

**REVISED AGENDA
MEETING OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
March 13, 2017**

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2017, Special Meeting January 30, 2017, and the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2017

ACTION TAKEN

COMMUNICATIONS

1. MAYOR BRONIN, Presentation State of the City Address.
2. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to enter into Clinical Affiliation Agreements with institution of higher education to the placement of medial and nursing students in the Department of Health & Human Services.
3. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution supporting for the concept for improvements to be made to the intersection of Main Street, Albany Avenue, Ely Street and High Street
4. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, Communication concerning a presentation regarding the re-evolution for that October 1, 2016 Grand List.
5. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, Report concerning an overview of RSM's Independent Auditor's Report on the City's Federal and State Financial and Compliance Reports Year Ended June 30, 2016.
6. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, Communication regarding a presentation concerning the proposed new Define Contribution Plan for new (non-union) hires.

REPORTS

7. PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE, Communication in reference to an ordinance amending Chapter 1 Section 1-5 concerning Hearing Procedure for Citations of the Municipal Code.
8. PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE Communication in reference to an ordinance Amending Chapter 9 Article V. concerning Anti-Blight Program of the Municipal Code.
9. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution authorizing the sale of City-owned property at 704 Park Street, 31 Lawrence Street and the execution of an agreement to forgive an outstanding City loan on the property.
10. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, Report concerning an ordinance authorizing the Issuance of not exceeding 22 millions of Tax Anticipation Notes of the City of Hartford.
11. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, report concerning an ordinance amending Chapter 32, Article 18 of the Municipal Code concerning extending the Elderly Tax Relief Program for taxes due on the list of October 1, 2016.
12. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept grant funds from the U.S. Department of Education through the Performance Partnership Pilot (P3).
13. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution requesting that the City of Hartford that CCAT performs a technology strategy review including the sustainability, performance and security of the City of Hartford's technology platforms and to provide recommendations to the Administration and Court of Common Council to improve and that the recommendations be completed and submitted to the Administration and Court of Common Council within 90 days if an agreement is executed.

14. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution concerning a request to enter into a 15-year tax abatement agreement with Overlook Village Associates, LLC.
15. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for a six-month planning process to develop a full service Community Center at Parker Memorial Community Center.
16. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to enter into a ten-year tax assessment fixing agreement with Airport Road Auto Body, Inc. for a new addition to be built at their facility.
17. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a 1.5 million grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for the Farmington Avenue Streetscape Project.
18. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution to establish a secured bank account at the Hartford Police Federal Credit Union designated as "Friends of the Mounted Unit" for future donations to continue to maintain and care for the mounted unit.
19. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Report concerning an ordinance Amending Chapter 21, Section 21-15 concerning Extended Hours Convenience Store Security.
20. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Report concerning an ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article III, Sections 10-37 and 10-38 concerning Residents Parking Permits of the Municipal Code.
21. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution concerning the appointment of members and alternate member to the Civilian Police Review Board.
22. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution concerning the appointment of two (2) members to the Civilian Police Review

FOR ACTION

23. Ordinance Amending Section 17-55 - 17-70 (Reserved) to Allow Facility Requirements and Procedures for Nail Salons of the Municipal Code.
24. Substitute Ordinance creating a Registry of Owners of Residential Rental Property Amending Chapter 18, Section 150 of the Hartford Municipal Code.
25. Resolution with accompanying report requesting that all present and future sales of City's Capital Assets, such as livestock or canine should be presented to the Court of Common Council for approval before any transaction is completed.
26. Ordinance Amending Chapter 21, Section 21-15 concerning Extended Hours Convenience Store Security of the Municipal Code.
27. Ordinance amending Chapter 2 adding a new Subsection c to Section 2-178 Establishing A Poet Laureate of the Municipal Code.
28. Ordinance amending Chapter 22, Section 22-25 concerning Parking Violation Notices of the Municipal Code.
29. Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article III, Sections 10-37 and 10-38 concerning Residents Parking Permits of the Municipal Code.
30. Substitute Ordinance amending Chapter 1 Section 1-5 concerning Hearing Procedure for Citations of the Municipal Code.
31. Substitute Ordinance Amending Chapter 9 Article V. concerning Anti-Blight Program of the Municipal Code.
32. Ordinance authorizing the Issuance of not exceeding 22 million of Tax Anticipation Notes of the City of Hartford.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

33. (MAYOR BRONIN) An Ordinance amending a CIP ordinance adopted May 26, 2016 making an appropriation of 200,000 for removal, treatment, and/or replacement of Ash Trees subject to infestation by the Emerald Ash Borer and located in Public Rights of Way and in proximity to playgrounds, parking lots, pathways, roadways and playing fields in City Parks and authorizing the use of \$200,000 from the Parks Trust Fund to meet said appropriation.

HEARING DATE - Monday, March 20, 2017

RESOLUTIONS

34. (COUNCILMAN DEUTSCH) Resolution requesting that the Council will refer the "Airport Development Zone" concept to its appropriate Council committees for review and action, including additional referral to the Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission for their further review and recommendation
35. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE II) Resolution requesting that the Hartford Police Department create a mentoring program for Hartford residents focusing on all aspects.
36. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE II) Resolution requesting the city owners of all rentable properties to make it by any means mandatory to secure renter's insurance that would cover rented occupants, their property and displacement expenses associated with unintended catastrophe. This mandatory coverage may be secured inclusive of lease agreement by owner or secured and maintained by individual renter/occupant.
37. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE II) Resolution requesting monthly reports from the office of the Chief Operating Officer concerning updates from all departments currently under the supervision of the Chief Operating Officer to include, but not limited to, financial recommendations and projections from the Chief Operating Officer (COO) as to each department being overseen.
38. (MAJORITY LEADER CONCEPCION) Resolution requesting the City of Hartford to create the Pratt Street Pilot in which the revenue from new parking meters installed on Pratt Street be specifically designated to fund visible street activation and tangible streetscape beautification, that can be directly tied back to parking meter payment through the use of subtle plaques or other similar signage and that that this revenue will be held in a City-managed restricted fund for this purpose.
39. (MAJORITY LEADER CONCEPCION) (COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE II) (ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER GALE) (COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ) (COUNCILWOMAN THAMES) (COUNCILWOMAN WINCH) Resolution requesting that the Hartford Court of Common Council work with the Mayor and his administration and engage with the Center for the Study of Economics who has in-depth experience with research and implementation of LVT programs to determine the feasibility of Hartford moving toward a LVT by targeting designated areas with a defined neighborhood study along with researching options for stronger tax policy with regard to vacant/blighted parcels.
40. (COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ) Resolution requesting that the Hartford Police Department works in conjunction with the Court of Common Council to evaluate current policies and initiatives for community engagement and discuss potential improvements to existing procedures in order to continually improve future engagement and community relations.

Attest:

John V. Bazzano
City Clerk



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

ITEM # 1 ON AGENDA

March 13, 2017

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

RE: State of the City Address

Dear Council President Clarke:

In accordance with Chapter V. Section 2(i) of the Hartford City Charter, it will be my pleasure and privilege to deliver my annual report to the Court of Common Council on the state and condition of the City of Hartford at 5 PM on Monday, March 13, 2017. Since many Hartford residents attend this address, I have arranged for the State of the City to be televised live and the Hartford Public Library has graciously agreed to make overflow seating available in the Center for Contemporary Culture at the Downtown Library.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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Mayor

ITEM # 2 ON AGENDA

March 13, 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: Clinical Affiliation Agreements

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution that authorizes the City of Hartford to enter into Clinical Affiliation Agreements with institutions of higher education to facilitate the placement of medical and nursing students in the Department of Health & Human Services.

Each year approximately fifty (50) students at universities and colleges in Connecticut and surrounding states receive clinical and field work experience and training in the Department of Health & Human Services. The placement of these students is governed by Clinical Affiliation Agreements executed by the City and the educational institutions. It is expected that agreements will be executed with the following universities and colleges: The University of Connecticut, Quinnipiac University, Goodwin College, Central Connecticut State University, Yale University, University of Hartford, Sacred Heart, and St. Joseph University. Other agreements may be developed in the future.

The students, City medical personnel, and the residents of Hartford all benefit from these placements and the City wishes to continue these arrangements. These agreements have no financial impact on the City. Your authorization of these agreements is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City Of Hartford, March 13, 2017

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford is committed to participating in the training of future health care professionals and, to support this goal, each year, up to fifty (50) medical and nursing students from educational institutions in Connecticut and surrounding states receive clinical and field work experience at the Department of Health and Human Services, and

WHEREAS, The placement of these students not only provides them with hands-on training and experience but supplements the patient care provided by the Department to the Hartford community and enriches and benefits other health care professionals through interaction with the students and faculty of their educational institutions, and

WHEREAS, In order to make these clinical and fieldwork placements possible, the City enters into Clinical Affiliation Agreements with universities and colleges, such as the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Quinnipiac University, Goodwin College, Gateway Community College, Central Connecticut State University, Yale University, the University of Hartford, Springfield College, and others, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Court of Common Council do hereby authorize the City of Hartford to enter into Clinical Affiliation Agreements with the above universities and colleges and other institutions as appropriate for placement of students in the Department of Health & Human Services, 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 effectuate the above transactions, 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 aforesaid actions, and be it further

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



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

ITEM # 3 ON AGENT

March 13, 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: Main/Albany/Ely/High Intersection Project

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution in support of the concept plan for improvements to be made to the intersection of Main Street, Albany Avenue, Ely Street, and High Street. This intersection is poorly aligned, traffic counts are high, there are no shoulders, street widths vary with long pedestrian crossings, traffic congestion is significant, and the number of vehicle accidents is high.

The City of Hartford applied to the Capitol Region Council of Governments for funding for this project through the Urban Surface Transportation Program and has been granted \$3.7 million. The grant is 80% federal monies and 20% state monies and the project will be overseen by the CT Department of Transportation (CTDOT). Improvements will include lane realignment, minor widening of Albany Avenue west of Main and minor narrowing of Albany Avenue east of Main, creation of shoulders and shorter crosswalks, installation of new signal equipment, replacement of deteriorated sidewalk, and reconstruction and repaving of streets.

A preliminary concept design was developed and presented for review to the Hartford Planning & Zoning Commission and at a community meeting held in the Clay Arsenal Neighborhood on December 6, 2016. A report of that meeting and a letter sent by the P&Z Commission are attached to this letter for your information. The issues raised centered around the lack of on-street parking in front of the retail area on Main Street and the need for more pedestrian and bicycle safety related improvements. CT DOT has revised the preliminary concept design to parking along Main Street and installation of bike lanes.

CT DOT has requested a resolution from the Court of Common Council supporting the proposed improvements. This resolution will allow the project to move to the next step which is for CT DOT to send the City a Project Authorization Letter which will enable the Department of Public Works to undertake a competitive process to select a project engineer. Additionally, the State will send the City an agreement for the funding, at which time a resolution will be submitted to Council to accept the grant. Construction is expected to begin in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
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Marilynn Cruz-Aponte, Director of Public Works



Report of Public Information Meeting Major Intersection Improvements on US 44 (Main Street) City of Hartford, CT

Tuesday December 6, 2016
5:30 PM

Community Health Services
500 Albany Ave.
Hartford, CT

Department of Public Works
Traffic Engineering
50 Jennings Road
Hartford, CT 06120

Introduction

This report documents the Public Information Meeting which was conducted in accordance with Conn DOT Public Information Meeting Procedures. This process is designed to provide notice and opportunity for community input regarding the intended project. The process includes the following steps which were performed and are documented in attachments to this record of the meeting.

The Meeting was scheduled with assistance of the Mayor's office of Public Engagement to be held in conjunction with the Clay Arsenal NRZ Meeting scheduled for December 6th at the Community Health Services, 500 Albany Ave., Hartford, CT.

In advance of the meeting project concepts were discussed with the Project Development Unit of DOT and a concept plan obtained for use at the meeting and in meeting materials.

The following actions were implemented:

1. A public information meeting notice was developed by the Public Engagement office and used in project notices
2. A display add was prepared and submitted for publication in the Hartford Courant.
3. A press release announcing the meeting was developed and issued.
4. A mailing was made to abutting property owners and interested parties.

Copies of these documents are included in the appendix of this report.

Meeting Record

The Meeting convened at 5:30 PM and organized to provide a brief presentation of project after which questions were solicited.

Jim Ford acted as the moderator for the meeting and made the presentation as well as answering questions on the project. It was noted that this was the first of several meetings which will be held to solicit comments and keep the community aware of the progress of the meeting. The project purpose was stated as intended to improve pedestrian safety and crash history at the intersection as well as increase intersection capacity to handle traffic volumes and lessen congestion. It was noted the project was being funded with Federal and State dollars and that the City is will be managing the design process through the Department of Public Works. The intersection was noted as having one of the top 10 crash records in the city. The project will include minor street widening, widened sidewalks and new lighting, changed geometry at the major intersection of Main, Albany, High and Ely. The pavement will be milled and resurfaced. It was noted that the project was estimated to cost between \$3 and \$4 Million.

The Plan

Using the project concept plan the nature of the improvements were explained.

- The project will include Route 44 from Pleasant Street north to N. Main, Albany and High Street intersection. Sidewalks will be widened and three traffic lanes provided in each direction with 4 foot shoulders.
- Parking is not permitted in the project area.
- With shortened crosswalks due to widened sidewalks islands are not included in the design.

- To ease traffic flow to Albany Ave two lanes will be allowed under the revised design to proceed north to Albany from Main Street and be tapered into one lane after the intersection
- It was noted that new upgraded traffic signals will be part of the project and tie into the city system.

It was stated that the schedule for the project would likely result in construction in 2019 and that the goal of this meeting was to give a first look at planning and obtain comments and learn of other issues that the community would like to raise that the City of State may not be aware of.

The meeting was then opened to questions

Kelley Kirkley-Bey asked how different the design will look than the intersection does now. It was explained that the proposed design was going to widen sidewalks and reduce the size of the intersection. The alignment will provide two lanes traveling north to Albany Ave instead of the single lane that does so now. Only one lane will make the right turn to N, Main Street instead of the two that allow this move now. The current design concept involves new sidewalks, and full pavement milling and paving. This will improve the area.

Patrick McKenna asked a question on the color of the plan which shows sidewalk. It was explained that sidewalk is shown in ORANGE on the plan. Some other design elements were also explained. Ely Ave will remain one way away from the intersection. The large Triangular Island will be retained. There are 6 lanes proposed for Main Street from this intersection to Pleasant Street and four foot shoulders by the sidewalks. Part of the intersection travels over the Amtrak line and the design plan will not interfere with that structure

Patrick McKenna questioned how Parent Drop off will be handled at the Capital Preparatory Magnet School. He noted there are sometimes 2 rows of cars waiting on Main Street. It was noted that this was a problem what was being considered. Buses now pick up on Winthrop Street and Teachers park on Ely. The school has no on-site parking other than a small lot off Pleasant Street. Jeff Stewart suggested an inset area in the widened sidewalk in this area. Tim Courtney noted it should be separated by a curb.

Jim Ford responded that these comments would be considered, but it was the policy not to permit parking on school frontages for security purposes. He noted inset parking would likely be used all day and not be easily enforced.

Tim Courtney asked if parking was permitted in front of Salvin Shoes. Several others echoed this comment.

Jim Ford noted that there was no on street parking proposed in this concept but that the provision could be made by narrowing the sidewalk. The minimum width of walk which is desirable is 10'. This comment will be reviewed.

Jim Stewart asked if a Roundabout had been considered for the intersection

Jim Ford noted to his knowledge the potential for a Roundabout was reviewed. Due to volumes of traffic the design would have to be a multi-lane roundabout and this was deemed not feasible.

Tim Courtney Questioned the conflict in the two goals for the project. Reducing congestion and increase safety. He felt that reducing congestion would increase speeds and increased speeds do not improve safety, \.

Jim Ford indicated the city is currently developing a new modern signal system and this system would employ new management technology to establish progression speeds from 20 to 25 mph.

Additionally, the city is exploring an additional feature, called REST IN RED, where traffic in off hours and late night would approach signals that are red, slowing in the process. Currently new intersections show Green on the Main Street unless there is a car detected on the side street. This results in traffic seeing greens down the main street and travel speed is increased. Tim Courtney suggested the intersection should be constricted more to reduce speed even if congestion is increased.

Patrick McKenna noted that driving through the intersection is scary enough but will occasionally try to ride his bike there which is absolutely terrifying. He suggested accommodations be provided for Bicycles. Others at the meeting seconded this comment and desired to see bike accommodations.

Jim Ford noted the comment and indicated he would discuss with DOT Project Development. Caitlin Palmer introduced herself as a Principal Planner with the City and working with the Complete Streets Working Group. She states she agreed with the comments regarding bicycle Accommodation. Caitlin cited the City's Complete Streets Ordinance and Policy the designation that the city received in being named a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community. She also noted the Zoning Regulations that have included a bicycle facility map that calls out this intersection for such improvements. Caitlin indicated she would be happy to provide documentation on the ordinances and policies and planning for the bike network.

Tim Courtney noted that parking in travel lanes can be confusing.

Jim Ford noted that while this feature was not proposed in the current plan the city has allowed off peak parking in multi-lane facilities during not peak times. This policy of Peak Hour Parking restriction allows a "time of day widening" of the street to handle peak traffic conditions.

A question was asked on the posted speed for the area, IT was noted that this was 30 mph.

Tim Courtney stated that the idea of designing for peak traffic conditions puts a lot of priority on the vehicle and for peak situations, not the majority of time.

Jim Ford said he had noted the comment.

Caitlin Palmer asked what the current Level of Service was for this intersection

Jim Ford noted the LOS as it is called ranged from D to E for this intersection. He went on to explain that LOS is rated from A (Free Flow) to F (Failure) under analysis techniques of the Federal Highway Capacity Manual. He noted that in urban areas such as Hartford the LOS design goal would be D with E accepted if absolutely necessary.

Jim noted that the LOS rating of the current intersection is impacted by the length of time all traffic is stopped to allow pedestrians to cross. The proposed project reduces this impact by shortening the crosswalks.

Kelly Kirkley-Bey reiterated concern about losing parking and her concern as an NRZ member was to ensure the need for parking isn't made more difficult than it already is,

Jim Ford noted he would be sure the comment is addressed. He noted that the Hartford Parking Authority would likely recommend time limited parking if it is provided. The comment was made that it needed to be longer than 30 minutes. It was also mentioned that the developer of the building at the Corner is proposing ground floor retail with residential units above. This will generate greater parking demand.

Tim Courtney made the statement that the design should be pushed further provide for all modes of travel. This was agreed by others and the comment made that this investment cannot be a missed opportunity at the gateway intersection. It was also suggested that refuge islands be provided at the intersection to shorten the crosswalks further.

Caitlin Palmer asked what the lane widths were on the plan.

Jim Ford responded 11 feet.

There being no further questions Jim Ford thanked all for coming and noted this would be the first of public information meetings which would be held on the project. He asks anyone who wanted to submit written comments to do so by December 20th, 2016 to include in the meeting record. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM

Transactions subsequent to Public Information Meeting

Given the nature and content of the comments received at the Public Information Meeting on December 6th, 2016 contact was made with the Department of Transportation and discussed methods of incorporating Bike Lanes and Parking to support local businesses. Following their review, a new concept plan was developed which provided those features. The current project concept is attached to this report. Five (5) foot shoulders and an inset parking lane on the west curb are provided.



CITY OF HARTFORD PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
c/o Jamie Bratt, Director of Planning & Economic Development
250 Constitution Plaza, Fourth Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

December 14, 2016

James W. Ford, PE
Hartford Traffic Engineering
City of Hartford Department of Public Works
50 Jennings Road
Hartford, CT 06120

Re: Comments for proposed Intersection Improvements on Route 44 (Albany Avenue/Main Street) at North Main, High and Ely Streets

Dear Mr. Ford:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal by the City of Hartford, in conjunction with the Connecticut Department of Transportation, to reconstruct the intersection of US Route 44 (Main Street) extending from Pleasant Street north to the intersection of Albany Avenue, High Street, North Main Street and Ely Street. The project is in the concept stage and may be recommended for construction under the Surface Transportation Program administered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. This project, if supported by the community and City officials, will be designed by the City of Hartford.

I write on behalf of the City of Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission, which is the appointed body of citizen-experts in architecture, law, planning, and real estate, empowered with guiding Hartford's comprehensive plan of development and making zoning decisions. This year's revisions of Hartford's zoning regulations – which have been recognized for both innovative urban planning principles and robust environmental stewardship—feature a theme of complete streets and encouraging bicycle and pedestrian travel. Along these lines, the City Council recently adopted a Complete Streets policy, and the City was just designated as a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. We understand that the goals of the Albany/Main project are to improve safety and reduce congestion, and we believe that both these goals can be advanced if bicycle and pedestrian facilities are prioritized in the City's design process.

We are concerned that a project focus on improving the level of service for automobile traffic may effectively preclude the opportunity to create bicycle and pedestrian connections to and through an emerging neighborhood that is a City priority. As you know, the Downtown North area is the locus of high-profile redevelopment efforts, including the baseball stadium and an ambitious mixed-use development plan. Both the ongoing

construction and the approved plans for this area specifically provide for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The Downtown North master plan as well as the City's 2015 TIGER VII proposal for federal funds each illustrates proposals for a redesigned Albany/Main intersection with on-street bike facilities. More generally, section 9 of the Zoning Regulations emphasizes complete streets and calls out this area and the Albany/Main intersection for bicycle accommodations, as shown on an on-street bicycle facility map (Figure 9.1-A; the full document can be found here: www.hartford.gov/planning/zoning). Accordingly, we respectfully suggest that the City's Complete Streets policies and our existing plans for the Downtown North area form the basis for the design of the Albany/Main intersection.

Specifically we request that you investigate thoroughly the use of a modern roundabout at the Main-Albany intersection, using an experienced roundabout designer for the analysis. Modern roundabouts have a proven record in calming traffic and dramatically reducing crashes, at the same time that they increase automobile through-put (level of service) and accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. Further, and particularly relevant at this location, roundabouts provide an opportunity for a dramatic public space and a civic statement, often with a piece of artwork or sculpture at the center of the circle. Nothing could be more appropriate at this location at the junction of Downtown, Upper Albany and the North End, not to mention its proximity to the new baseball stadium.

The Commission recognizes that this project is still in the conceptual pre-design phase, and that it will be implemented as a State of Connecticut project outside of our direct jurisdiction. However, we decided at our December 13, 2016 meeting to submit these comments to you so as to emphasize our interest in bicycle and pedestrian-oriented street design principles. As the project advances, we would like to be kept informed of its progress, perhaps in coordination with one of the regularly scheduled Planning & Zoning Commission meetings or perhaps with the Commission officers.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important intersection improvement project. Please let me know if you need additional explanation or wish to follow up. I can be reached at 860-840-1408 or sara.bronin@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sara Bronin', with a stylized, flowing script.

Sara Bronin
Chair, Planning & Zoning Commission

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, March 13, 2017

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford applied to the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) and was allocated \$3.7 million in funding through the Urban Surface Transportation Program (STP) to improve the intersection of Main Street, Albany Avenue, Ely Street, and High Street, and

WHEREAS, The improvements are needed to address pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular safety concerns, reduce traffic congestion, and improve traffic operations at the intersection, and

WHEREAS, The project is known as *"Major Infrastructure Improvements on Route 44(Main Street) in the city of Hartford, extending from High Street, North Main Street and Ely Street south to Pleasant Street, in the city of Hartford"*, and

WHEREAS, The CT Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is overseeing this project, which will be implemented by the Hartford Department of Public Works and is currently in the concept stage, and

WHEREAS, A preliminary concept was developed and presented at a Concept Stage Public Information Meeting in the Clay Arsenal neighborhood as well as to the Planning & Zoning Commission, and

WHEREAS, Prior to the public information meeting, a display advertisement was published, a news release was issued, and copies of the release were mailed to all abutting property owners, and

WHEREAS, The meeting was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 5:30 PM at Community Health Services at 500 Albany Avenue, a preliminary concept plan was presented, and residents were given the opportunity to express their concerns, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works has prepared a report of the statements made at the Public Information Meeting and received a letter from the Hartford Planning & Zoning Commission containing further comments, and

WHEREAS, Issues identified included retaining parking for businesses along Main Street, traffic calming, and bicycle lanes and CTDOT has revised the Concept Plan to address the issues and incorporate the ideas put forth by residents, and

WHEREAS, The Hartford Court of Common Council has considered the report of the Department and concerns raised by residents at the Public Information Meeting and the Planning & Zoning Commission and finds that the project known as *"Major Infrastructure Improvements on Route 44(Main Street) in the city of Hartford, extending from High Street, North Main Street and Ely Street south to Pleasant Street, in the city of Hartford"* is in the best interest of the City of Hartford and will promote the health, safety and general welfare of its residents and provide for convenience and safety of the motoring, walking, and biking public, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford, based on the information cited above and by virtue of the resolution, hereby fully supports the proposed improvements.

Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President
Julio A. Concepción, Majority Leader
John Q. Gale, Assistant Majority Leader
Wildaliz Bermúdez, Minority Leader

John V. Bazzano, Town and City Clerk

Larry Deutsch, Councilman
Cynthia R. Jennings, Councilwoman
James Sánchez, Councilman
Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, Councilwoman
rJo Winch, Councilwoman

COMMUNICATION

March 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room 208
Hartford, CT. 06103

Dear Council President Clarke II and Members of the Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget, and Government Accountability Subcommittee held a Special meeting on January 3, at 6:30pm in the Function Room to receive a presentation from John Philip, City Assessor for the City of Hartford regarding Re-evaluation reflected as the first item on the committee agenda.

The following were in attendance: Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members Council President Clarke II, Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and non-committee member Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also in attendance were, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance, Darrell Hill, Director of Management, Budget & Grants, Chief Operating Officer, Bonnie Malley, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer, Faith Palmer, council aides Kevin Murray, Kelly Kirkley-Bey, constituents, Alyssa Peterson, Leslie Hammond and other concerned citizens.

John Philip, City Assessor stated that the information in the presentation regarding the re-evaluation represented preliminary numbers and that his department was currently in the process of completing the revaluation for the October 1, 2016 Grand List. Mr. Philip's presentation focused on the impact on residential (condominiums, multi-dwellings, apartments, one, two, and three family homes). He also provided preliminary information for commercial, industrial, mixed use, utility and vacant land including the average of percentage change based upon preliminary calculations as follows:

<u>Property Type</u>	<u>Avg. of % Change</u>
Apartments	21.76 %
Commercial	26.53%
Industrial	9.24%
Mixed Use	16.47%
Utility	-7.15%
<u>Vacant Land</u>	<u>34.35%</u>
Total Avg.	25.02%

Councilwoman Thames asked what were the high level preliminary observations. In response, Mr. Philip shared with the committee that downtown taxes doubled since 2011 which appeared to be part of a national trend. He also stated that the number of apartments significantly increased selling at an accelerated rate while the West end neighborhood had decreased for large properties only and the Blue Hills neighborhood overall 2 family homes had increased by 2%.

Councilwoman Thames open the floor for questions. A questions and answer segment ensued among the committee members and concerned citizens.

In closing Councilwoman Thames stated that after additional refinement, Mr. Philips would come back to present final numbers.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames
Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Subcommittee

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Communication

March 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President and City Council Members
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

Dear Council President and City Council Members:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee held a Special meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers. The Committee was presented an overview of RSM's Independent Auditor's Report on the City's Federal and State Financial and Compliance Reports Year Ended June 30, 2016 from Scott Bassett of RSM reflected as the first item on the agenda.

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader Julio Concepción, Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings, Councilman James Sánchez, non-committee council members Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also present were, Howard Rifkin, Corporation Counsel, Bonnie Malley, Chief Operating Officer, Darrell Hill, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance, Melissa McCaw, Director of Management, Budget & Grants, Marilyn Cruz-Aponte, Director of Public Works, Kiley Gosselin, Deputy Director of Development Services, Tom Baptist, Superintendent of Public Works, Antonio Matta, City Architect, Faith Palmer, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer, Scott Bassett Partner at RSM US LLP and External Auditor, Rohan Freeman, President of Freeman Companies LLC and other concerned citizens.

Scott Bassett Partner at RSM US LLP and External Auditor, presented to the committee an overall audit review of RSM's Independent Auditor's Report on the City's Federal and State Financial and Compliance Reports Year Ended June 30, 2016. Mr. Bassett shared with the committee that the overall objective of the independent external audit is to ensure that the financial statements were free from any material misrepresentation regardless of the cause through a multitude of analysis, testing and evaluation.

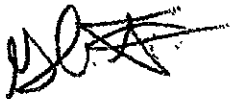
Mr. Bassett shared that there were Federal and State reporting requirements that included reports on internal controls over compliance and schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance as follows:

Report Required by the Federal Single Audit Act and Uniform Guidance
Report Required by Government Auditing Standards
Report Required by the Connecticut State Single Audit Act

Mr. Bassett shared with the committee key events such as the Fund Balance decreasing by approximately \$5.5 million and that the Pension plan was well funded. In addition, Mr. Bassett stated that the overall audit resulted in determining that the internal controls processes were good.

Discussions ensued with the committee asking a variety of questions relating to clarification of disclosure requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Thames', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Glendowlyn L. H. Thames
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March 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President and City Council Members
550 Main Street, Room 208
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Dear Council President and City Council Members:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee held a Special meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Function Room to receive a presentation from Adam Cloud, City Treasurer regarding the proposed new Defined Contribution Plan for new (non-union) hires reflected as the first item on the committee agenda.

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader Julio Concepción, Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings, Councilman James Sánchez, non-committee council members Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also present were, Adam Cloud, City Treasurer, Carmen Sierra, Assistant City Treasurer, Bonnie Malley, Chief Operating Officer, Darrell Hill, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance, Melissa McCaw, Director of Management, Budget & Grants, Kimberly Oliver, Director of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation, Kiley Gosselin, Deputy Director of Development Services, Gary Draghi, Director of Investments, Faith Palmer, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer, Elisa Hobbs, Sr. Project Mgr., Dennis Goderre, Sr. Project Mgr., Jacob Verrets, MHIS, Johnathan Laz, MHIS, Tony Cavallaro, Principal of Airport Rd. Auto Body, Zachary Karas, Principal of Retirement Plan Advisors, council aide Jessica Inacio, constituents Alyssa Peterson, Hyacinth Yennie and other concerned citizens.

Adam Cloud, City Treasurer presented the preliminary research regarding a Defined Contribution Plan for new (non-union) hires. Mr. Cloud introduced Carmen Sierra, Assistant City Treasurer, Gary Draghi, Director of Investments and Zachary Karas and Consultant, Principal of Retirement Plan Advisors as the city's consultant.

Mr. Cloud opened the presentation answering the question of whether the City of Hartford should create a Defined Contribution (DC) plan for non-union new hires effective July 1, 2017 which he believes can be accomplished. Mr. Cloud stated that the City currently has multiple DC plans at both the Board of Education (457(b) & 403(b) Plans) and the City (457(b) Plan) and that they should all be under a single governance mechanism administered under the same structure which by city Charter would be the under the purview of the Pension Commission and City Treasurer. In addition, Mr. Cloud shared that the coordination of these DC Plans makes sense for regulatory, compliance, financial and administrative reasons.

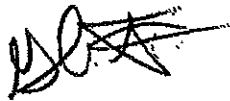
Zachary Karas, Principal of Retirement Plan Advisors and Consultant recommended to combine the 457(b), 401(a) and 403(b) in a single oversight & fiduciary structure.

Discussions ensued amongst committee members pertaining to the number of employees within the current BOE plans. Councilwoman Thames, Sanchez and Bermudez had questions related to staffing and the number of current participants currently within the DC plans.

In closing Mr. Cloud stated that the next steps would be to determine the most cost-effective method to create a 401(a) Plan including associated administrative cost.

Councilwoman Thames stated that the committee would receive continuous follow-up throughout the process and felt strongly that all plans should be consolidated under the same umbrella which is paramount to ensure not only the economic feasibility of this undertaking but proper government and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



Glendowlyn L. H. Thames
Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee

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Report

March 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Planning, Economic Development, and Housing Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 7, 2017, at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1 SECTION 1-5 CONCERNING HEARING PROCEDURE FOR CITATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE. (MAYOR BRONIN) ITEM #28 ON 2/14 AGENDA

The following committee members were in attendance: Chairman Concepción, Councilman Deutsch, Councilman Gale, and Councilwoman Thames. Also in attendance was Gina Varano on behalf of Corporation Counsel.

Laura Settlemyer, Director of Blight Remediation, presented on the new anti-blight program. With her was her team, Gus Espinoza, Tom Rogalo, and John Stafford, along with Director of Development Services Sean Fitzpatrick, Deputy Director Kiley Gosselin, and Mike Perez on behalf of Corporation Counsel.

Ms. Settlemyer presented a substitute ordinance and explained that this ordinance made a few small updates as necessary. It changes "City Manager" to "Corporation Counsel," as a City Manager no longer exists. It also states that fines shall be paid to the respective departments, rather than all fines being sent to the Tax Collector's office. Finally it states that fines resulting from anti-blight can become liens.

A motion was made by Committee member Thames and seconded by Committee member Gale to send this substitute item favorable to full Council for their approval

Vote taken 3-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Chairman Concepción—Yes

Member Bermudez— Not Present

Member Deutsch— Not Present

Member Gale—Yes

Member Thames— Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julie A. Conner".

Chairperson of the PEDH Committee

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Report

March 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke, Council President &
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City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Planning, Economic Development, and Housing Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 7, 2017, at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9 ARTICLE V. CONCERNING ANTI-BLIGHT PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE. (MAYOR BRONIN) ITEM #29 ON 2/14 AGENDA

The following committee members were in attendance: Chairman Concepción, Councilman Deutsch, Councilman Gale, and Councilwoman Thames. Also in attendance was Gina Varano on behalf of Corporation Counsel.

Laura Settlemeier, Director of Blight Remediation, presented on the new anti-blight program. With her was her team, Gus Espinoza, Tom Rogalo, and John Stafford, along with Director of Development Services Sean Fitzpatrick, Deputy Director Kiley Gosselin, and Mike Perez on behalf of Corporation Counsel. Her Presentation is attached here.

Ms. Settlemeier began by showing the committee some of the work currently being done on two blighted properties. She then spoke of a citywide blight survey that must be done annually. On a map that she presented, there were approximately 200 black dots indicating known blighted properties, not all of which are vacant, and approximately 120 red dots indicating new blighted properties, all of which are unoccupied. The ordinance proposes to remove the special assessment on blighted properties and instead improve the fine and lien process.

The special assessment has not been useful in addressing blight. Ms. Settlemeier could only recall one case in which it resulted in transfer of ownership. They are seeking a process that is "effective, efficient, and equitable," and allows the City to recoup the public cost of blight. The City also wants to focus on willful neglect and work with vulnerable owner-occupants who may not be able to afford repairs. MS. Settlemeier explained how the fine and lien process would work and expects, when she fills a few vacant positions, to be able to reduce the current time taken to complete the initial part of the process from thirty days down to ten.

Councilman Deutsch asked whether the City would retain these liens or if they would be sold. Mike Perez shared that these liens would not be sold; there is no precedent for selling anti-blight liens as there is for selling tax liens. Councilwoman Thames asked about the process to inform changes to the community and staff of these changes. Ms. Settlemeier shared that she has been meeting since she began employment in mid-October with NRZs and Hartford 2000. The biggest criticism has been lack of enforcement and the community wants to see policies that can be enforced. She worked very closely with her team on these changes and they also spoke to their frustration with the existing process. They shared with Ms. Settlemeier that they were limited in their ability to help individuals in need and did not feel the existing process was working.

Councilwoman Thames asked about the separation of property violations and blight. Ms. Settlemeier shared that in order to incur an anti-blight lien, the issue needed to be characterized as blight. However, not all property violations constitute blight. Two or more property violations will result in a blight violation and two or more blight violations will be needed to place liens. They will be using the first year to educate the community on the new policies, which will then take effect in 2018. She also shared that they will be working with landlords to help them address rental complaints.

Councilwoman Thames noted the lack of clarity of referring to the Director of Blight Remediation "and/or" the Director of Licensing & Inspections in the ordinance. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated that this is to maximize the ability to address issues. There is a great deal of overlap and collaboration with Licensing and Inspections and this inclusion allows decisions to be made by either director, depending on the issue. Councilwoman Thames asked about the Blight Action Review Committee, which Ms. Settlemeier stated already existed and is being maintained to add a level of oversight, as there is discretion involved when helping vulnerable owners, and will include representation from all departments that touch on blight in some capacity.

Councilwoman Thames asked the purpose for a public hearing twice a year in addition to her status updates to Council. Again, Ms. Settlemeier shared that this process already existed and she was not

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Report

March 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President and City Council Members
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

Dear Council President and City Council Members:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee held a Special meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #5

Mayor Bronin, with accompanying resolution authorizing the sale of City-owned property at 704 Park Street, 31 Lawrence Street and the execution of an agreement to forgive an outstanding City loan on the property.

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings, Councilman James Sánchez, non-committee council members Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also present: Bonnie Malley, Chief Operating Officer, Darrell Hill, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance, Charisse Snipes, Acting Chief Information Officer, Howard Rifkin, Corporation Counsel, John Philip, City Assessor, Brian Mathews, Director of Housing, Kimberly Oliver, Director of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation, Sean Fitzpatrick, Director of Development Services, Jamie Bratt, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Kiley Gosselin, Deputy Director of Development Services, Elisa Hobbs, Sr. Project Manager of Planning

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Sean Fitzpatrick, Director of Development Services and Judge Killian (representing Mr. Flores) explained a resolution concerning the authorization of a sale of City owned property at 704 Park Street and 31 Lawrence Street ("El Mercado") to Ramon Flores for \$350,000 along with forgiving the outstanding City loan on the property. Mr. Fitzpatrick shared that as of February 2017 there is an outstanding PILOT balance of \$248,910.58 due to a previous lease agreement with Park Street Market Associates (PSMA).

Due to the complex nature and history of the property in question Mr. Fitzpatrick stated it is in the best interest of the city and the community that the sell 704 Park Street and 31 Lawrence Street for \$350,000 in cash to Mr. Flores. This agreement is proposed after much negotiation between the city and Mr. Flores' attorney.

Discussions ensued amongst the committee members pertaining to the amount of tax revenue to be expected, and terms relating to the ability to sell the property. In response according to Mr. Fitzpatrick the taxes would approximately be between \$60k-\$70k.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jennings and seconded by Council President Thomas J. Clarke II to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (5-0-1 absent)

Committee Members

Chairwoman Thames: Yes

Councilwoman Bermúdez: Yes

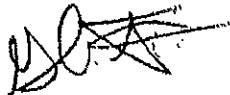
Councilman Clarke: Yes

Councilman Concepción: Absent

Councilwoman Jennings: Yes

Councilman Sánchez: Yes

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee

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Vote Taken: (5-0-1 absent)

Committee Members

Chairwoman Thames: Yes

Councilwoman Bermúdez: Yes

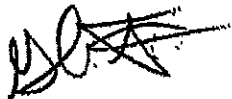
Councilman Clarke: Yes

Councilman Concepción: Absent

Councilwoman Jennings: Yes

Councilman Sánchez: Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Glendowlyn L. H. Thames

Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

February 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
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RE: El Mercado

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the sale of City-owned property at 704 Park Street and 31 Lawrence Street (collectively, the "Property") to Mr. Ramon Flores for \$350,000 and the execution of an agreement to forgive an outstanding City loan on the property.

The property at 704 Park Street is the site of El Mercado Marketplace ("El Mercado") and consists of a one-story, 12,363 square foot building that was constructed in 1990. The building is situated on a .55-acre site at the northeast corner of Park and Babcock Streets. The building is fully occupied and houses a local food market and several food vendors. The property at 31 Lawrence Street is a .68-acre vacant parcel used as a surface parking lot for customers of El Mercado and other area businesses.

In March of 1990, the land at 704 Park Street was deeded to the City as an inducement for its assistance in financing the construction of El Mercado by Park Street Market Associates Partnership (PSMA). At the time, the estimated value of 704 Park Street was \$60,000. The City leased 704 Park Street to PSMA to construct and operate the marketplace and leased the surface lot at 31 Lawrence Street to support the operation. The lease expired in April of 2010 and the current operator of El Mercado, Mr. Ramon Flores, wishes to acquire the Property.

An appraisal, commissioned by the City and dated July 27, 2016, valued the land underlying the improvements at 704 Park Street at \$240,000 and 31 Lawrence Street at \$170,000, for a total value of \$410,000. The City proposes to deduct, from the purchase price, the value of the land at 704 Park Street at the time it was conveyed to the City and sell both 704 Park Street and 31 Lawrence to Mr. Flores for \$350,000 in cash.

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The lease agreement between the City and PSMA provided for a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to the City. PSMA made all PILOT payments during the initial term of the lease which terminated in 2010. Partial PILOT payments totaling \$87,350.43 were made subsequent to 2010. As of February 2017, the outstanding PILOT balance is \$248,910.58.

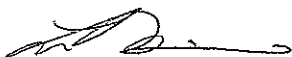
Also in March of 1990, the City provided PSMA with a 20-year loan of \$574,200 from CDBG and UDAG funds for development of El Mercado. The loan was secured by a mortgage on the Property. No payments were made on this loan, which has accrued interest at the rate of 3.4% per annum, resulting in an outstanding balance of principal and interest totaling \$1,093,611.74 as of February 16, 2017.

The Administration is willing to write off the outstanding PILOT balance and execute a mortgage modification agreement (the "Agreement") which will allow for the gradual forgiveness of the original principal amount of \$574,200 over five years.

The terms of the loan forgiveness would be as follows. Twenty percent (20%) of the loan amount would be released on the first anniversary of the execution of the Agreement, provided that the roof at 704 Park Street and the lot at 31 Lawrence Street are repaired. Twenty percent (20%) of the loan amount would be released each subsequent year on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th anniversary of the execution of the Agreement, provided that 1) there are no outstanding taxes, municipal assessments or other monetary obligations owed to the City of Hartford, 2) the Property is maintained in "blight free" condition, 3) there are no health, safety or building code violations affecting the Property, and 4) the Property continues to meet the needs of the neighborhood as a local food market.

It is in the City's interest to take the above actions for the following reasons. PSMA is a "holdover tenant" under the terms of the expired lease. However, PSMA is no longer an active partnership. Mr. Flores has been managing the market for a number of years and is willing to continue doing so if he is able to purchase the property. Further, he has a commitment from the Small Business Administration for a loan to repair the roof and make other urgent repairs, but cannot close on the loan until the purchase is finalized. Not only does Mr. Flores have no obligation to pay the outstanding amounts owed by PSMA, El Mercado does not have the financial capacity to pay them. Should the City decide not to proceed with the transactions outlined in the resolution, it is very possible that Mr. Flores will be unable to continue operation of the business and the City will be responsible for either operating El Mercado, selling the business, or closing the market. Any of these options would be extremely harmful to the community surrounding El Mercado, the Frog Hollow neighborhood, and the City. Therefore, I strongly recommend Council's favorable action on the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, February 27, 2017

WHEREAS, In 1990, the City of Hartford was deeded property at 704 Park Street, as an inducement for City assistance in financing the construction of a marketplace at that location and said land had an estimated value of \$60,000; and

WHEREAS, The City also owned 31 Lawrence Street and, in 1990, entered into a lease agreement with Park Street Market Associates Partnership (PSMA) for use of 704 Park Street and 31 Lawrence Street (collectively "the Property") for construction of El Mercado Marketplace ("El Mercado"), and a parking lot respectively; and

WHEREAS, The lease agreement required that PSMA make Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to the City and \$248,910.58 is currently outstanding, and

WHEREAS, In March of 1990, the City also provided PSMA a 20-year loan in the amount of \$574,200 using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) funds and the Property is currently encumbered by the mortgage in the original principal amount; and

WHEREAS, The lease expired in 2010 and the current operator of El Mercado, Mr. Ramon Flores, has expressed his intent to exercise the option to purchase the properties as contemplated by the lease agreement and has requested forgiveness of the outstanding PILOT amount and a mortgage modification agreement; and

WHEREAS, An appraisal commissioned by the City and dated July 27, 2016 valued the land underlying the improvements at 704 Park Street at \$240,000, and valued 31 Lawrence Street at \$170,000; and

WHEREAS, . The City is willing to credit the value of the land at 704 Park Street at the time it was conveyed to the City (\$60,000) from the present value (\$410,000), and sell both 704 Park Street and 31 Lawrence to Mr. Flores for \$350,000 in cash; and

WHEREAS, In order to ensure that El Mercado continues as a viable and successful operation on Park Street, the City will agree to write off the PILOT balance and subordinate the existing mortgage to financing to be obtained by Ramon Flores for purchase money and money for capital improvements and repairs at the time of closing on the sale; and

WHEREAS, The City and Ramon Flores are willing to execute a mortgage modification agreement which would allow for the forgiveness of said mortgage loan over a five-year period under the following conditions:

- i. No interest or principal payments will be made on said mortgage and twenty percent (20%) of the loan amount would be released on the first anniversary of the execution of the Modification Agreement, provided that the roof at 704 Park Street and the lot at 31 Lawrence Street are repaired, and

- ii. Twenty percent (20%) of the loan amount would be released each subsequent year on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th anniversary of the execution of the Modification Agreement, provided that 1) there are no outstanding taxes, municipal assessments or other monetary obligations owed to the City of Hartford; 2) the Property is maintained in "blight free" condition; 3) there are no health, safety or building code violations affecting the Property; and 4) the Property continues to meet the needs of the neighborhood as a local food market, and
- iii. If the owner must borrow additional funds to repair or maintain the premises in a "blight free" condition and insure no health, safety or building code violations affect the property, or to make any capital improvements to the property, the City agrees to further subordinate said mortgage to any such new financing.

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of documents and to take such actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to sell the properties at 704 Park Street and 31 Lawrence Street to Ramon Flores for \$350,000 in accordance with the terms described herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of documents and to take such actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to modify the mortgage agreement as set forth herein; and be it further

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

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

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Report

March 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President and City Council Members
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

Dear Council President and City Council Members:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee held a Special meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Function Room to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #3

Proposed Ordinance from Mayor Bronin authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$22 million of tax anticipation notes of the City of Hartford.

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader Julio Concepción, Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings, Councilman James Sánchez, non-committee council members Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also present were, Adam Cloud, City Treasurer, Carmen Sierra, Assistant City Treasurer, Bonnie Malley, Chief Operating Officer, Darrell Hill, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance, Melissa McCaw, Director of Management, Budget & Grants, Kimberly Oliver, Director of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation, Kiley Gosselin, Deputy Director of Development Services, Gary Draghi, Director of Investments, Faith Palmer, Assistant to the Chief Operating

Officer, Elisa Hobbs, Sr. Project Mgr., Dennis Goderre, Sr. Project Mgr., Jacob Verrets, MHIS, Johnathan Laz, MHIS, Tony Cavallaro, Principal of Airport Rd. Auto Body, Zachary Karas, Principal of Retirement Plan Advisors and Consultant, council aide Jessica Inacio, constituents Alyssa Peterson, Hyacinth Yennie and other concerned citizens.

Darrell Hill, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance explained the resolution concerning an ordinance authorizing the City of Hartford to issue and sell up to \$22 million in General Obligation Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs). Mr. Hill stated that the resources would be used to meet payroll and fund our obligations and expenses including legal, administrative and related cost associated.

Councilwoman Thames asked would the amount be enough to meet our obligations. Adam Cloud, City Treasurer along with Darrell Hill, Chief Operating Officer stated that they were both confident \$22 million allows enough flexibility given where they are with the projected deficit.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jennings and seconded by Council President Thomas J. Clarke II to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (6-0)

Committee Members

Chairwoman Thames: Yes

Councilwoman Bermúdez: Yes

Councilman Clarke: Yes

Councilman Concepción: Yes

Councilwoman Jennings: Yes

Councilman Sánchez: Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Glendowlyn L. H. Thames

Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee

ITEM # 11 ON AGENT

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Report

March 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President and City Council Members
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

Dear Council President and City Council Members:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee held a Special meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #7

Mayor Bronin, with proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 32, Article 18 of the Municipal Code concerning extending the Elderly Tax Relief Program for taxes due on the list of October 1, 2016.

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings, Councilman James Sánchez, non-committee council members Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also present: Bonnie Malley, Chief Operating Officer, Darrell Hill, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance, Charisse Snipes, Acting Chief Information Officer, Howard Rifkin, Corporation Counsel, John Philip, City Assessor, Brian Mathews, Director of Housing, Kimberly Oliver, Director of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation, Sean Fitzpatrick, Director of

Development Services, Jamie Bratt, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Kiley Gosselin, Deputy Director of Development Services, Elisa Hobbs, Sr. Project Manager of Planning Economic Development, Tonja Nelson, Program Supervisor of Development Services, Eloy Toppin, Project Manager of Procurement, Jacob Veres and Johnathan Laz, Analyst for MHIS, Judge Robert Killian, Annette Sanderson, Executive Director Housing Authority, Anthony Cavallaro, President of Airport Rd. Auto Body, Elliot Ginsberg, President and CEO of CCAT along with team members Daniel Salazar, Todd McClutchy, Senior Vice President JHM Group, Ramon Flores, President El Mercado, constituents Alyssa Peterson, Hyacinth Yennie, Victoria Fennell, and other concerned citizens.

John Philip, City Assessor, explained the ordinance amendment put forth concerning amending Section 32-18 of the Municipal Code of the City of Hartford to extend the Elderly Tax Relief Program to elderly Hartford homeowners for taxes due on the Grand List for October 1, 2016 along with a slight increase to the income limits to \$46,000 for unmarried persons and \$52,600 for a married couple. According to Mr. Philip, the increases are based upon the guidelines of the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

A motion was made by Council President Thomas J. Clarke II and seconded by Councilwoman Jennings to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (4-0-2 absent)

Committee Members

Chairwoman Thames: Yes

Councilwoman Bermúdez: Absent

Councilman Clarke: Yes

Councilman Concepción: Absent

Councilwoman Jennings: Yes

Councilman Sánchez: Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Glendowlyn L. H. Thames

Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee

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March 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President and City Council Members
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

Dear Council President and City Council Members:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee held a Special meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Function to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #2

Communication from Mayor Bronin, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept grant funds from the U.S. Department of Education through the Performance Partnership Pilot (p3) Program.

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader Julio Concepción, Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings, Councilman James Sánchez, non-committee council members Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also present were, Adam Cloud, City Treasurer, Carmen Sierra, Assistant City Treasurer, Bonnie Malley, Chief Operating Officer, Darrell Hill, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance, Melissa McCaw, Director of Management, Budget & Grants, Kimberly Oliver, Director of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation, Kiley Gosselin, Deputy Director of Development

Services, Gary Draghi, Director of Investments, Faith Palmer, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer, Elisa Hobbs, Sr. Project Mgr., Dennis Goderre, Sr. Project Mgr., Jacob Verrets, MHIS, Johnathan Laz, MHIS, Tony Cavallaro, Principal of Airport Rd. Auto Body, Zachary Karas, Principal of Retirement Plan Advisors and Consultant, council aide Jessica Inacio, constituents Alyssa Peterson, Hyacinth Yennie and other concerned citizens.

Kim Oliver, Director of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation explained the resolution concerning authorizing the City of Hartford to accept \$249,375 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Education through the Performance Partnership Pilot (p3) Program that will run for eighteen months. Ms. Oliver stated that the P3 program will give them the flexibility in using the grant funds to meet the need of at risk youth between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four.

In addition, Ms. Oliver stated that they will be partnering with a multitude of organizations including the State of Connecticut, Capital Workforce Partners, CCAT etc. She also stated that the P3 program will integrate data systems to identify service gaps, match youth to services and programs to track their progress and that the grant will cover the cost of one full time person.

A motion was made by Majority Leader Julio Concepción and seconded by Councilwoman Jennings to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (6-0)

Committee Members

Chairwoman Thames: Yes

Councilwoman Bermúdez: Yes

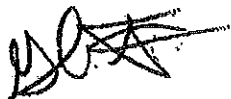
Councilman Clarke: Yes

Councilman Concepción: Yes

Councilwoman Jennings: Yes

Councilman Sánchez: Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Glendowlyn L. H. Thames

Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

February 14, 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: Performance Partnership Pilot

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to accept \$249,375 in grant funds from the U.S Department of Education through the Performance Partnership Pilot (P3) program.

The P3 program was created through the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 for the purpose of providing opportunities for state and local governments to test innovative, cost-effective strategies for improving education, employment, and other outcomes for individuals between 18 and 24 years old who are low income and homeless, in foster care, involved in the juvenile justice program, unemployed, and/or not in school or at risk of dropping out. P3 gives federal agencies flexibility in using their grant funds to address the needs of these opportunity youth.

The City, through its Department of Families, Children, Youth & Recreation, and in partnership with the State of Connecticut, Capital workforce Partners, CT Center for Advanced Technology, MetroHartford Alliance for Careers in Health Care, and Advanced Manufacturing Employer Partnership will work with 100 opportunity youth living in the North Hartford Promise Zone. These young people will be engaged in career exploration, the opportunity to develop career competencies, and paid work-based learning. Each youth will be assigned a case manager who will help them navigate the educational, employment, health, service, mentorship, and supportive systems they need to succeed and each young person will have a peer mentor. Additionally, the pilot will integrate data systems that are used by youth-serving programs throughout Hartford to identify service gaps, match youth to services and programs, and track their progress.

The grant does not require a match and covers direct program costs, administration, reporting, and indirect costs.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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Telephone (860) 757-9500
Facsimile (860) 722-6606

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, February 14, 2017

WHEREAS, The federal government has created the Performance Partnership Pilot (P3) program through which state and local entities can test innovative and cost-effective strategies for improving education, employment, and other outcomes for opportunity youth, and

WHEREAS, The U.S Department of Education provides funds to organizations to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access, and

WHEREAS, Hartford has been awarded a grant of \$249,375 from the Department of Education to provide 100 young residents of the North Hartford Promise Zone with career exploration, work-based learning, peer mentors, and other support, as well as to integrate the data systems used by the city's youth-serving programs, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept a grant of \$249,375 from the U.S. Department of Education for the above-described program, and be it further

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

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is 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.

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Report

March 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President and City Council Members
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

Dear Council President and City Council Members:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee held a Special meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #4

Majority Leader Concepcion, with accompanying resolution requesting that the City of Hartford allows CCAT to conduct a technology strategy review including the sustainability, performance, security of the City of Hartford's technology platforms and to provide recommendations to the Administration and Court of Common Council and that the recommendations be completed and submitted to the Administration and Court of Common Council within 90 days if an agreement is executed.

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings, Councilman James Sánchez, non-committee council members Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also present: Bonnie Malley, Chief Operating Officer, Darrell Hill, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance, Charisse Snipes, Acting Chief Information Officer, Howard Rifkin, Corporation

Counsel, John Philip, City Assessor, Brian Mathews, Director of Housing, Kimberly Oliver, Director of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation, Sean Fitzpatrick, Director of Development Services, Jamie Bratt, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Kiley Gosselin, Deputy Director of Development Services, Elisa Hobbs, Sr. Project Manager of Planning Economic Development, Tonja Nelson, Program Supervisor of Development Services, Eloy Toppin, Project Manager of Procurement, Jacob Veres and Johnathan Laz, Analyst for MHIS, Judge Robert Killian, Annette Sanderson, Executive Director Housing Authority, Anthony Cavallaro, President of Airport Rd. Auto Body, Elliot Ginsberg, President and CEO of CCAT along with team members Daniel Salazar, Todd McClutchy, Senior Vice President JHM Group, Ramon Flores, President El Mercado, constituents Alyssa Peterson, Hyacinth Yennie, Victoria Fennell, and other concerned citizens.

Bonnie Malley, Chief Operating Officer explained the resolution introduced by Majority Leader Julio Concepción concerning the request that the Administration work with the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT) to perform a strategic review of the City's technology in an effort to upgrade the design and content of the City's website in addition to review the functionality, sustainability, performance and security of the City of Hartford Platforms to be complete by March 31, 2017.

Ms. Malley introduced Elliot Ginsberg, President and CEO of CCAT along with team members Daniel Salazar to provide a high level overview of the project.

A discussion ensued amongst the group regarding scope or work, costs associated with the project and key deliverables and expectations.

A motion was made by Council President Thomas J. Clarke II and seconded by Councilman James Sánchez to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (4-0-2 absent)

Committee Members

Chairwoman Thames: Yes

Councilwoman Bermúdez: Yes

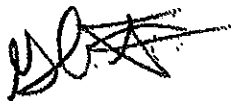
Councilman Clarke: Yes

Councilman Concepción: Absent

Councilwoman Jennings: Absent

Councilman Sánchez: Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Glendowlyn L. H. Thames

Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee

INTRODUCED BY:

Majority Leader Julio A. Concepción

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, February 14, 2017

WHEREAS, the mission of Metro Hartford Innovation Services (MHIS) is to coordinate and support information technology and communication needs for the City of Hartford and the Hartford Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, MHIS continues to operate in an environment of increased demand for data and services in a rapidly changing technology landscape and limited financial resources;

WHEREAS, effective IT strategies can be a tool for improvements in operational efficiency across the City; and

WHEREAS, constituents have expressed frustration with a lack of easily accessible, timely information via the municipal website at Hartford.gov; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, Inc. (CCAT) is a nonprofit organization that leads regional and national partnerships to help government organizations enhance their performance through IT strategies that influence operational change and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, CCAT has thirty-five specialists focused on helping municipalities, school districts, and nonprofits with technology strategy consulting and technical services including hosting, web development and regionalization support; now, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Hartford requests that CCAT performs a technology strategy review including the sustainability, performance and security of the City of Hartford's technology platforms; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that CCAT specifically review the design and functionality of the City of Hartford's current website; and

RESOLVED, that CCAT will provide recommendations to the Administration and Court of Common Council to improve efficiency, security, and performance of the City of Hartford's IT systems; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that those recommendations will include recommendations on improving the City of Hartford's website including cost-effective technology design and content management; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Administration work with CCAT to execute a consulting agreement with agreed upon scope and price; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the recommendations be completed and submitted to the Administration and Court of Common Council within 90 days if an agreement is executed.

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Report

March 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President and City Council Members
550 Main Street, Room 208
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Dear Council President and City Council Members:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee held a Special meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #6

Mayor Bronin, with accompanying resolution concerning a request to enter into a 15-year tax abatement agreement with Overlook Village Associates, LLC.

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings, Councilman James Sánchez, non-committee council members Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also present: Bonnie Malley, Chief Operating Officer, Darrell Hill, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance, Charisse Snipes, Acting Chief Information Officer, Howard Rifkin, Corporation Counsel, John Philip, City Assessor, Brian Mathews, Director of Housing, Kimberly Oliver, Director of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation, Sean Fitzpatrick, Director of Development Services, Jamie Bratt, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Kiley

Gosselin, Deputy Director of Development Services, Elisa Hobbs, Sr. Project Manager of Planning Economic Development, Tonja Nelson, Program Supervisor of Development Services, Eloy Toppin, Project Manager of Procurement, Jacob Veres and Johnathan Laz, Analyst for MHIS, Judge Robert Killian, Annette Sanderson, Executive Director Housing Authority, Anthony Cavallaro, President of Airport Rd. Auto Body, Elliot Ginsberg, President and CEO of CCAT along with team members Daniel Salazar, Todd McClutchy, Senior Vice President JHM Group, Ramon Flores, President El Mercado, constituents Alyssa Peterson, Hyacinth Yennie, Victoria Fennell, and other concerned citizens.

Kiley Gosselin, Deputy Director of Development Services explained the resolution to authorize the City of Hartford to enter into a fifteen-year tax abatement agreement with Overlook Village Associates, LLC for rental housing units being developed at 421 Granby Street know as Willow Creek. Ms. Gosselin also invited her team, Brian Mathews, Director of Housing, Annette Sanderson, Executive Director Housing and Authority Todd McClutchy, Senior Vice President JHM Group to share information regarding the project as well.

According to Ms. Gosselin, Overlook Village Associates, LLC has entered into a 65-year lease agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Hartford for redevelopment of a 10.4-acre parcel of the 61.5-acre site known as Bowles Park located at 421 Granby Street. Ms. Gosselin stated that the project will consist of 62 affordable apartments within sixteen two-three story mixed units of one, two, three and four bedroom units with 15% of the total construction project cost for certified minority and no less than 30% of the total project work hours by Hartford residents. Ms. Gosselin also stated that this was the first phase of a multiphase development which only represents a fraction of the proposed 400 housing units to be developed.

A discussion ensued amongst the committee members pertaining to communicating and outreach efforts with former residents to allow them the opportunity to move into the new units, continuity of affordability, as well as daily data reports to monitor participation of minority firms and Hartford residents working on the project.

A motion was made by Council President Thomas J. Clarke II and seconded by Councilwoman Jennings to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (5-0-1 absent)

Committee Members

Chairwoman Thames: Yes

Councilwoman Bermúdez: Yes

Councilman Clarke: Yes

Councilman Concepción: Absent

Councilwoman Jennings: Yes

Councilman Sánchez: Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Glendowlyn L. H. Thames

Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

February 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: Willow Creek Tax Abatement

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to enter into a 15-year tax abatement agreement with Overlook Village Associates, LLC for 62 rental housing units being developed at 421 Granby Street to be known as Willow Creek.

Overlook Village Associates, LLC ("Overlook") has entered into a 65-year lease agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Hartford for redevelopment of a 10.4 acre parcel of the 61.5 acre site currently known as Chester A. Bowles Park. Upon completion, Willow Creek will consist of 62 affordable rental apartments within sixteen 2-3 story buildings providing a unit mix of flat and townhouse apartments in a variety of 1, 2, 3, and 4-bedroom units. The project will also include a community building which will house a community room with a kitchenette, computer/business center, exercise facility, sitting area, and laundry facility. The total development budget is \$27,648,107 with a construction budget of \$24,832,278. Construction will commence in 2017 and be completed in late 2018. Overlook has committed to set aside 15% of the total construction project cost for certified Minority & Women Business Enterprises, assure that no less than 15% of total project work hours by trade will be worked by minority and or women trade workers, and assure that no less than 30% of total project work hours will be worked by Hartford residents.

Because the lease between the Housing Authority and Overlook is more than 50 years in length, the improvements are taxable. Taxes on Willow Creek units are estimated at \$123,453.39 per year or \$1,991 per unit. Overlook requested an annual tax payment of \$37,200 or \$600 per unit for a 15-year term. Staff recommends and the developer has agreed to an annual tax payment of \$49,600 or \$800 per unit for years 1-10 and a minimum annual tax payment of \$37,200 (\$600/unit) with a maximum tax payment of \$49,600 (\$800/unit) in years 11-15. The range for payment in years 11-15 is to assure that the developer can meet the debt service coverage ratio requirements of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, which the developers are utilizing to keep rents affordable to households at 25%, 50% and 80% of the Area Median Income. Overlook will have the option to construct an additional 12 units on the site. These units would be subject to the same abatement agreement. The Tax Abatement Committee approved this abatement at their meeting of February 22, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

550 Main Street
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Telephone (860) 757-9500
Facsimile (860) 722-6606

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, February 27, 2017

WHEREAS, Willow Creek Apartments Phase I Rental is a 10.4-acre development of 62 affordable rental housing units and a community facility to be developed by Overlook Village Associates, LLC (the "Developer") at 421 Granby Street, (the "Property"), and

WHEREAS, The Property is owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Hartford which proposes to lease the Property to the Developer for 65 years, and

WHEREAS, The Developer has submitted an application for a 15-year tax abatement which documents the need for tax relief and the Tax Abatement Committee has recommended such an agreement, and

WHEREAS, This abatement is authorized under C.G.S. Section 8-215 for low and moderate income housing, and all units will be occupied by tenants with low or moderate incomes, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement (the "Agreement") with Overlook Village Associates, LLC for the Property, subject to the following conditions:

- The term of the Agreement shall not exceed fifteen (15) years from the date on which the first temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO) or permanent certificate of occupancy (CO) whichever is earlier issued on the property.
- Developer will pay prorated real estate tax on any improvements that receive TCO or CO for the fiscal year such is issued during the construction phase.
- Developer will pay eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) per unit per year for a total of \$49,600.00 per year during years one through ten of the Agreement.
- In years 11 through 15, developer will pay the greater of six hundred dollars (\$600) per unit/year for a total of \$37,200.00 per year or any net operating income (NOI) that will result in a Debt Service Coverage Ratio higher than 1.15, but not to exceed \$800/unit.
- After the initial year, the unabated taxes shall be subject to a 2% increase per unit per year in each year the City upwardly adjusts the Grand Levy (e.g., the amount of revenue raised by property taxes in a fiscal year), with the 2% increases being effective July 1st of each year as applicable.
- Units shall remain affordable for the duration of the tax abatement period.
- The Agreement shall be non-assignable, non-transferable without written consent of the Mayor of the City of Hartford.

- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, City agrees that this Agreement shall automatically transfer and inure to the benefit of any party succeeding to the interest of the Owner under this Agreement, as a result of a foreclosure of a mortgage encumbering the Property or a transfer in lieu of foreclosure or realizing on a pledge or security interest of the equity interests in such Owner (including, without limitation, replacement of the managing member of such Owner), and if such transferee is a bank or other financial institution, such rights shall automatically transfer and inure to the benefit of any party immediately succeeding to the interest of such bank or other financial institution.
- Upon any future sale or refinance, during the term of the abatement payment shall be made to the City of 10% of the net sales proceeds, or equity recapture, not to exceed the total of abated taxes.
- During construction, Developer will comply with Article XII, Section 2-680 of the Hartford Municipal Code, Hartford Affirmative Action Plan / Equal Employment Opportunity which requires Developer to set aside 15% of the total construction project cost for certified Minority & Women Business Enterprises, assure no less than 15% of total project work hours by trade will be worked by minority and or women trade workers, no less than 30% of total project work hours to be worked by Hartford Residents.

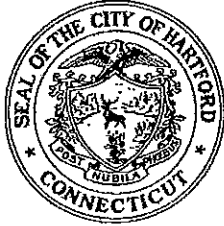
RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interest of the City in order to effectuate the above transaction, and be it further

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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 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President and City Council Members
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

Dear Council President and City Council Members:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee held a Special meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #2

Mayor Bronin, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for a six-month planning process to develop a full service community center at the Parker Memorial Community Center.

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings, Councilman James Sánchez, non-committee council members Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also present: Bonnie Malley, Chief Operating Officer, Darrell Hill, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance, Charisse Snipes, Acting Chief Information Officer, Howard Rifkin, Corporation Counsel, John Philip, City Assessor, Brian Mathews, Director of Housing, Kimberly Oliver, Director of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation, Sean Fitzpatrick, Director of

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Kimberly Oliver, Director of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation, explained the resolution concerning the authorization of the City of Hartford to accept a grant in the amount \$44,486 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for a six-month planning process to develop a full-service community center at Parker Memorial Community Center located at 2621 Main Street in the Northeast Neighborhood which is part of the North Hartford Promise Zone.

According to Ms. Oliver, the project will be coordinated and supervised under the Department of Families, Children Youth and Recreation along with the community, and a host of partners and KJR Consulting. The goal of the grant is to develop a strategic plan that supports a holistic and comprehensive approach on how the Department provides families and children with resources across the system.

Councilwoman Thames stressed the importance of ensuring that the Hartford Public Schools (HPS) was also part of collaborative efforts. Ms. Oliver stated that she is actively corresponding and engaging HPS with the process.

A motion was made by Councilman James Sánchez and seconded by Council President Thomas J. Clarke II to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (5-0-1-absent)

Committee Members

Chairwoman Thames: Yes

Councilwoman Bermúdez: Yes

Councilman Clarke: Yes

Councilman Concepción: Absent

Councilwoman Jennings: Yes

Councilman Sánchez: Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Glendowlyn L. H. Thames

Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

January 23, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
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RE: Parker Planning Grant

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to accept a grant of \$44,486 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for a six-month planning process to develop a full-service community center at Parker Memorial Community Center.

Parker is part of the North Hartford Promise Zone and is located at 2621 Main Street in the Northeast Neighborhood. The Center includes a swimming pool, a gym, meeting rooms, game areas and other activity space. Currently, the center offers recreation, fitness, and sports programs for adults, teens, and children, hosts neighborhood and community informational and educational sessions, and is home to a Brighter Futures family center.

The goal of the planning project is to transform Parker into a community hub that goes beyond sports and recreation by adding enrichment programs and services that improve quality of life outcomes for families and children. This project will be coordinated by the Department of Families, Children, Youth & Recreation and will engage residents, community leaders, and key stakeholders in a series of twelve dialogue and discussion sessions. The City will contract with KJR Consulting to facilitate these discussions and to develop a strategic plan for the transformation. The plan will include concrete strategies to create a holistic, comprehensive, and unified approach to supporting families and children. It will also develop guidelines for decision-making and governance of the use of space, integration of programs and systems, and interaction between and among partners and community, within the center and throughout the Promise Zone.

Respectfully submitted,

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, January 23, 2017

WHEREAS, The mission of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is to put philanthropy into action to create lasting solutions that result in vibrant communities within the Greater Hartford region, and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford's Department of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation (DFCYR) helps families and children succeed, which, in turn, helps them thrive, make positive contributions to the city, and create and sustain a vibrant community and region, and

WHEREAS, DFCYR is working in partnership with others to enhance the quality of life for residents of the North Hartford Promise Zone, and

WHEREAS, The City, through DFCYR, applied to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for funding to support a six-month planning process which will result in the transformation of Parker Memorial Center into a full-service community center, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept a grant of \$44,486 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to be used for the Parker planning process and the purposes set forth and approved under the grant, and be it further

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

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is 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 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.

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Report

March 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President and City Council Members
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

Dear Council President and City Council Members:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee held a Special meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #3

Mayor Bronin, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to enter into a ten-year tax assessment fixing agreement with Airport Road Auto Body, Inc. for a new addition to be built at their facility.

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings, Councilman James Sánchez, non-committee council members Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also present: Bonnie Malley, Chief Operating Officer, Darrell Hill, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance, Charisse Snipes, Acting Chief Information Officer, Howard Rifkin, Corporation Counsel, John Philip, City Assessor, Brian Mathews, Director of Housing, Kimberly Oliver, Director of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation, Sean Fitzpatrick, Director of

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Elisa Hobbs, Sr. Project Manager of Planning Economic Development explained a resolution to authorize the City to enter in to a ten-year tax assessment fixing agreement with Airport Road Auto Body, Inc. for a new addition to be built at their facility located in the Southend of Hartford. Ms. Hobbs stated that the Airport Road Auto Body Inc., would like to move from its current location at 80 Airport Road to a larger facility located at 75 Locust Street and construct an addition with an estimated cost of \$435,000 generating an additional \$22,621 in annual tax revenue along with the employment of four Hartford Residents representing 20% of their staff.

Councilwoman Thames informed the committee members that the business has been rooted in Hartford for many years and these were the types of investments we should be making in our local businesses who are investing and expanding in Hartford.

A discussion ensued amongst committee members regarding the terms of the abatement and Hartford residency requirement for any new jobs.

A motion was made by Councilman James Sánchez and seconded by Council President Thomas J. Clarke II to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (3-1-2 absent)

Committee Members

Chairwoman Thames: Yes

Councilwoman Bermúdez: No

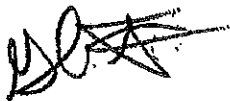
Councilman Clarke: Yes

Councilman Concepción: Absent

Councilwoman Jennings: Absent

Councilman Sánchez: Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Glendowlyn L. H. Thames

Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

January 23, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President, and
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City of Hartford
550 Main Street
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RE: Tax Assessment Fixing Agreement

Dear Council President Clarke:

Enclosed for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a ten-year tax assessment fixing agreement with Airport Road Auto Body, Inc. ("Airport Auto") for a new addition to be built at their facility.

Airport Auto is an automobile repair shop located in the south end of Hartford at 80 Airport Road for 31 years. It is a family owned and operated business which employs 20 individuals, five of whom are Hartford residents. Airport Auto has outgrown their current facility and the owners, committed to operating in Hartford, have purchased a vacant building at 75 Locust Street and plan to construct an 8,700 square foot addition to the building at a cost of approximately \$50 per square foot. Once the addition is complete, Airport Auto will relocate its business to 75 Locust Street and, by the fall of 2017, will expand their workforce by an additional four employees, all of whom will be Hartford residents.

Currently, the property tax on 80 Airport Road is \$42,424 and is \$ 53,251 on 75 Locust. Upon completion, the new addition is estimated to have a fair market value of approximately \$435,000. At the City's current mill rate, annual property taxes on the addition alone would be an estimated \$22,621. This amount, added to the current Locust Street taxes would result in an approximately \$33,448 increase in the amount of real estate taxes the owner will pay after the move. Airport Auto has requested that the City enter into a tax assessment fixing agreement on the addition in order to make the development economically feasible. Staff of the City's Department of Development Services recommends the following terms for a tax assessment fixing agreement on the addition:

Percentage of the increased value attributable to the addition added to the existing assessment	
Years 1 and 2	50%
Years 3 and 4	60%
Years 5 and 6	70%
Years 7 and 8	80%
Years 9 and 10	90%
Year 11	100%

Respectfully submitted,

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, January 23, 2017

WHEREAS, Airport Road Auto Body, Inc. ("Airport Auto") is an automobile repair shop that has operated in the City of Hartford at 80 Airport Road for 31 years; and

WHEREAS, Airport Auto has outgrown its facility at 80 Airport Road and the owners have purchased another building at 75 Locust Street in order to continue their business presence in the city of Hartford; and

WHEREAS, Prior to its move, Airport Auto plans to construct an addition to the building at 75 Locust Street to accommodate new side load spray painting equipment at an estimated cost of \$435,000; and

WHEREAS, Airport Auto has requested that the City of Hartford enter into a Tax Assessment Fixing Agreement for the proposed addition at 75 Locust Street in order to make it economically feasible; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a ten-year Tax Fixing Agreement with Airport Road Auto Body, Inc. or its real estate affiliate, fixing the assessment on the addition to 75 Locust Street in accordance with the following terms:

Percentage of the increased value attributable to the addition added to the existing assessment	
Years 1 and 2	50%
Years 3 and 4	60%
Years 5 and 6	70%
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Years 9 and 10	90%

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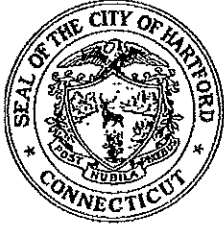
RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a tax fixing agreement and any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interest of the City in order to effectuate the above transaction, and be it 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 license 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 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 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President and City Council Members
550 Main Street, Room 208
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Dear Council President and City Council Members:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee held a Special meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #1

Mayor Bronin, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a \$1.5 million grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for the Farmington Avenue Streetscape Project.

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings, Councilman James Sánchez, non-committee council members Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also present: Bonnie Malley, Chief Operating Officer, Darrell Hill, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance, Charisse Snipes, Acting Chief Information Officer, Howard Rifkin, Corporation Counsel, John Philip, City Assessor, Brian Mathews, Director of Housing, Kimberly Oliver, Director of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation, Sean Fitzpatrick, Director of

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Jamie Bratt, Director of Planning and Economic Development explained the resolution concerning the authorization of the City to accept a \$1.5 million grant (with zero match) from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for the Farmington Avenue Streetscape Project.

According to Ms. Bratt, the funds will be used for improvements along Farmington Avenue between Dennison Street to the boarder of West Hartford at Prospect Avenue and the estimated cost for the project is \$ 6,142,700 and itemized as follows:

Construction	\$5,035,000
Engineering	\$503,500
Inspection	\$604,200
Total	\$6,142,700

Because the project will only receive \$1.5 million, which is only a portion of what is needed for the full project, discussions with the Farmington Avenue Alliance will take place to determine prioritization of the funds.

A motion was made by Councilman James Sánchez and seconded by Council President Thomas J. Clarke II to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (4 -0-1-abstain-1-absent)

Committee Members

Chairwoman Thames: Yes

Councilwoman Bermúdez: Yes

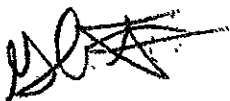
Councilman Clarke: Yes

Councilman Concepción: Absent

Councilwoman Jennings: Abstain

Councilman Sánchez: Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Glendowlyn L. H. Thames

Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

January 23, 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: Farmington Avenue Streetscape Grant

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept a \$1.5 million grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for the Farmington Avenue Streetscape Project. This grant was approved by the State Bond Commission and is provided through the State's Urban Act Program.

Streetscape improvements have been planned along Farmington Avenue from South Marshall Street to the Hartford/West Hartford border at Prospect Avenue. To date, approximately 2,200 linear feet of improvements have been completed, from South Marshall Street west to Denison Street. A 2,650 linear foot gap remains to the West Hartford/Hartford city line. The Department of Public Works has estimated the cost to complete the project at \$6,142,700 as follows:

- Construction: \$5,035,000 (\$1,900/ linear feet x 2,650)
- Engineering: \$ 503,500 (estimated at 10% of construction costs)
- Inspection: \$ 604,200 (estimated at 12% of construction costs)

The only funds currently available are the \$1.5 million Urban Act grant. Because this amount is insufficient to construct the remaining portion of the project, staff is engaged in discussions with the Farmington Avenue Alliance to determine an appropriate course of action and to prioritize the use of funds. If additional monies become available in the near future, and prior to the use of these funds, our approach will be reassessed based upon award amount. We will keep Council informed of our progress and decisions on this project.

Respectfully submitted,

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, January 23, 2017

WHEREAS, The State Bond Commission has awarded the City of Hartford a grant of \$1.5 million which is being administered by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development ("DECD") through its Urban Act program; and

WHEREAS, Grant funds will be used for the Farmington Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project which will extend from South Marshall Street to Prospect Avenue; and

WHEREAS, To date, improvements have been completed from South Marshall Street to Denison Street; and

WHEREAS, The cost of improvements along the 2,660 linear feet between Denison Street and Prospect Avenue is estimated, by the City's Department of Public Works, to be \$6,142,700; and

WHEREAS, Since the DECD grant is insufficient to complete the above work, the City is consulting with the Farmington Avenue Alliance in determining how best to prioritize the use of the \$1,500,000; and,

WHEREAS, It is important that the City enter into an agreement with DECD in a timely manner to finalize the commitment of these funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept \$1,500,000 in Urban Act grant funds from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development; and be it further

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

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

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

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

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March 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Quality of Life & Public Safety Committee held a special meeting on March 7, 2017, at 5:30 pm in the Function Room of City Hall to discuss the following referred item:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SECURED BANK ACCOUNT AT THE HARTFORD POLICE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION DESIGNATED AS "FRIENDS OF THE MOUNTED UNIT" FOR FUTURE DONATIONS TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN AND CARE FOR THE MOUNTED UNIT. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE II)

The following were in attendance: Co-Chair T.J. Clarke, Co-Chair James Sanchez, Committee member rJo Winch. Also in attendance were Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilman Larry Deutsch, Attorney Catherine Freeman, Attorney Gina Varano, Chief Freeman of the Hartford Fire Department, Captain Thody of the Hartford Police Department, COO Bonnie Malley, Chief of Staff Thea Montanez, Assistant to the COO Faith Palmer, Kenya Smith of Hartford Parking Authority, and other concerned citizens.

Deutsch, Attorney Catherine Freeman, Attorney Gina Varano, Chief Freeman of the Hartford Fire Department, Captain Thody of the Hartford Police Department, COO Bonnie Malley, Chief of Staff Thea Montanez, Assistant to the COO Faith Palmer, Kenya Smith of Hartford Parking Authority, and other concerned citizens.

Captain Thody stated that the last two horses were turned over to the Governor's Foot Guard where they will remain until the Hartford Police Department can establish a mounted unit again which would be based on staffing levels and funding.

Committee member Winch asked who would manage that money until the unit was established again. Co-Chair Clarke explained that the Hartford Police Union would monitor the funds. Captain Thody clarified that if that money goes into an account it would stay there until the Police Department can get a mounted unit established again and staffed appropriately. Equipment would be maintained until the return of the unit but the intentions of the funds is to use for the horses feed and things of that nature.

A brief discussion continued and a motion was made by Committee member Winch and seconded by Co-Chair Sanchez to send this item favorable to full Council for their approval.

Vote taken 3-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Co-Chair Clarke— yes

Co-Chair Sanchez— yes

Member Jennings— not present

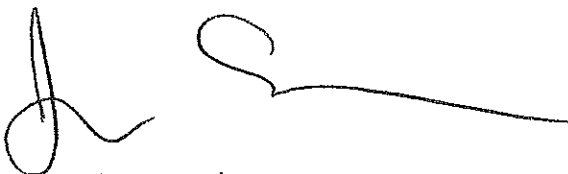
Member Winch— yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Council President Clarke

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee



Councilman Sanchez

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

INTRODUCED BY:
Council President Thomas J. Clarke II

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 12, 2016

WHEREAS, It is essential that the Hartford Police Department maintain community relations and outreach and the Mounted Unit succeeds at such outreach by making themselves available to the community thru events, parades and function as well as everyday operations throughout the various neighborhood within the city.

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford should accept private donations in the amount of twenty (20) thousand dollars to maintain and care for the two (2) remaining horses, and any remaining fund balance can be used to offset personnel cost now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Council supports the acceptance of the private donation of twenty thousand dollars to maintain two (2) of the four (4) horses; and be it further

RESOLVED, There should be the establishment of a secured bank account at the Hartford Police Federal Credit Union designated as Friends of the Mounted Unit for future donations to continue to maintain and care for the mounted unit as well as to offset any additional personnel cost.

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March 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
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Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Quality of Life & Public Safety Committee held a special meeting on March 7, 2017, at 5:30 pm in the Function Room of City Hall to discuss the following referred item:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21, SECTION 21-15 CONCERNING EXTENDED HOURS CONVENIENCE STORE SECURITY. (MAJORITY LEADER CONCEPCION)

The following were in attendance: Co-Chair T.J. Clarke, Co-Chair James Sanchez, Committee member rJo Winch. Also in attendance were Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilman Larry Deutsch, Attorney Catherine Freeman, Attorney Gina Varano, Chief Freeman of the Hartford Fire Department, Captain Thody of the Hartford Police Department, COO Bonnie Malley, Chief of Staff Thea Montanez, Assistant to the COO Faith Palmer, Kenya Smith of Hartford Parking Authority, and other concerned citizens.

Department, Captain Thody of the Hartford Police Department, COO Bonnie Malley, Chief of Staff Thea Montanez, Assistant to the COO Faith Palmer, Kenya Smith of Hartford Parking Authority, and other concerned citizens.

Captain Thody expressed how the Hartford Police Department is in favor of this ordinance proposing two recording cameras to record the main entrance/exit and parking areas of extended hour establishments. Captain Thody explained that this will help the Hartford Police Department be able to see people coming in and out of the places and help assist the police department if we need to do an investigation.

Co-Chair Clarke asked if Captain Thody knew what type of impact this would financially have on establishments. Captain Thody explained that the Police Department did not do any research pertaining to this proposed ordinance change. Attorney Freeman noted that this has been on the books for about six years and this amendment is just adding the cameras to the existing ordinance.

Co-Chair Sanchez expressed how he was in favor of amending the ordinance because the late night businesses are trying to make extra revenue but by extending the hours its bringing undesirables and gang activity that puts a burden on our Police Department and Fire Department as well

A motion was made by Committee member Winch and seconded by Co-Chair Sanchez to send this item favorable to full Council for their approval.

Vote taken 3-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Co-Chair Clarke—yes

Co-Chair Sanchez—yes

Member Jennings— not present

Member Winch—yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Clarke, II

Council President Clarke
Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee



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Report

March 13, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Quality of Life & Public Safety Committee held a special meeting on March 7, 2017, at 5:30 pm in the Function Room of City Hall to discuss the following referred item:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 10-37 AND 10-38 CONCERNING RESIDENTS PARKING PERMITS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE. (MAYOR BRONIN)

The following were in attendance: Co-Chair T.J. Clarke, Co-Chair James Sanchez, Committee member rJo Winch. Also in attendance were Minority Leader Wildalíz Bermudez, Councilman Larry Deutsch, Attorney Catherine Freeman, Attorney Gina Varano, Chief Freeman of the Hartford Fire Department, Captain Thody of the Hartford Police Department, COO Bonnie Malley, Chief of Staff Thea Montanez, Assistant to the COO Faith Palmer, Kenya Smith of Hartford Parking Authority, and other concerned citizens.

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Kenya Smith of the Hartford Parking Authority provided an explanation of the proposed changes to the ordinance. Ms. Smith expressed that Hartford Parking Authority would like to change the language of the ordinance to not allow people to stand which includes waiting or stopping to load and unload at the curbside of the streets with parking permits. Drivers may stop to pick up or drop off passengers expeditiously. Currently there are blocks that have heavy drug activity and negative behavior that are affecting the immediate residents and neighborhoods. The standing amendment will allow parking ambassadors to ticket these types of vehicles. This will help lower drug activity, gang activity, and help monitor illicit behavior.

A brief discussion continued and motion was made by Co-Chair Sanchez and seconded by Committee member Winch to send this item favorable to full Council for their approval.

Vote taken 3-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Co-Chair Clarke—yes

Co-Chair Sanchez—yes

Member Jennings—not present

Member Winch—yes

Respectfully Submitted,



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MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD.

The following were in attendance: Co-Chair T.J. Clarke, Co-Chair James Sanchez, Committee members Cynthia Jennings and rJo Winch. Also in attendance were Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilman Larry Deutsch, Attorney Catherine Freeman, Attorney Gina Varano, Chief Freeman of the Hartford Fire Department, Captain Thody of the Hartford Police Department, COO Bonnie Malley, Chief of Staff Thea Montanez, Assistant to the COO Faith Palmer, Kenya Smith of Hartford Parking Authority, and other concerned citizens.

Co-Chair Clarke called current Civilian Police Review Board member Secretary Ramon Espinoza to the table along with the Mayor's appointments Hyacinth Yennie and Maly Rosado.

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Co-Chair Clarke called current Civilian Police Review Board member Secretary Ramon Espinoza to the table along with the Mayor's appointments Hyacinth Yennie and Maly Rosado.

Hyacinth Yennie expressed how she is a past member of the Firearms Discharge Board. Never missing a meeting, she understood how important it was for the board to come up with resolutions for the issues brought to the board's attention. This board would determine if an officer goes back to work or gets disciplinary action. She continued to explain that if the Civilian Police Review Board is important to us then we need to make sure that the people appointed are committed to their job even if it's voluntary. Ms. Yennie described herself as a very fair person, that she wants to make sure that everyone has a fair chance, and if someone did something wrong that they're reprimanded. She is involved with the community and she is here to serve and that is what she is all about.

Ramon Espinoza introduced himself as the current secretary that has served for some time. Mr. Espinoza stated that he knows how the board functions so he could give an orientation and explain certain things to the new members. He has a good relationship with the current board so he can help being a bridge between the two. He has worked in correctional facility and has taught in them so he understands police related procedure that come with that. I also have certificate in paralegal litigation as well as education in public policy and have experience with legal research. I was born and raised in the city of Hartford so I understand the neighborhood.

Maly Rosado of Forester Street in the 6th district expressed how she has skills that make her an asset to the board. She has assisted with investigations with bails bondmen and insurance companies where she would support with listening to wiretap tapes, research police reports, and visit inmates in state prisons. She expressed concerns about pending case reviews that are in progress when the new members are appointed. Ms. Rosado feels it's best to start fresh with these investigations when the new members come on board. She also stated that she feels the board should start attending comstat meetings to be aware of what is currently going on within the community and Police Department.

Committee member Winch stated she is not in favor of replacing all members on the board because it will put the board back into the position it is now with quorum issues. Co-Chair Sanchez concurred.

A discussion continued and a motion was made by Committee member Winch and seconded by Co-Chair Sanchez to send this item favorable to full Council for their approval.

Vote taken 4-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Co-Chair Clarke—yes

Co-Chair Sanchez—yes

Member Jennings—yes

Member Winch— yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Clarke, II

Council President Clarke
Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

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Councilman Sanchez
Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

REPLACEMENT



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

January 23, 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: Appointments to Civilian Police Review Board

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointments of Hyacinth Yennie, Dion J. Watkins, Maly D. Rosado, Gail M. Billet, Abdul-Sahib Muhammad Ansari, and Rickey L. Pinkney Sr. to the Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB).

The CPRB was established to hear public complaints against members of the Hartford Police Department. The Board has the authority to investigate allegations of police misconduct through independent investigators, to review Police Internal Affairs reports and conclusions to determine if they are complete, accurate, and factually supported, and to make recommendations to the Police Chief and the Mayor. The CPRB is composed of 9 members and 2 alternates. Members shall have experience and expertise in fields relevant to the work of the CPRB. The membership shall reflect the city's neighborhoods and communities and its business, labor and legal communities, and shall reflect the ethnic, gender, racial, and sexual orientation composition.

The CPRB is a key component of safety, security, and policing in Hartford. I am confident that the individuals I have appointed will be effective members of this team. Their resumes/bios are attached for your review.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, January 23, 2017

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB) is to hear complaints from the public of police misconduct and to make recommendations to the chief of Police and the Mayor, and

WHEREAS, The CPRB is composed of nine members and two alternates and the Mayor appoints eight regular members and the two alternates

WHEREAS, The Mayor has appointed Hyacinth Yennie, Dion J. Watkins, Maly D. Rosado, Gail M. Billet, Abdul-Sahib Muhammad Ansari, and Rickey L. Pinkney Sr. as members of the CPRB, now, therefore be it

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

Hyacinth Yennie (D) 190 Cheshire Street, Hartford 06114
For a term to expire on November 18, 2020
Replacing Walter Butler as a regular member

Dion J. Watkins (D) 18 Mallard Drive, Bloomfield 06002
For a term to expire on November 18, 2020
Replacing Jennifer Stephens as a regular member

Abdul-Shahid Ansari (D) 192 Vine Street, Hartford 06112
For a term to expire on November 18, 2020
Replacing Rita Ricciardi as a regular member

Maly D. Rosado (D) 134 Forster Street, Hartford 06114
For a term to expire on November 18, 2020
Replacing Ricardo Torres as a regular member

Gail M. Billet (R) 55 Terry Road, Hartford 06105
For a term to expire on November 18, 2019
Filling a vacancy as a regular member

Rickey L. Pinkney Sr. (D) 17 Chatham Street, Hartford 06112
For a term to expire November 18, 2020
Filling a vacancy as an alternate member