

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA
MEETING OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
May 8, 2017

ACTION TAKEN

REPORTS

19. PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution concerning authorization to accept a Municipal Brownfield Grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development.
20. PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution concerning the appointment of an alternate member to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
21. PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution concerning the appointment of an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
22. PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution concerning the appointment of two members to the Hartford Redevelopment Agency.
23. PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE, 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.

RESOLUTIONS

- 24.(COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE II) Resolution calling upon the Mayor to implement an immediate system wide hiring freeze within the City of Hartford. This does not include any hiring that is protected via the provision of the Hartford Municipal Charter and or Code.

Attest: **John V. Bazzano**
 City Clerk

Court of Common Council

19 ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



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rJo Winch, Councilwoman

Report

May 8, 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 a special meeting on April 27, 2017, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item:

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A MUNICIPAL BROWNFIELD GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DECD) OFFICE OF BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AND DEVELOPMENT. (ITEM #3 ON 3/27 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, and Glen Geathers and Michel Looney on behalf of the Department of Development Services.

This grant is for \$605,000 and the committee began by discussing what has already been done on the site, such as extra lighting. There is a need to remove oil tanks and prevent future contamination. The NRZ supports this effort; the property has been vacant for twenty years.

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

Vote taken 4-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Chairman Concepción—Yes


Member Bermudez—Not Present

Member Deutsch— Yes

Member Gale—Yes

Member Thames— Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julia A. Caputo".

Chairperson of the PEDH Committee



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

March 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: Municipal Brownfield Grant

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a \$605,000 Municipal Brownfield Grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development.

Funds will be used for remediation of Underground Storage Tanks (UST's) and soils at City owned property located at 175 Mather Street in the Clay-Arsenal Neighborhood. Following remediation, the property will be sold to the abutting property owner for development of a parking lot to support approximately 220 units of housing adjacent to the property.

The project will be managed by the Department of Development Services' Economic Development Division which submitted the request to DECD as part of the agency's Round 10 Remedial Action and Redevelopment Municipal Grant Program.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

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

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford (City), acting by and through the Department of Development Services (DDS), has been awarded a Grant in the amount of \$605,000 to be administered by the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development's ("DECD") Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development to support the remediation of Underground Storage Tanks (UST's) and soils at City Owned property located at 175 Mather Street (Property) in the Clay Arsenal Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The focus and the purpose of the project is to facilitate the remediation of the Property that will then be sold to the abutting property owner for the development of a parking lot to support approximately 220 units of adjacent housing; and

WHEREAS, The funding that has been secured by the City through DECD will be utilized to secure the necessary consultants, contractors and firms that will be required to lead and execute the project, including, but not limited to, environmental and general contracting services; and

WHEREAS, The City will work with DECD to prepare a financial assistance proposal based upon a commitment to insure that the project funds are utilized to secure the necessary consultants and services to implement the project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept \$605,000 in funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and to enter into a contract with DECD for the purposes outlined above; 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.

Court of Common Council

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ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD
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Report

May 8, 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 a special meeting on April 27, 2017, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item:

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. (ITEM #5 ON 3/27 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.

Mr. Henry introduced himself as a lifelong resident of Hartford who attended Weaver High School and got his law degree from UConn Law. He has done his research on the time commitment involved but reassured the committee that he is committed to the role. The need to separate his work from this role

was stressed; neither he nor his partner may come before the Planning & Zoning Commission on behalf of a client.

Committee members asked about his opinion on a small lot on Francis Street, in with the local NRZ opposes the proposal to make it a gas station. Mr. Henry shared that he would need to review the facts of the case before commenting on it. When asked about the Scarborough 11, he shared that he was not familiar. Committee member Thames shared that she fully supports Mr. Henry.

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

Vote taken 4-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Chairman Concepción—Yes

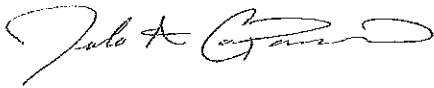
Member Bermudez—Not Present

Member Deutsch— Yes

Member Gale—Yes

Member Thames— Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairperson of the PEDH Committee



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

March 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: Appointment to Planning & Zoning Commission-

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming my appointment of Kevin T. Henry as an alternate member of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

The Planning & Zoning Commission is an essential part of Hartford City Government. The Commission is responsible for preparing and approving Hartford's Plan of Conservation and Development (One City, One Plan) at least every ten years. It prepares the City's Capital Improvement Program, reviews all resolutions and ordinances that relate to public land and buildings, and is the decision-making body for planning and zoning matters for the City of Hartford.

Attorney Henry is a partner with the law firm of Kevin Joiner, LLC and was formerly the Vice President of Hartford Partnership with the Metro-Hartford Alliance. In that capacity, he worked with the Office of the Mayor on community and economic development and revitalization of Hartford neighborhoods and was project manager for the HYPE program (Hartford Young Professionals & Entrepreneurs). He is an active volunteer in Hartford and is currently serving on the boards of the Jacob Lewis Fox Foundation and the Boys & Girls Club of Hartford. His resume is attached for your review.

Respectfully submitted,

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

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

WHEREAS, The Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission is responsible for adopting the City's Plan of Conservation and Development, preparing the Capital Improvement Program, and making decisions on planning and zoning within the city, and

WHEREAS, The Commission is composed of seven regular members and three alternates and Mayor Luke A. Bronin has appointed Kevin T. Henry as an alternate member, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointment of the following individual to the Planning & Zoning Commission as follows:

Kevin T. Henry (D) 487 Main Street, Hartford 06103

Appointed as an alternate member to a term expiring on the first Monday in February 2018

(Replacing Anthony R. Shannon)

Court of Common Council

ITEM #

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ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



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Report

May 8, 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 a special meeting on April 27, 2017, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item:

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. (ITEM #6 ON 3/27 AGENDA)

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

The nominee has withdrawn their name from consideration. Per Ms. Varano, this item should be sent to full Council to withdraw.

A motion was made by Committee member Gale and seconded by Committee member Thames to send this item to full Council without a recommendation.

Vote taken 4-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Chairman Concepción—Yes

Member Bermudez—Not Present

Member Deutsch—Yes

Member Gale—Yes

Member Thames—Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Chairperson of the PEDH Committee



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

March 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: Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming my appointment of Rosendo Garza, Jr. as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

The ZBA is composed of five regular members and three alternates. The regular members serve five-year terms and the alternates serve three-year terms. The ZBA hears and decides appeals of actions taken by the zoning official and hears and decides requests for special exemptions, exceptions, and variances to Hartford's zoning regulations, always assuring that the public safety and welfare is secured.

Attorney Garza earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Connecticut School of Law and is an Associate with Day Pitney LLP. He handles complex commercial litigation and represents pro bono clients in housing and juvenile matters. Major Garza has served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves since 2002 and is currently the Assistant Officer-in-Charge of the Readiness Support Program at Fort Devens. He is a member of the Hispanic Bar Association and is Secretary of the Board of Directors of Saint Thomas the Apostle School. His resume is attached for your review.

Respectfully submitted,

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

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

WHEREAS, The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is composed of five members and two alternates and is charged with hearing and deciding appeals of zoning orders and requests for special exemptions and exceptions to Hartford's zoning regulations, and

WHEREAS, The Mayor has appointed Rosendo Garza, Jr. as an alternate member, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointment of the following individual as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals:

Rosendo Garza, Jr. (D) 210 Terry Road 06105
Appointed to a term expiring in 2020
(Filling a vacancy)

ITEM # 22 ON AGENDA

Court of Common Council

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550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



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Report

May 8, 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 a special meeting on April 27, 2017, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item:

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE HARTFORD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. (ITEM #7 ON 3/27 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.

Mr. Rigueur was in attendance and introduced himself to the committee. He has been in Hartford for six years and works at Aetna. He is also involved with Our Piece of the Pie and NINA. As far as his

availability, he shared that he is flexible but needs to know dates ahead of time. He shared that his understanding of his role would be to revitalize Hartford, bring life, and reinvigorate the City.

Councilman Gale stressed the importance of being unique and thinking differently and gave the example of a floating restaurant on the CT River. The committee discussed the Westbrook development and the need to balance commercial and residential presence as well as include a community center. When asked about his training in urban planning, Mr. Rigueur shared that he has no formal training.

A motion was made by Committee member Thames and seconded by Committee member Gale to sever the resolution such that the nominations could be voted on separately.

Vote taken 4-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Chairman Concepción—Yes

Member Bermudez—Not Present

Member Deutsch— Yes

Member Gale—Yes

Member Thames— Yes

A motion was made by Committee member Thames and seconded by Committee member Gale to send the resolution to appoint Philip Rigueur favorable to full Council for their approval.

Vote taken 4-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Chairman Concepción—Yes

Member Bermudez—Not Present

Member Deutsch— Yes

Member Gale—Yes

Member Thames— Yes

A motion was made by Committee member Thames and seconded by Committee member Deutsch to postpone the resolution to appoint Meghan Freed.

Vote taken 4-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Chairman Concepción—Yes

Member Bermudez—Not Present

Member Deutsch— Yes

Member Gale—Yes

Member Thames— Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairperson of the PEDH Committee



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

March 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: Redevelopment Agency Appointments

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointment of Philip Rigueur and Meghan E. Freed as members of the Hartford Redevelopment Agency.

The Redevelopment Agency consists of seven members who serve five-year terms. The Agency is responsible for creating and implementing Redevelopment Plans which include demolition, rehabilitation, or construction of structures, facilities, streets, parks and utilities in deteriorated areas of Hartford. It is a key player in the revitalization of Hartford and its neighborhoods.

Mr. Rigueur earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Cornell University and began his career with the City of Ithaca/Cornell University Partnership where he developed neighborhood planning initiatives. He is presently Vice President for Distribution Strategy at Aetna, Inc. He has experience in real estate development, financing, and management. Ms. Freed earned a Juris Doctor degree from Western New England College School of Law and is managing partner with Freed Marcroft LLC. She is active in the community life of Hartford, including serving as the President of the Board of Incorporators of The iQuilt Plan, Vice Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and member of the Metro Hartford Alliance and the CT Women's Council. Resumes for both appointees are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

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

WHEREAS, The Hartford Redevelopment Agency is responsible for creating and implementing Redevelopment Plans, in accordance with State law, which plans are essential to revitalizing Hartford and its neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Luke A. Bronin has appointed Philip Rigueur and Meghan E. Freed as members of the Hartford Redevelopment Agency, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointment of the following individuals to the Hartford Redevelopment Agency as follows:

Philip Rigueur (U) 2 Woodside Circle, Hartford, 06105
Appointed to a term to expire on May 24, 2021
(Filling a vacancy)

Meghan E. Freed (D) One Linden Place, Unit 406, Hartford 06106
Appointed to a term to expire on May 24, 2020
(Replacing David Jorgensen)

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Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD
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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



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Report

May 8, 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 a special meeting on April 27, 2017, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item:

COMMUNICATION FROM 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. (ITEM #3 ON 3/13 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, and Jim Ford on behalf of the Department of Public Works.

This proposal is consistent with complete streets regulations and will be at no cost to the City. It will include parking for stores as well as bike lanes. Substantial changes were made to the plans as a result of public engagement and comments.

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

Vote taken 4-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Chairman Concepción—Yes

Member Bermudez—Not Present

Member Deutsch— Yes

Member Gale—Yes

Member Thames— Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairperson of the PEDH Committee



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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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Mayor

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CITY OF HARTFORD

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Hon. Luke Bronin, Mayor

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

Revised Project Concept



Intersection Improvements on US Route 44
(Albany Ave & Main St)
at Main, High and Ely Streets

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
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December 14, 2016

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Hartford Traffic Engineering
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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 flourish at the end.

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.

AGENDA ITEM # 24

INTRODUCED BY:

Thomas Clarke II, Council President

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, May 8, 2017

HIRING FREEZE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford once again faces the challenge of balancing the budget; and

WHEREAS, A significant deficit that would impact public safety initiatives and the continuity of operational services, such as Community Development, Infrastructure, Inspectional Services, Education, Public Safety, Economic Development, Health & Human Services; and

WHEREAS, The persistence of this condition drains our resources, reduces services, hinders growth and threatens the vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, The Court of Common Council is focused on finding long term solutions and developing new methods and ideas to achieve needed revenue and reduce expenses; and

WHEREAS, The success of the City rests in resolving the fiscal crisis, while staying focused on the needs of the community, and doing the work necessary to avoid future budget crises; and

WHEREAS, The Court of Common Council will take such actions that are deemed necessary to bring Hartford's financial house in order; and

WHEREAS, Structural reform of city government continue to be essential in order to resolve this on-going financial challenge; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Court of Common Council, stand united to take the steps necessary to balance the budget and we will limit and reduce reliance upon one time solutions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we ask the Mayor to comply with the budget provision of the Charter that requires the submission of a work plan from each department before the beginning of the fiscal year and as the charter provision requires the Mayor to approve such work plans before the start of the fiscal year, we hereby request said work plans and any subsequent revisions be submitted to Council for review; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in order to assist the Council in its future deliberations, we ask the administration to provide responses to each question asked during the budget process; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Council will track the implementation of all legislative actions from the budget process; and other general referrals from Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council calls upon the Mayor to implement an immediate system wide hiring freeze within the City of Hartford. This does not include any hiring that is protected via the provision of the Hartford Municipal Charter and or Code.