

# Court of Common Council

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July 17, 2018

Mr John V. Bazzano  
Town and City Clerk  
550 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Mr. Bazzano:

As President of the Court of Common Council, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Court of Common Council pursuant to Charter IV, Section 5(b) of the City Charter to be held on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 550 Main Street, Hartford, CT for considering the following items of business contained on the attached agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Glendowlyn L.H. Thames, Council President

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## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

JULY 19, 2018

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL  
550 MAIN ST  
HARTFORD CT

5:00pm

### Meeting Agenda

Mayor Bronin, with accompanying resolution designating the independent public accounting firm of Blum Shapiro as the City's external auditor for a three-year contract with two one-year options to renew. Discharge from committee.

Court of Common Council, with accompanying resolution concerning the appointment of James Sánchez to serve as Majority Leader of the Court of Common Council, Maly Rosado to fill the Democratic Party vacancy and Claudine Rachel-Fox to fill the Working Families Party vacancy.

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ITEM# \_\_\_\_\_ ON AGENDA

**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

July 9, 2018

Honorable Glendowlyn L.H. Thames, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

**RE: External Independent Auditor**

Dear Council President Thames:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution designating the independent public accounting firm of BlumShapiro as the City's external auditor for a three-year term with two one-year options for the City to renew.

The Connecticut General Statutes and the Hartford City Charter require that an annual audit of municipal finances be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and consistent with governmental auditing standards as applicable to financial audits. The City is also required to have audits performed in accordance with the Federal Single Audit Act and the State Single Audit Act. Section IV3(c) of the Charter requires that the Court of Common Council shall annually designate the accountant or firm.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued by the City on May 11, 2018 seeking an independent accounting firm to audit the City's finances for a three-year period, beginning with Fiscal Year 2018, with two optional one-year extensions at the City's option. Two firms responded - Blum Shapiro and RSM. (Note: RSM has been the City's independent auditor since 2009. Their fee for FY17 was \$186,000.)

A selection committee was established consisting of the Interim Chief Financial Officer/Director of Management, Budget & Grants, the Finance Director, and the Principal Accountant in the Treasurer's Office. Both audit firm's proposals were reviewed and the Selection Committee has recommended that BlumShapiro be engaged by the City. BlumShapiro's fee schedule is as follows

Year 1 (FY18)	\$185,000
Year 2 (FY19)	\$188,800
Year 3 (FY20)	\$192,600
Year 4 (FY21)	\$196,500 (1 <sup>st</sup> Extension)
Year 5 (FY22)	\$200,500 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Extension)

Respectfully submitted,

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

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

550 Main Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103  
Telephone (860) 757-9500  
Facsimile (860) 722-6606

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

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, July 9, 2018

**WHEREAS,** The Connecticut General Statutes and the Hartford City Charter require that an annual audit of municipal finances be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and consistent with governmental auditing standards as applicable to financial audits and the City is required to have audits performed in accordance with the Federal Single Audit Act and the State Single Audit Act, and

**WHEREAS,** Chapter IV Section 3(c) of the Hartford City Charter requires that the Council annually designate an independent public accountant or a firm of independent public accountants to audit municipal finances, and

**WHEREAS,** A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued in May of 2018 to solicit proposals from qualified accounting firms and proposals were received from RSM US LLP and BlumShapiro, and

**WHEREAS,** Blum/Shapiro has proposed the following fees: FY18: \$185,000, FY19: \$188,800, FY20: \$192,600, FY21: \$196,500, and FY22: \$200,500, now therefore, be it

**WHEREAS,** A three-person selection committee reviewed the proposals and has recommended Blum Shapiro as the most responsive proposer, and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That, in accordance with the requirements noted above, the Court of Common Council hereby appoints the audit firm of BlumShapiro to conduct the City's annual independent audit for Fiscal Year 2018 at a fee of not to exceed \$185,000, and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with BlumShapiro for a three year term with two options for the City to renew for one-year each at the fees and under the terms outlined above, 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 interest of the City in order to effectuate the above transaction; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this Resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to take any of the 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.

**INTRODUCED BY:**

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**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

City of Hartford, July 19, 2018

**RESOLVED**, That Councilman James Sánchez be appointed to serve as Majority Leader of the Court of Common Council commencing immediately upon passage and ending December 31, 2019; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That Maly Rosado be appointed to serve as a Councilwoman of the Court of Common Council to fill a Democratic Party vacancy commencing immediately upon passage through the remainder of the term ending December 31, 2019; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That Claudine Rachel Fox be appointed to serve as a Councilwoman of the Court of Common Council to fill a Working Families Party vacancy commencing immediately upon passage through the remainder of the term ending December 31, 2019