed until July 12, 2010

### Ordinance repealing Chapter 31, Article I, Section 31-5 of Code de Skateboards.

Proposed ordinance repealing Chapter 31, Article I, Section 31-5 of the Municipal Code concerning Skateboards, introduced May 10, 2010, on which a hearing was held May 17, 2010, and action postponed on June 14, 2010, until June 28, 2010, was again considered.

Reading waived.

The ordinance was adopted on the following roll-call vote:

Yeas: Councilpersons, Airey-Wilson, Boucher, Cotto, Deutsch, Kennedy, Ritter, Torres and Winch. 8

#### Resolution de Appointment of Althea Cordner to the Hartford Commission on Aging.

Resolution by Mayor Perez concerning appointment of Althea Cordner to the Hartford Commission on Aging, introduced June 14, 2010, and action postponed on that date until June 28, 2010, was again considered.

Withdrawn

## Resolution de Appointment of David M. Ceder IV to the Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues.

Resolution by Mayor Perez concerning appointment of David M. Ceder IV to the Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues, introduced June 14, 2010, and action postponed on that date until June 28, 2010, was again considered.

Withdrawn

#### Resolution de Re-appointment of John K. Nelson to the Hartford Commission on Aging.

Resolution by Mayor Perez concerning re-appointment of John K. Nelson to the Hartford Commission on Aging, introduced June 14, 2010, and action postponed on that date until June 28, 2010, was again considered.

Withdrawn

### Resolution de Re-appointment of Cheryl Zeiner to the Hartford Commission on Disability Issues.

Resolution by Mayor Perez concerning re-appointment of Cheryl Zeiner to the Hartford Commission on Disability Issues, introduced June 14, 2010, and action postponed on that date until June 28, 2010, was again considered.

Withdrawn

## Resolution de Appointment of Kenneth B. Lerman to the Hartford Parking Authority.

Resolution by Mayor Perez concerning appointment of Kenneth B. Lerman to the Hartford Parking Authority, introduced June 14, 2010, and action postponed on that date until June 28, 2010, was again considered.

Withdrawn

Resolution de Request to reallocate funds from the Office of Youth Services to Health and Human Services Department.

Resolution by Majority Leader Winch, Councilmen Ritter and Kennedy concerning request to reallocate funds from the Office of Youth Services to Health and Human Services Department, introduced June 14, 2010, and action postponed on that date until June 28, 2010, was again considered.

Action postponed until July 12, 2010

#### PROPOSED ORDINANCES

(MINORITY LEADER COTTO) Ordinance amending Code de Adding new section concerning prohibiting political contributions from City contractors to candidates for Municipal office in the City of Hartford.

Proposed ordinance was introduced by Minority Leader Cotto, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CITY CONTRACTORS TO CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN THE CITY OF HARTFORD

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF HARTFORD June 28, 2010

Be It Ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford that the following article is added to the Municipal Code where appropriate:

See. . Title.

City of Hartford Municipal Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance

See . Findings and Background.

- (a) Monetary contributions to political campaigns are a legitimate form of participation in our political process, but the financial strength of certain individuals or organizations should not enable them to exercise a disproportionate or controlling influence on the election of candidates. The rapidly increasing costs of political campaigns have forced many candidates to raise larger and larger percentages of money from interest groups with a specific financial stake in matters under consideration by city government This has caused the public perception that votes are being improperly influenced by monetary contributions. This perception is undermining the credibility and integrity of the governmental process. Candidates are raising less money in small contributions and more money in large individual and organizational contributions. The integrity of the governmental process, the competitiveness of campaigns and public confidence in local officials are all diminishing.
- (b) Corruption in the Governor's Office in the State of Connecticut led the General Assembly and Governor to adopt landmark campaign finance legislation to limit the influence of money on politics. This ordinance seeks to hold elected officials in the City of Hartford to the same high standards.

See. . Definitions.

Candidate means any elector in the City of Hartford running for the office of Mayor. Court of Council Member Registrar of Voters, Treasurer or Board of Education Member.

Contribution means a contribution as defined in 9-601a of the Connecticut General Statues.

Contract means an agreement or contract with the City of Hartford, Hartford Parking Authority. Hartford Housing Authority, or Board of Education or a combination or series of such agreements, having a value of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars or more in a fiscal year, for the rendition of personal services: the furnishing of any material, supplies or equipment: the construction alteration or repair of any public building or public work; the acquisition, sale or lease of any land or building; a licensing arrangement: a grant, loan or loan guarantee; a tax abatement: or a tax

incremental financing agreement.

Contractor means any person, business entity or nonprofit organization that enters into a contract with the City of Hartford. Such person, business entity or nonprofit organization shall be deemed a "contractor" until the termination of said contract.

Prospective Contractor means a person business entity or nonprofit organization that submits a bid in response to a bid solicitation by the City of Hartford, Hartford Parking Authority, Hartford Housing Authority, or Board of Education or a proposal in response to a request for proposals by the City of Hartford, Hartford Parking Authority, Hartford Housing Authority, or Board of Education.

Principal of a Contractor or Prospective Contractor means an individual who is

- (i)A member of the board of directors of, or has an ownership interest in, a contractor or prospective contractor, which is a business entity:
- (ii) An individual who is employed by a contractor or prospective contractor, which is a business entity, as president, treasurer or executive or senior vice president:
- (iii) An individual who is the chief executive officer of a contractor or prospective contractor, which is not a business entity;
- (iv) An employee of any state contractor or prospective state contractor or -oros~0ectve contractor who has managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a contract:
- (v) The spouse or a dependent child of an individual described in this definition;
- (vi) The executive director of a nonprofit organization:
- (vii) A political committee established by or on behalf of an individual described in this definition.
- See. Prohibition on donations by contractors of prospective contractors.
  - No principal of a contractor or prospective contractor shall:
- (i) Make a contribution to a candidate;
- (ii) Make a contribution to a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates:
- (iii) Make a contribution to a party committee:
- (iv) Make a contribution to a candidate's exploratory committee.

#### Sec . Violations.

- (a) If a principal of a contractor or prospective contractor makes a contribution to a candidate in violation of Section 4 of this article, the City of Hartford may void the existing contract with said contractor. Contractors or prospective contractors found in violation of Section of this article shall be barred for bidding on contracts with the City of Hartford for one (i) year.
- (b) Candidates found to be receiving contributions from contractors must return the contributions in full.
- (c) The provisions of this article shall not apply to contributions and contracts made or created before the effective date of this ordinance.

#### See . Exemption

The provisions of this article shall not restrict the principal of a contractor or prospective contractor from establishing an exploratory or candidate committee for said principal's own campaign or from soliciting contributions for such committees from persons not prohibited from making contributions under this article.

Sec. Promulgation of rules.

Each contract and request for proposal shall include the applicable provisions of this article as conditions of said documents.

See. . Severability.

If any provision of this article is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separate and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Reading waived

Public Hearing Date July 19, 2010

Referred to the Legislative Affairs Committee

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

\*(MINORITY LEADER WINCH) Morgan Street Garage de Authorization to enter into and execute one or more renewable license agreements for between Hartford Downtown Revival LLC and Hartford Parking Authority for 250 parking spaces at.

Resolution – Majority Leader Winch:

Whereas, The Hartford Parking Authority (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority") has adopted the mission statement that states that the on and off-street parking system of the City of Hartford ("City") shall support existing land uses and encourage economic growth, to assist the City's economic vitality; and

Whereas, It is an adopted goal of the Authority to provide sufficient parking to service existing land uses in the City; and

Whereas, Authority and the Hartford Downtown Revival LLC (hereinafter referred to as "HDR") have reached a proposed agreement for 250 parking spaces at the City's Morgan Street Garage at a monthly rate of \$109.00 (including tax) per parking space, subject to certain increases based upon changes in the current market rate for the Garage, which increases are capped by the cumulative change in the Consumer Price Index over the period for which the immediately prior rate was in effect; and

**Whereas,** The Authority has approved the above proposed agreement at its June 3, 2010 regular meeting, subject to approval by the City's Court of Common Council; and

Whereas, The Authority has sufficient capacity to accept new parking patrons; and

Whereas, It is in the City's and Authority's best interests to maintain high occupancy in its parking facilities; and

Whereas, HDR has a need for parking spaces to support its presence in the City; and

Whereas, The Authority wishes to execute renewable license agreements to provide parking to HDR or its tenants or employees in accordance with the rates set out in the resolution previously submitted; now, therefore be it

**Resolved,** That the Authority is hereby authorized to enter into and execute one or more renewable license agreement(s) with HDR, or an entity designated by HDR for such purpose, or its tenants or employees for the purposes set forth above, upon and subject to the above terms and conditions and such other terms and conditions that the Authority and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City and the Authority; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the Authority is hereby further authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as the Authority and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City and the Authority in order to effect 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 Authority fail to execute the aforementioned license 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 Authority executing such license agreements and other documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be in form and substance acceptable to the Authority and the Corporation Counsel.

The resolution was passed on the following roll-call vote:

Yeas: Councilpersons, Airey-Wilson, Boucher, Cotto, Deutsch, Kennedy, Ritter, Torres and Winch. 8

## \*(MAJORITY LEADER WINCH) Morgan Street Garage de Approval of incentive monthly parking rate schedule for.

Resolution – Majority Leader Winch:

Whereas, The Hartford Parking Authority (the "Authority") has adopted the mission statement that states that fire on and off-street parking system of the City of Hartford ("City") shall support existing land uses and encourage economic growth, to assist the City's economic vitality; and

Whereas, The Authority has confirmed front reviewing the Market Research Analysis Study of the City's Morgan Street Garage ("MSG") conducted by the Center for Research and Public Policy that the monthly parking rates for the MSG are above market and have contributed to a substantial loss of business at the MSG; and

Whereas, In order to prevent any further loss of business and increase monthly parkers at the MSG while at the same time preserving the projected revenue from the Garage, and to promote economic development and tourism, the Authority has adopted an incentive monthly parking rate schedule for the MSG as more particularly described and set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

Whereas, Pursuant to §10-15(4) of the Hartford Municipal Code, the Schedule is subject to the approval of the City's Court of Common Council (the "Council"); now, therefore be it

**Resolved,** That the Council hereby approves the Schedule

#### **EXHIBIT A**

Incentive Monthly Parking Rate Schedule For Morgan Street Garage

The current monthly parking rate of \$140.00 can be replaced with the incentive parking rates at the Morgan Street Garage below; while, other rates remain unchanged, without significantly impacting the projected revenue dollars for the City.

Numbers of Vehicles	Parking Rate
1 to 99	\$119.00 including tax
100 to 249	\$114.00 including tax
250 to 499	\$109.00 including tax
500 and above	\$99.00 including tax

The resolution was passed on the following roll-call vote:

Yeas: Councilpersons, Airey-Wilson, Boucher, Cotto, Deutsch, Kennedy, Ritter, Torres and Winch. 8

(ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER BOUCHER) (COUNCILMAN RITTER) Development Services de Request

for an update on present marketing plans for Hartford and grant seeking strategies from the staff of.

Resolution – Assistant Majority Leader Boucher and Councilman Ritter:

Whereas, The Capital City Economic Development Authority (CCEDA) was established in 1998 by the Connecticut General Assembly with the passage of Public Act 98-179 (Sections 32-600 and 36-602) which also authorized state investments to energize the metro Hartford economy; and

Whereas, Since its inception, the Capital City Economic Development Authority has completed and manages specific projects supporting its goal of stimulating Hartford's economy and enhancing the quality of life for the city residents through business development, training for skilled job opportunities and neighborhood revitalization; and

**Whereas,** For the past 15 years Connecticut has invested millions of dollars in the culture and tourism infrastructure. Without the support of many of these organizations and institutions are likely to fail and thereby negating the investments previously made; and

**Whereas,** Some of these projects include the Connecticut Science Center, Capital Community College, Hartford 21, Connecticut Convention Center, residential housing, and parking/transit; and

Whereas, Numerous state, regional mad national studies show that, unless an investment is made to sustain the culture and tourism economy, it will decline rapidly. In the past, \$9.30 in net state and local revenue was leveraged by each \$1.00 invested; and

**Whereas,** 170,000 jobs - 10% of the Connecticut labor force - \$9.4 billion of personal income - \$1.7 billion of state and local revenues depend on culture and tourism; and.

**Whereas,** Over the past two years, the combined public dollars for the Greater Hartford Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Connecticut Central Regional Tourism District have lost more than 70% of their funding dropping from \$3.4 million to \$1 million; and

**Whereas,** These two agencies responsible for bringing visitors to Greater Hartford have recently lost five decades of combined leadership experience, and therefore be it

**Resolved,** That the Mayor request that Development Services provide an update on present marketing plans for Hartford that includes marketing efforts and the status of any grant seeking strategies including the CT Commission on Culture and Tourism of the Greater Hartford Convention and Visitors Bureau, Connecticut Central Regional Tourism District, Waterford Venue Services Hartford LLC, Metro Hartford Alliance, Hartford Asylum Business Improvement District, and the Mayors' Communications Office; and be it further

**Resolved,** That recommendations be made to Council on strengthening the City of Hartford's marketing capacity; and be it further

**Resolved,** That staff report back on this plan in 90 days.

Referred to the Planning and Economic Development Committee

\*(ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER BOUCHER) Friends and Families of Forster Heights Park (FFFHP) and the Budget Fiscal Analysis Task Force de Granting funds from the Civic and Cultural Affairs Account to.

Resolution – Assistant Majority Leader Boucher

**Whereas,** The Friends and Families of Forster Heights Park are sponsoring the "Community Day at Forster Heights" on July 10, 2010 from noon to 5: 00pm; and

Whereas, The event sponsor is requesting a 50% fee waiver; and

Whereas, On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of the city's costs and fees associated with ml event; and

Whereas, Prior to the event the Sponsor is required to obtain the proper insurance certificate, which holds the city harmless for ally claims arising out of file event. This certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council's waiver, if any, of fees will be consistent with the recommendation of the Public Works, Parks, and Environment Committee.

Yeas: Councilpersons, Airey-Wilson, Boucher, Cotto, Deutsch, Kennedy, Ritter, Torres and Winch. 8

(ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER BOUCHER) City cemeteries de Request to include as a high priority the immediate appropriation and scheduling work improvements to.

Resolution – Assistant Majority Leader Boucher

Whereas, Cemeteries are a footprint of Hartford history and where many of our most prominent citizens are buried; and

Whereas, Along with its history, cemeteries have magnificent trees and plants and wonderful examples of native stone; and

**Whereas,** Some of our cemeteries are listed on National or State Historical Registers; and By State Statue, the City of Hartford is responsible for the care and maintenance of the graves of veterans; and

Whereas, The cemeteries are desperately in need of major repairs and updates due to serious neglect in recent years; and

**Whereas,** Funds have been designated for Old North Cemetery and Old South Cemetery in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP); and

Whereas, A Friends of Cemeteries Group may be established in the upcoming months; and there be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council directs the Mayor to give these projects high priority in the CIP schedule and be it further

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council requests that the Mayor include as a high priority the immediate appropriation and scheduling of work improvements to Old North Cemetery, Old South Cemetery, Soldiers Field, and all City cemeteries in need of repair and be it further

**Resolved,** That the Hartford Parks Trust Fund, as well as the other CIP funding options be pursued to commence work during this fiscal year as part of the CIP sequencing and implementation plan due to the Council OBM Committee in 90 days as per the May 5, 2010 Council Non- financial resolution.

Referred to the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee

(MINORITY LEADER COTTO) Day Park de Waiver of half the fees Party in Park 2010 sponsored by the King's Temple Church at.

Resolution – Minority Leader Cotto:

**Whereas,** The King's Temple Church is sponsoring the "Party in Park 2010" in Day Park on August 14, 2010 from noon to 5:00pm; and

Whereas, The event sponsor is requesting a 50% fee waiver; and

**Whereas,** On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of the city's costs and fees associated with an event; and

Whereas, Prior to the event the Sponsor is required to obtain the proper insurance certificate, which holds the city harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council's waiver, if any, of fees will be consistent with the recommendation of file Public Works, Parks, and Environment Committee.

Referred to the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee

# \*(MINORITY LEADER COTTO) Lyric Theater Fund de Authorization to accept monetary donations for the purpose of deposit into.

Resolution – Minority Leader Cotto:

**Whereas,** On June 14, 2010, the Comet of Common Council passed a resolution directing the Director of Finance to establish a "Lyric Theater Fund" for the purpose of allowing individuals and organizations can make contributions towards the Lyric Theater's preservation; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council does hereby authorize the Director of Finance to accept monetary donations for the purpose of deposit into the "Lyric Theater Fund", and, be it further

**Resolved,** That no funds from this account shall be spent without explicit authorization by the Court of Common Council.

The resolution was passed on the following roll-call vote:

Yeas: Councilpersons, Airey-Wilson, Boucher, Cotto, Deutsch, Kennedy, Ritter, Torres and Winch. 8

#### \*(MINORITY LEADER COTTO) S. 3390 - the Student Non-Discrimination Act of 2010 de Support for.

Resolution – Minority Leader Cotto

Whereas, On May 20, 2010 Senator AI Franken introduced S. 3390, the Student Non-Discrimination Act of 2010; and

Whereas, This act would extend the federal prohibition against discrimination to include discrimination on the basis of students' actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity for federally-assisted educational programs; and

Whereas, This extension is extremely important as nearly 90 percent of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender secondary school students reported being verbally bullied in school because of their sexual orientation or gender identity; and

Whereas, This bill also has the added strength of allowing the federal government to cut funding to who violate this prohibition and include harassment on the aforementioned basis as a form of discrimination; and

Whereas, The City of Hartford LGBT Commission strongly supports S. 3390 and believes that it will have a beneficial

impact on Hartford's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students; and

Whereas, The City of Hartford applauds Connecticut's senior senator, Christopher Dodd, for being one of the bill's original co-sponsors; and

**Whereas,** Hartford prides itself on being a community that upholds the values of equality, fairness, tolerance and respect; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council and the Mayor of the City of Hartford express their support for S. 3390, the Student Non-Discrimination Act of 2010; and, be it further

**Resolved,** That Court of Common Council requests that the Town and City Clerk transmit copies of this certified resolution to the Connecticut delegation to Congress as well the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Majority Leader of the United States Senate.

The resolution was passed on the following roll-call vote:

Yeas: Councilpersons, Airey-Wilson, Boucher, Cotto, Deutsch, Kennedy, Ritter, Torres and Winch. 8

(MINORITY LEADER COTTO) Barnard Park de Waiver of half the fees for Outreaching the Vision of Christ 2010 - Evangelistic Campaign sponsored by Ebenezer Pentecostal Church A/D at.

Resolution – Minority Leader Cotto

**Whereas,** Ebenezer Pentecostal Church A/D is sponsoring "Outreaching the Vision of Christ 2010 - Evangelistic Campaign" on August 7 and 8, 2010 from 9:00am to 5:00pm at Barnard Park; and

Whereas, The event sponsor is requesting a 50% fee waiver; and

Whereas, On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of the city's costs and fees associated with an event; and

Whereas, Prior to the event the Sponsor is required to obtain the proper insurance certificate, which holds the city harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council's waiver, if any, of fees will be consistent with the recommendation of the Public Works, Parks, and Environment Committee.

Referred to the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee

(MINORITY LEADER COTTO) Iglesia Fuente de Salvación Misionera de Waiver of half the fees for numerous religious services on street corners sponsored by.

Resolution – Minority Leader Cotto

Whereas, Iglesia Fuente de Salvation Misionera is sponsoring numerous religious services on street corners throughout the City of Hartford on Mondays and Wednesdays from June 21, 2010 until September 22, 2010; and

**Whereas,** A complete listing of the locations of these religious services is on file at the Licenses and Inspection Division; and

Whereas, The event sponsor is requesting a 50% fee waiver; and

Whereas, On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of the city's costs and fees associated with an event; and

Whereas, Prior to the event the Sponsor is required to obtain the proper insurance certificate, which holds the city harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council's waiver, if any, of fees will be consistent with the recommendation of the Public Works, Parks, and Environment Committee.

Referred to the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee

(MINORITY LEADER COTTO) Pope Park de Waiver of half the fees for the Charter Oak Health Center Neighborhood Block Party and Wellness Festival sponsored by Charter Oak Health Center, Inc. at.

Resolution – Minority Leader Cotto

**Whereas,** Charter Oak Health Center, Inc. is sponsoring the "Charter Oak Health Center's Neighborhood Block Party and Wellness Festival" on August 8 -13, 2010 from 10:00am to 4:00pm in Pope Park; and

Whereas, The event sponsor is requesting a 50% fee waiver; and

**Whereas,** On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of the city's costs and fees associated with an event; and

Whereas, Prior to the event the Sponsor is required to obtain the proper insurance certificate, which holds the city harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council's waiver, if any, of fees will be consistent with the recommendation of the Public Works, Parks, and Environment Committee.

Referred to the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee

(MINORITY LEADER COTTO) Keney Park de Waiver of half the fees for Youth Day sponsored by the West Indian Foundation, Inc. at.

Resolution - Minority Leader Cotto

**Whereas,** The West Indian Foundation, Inc. is sponsoring "Youth Day" at Keney Park on August 1, 2010 from 1:00pm to 7:00pm; and

Whereas, The event sponsor is requesting a 50% fee waiver; and

Whereas, On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of the city's costs and fees associated with an event; and

Whereas, Prior to the event the Sponsor is required to obtain the proper insurance certificate, which holds the city harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council's waiver, if any, of fees will be consistent with the recommendation of the Public Works, Parks, and Environment Committee.

Referred to the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee

# (MINORITY LEADER COTTO) Bushnell Park de Waiver of half the fees for Corporate 5K fundraiser sponsored by the Special Olympics at.

Resolution – Minority Leader Cotto

**Whereas,** The Special Olympics is sponsoring the "Corporate 5K" fundraiser in Bushnell Park on August 12, 2010 from 6:20pm to 8:30pm; and

Whereas, The event sponsor is requesting a 50% fee waiver; and

**Whereas,** On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of the city's costs and fees associated with an event; and

Whereas, Prior to the event the Sponsor is required to obtain the proper insurance certificate, which holds the city harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council's waiver, if any, of fees will be consistent with the recommendation of the Public Works, Parks, and Environment Committee.

Referred to the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee

# (MINORITY LEADER COTTO) The Church of God Pentecost, Inc. de Waiver of half the fees for 19th Annual Christian parade sponsored by.

Resolution - Minority Leader Cotto

**Whereas,** The Church of God Pentecost, Inc. is sponsoring the 19th annual "Christian Parade" on August 28, 2010 from noon to 4:00pm; and

**Whereas,** This parade will begin at the corner of Main and Park Streets, travel west on Park Street, and terminate at Lawrence Street; and

Whereas, The event sponsor is requesting a waiver of one half of the applicable City fees associated with the event; and

**Whereas,** On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of the city's costs and fees associated with an event; and

**Whereas,** Prior to the event the Sponsor is required to obtain the proper insurance certificate, which holds the city harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; and

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common's waiver of fees, if any, will be consistent with the recommendation of the Public Works, Parks and Environment committee.

Referred to the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee

(MINORITY LEADER COTTO) Bushnell Park de Waiver of half the fees for Walk for Vision sponsored by the Connecticut Chapter of the Massachusetts Eye Research and Surgery Institute at.

Resolution – Minority Leader Cotto

**Whereas,** The Connecticut Chapter of the Massachusetts Eye Research and Surgery Institute is sponsoring the "Walk for Vision" in Bushnell Park on August 21, 2010 from 11:00am to 1:00pm; and

Whereas, The event sponsor is requesting a 50 % fee waiver; and

Whereas, On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of the city's costs and fees associated with an event; and

Whereas, Prior to the event the Sponsor is required to obtain the proper insurance certificate, which holds the city harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council's waiver, if any, of fees will be consistent with the recommendation of the Public Works, Parks, and Environment Committee.

Referred to the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee

(MINORITY LEADER COTTO) The Ancient Order of Hibernians de Waiver of half the fees for the Bobby Sands Memorial Celebration sponsored by.

Resolution - Minority Leader Cotto

**Whereas,** The Ancient Order of Hibernians is sponsoring the "Bobby Sands Memorial Celebration" on August 20, 2010 from 10:00am to noon at the Hunger Strike Memorial at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Freeman Street; and

Whereas, The event sponsor is requesting a 50% fee waiver; and

Whereas, On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of tile city's costs and fees associated with an event; and

Whereas, Prior to the event the Sponsor is required to obtain the proper insurance certificate, which holds the city harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council's waiver, if any, of fees will be consistent with the recommendation of the Public Works, Parks, and Environment Committee.

Referred to the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee

(MINORITY LEADER COTTO) The West Indian Independence de Waiver of half fees for the West Indian Independence Celebration 2010 sponsored by.

Resolution – Minority Leader Cotto

**Whereas,** The West Indian Foundation, Inc. is sponsoring "Youth Day" at Keney Park on August 1, 2010 from 1:00pm to 7:00pm; and

Whereas, The event sponsor is requesting a 50% fee waiver; and

**Whereas,** On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall slot exceed all amount equal to one-half of the city's costs and fees associated with an event; and

Whereas, Prior to the event the Sponsor is required to obtain the proper insurance certificate which holds the city harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council's waiver, if any, of fees will be consistent with the recommendation of the Public Works, Parks, and Environment Committee.

Referred to the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee

(MINORITY LEADER COTTO) The Friends and Families of Forster Heights Park de Waiver of half the fees for Community Day at Forster Heights sponsored by.

Resolution – Minority Leader Cotto

Whereas, On July 13, 2009, the Court of Common Council voted to make allocations to certain community-based organizations and initiatives that provide critical community services, advocacy, and benefits to Hartford residents, businesses and institutions; and therefore be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council grants \$1,000 to Friends and Families of Forster Heights Park (FFFHP); and be it further

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council grants \$650 to the account for the Budget Fiscal Analysis Task Force.

Referred to the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee

(MINORITY LEADER COTTO) DeLucco Playground de Waiver of half the fees for 33rd Annual Clay Hill Recognition Day sponsored by Clay Hill Improvement District at.

Resolution – Minority Leader Cotto

**Whereas,** The Clay Hill Improvement District is sponsoring the 33rd annual "Clay Hill Recognition Day" on July 17, 2010 from noon to 4:00pm at DeLucco Playground; and

Whereas, The event sponsor is requesting a 50% fee waiver; and

**Whereas,** On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of the city's costs and fees associated with an event; and

**Whereas,** Prior to the event the Sponsor is required to obtain the proper insurance certificate, which holds the city harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council's waiver, if any, of fees will be consistent with the recommendation of the Public Works, Parks, and Environment Committee.

Referred to the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee

(COUNCILWOMAN AIREY WILSON) Hope for Autism de Waiver of half the fees for fashion show sponsored by Elacia Hall, Mon-Cherie Webb and Brittnee Countryman to benefit.

Resolution – Veronica Airey-Wilson:

**Whereas,** Elacia Hall, Mon-Cherie Webb and Brittnee Countryman is sponsoring a Fashion Show to benefit Hope for Autism, to raise awareness of Autism. The event will take place on Friday July 30, 2010 at 7pm; and

Whereas, The event sponsors are requesting a 50% fee waiver; and

Whereas, On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waives, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of the city's costs and fees associated with an event; and

Whereas, Prior to the event, the Sponsor is required to obtain the proper insurance certificate, which holds the City harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; Now. Therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council grant the sponsors of Hope for Autism a 50% fee waiver; And, be it further

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council's waiver, if any, of fees will be Consistent with the recommendation of the Public Works, Parks, and Environment Committee.

Referred to the Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee

\*(COUNCILWOMAN AIREY WILSON) Route 44 Safety Improvement Project de Request to take steps to immediately seek funding for.

Resolution – Veronica Airey-Wilson:

Whereas, Route 44 through Hartford is the only section of this highway left undeveloped; and

Whereas, The City of Hartford and the State of Connecticut in association with the Upper Albany Main Street Association, have spent over fifteen years working on plans to restructure and realign Route 44/Albany Avenue; and

Whereas, The forty million dollar Route 44 Safety Improvement Project, covers the section of Albany Avenue between Westbourne Parkway and Brook Street with the potential to expand to the comer of Main Street and Albany Avenue; and

**Whereas,** The completion of this project will provide positive environmental, health and economic development benefits to an area in great need; and

Whereas, Funding to start and complete this project has been difficult to acquire with numerous delays; and

**Whereas,** Federal Tiger Funds are now available to support projects in economically distressed areas; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council requests that the City administration to take all necessary steps (including developing partnerships with MDC, CROG and the State Department of Transportation) to immediately seek out and apply for these funds.

The resolution was passed on the following roll-call vote:

Yeas: Councilpersons, Airey-Wilson, Boucher, Cotto, Deutsch, Kennedy, Ritter, Torres and Winch. 8

(COUNCILMAN DEUTSCH) Richard L. Moffitt versus City of Hartford de Request to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation for.

Resolution – Councilman Deutsch:

**Resolved,** That Court of Common Council enters into Executive Session for review of case of Richard L. Moffitt versus City of Hartford pending litigation.

Received

(COUNCILMAN DEUTSCH) Health insurance premiums for retirees de Delaying payment alterations for.

Resolution – Councilman Deutsch:

Whereas, Hundreds of retirees have been notified of a steep and sudden increase in their health insurance premiums, and many have not received adequate and timely information; and

**Whereas,** There has been insufficient information to assess impact of proposed changes on City, Board of Education and Hartford Public Library retirees and budgets; and

Whereas, There is an expected increase in actual health costs (of services and products) which is far below the new charges and prices for health care insurance prices with increases to city employees and retirees (particularly those on fixed incomes) of up to 30 to 40 percent; and

Whereas, Notifications have not reached all that are to be affected by the increase, therefore creating greater cost due to late fees or even cancellations; now therefore be it

**Resolved,** That the City will postpone any changes until better information is provided to all those affected, delaying payments alterations for not less than 60 days; and be it further

**Resolved,** That communication of changes in the City health premiums be given with adequate notification to the affected parties, and that the City be charged with seeking other budgetary options to offset costs incurred by a moratorium on rate increases; and be it further

**Resolved,** That communication of proposed changes to retirees' health premiums is provided, with listing of alternatives available through the City or other sources of appropriate health benefits at affordable prices, and with expected response time sufficient for their evaluation and enrollment.

Referred to Operations, Management and Budget Committee

Attest: John V. Bazzano Town and City Clerk